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## JULY NEWSLETTER

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The mandarin competition has started with some early choice entries from Oxley and Mitchell's Island. I think this is going to be a good year for mandas.

We've had some down cows this month, and it's the time of year we see grass tetany from low magnesium and phosphorus deficiency. Short lush grass is low in magnesium, and this can cause a rigid paralysis, treatable with 4 in 1 and extra magnesium injected. Prevention is by

feeding mature grass or adding magnesium oxide to the feed.

Also this month we've had scouring cows. This can be seasonal and environmental, and can be due to bacteria such as yersinia and salmonella, or nitrate toxicity for example. It seems a low fibre, high protein diet such as rye grass will predispose to these problems. If hay or silage is being fed there are fewer problems with scouring. Rye grass balanced with fibre is the best preventative. We normally treat these with oxytet injections.

Several cases of calves with diarrhoea caused by worms and coccidia have been seen this month. The best way to avoid this is being able to give calf rearing areas a break and rotate to a cleaner area. This is mostly impractical, and it can be very hard to have really good calf hygiene. Early intervention by worming and Baycox is probably the most practical strategy.

Last month I mentioned the herd with the strep. ag. outbreak that did a "blitz" antibiotic treatment of their milkers, as well as culling and drying off pregnant cows early. The results were excellent with the SCC recovering to as low as 170,000, and now about 220,000. All fresh cows are getting mamyzin, unless they had dry cow at drying off.

The milk vat Pestivirus testing has been extended into July, while funding lasts, and our herds so far have had variation in antibody levels but no more positive pcr tests. More on this to come.

And in the beef cattle, one of our Angus producers AI'd 70 heifers to shorter gestation bulls, and it worked ! All calving

unassisted around two weeks early. It was a fixed time AI programme, with 65% conception to AI, then bulls.

Two big bull sales this month, Curracabark with Angus and Hereford on Monday 19th, and Knowla on Friday 30th with Angus bulls. Even if you're not in the market for bulls, at least look at their websites and admire the bulls, remembering not long ago we were in drought. Fantastic effort.

#### Cattle Diseases of the Month

calvings  
prolapses, both types  
eye cancers  
coccidiosis in calves  
lame cows  
blackleg  
bloat !  
Wish I had clover and rye to cause bloat.  
Not on Moto ....

And in the Horses.....

We had a couple of cases of choke this month. Usually these are not big problems, but can be if the horse breathes in some of the saliva and food mix streaming out of its nostrils. Some horses are very distressed with choke but most are not. We can treat them with muscle relaxants but most choke horses will recover within a few hours by themselves.

Wetting the feed is the best preventative, and avoiding stinky hay, especially in older horses.

#### Horse diseases of the month

Cuts  
Colics, hypermotile  
foot abscesses  
eye ulcers  
rain scald  
choke  
squamous cell carcinoma on sheath  
sarcoïd - this one was treated with cream applied to it, but some need removal plus or minus freezing, some need injecting with anti cancer drugs.  
Stud season around the corner

### **RUN DATES FOR JULY**

<b>LANSDOWNE.....</b>	<b>THURS 1ST</b>
<b>OXLEY/MITCHELL'S IS.....</b>	<b>TUES 6TH</b>
<b>HANNAM VALE.....</b>	<b>THURS 8TH</b>
<b>DYER'S CROSSING.....</b>	<b>TUES 13TH</b>
<b>WINGHAM.....</b>	<b>THURS 15TH</b>
<b>LORNE/COMBOYNE.....</b>	<b>TUES 20TH</b>
<b>COOMBA AND THE DEEP SOUTH....</b>	<b>THURS 22ND</b>

