

ANIMAL HEALTH PLAN TEMPLATE
QMS CATTLE & SHEEP ASSURANCE SCHEME

This template can be used to document the key procedures and policies undertaken to maintain herd and flock health and welfare on your holding. Alternatively, you may have an Animal Health Plan drawn up in conjunction with your vet.

Business (name and address)			
Person responsible for health and welfare (name and phone number)			
Veterinary Practice (name and address)			
Name of responsible veterinary surgeon			
Species this plan applies to (Please tick)	Cattle		Sheep
Type and number of livestock covered by the plan	Breeding Cows		Breeding Ewes
	Bulls		Tups
	Stores		Stores
	Finishers		Finishers
Plan completed by (e.g. Vet, SQP, Stockperson)	Name		Signature
			Date
Review completed by (e.g. Vet, SQP, Stockperson)	Name		Signature
			Date

Biosecurity Risk Assessment & Management Plan

Consider the most common biosecurity risks on your farm, their prevention & management. Entries included as examples only.

Risk factors	Risk level (High/Moderate/Low)	Prevention of risk	Management of risk
e.g. Newly purchased livestock	High	Only purchase from high health status herds / flocks	Quarantine new animals for at least 21 days
e.g. Calving/lambing area	Low	Disinfect before calving/lambing	Keep bedded with plenty of straw
e.g. General public's dogs	Moderate	Ensure footpaths are obvious	'Please keep to paths' signs
INCOMING LIVESTOCK			
Newly purchased livestock			
Returning livestock			
OTHER ANIMALS			
Neighbouring livestock			
Wildlife			
Farm dogs			
General public's dogs			
PEOPLE			
Family/staff			
Neighbours			
Vet			
Company representatives			
Deliveries			
Contractors			
General public			
BUILDINGS			
Calving/lambing area			
Youngstock housing			
General housing			
Sick stock			
EQUIPMENT			
Own farm equipment			
Shared / hired equipment			
Contractors equipment			
MISCELLANEOUS			
Manure and slurry spreading			
Quarantine pasture			

Livestock Health Management Calendar

Include diseases, infections and conditions detailed on page 3 & 4, the action and time of year required. Entry included as an example only.

Disease/infection/condition	Plan of action	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
e.g. Worms	Take faecal egg count from lambs				✓	✓	✓	✓					

Reducing the risk of developing resistance

Please provide details of the measures used to address the risk of resistance problems developing.

Product used	Measures used to address risk: e.g. Quarantine treat new livestock, dose according to Faecal Egg Count results, dose for heaviest weight, complete full course of treatment, only use Critically Important Antibiotics where there is no suitable alternative and after sensitivity tests conducted.
Anthelmintics (Wormers)	
Flukicides (Fluke treatments)	
Antibiotics	

Further information can be found on the following websites: www.cattleparasites.org.uk for cattle and www.scops.org.uk for sheep.
Advice on the responsible use of antibiotics can be found at: www.ruma.org.uk/antimicrobials/guidelines.
Additional advice can be sought from your Veterinary Surgeon or a Suitably Qualified Person (SQP).

Stock Tasks

Please provide details for the following stock tasks.

Stock type	Action	Age of Animal	Method and treatment details (e.g. anaesthetic, pain relief)	Name of competent person
Cattle	Castration			
	Disbudding			
	Dehorning			
Sheep	Castration			
	Tail Docking			

Please refer to Appendix 3 of the 2017 QMS Cattle & Sheep Assurance Scheme Standards

Euthanasia Policy

Stock type	Method used	Name of trained and competent person
Cattle		
Sheep		

Fallen Stock

Method of disposal	Please tick method(s) used	Please provide details e.g. Name of collector, Licence number
Licenced collector		
On farm incineration		
Burial (derogated areas only)		

Health and Welfare Records

Recording livestock health and welfare data allows an evidence based approach to health planning, focused on continual improvement. Records exist in many forms e.g. herd/flock records, medicine books/records or using the below template. They must be maintained for all livestock and used when annually reviewing the Animal Health Plan.

Cattle

	Target	Actual	Comments and Reasons
Barren cows			
Calves born			
Calvings per cow/heifer to the bull			
Cows calved in first 6 weeks			
Calves reared per cow/heifer to the bull			
Culls			
Deaths			

Sheep

	Target	Actual	Comments and Reasons
Scanning %			
Lambs born/marked			
Lambing/marketing %			
Weaning %			
Culls			
Deaths			

BVD STATUS

Current Status	
Date Negative Status achieved (if applicable)	

If BVD is present, please detail below the action plan to eradicate it from the herd:

1.	
2.	
3.	
4.	
5.	

Help and guidance can be found in the Scottish Government's document: FARMERS' GUIDANCE: BVD Eradication Scheme, Phase 4, June 2015, available at: www.scoteid.com/Public/Documents/Farmers%20Guidance%20-%20Phase%204.pdf

COLLATION OF ANTIBIOTIC USAGE TEMPLATE

Antibiotic resistance is an increasing concern. Collating information of antibiotic usage and the diseases, infections and conditions requiring treatment should be used when reviewing the Animal Health Plan. Entry included as an example only.

Year	Antibiotic name	Quantity used	Animals treated	Reason(s) for treatment	Actions to reduce reliance on antibiotic use
e.g.2017	Draxxin	500ml	100 Spring born calves	Pneumonia	Shed ventilation improved to help reduce incidence of pneumonia