- **ASSESS YOUR RISK**
- **PROTECT YOUR BUSINESS**
- **DEFEND YOUR STOCK!**

TORCH FARM VETS

What is the situation?

- Bluetongue virus has reached the UK and has caused considerable stock loss and disease in Europe.
- Bluetongue has been identified as having actively infected animals in Devon.
- Bluetongue is a virus spread by midges, midge activity is seasonal and once daily temperatures are above 15 degrees they will start moving and sharing.
- Whilst not all infected animals will show clinical signs it has been reported that
- In cattle milk drop has been seen of up to 15%, in some cases this has been sustained for up to 6 weeks
- Abortion and stillbirth in cattle (reports of 50% in the South East of England)
- High mortality rate in affected sheep

What can I do?

- Vaccines are available and cost £2.50 ex vat a dose (cattle require two doses, sheep one). Early vaccination helps protect against outbreaks before clinical signs appear ensuring your herd stays healthy and productive.Vaccination can be used as an insurance policy.
- There are many factors that you will want to take into consideration to decide if vaccination is the right step for you and your herd or flock so speak to a vet today to attain guidance and support in making this decision
- By vaccinating your livestock, you are taking a proactive approach towards safeguarding their health and preventing production and animal losses.

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