

Skin Parasites Survey

We are trying to get a better understanding of the level of sheep scab in England and Wales, with the purpose of gathering information that will help in the possible development of co-ordinated control campaigns.

The information you provide through this survey will be crucial in helping us to understand the current situation regarding sheep scab and other skin parasites. We understand that scab might not be a problem on your farm or in your area; but we will be extremely grateful if you could please complete the questionnaire and return it as soon as possible (by 20 April at the latest) using the freepost address provided/email address.

All information you supply will be treated as strictly confidential. Your details will not be used outside the purposes of this survey, nor will they be passed on to third parties. If you would like further details on this survey or to receive the results of this sheep scab project, please do not hesitate to contact us using the details shown below.

If you have received this questionnaire from another source please do not complete it again.

Many thanks in advance for your time and help with completing this survey,

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About you and your farm	
1	What is your post code? <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> (please give at least the first 4 digits)
2	How many breeding ewes did you have on 1 st January 2011?
3	What breeds of sheep do you have?
4	Is your farm: Lowland <input type="checkbox"/> Upland <input type="checkbox"/> Hill <input type="checkbox"/> Organic <input type="checkbox"/> Conventional <input type="checkbox"/>
5	Do you use common grazing or share grazing with others? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
6	In the last year: <i>(please tick all that apply)</i> Have any of your neighbours had scabby sheep? <input type="checkbox"/> Have you attended a sheep market? <input type="checkbox"/> Have you bought in sheep from market? <input type="checkbox"/> Have you had sheep stray onto your farm? <input type="checkbox"/> Have you had sheep return from tack grazing? <input type="checkbox"/>
About itchy sheep	
7	Have you had 'itchy' sheep in the last 10 years? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> If YES, how many times? If NO go to Question 19 . _____

8	<p>Did you have any 'itchy' sheep in your flock during 2011 i.e. between 1st Jan 2011 to 31st Dec 2011?</p> <p>If 'YES' – on how many occasions did you see itchy sheep in 2011?</p> <p style="text-align: right;">More (please specify) _____</p>	<p>Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Once <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Twice <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>_____</p>
9	<p>When you had itchy sheep, what was the diagnosis on each occasion?</p> <p>1) _____</p> <p>2) _____</p> <p>3) _____</p>	
10	<p>Who made the diagnosis? Self <input type="checkbox"/> Vet <input type="checkbox"/> You and vet <input type="checkbox"/> A neighbouring farmer <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Livestock consultant <input type="checkbox"/> Vet Laboratory <input type="checkbox"/> Another farmer <input type="checkbox"/></p>	
11	<p>How was the diagnosis made on these occasions?</p> <p>Clinical signs <input type="checkbox"/> Signs and a wool sample or skin scraping <input type="checkbox"/> Post mortem <input type="checkbox"/> Blood test <input type="checkbox"/></p>	
12	<p>If the diagnosis was NOT scab please go to Question 19</p>	
13	<p>What were the main signs you observed in your affected sheep? <i>Please tick all that apply</i></p> <p>Rubbing <input type="checkbox"/>, Wool loss/wool tags <input type="checkbox"/>, Loss of body condition <input type="checkbox"/>, Epileptic fits <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Other (please specify) _____</p>	
14	<p>Roughly what percentage of animals in your flock were affected?</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">_____ %</p>
15	<p>How did you treat the sheep scab after it was diagnosed?</p> <p>Dipped in OP <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Injected with Dectomax <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Injected with Cydectin x 2 <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Injected with Cydectin Long Acting <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Injected with Ivermectin x 2 <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Other, please specify _____</p>	
16	<p>When treating for scab, did you treat the whole flock? or just the animals that were itching?</p>	<p>All <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Itchy ones <input type="checkbox"/></p>
17	<p>Was the treatment effective i.e. animals stopped itching within 1 week and did not start itching again?</p>	<p>Yes <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>No <input type="checkbox"/></p>

18	<p>How long was it (approximately) before sheep scab returned?</p> <p>Did you treat these itchy sheep again?</p> <p>Was the same product applied on both occasions?</p>	<p>____ days ____ weeks ____ months</p> <p>Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/></p>
19	<p>Do any of your neighbours have a problem with sheep scab?</p>	<p>Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Don't know <input type="checkbox"/></p>
20	<p>When buying in new sheep or returning sheep from tack grazing are they isolated for a period before mixing with the rest of the flock?</p> <p>IF YES – for how long do you keep them away from rest of flock?</p>	<p>Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>____ days ____ weeks ____ months</p>
21	<p>Do you agree with the following statement: “A national or regional control programme for sheep scab is needed.”</p> <p>Strongly agree <input type="checkbox"/> Agree <input type="checkbox"/> Neither agree nor disagree <input type="checkbox"/> Disagree <input type="checkbox"/> Strongly disagree <input type="checkbox"/>.</p>	
<p>END</p> <p>Would you be willing to help us further with our studies or like to receive the results of this survey? If yes, please give your name, address and the best way of contacting you.</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Thank you for your help.</p>		

Please return the completed questionnaire to the freepost address below.

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