

# **Enzootic Abortion of Ewes (EAE)**

**ACCREDITATION SCHEME  
RULES & CONDITIONS**

The Premium Sheep and Goat Health Schemes (PSGHS) are run by SRUC Veterinary Services (SRUCVS). The testing programme outlined below identifies flocks that are free from enzootic abortion of ewes (EAE).

1. An annual blood test of ewes will be carried out by your veterinary surgeon during the 3 months after lambing. This MUST include aborted ewes and ewes that failed to lamb. Ewes barren at scanning do not need to be tested. The number of blood samples collected is a statistical proportion of the number of breeding ewes in the flock (see Appendix 1).

In the first year up to a maximum of 90 ewes will be tested. If the results are negative then in the second and subsequent years a maximum of up to 45 ewes will be tested. Lambed ewes are tested to make up the total number of samples required. Those known to have produced stillborn or weak lambs, second crop ewes and purchased replacements should be preferentially selected.

2. Hill flocks may have very high barren rates due to the environment rather than infectious disease. If your flock does not scan, cannot identify aborted ewes AND has a high annual barren rate then you should first sample 20 lambing ewes and make up the total number of samples required with barren ewes. Second crop ewes and purchased replacements should be preferentially selected in both cases. Unexpectedly high barren rates should be discussed with your veterinary surgeon.

3. If you keep flocks on more than one holding they should be sampled individually. E.g. If you have 700 ewes on one farm and 300 on a second farm then 44 and 42 samples should be collected respectively.

4. SRUCVS reserves the right to carry out additional testing at their BT/F1 12 Tf1 0 0 1 537.82 456.9

Points **e** and **f** must be applied during the month before and after lambing. Wherever possible they should also be applied at ALL other times of the year.

- 9.** Livestock movement records must be kept up to date for inspection by your veterinary surgeon or SRUCVS at any time.
- 10.** The use of EAE vaccine is not permitted and EAE vaccinated ewes must not be purchased.
- 11.** The cost of testing abortion material submitted to SRUCVS is included in your membership.
- 12.** If EAE is diagnosed the flock will be removed from the EAE Accreditation Scheme immediately.

## APPENDIX 1

### EAE Flock Test Numbers

FIRST YEAR TEST		ANNUAL FLOCK TEST	
Number of Breeding Ewes	Number to Test	Number of Breeding Ewes	Number to Test



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