

South West Healthy Livestock Initiative

This scheme is funded by the South West Rural Development Agency, which is pledging £12.17million of EU funding to projects to assist in control of **BVD, Johnes disease, Lameness and Mastitis** in Dairy and Beef herds in the South West. We are taking advantage of this funding to offer subsidised courses which deliver training in **practical disease prevention** on farm, **diagnostic testing** and **development of control strategies**. This is an ideal opportunity to get veterinary advice at a substantial discount and make progress with controlling and reducing the cost of disease.

We are starting **BVD** and **Johnes disease** courses with two introductory meetings:

Johnes Disease - Wednesday January 19th 12:30- 02:00pm at the surgery in Wincanton

BVD - Wednesday February 2nd 12:30- 02:00pm at the surgery in Wincanton

If you are interested in signing onto these courses you will be eligible for up to £600 of veterinary work and diagnostic testing for BVD at a cost to yourselves of up to £200, and up to £400 for Johnes at a cost of £120.

For this investment you will receive:

BVD

- Farm visit - Assessment of the main risk areas for disease entering the farm and full access to the 'myhealthyherd' health planning and disease management database.
- Bulk milk and youngstock screening tests (dairy) or just youngstock screening (beef)
- Farm visit - One-to-one training to interpret surveillance results with a report detailing whether the disease is present and how widespread it is in the herd
- Further visit for any follow up surveillance tests
- Development of a control plan to protect from or eradicate BVD

Johnes Disease

- Farm visit - Assessment of the main risk areas for disease
- entering the farm and full access to the 'myhealthyherd' health planning and disease management database.
- Creation of a targeted surveillance plan ie 30 cow milk/blood sample screen
- Farm visit - One-to-one training to interpret surveillance results with a report detailing whether the disease is present and how widespread it is in the herd
- Development of a plan to control Johnes in your herd or keep it out.

Please contact the surgery if you are interested in attending one or both meetings.

Contact us early to reserve your place so that we can arrange catering for you.



