

**A glimmer of light for those under TB restriction but not wishing to rear beef calves.** You now have two options for selling them:-

1. You can put the calves or stores into an approved isolation facility and then have them tested again after 60 days (the normal interval for your herd test anyway). If they pass both tests you can then sell these on the open market even if there are reactors in the rest of the herd. Before you go down this line please contact Animal Health and get them to come out and discuss suitable isolation facilities with you.
2. Staffordshire Calves now have a secure unit (not Drake Hall) so they can take calves or stores direct from farms under restriction for them to rear on. These animals do not need to have had two clear tests. Contact Brian Deane on 01785 817876 or 07860 622035 for any more information.

**Spring vaccination programme.** Already clients are asking about bluetongue vaccination and how this will fit in with other vaccines that need to be given in the spring. As you know the Bluetongue vaccine was rushed through last year but now further work has been done on it. It is safe to vaccinate with Bluetongue and Leptavoid H at the same time but at different sites on the cow. Both these vaccines should be carried out in the spring before turnout. We would NOT recommend using BVD vaccine at the same time as well and there is no need to do this in the spring anyway. Those of you who have traditionally carried BVD and leptospirosis vaccination in the spring we would suggest you carry on with this and then do the Bluetongue vaccination a month later.

If you want to carry out the vaccinations when the cattle are coming through at a TB test please do this on the second day of the test so that these do not interfere with the tuberculin. I would also ask that you vaccinate BEHIND the shoulder: again so that the inevitable reaction does not interfere with a future TB test.

You should also not use Huskvac and Bluetongue vaccine at the same time and our recommendation is that you do the Huskvac first.

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