



Sheep Veterinary Society
Division of the British Veterinary Association

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Dear SVS members,

BVA parasiticides in grazing animals' policy

Many of you will have seen the new BVA parasiticides in grazing animals' policy document, and you may have heard the BVA SVP giving an interview on Farming Today last week. You will no doubt also be aware that these public statements have not been received well by parts of the sheep industry and organisations working in this area. Many are concerned about the lack of recognition of the work that has already been done and progress that has been made in improving the sustainability of parasite control on UK sheep farms.

I am writing to let you know that the SVS committee were able to meet with BVA to discuss the fallout of these communications. We had a constructive discussion in which BVA accepted that, while there was no intention to cause offence or disregard previous work, this is the unfortunate outcome. They have also accepted that action is needed to repair the reputational damage to the BVA and the veterinary profession. More will follow on this in coming weeks.

This is likely to be a topic of discussion at the SVS AGM in Wales in September. If you are unable to attend the AGM, please contact Hazel Rice at secretariat@sheepvetsoc.org.uk to let us know if you have anything to add to this discussion.

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Changes to Bluetongue Movement Restrictions – Wales

<https://sheepvetsoc.org.uk/news/bluetongue-virus-serotype-3-btv-3-wales-movement-control-change-from-21-september-2025/>

SRUC: Lymph node aplasia in SBF lambs

<https://sheepvetsoc.org.uk/news/sruc-lymph-node-aplasia-in-scottish-blackface-lambs/>

Forthcoming Events

- Autumn Conference: 22nd – 24th September 2025 in Llandrindod, Wales
- Sheep meet in Launceston: 29th September 2025 <https://sheepvetsoc.org.uk/events/ceva-sheep-meet-launceston/>
- Sheep meet in Ponteland: 5th November 2025 <https://sheepvetsoc.org.uk/events/ceva-sheep-meet-in-ponteland-3/>

Check out our website for other news and events <https://sheepvetsoc.org.uk/>

Yours sincerely,

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