

Making the most of your wormers



Following the launch of Zolvix® there are now 4 broad spectrum wormer (anthelmintic) families available in the UK.

However farmers need to optimise the use of these products to ensure that they get the best performance possible WHILST minimising the rate at which resistance develops to these drugs

Moredun studies conducted over the last 4 grazing seasons have shown:

1. It is possible to maintain both productivity and wormer efficacy by only treating individual animals (targeted selective treatments) or by using a strategic treatment strategy based on an understanding of the risks of worm disease
2. A treatment strategy that used wormers regularly (monthly) selected most heavily for resistance
3. Waiting for animals to show clinical signs of infection resulted in a significant loss of production



Consult your vet and/or sheep advisor to develop an optimised wormer strategy that suits your farm following Moredun's ACME and/or SCOPS principals

- **A**dopt a quarantine treatment strategy for purchased and returning stock. Quarantine strategies can either use a combination of 2 anthelmintics given sequentially or alternatively Zolvix® can be used as a single treatments for worms since it has been shown to be highly effective against resistant populations
- **C**heck the efficacy of any wormer that you have previously used, resistance to the white, yellow and clear drenches has been widely reported.
- **M**onitor your animals regularly to gain an understanding of when best to treat.
- **E**nsure that you follow best practice advice on the storage and use of wormers.

Aside from its use for quarantine, Moredun recommends that you consult your vet and/or sheep advisor to investigate how Zolvix® could be integrated into your existing lamb wormer treatments.

Moredun also recommends that Zolvix® should only be used exclusively on properties where multiple anthelmintic resistance is a serious issue.

