



## In the Autumn...

### Get your silage analysed

Are you feeding the right amount of concentrate to your stock? Is there enough protein in the diet or could you be feeding more than is required?

The only way to get accurate answers to these questions is by getting silage analysed. Analysis is cheap and will give you energy and protein content, as well as details of how well the silage has been fermented (pH and ammonia, amongst other parameters) which will give you useful information in likely intakes and digestibility.

With this information, concentrate feeding can be more accurately assessed and planned. Contact Livestock Matters for advice or to request an analysis pack.



### Remember liver fluke

The liver fluke risk is high this autumn following the third wet summer in a row. High numbers of the infective stages are present on pastures with wet, boggy areas especially high risk. Cattle and sheep can be infected – sheep generally more severely. Following infection, immature flukes migrate through the liver tissue and cause severe haemorrhage.



Signs of **acute** infection include:

- Sudden deaths
- Weakness and pallor in others

**Subacute** infections can also be seen, with:

- Pallor
- Rapid weight loss
- Swelling under the jaw
- Death after 1-2 weeks

Fluke infections can also trigger other fatal diseases including pasturellosis and clostridial infections such as Black disease.

**Please ring for advice on treatment and prevention of fluke**