



Summer Shows

It's that time of year again, where we get out and about to support our local shows. This year we will be at the Oswestry show and the Denbigh and Flint show. Pop along for a drink and a chat!

Oswestry Show - 2nd August

Denbigh and Flint Show - 21st August

Bluetongue regulations

APHA England have recently announced that from 1st July, all of England will be in a restricted zone, this will have implication on both our Welsh and English farmers. Currently we are still in the 'low vector' season, which means not all stock movement out of the restricted zone need a specific licence and blood testing. Here are the latest rules as we understand them:

To move stock from Wales to a market in England and then on to another holding or slaughter in England

- No licence or testing needed

To move stock from Wales to a market in England and then on to slaughter in Wales

- No testing, but need to contact APHA for a General license EXD634 (E)

To move stock from Wales to a market in England and then straight to a farm in Wales

- No testing, but need General license EXD637 (GB)

To move stock from England to a slaughter market (and then direct to slaughter), or direct to slaughter, in Wales

- Slaughterhouse must be approved/designated to receive animals from the Restriction Zone
- No testing, but need General License EXD634 (E)

To move stock from England to a market and then onto a farm in Wales or directly to farm in Wales

- Apply for a specific license EXD632 to take them to the market
- Use general license EXD637 (GB) to take them from the market to the farm in Wales
- The Welsh Government will allow cattle fully vaccinated with Boehringer Ingelheim's Bultavo-3 vaccine, to move under licence, from England to Wales without a bluetongue pre-movement blood test. This applies from 20th June and is based on the latest information from vaccine manufacturers regarding the prevention of viraemia by available vaccine products.
- All sheep must have a bluetongue pre-movement blood test and require an accompanying licence to move into Wales from England, as no vaccine products currently meet the requirements for protecting sheep from BTV-3 to allow them to move out of the RZ.
- If cattle are not vaccinated, then a pre-movement blood test will be required
 - Blood tests are valid for animal movements for 10 days from sampling date
 - The seller is responsible for the cost of testing

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What does Bluetongue look like?

Clinical signs can vary depending on species affected, animals may show little to no symptoms, ranging through to fatality.

Sheep

- Fever
- Swelling of the face and ears
- Oedema of the lungs, causing difficulty breathing
- Excessive salivation
- Ulceration of the lips and around the nose
- Lameness with inflammation at the junction of the skin and the coronary band
- Early embryonic losses, this would show up as a high percentage of barren ewes at scanning
- Death

Cattle

- Fever
- Lameness with inflammation at the junction of the skin and the coronary band
- Purulent nasal discharge
- Ulceration on the muzzle
- Excessive salivation
- Swollen teats
- Abortion

Please contact us on 01978 311444 if you have a large number of sheep or cattle presenting with lameness, fever, salivation, nasal discharge. Bluetongue is a notifiable disease and early intervention can limit its spread.

Vaccination is now an option in the UK and could help protect your stock. We advise that you speak to one of our vets to discuss the risks and whether vaccination could be a good option for your farm.



LATEST UPDATE

New cases confirmed



Avian Influenza Update

Highly pathogenic avian influenza H5N1 has been confirmed at a number of sites over the UK. With one of the most recent outbreaks identified at premises just outside Glyn Ceiriog, Wrexham.

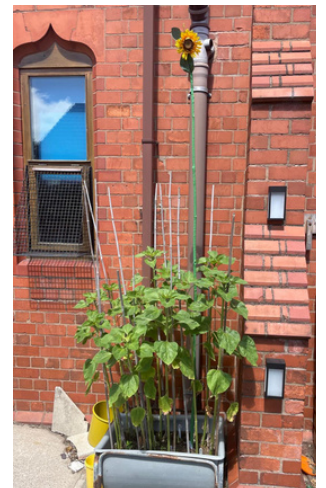
A 3km Protection Zone and 10km Surveillance Zone have been put in place around the premises. If you suspect that you fall within these zones, please visit the government website in order to ensure you are following the latest biosecurity guidelines.

Please remember that it is a legal requirement to register within one month of keeping poultry or other captive birds at any premises in England and Wales. This includes any birds you keep as pets.

Foul Play?

The sunflowers have shot up over the last month!

With competition close, over night, one sunflower has appeared to climb above the rest. Foul play is suspected, but no one is tall enough to verify!



Bovine TB Q&A session

Are you heading down to the Royal Welsh Show this July? Why not join the TB Eradication Programme Board and Technical Advisory Group (TAG) for a Q&A session.

Monday 21st July 25

13:00 - 13:45

Aberystwyth University Pavilion, Royal Welsh Showground

To confirm your place, please RSVP to BovineTB@Gov.Wales by no later than 4th July 2025. Places are limited and are offered on first come, first serve basis. If you are unable to attend but would like to submit a question for the panel to answer, please submit them via email to BovineTB@GOV.Wales

