We’ll need to buy our tups soon so we can get them out in time.

No we don’t. We’ve got ages!

But Dad, remember last year? We put the new tups straight in with the ewes and had that scab outbreak to sort out.

Hmm...yeah, that was a bit of a nightmare!

If we buy the tups now, we’ll have time to test them first.

We could just buy them and treat them for scab to be on the safe side. There’ll only be 4 of them.

But if we test them first then we’ll know if we need to treat them at all. Remember what the vet said about resistant mites.

OK – let’s do that.

The test can detect scab from 2 weeks after an infestation. If the blood test is used after at least 2 weeks of isolation, then it’s a sensitive indicator of exposure to scab.

Once we buy them we should isolate them for at least 2 weeks, then test them and when we know they’re clear, we can turn them out.

3 weeks later

Great! Now we’re ready to get the tups out!

We’ve got the test results in for the tups and they’re all negative for scab.

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