

Severn Edge FARM VETS

November 2026 Edition

# WINTER PREPARATION: PLAN NOW TO PREVENT PROBLEMS LATER

**With colder, wetter weather arriving, now is a good time to prepare for the challenges winter can bring. Reviewing housing conditions, feed supplies and herd or flock health plans before problems arise can help keep livestock healthy, productive and performing well throughout the season.**

For sheep farmers, now is the time to assess ewe condition. Getting nutrition right and ensuring ewes are in the correct body condition can make a real difference to lamb survival and flock performance next spring. If you've bought in sheep this autumn, make sure quarantine procedures have been followed to help prevent disease and resistant worms being introduced onto the farm.

Wet weather, time spent standing on bedding and close contact between sheep can all increase the spread of foot problems such as scald, footrot and CODD. Regular foot checks and prompt treatment of lame sheep can help stop these issues becoming a bigger problem.

Using CZF Plus Foot Bath as part of your winter management can help support good foot health and reduce the challenge from infectious foot diseases. Foot bathing at housing or during routine handling is a simple way to stay on top of foot health and support: ~ Good mobility ~ Animal welfare ~ Healthy feet ~ Overall flock performance.

Combined with good hygiene, dry bedding and prompt treatment of lame sheep, regular foot bathing can be an effective tool for keeping flocks healthy throughout the winter.

With winter approaching, now is a good time to review your herd health plan. Good housing, ventilation, nutrition and disease prevention all play a key role in keeping cattle healthy and productive during the housed period.
Respiratory disease remains one of the biggest challenges at this time of year. Vaccination can help reduce the impact of common diseases, and DIVENCE PENTA provides protection against:

~ IBR ~ BVD Type 1 ~ BVD Type 2 ~ BRSV ~ PI3

It's also worth looking ahead to next grazing season. Bovilis Huskvac helps protect cattle against lungworm (husk), reducing disease risk and supporting a sustainable parasite control strategy. Vaccination must be completed before cattle are exposed to lungworm at grass, so planning ahead is important.






## STRUGGLING WITH STRESS AT HOUSING TIME?

Housing can be a stressful period for cattle, with weaning, transport and environmental changes all increasing disease risk. FerAppease is designed to help cattle cope with these challenges by reducing stress levels, making it a useful tool alongside good housing, nutrition and vaccination programmes this winter.

**ONLY £125.00 +VAT**
**300ML**




## TB TESTING OVER CHRISTMAS

As the Christmas season approaches, we kindly request that you schedule your TB tests in advance. Please note that some of our testers will be taking a well-earned two-week break during this festive period.





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# WET WEATHER, FOOT HEALTH AND THE ROLE OF FOOTVAX

**As we head into another spell of wet weather, now is a good time to keep a close eye on foot health in your flock. Wet and muddy conditions soften the skin between the claws, making it easier for problems such as footrot to take hold. Lameness can soon impact performance, fertility and overall flock productivity if not picked up and treated early.**

### Why Foot Health Matters

Even a small number of lame sheep can have a significant impact on:

- Growth rates in lambs
- Ewe body condition
- Fertility and scanning results
- Labour and treatment costs

Early identification and treatment of lame sheep remains key to reducing the spread of infection around the flock.

### Managing Foot Health This Autumn

A few simple steps can help reduce problems:

✅ Regularly check sheep for signs of lameness
✅ Move feeders and water troughs to reduce poaching
✅ Keep handling areas as clean and dry as possible
✅ Consider routine foot bathing where appropriate
✅ Isolate and treat affected animals promptly

Don't Let Wet Weather Slow Your Flock Down

Good foot health is one of the most cost-effective ways to improve sheep performance and welfare. If you're seeing more lame sheep than usual, speak to the practice about developing a tailored foot health plan for your flock.

## Where Does Footvax Fit In?

Footvax is the only licensed vaccine available in the UK to help protect sheep against footrot. Used as part of a wider flock health plan, vaccination can help reduce the number of lame sheep and lower the severity of outbreaks.

For flocks that struggle with recurring footrot problems, autumn can be a good time to discuss vaccination with your vet, especially before conditions become wetter and disease pressure increases.




**FOOTVAX**
**20D - £23.68**
**50D- £73.29**
**250D- 310.84**
**+VAT**

### Could Your Farm Help Protect Local Cattle?

The Badger Vaccination Field Force (BVFF) is looking for farmers and landowners who may be willing to make land available for local badger vaccination programmes.

By working together across neighbouring livestock and arable farms, larger areas can be covered, helping to increase the effectiveness of badger vaccination and support efforts to reduce the risk of TB in cattle.

If you have land that could be included, or know someone who may be interested in getting involved, please contact hello@bvff.co.uk or visit www.bvff.co.uk for more information.

Working together can help strengthen disease control across the local farming community.



## YOU ARE INVITED TO

**BEEF CLUB MEETING-** NOVEMBER 2ND

**BUILTH WINTER FAYRE** - 31ST NOV, 1 DEC

**FARMERS CHARITY BALL** - 5TH DEC
(WE HOPE TO SEE A FEW OF YOU THERE!)

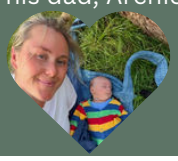
**CHRISTMAS DRINKS -** 10TH DECEMBER
THE BOYNE ARMS, BURWARTON, BRIDGNORTH WV16 6QH

**TB MEETING-** WITH SARAH TOMLINS JAN

## GEORGIA AND ALBERT

Albert made his grand entrance into the world on August 30th at the stroke of midnight, weighing 6 lbs 3 oz. However, showing his love for food, he is now approaching 9 lbs.

We are thrilled that Georgia and Albert are spending some quality time together on the farm, and we eagerly look forward to watching him follow in the footsteps of his dad, Archie!



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