

OVERVIEW

Infectious disease is a risk that can have huge affects on the animal health and the profitability of the farm. Every farm has its own herd disease status determined by the biosecurity and the vaccination strategies on farm.

To monitor the success, failure or weakness of these strategies, it is important to screen for the diseases that the farm is attempting to protect against.

The XLVets Skillnet JuvoMentor is a disease monitoring training programme that looks for antibodies in young, unvaccinated animals to check for seroconversion (indicating exposure) to 5 important disease pathogens. Seroconversion indicates that the unvaccinated animals has been exposed to disease.

Animals over 8 months should be free from maternally derived antibodies and, if unvaccinated, will only have antibodies to diseases that it has been exposed to since birth.

The XLVets Skillnet JuvoMentor thus gives a snapshot of the herd exposure to the below 5 diseases in the time since the animal was born.

ANALYSIS

5 serum samples are taken from young, unvaccinated animals 8-24 months old to test for antibodies against BVD, Lepto, IBR gB, RSV, M bovis

This analysis can be done as follows;

- Any time of year
- When designing a vaccine programme
- When a farmer is considering "dropping" a vaccine
- If investigating herd under performance

FARMER BENEFIT

XLVets Skillnets JuvoMentor provides science-based evidence of what pathogens are currently present on farm, while expert veterinary advice on managing risk and preventing clinical disease is provided.

Once samples are analysed, the vets engages in a one to one discussion to help the farmer assess the risks of disease. The potential consequences of inaction are explained and risks understood.



Farmer Fee

€150

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