

<u>Customer Disease Screening ---- Get £50 off your next ram purchase</u>

The sheep industry is beginning to realise the importance of flock health and biosecurity, we at Exlana screen our flocks for a number of diseases and would like to encourage our customers to do the same.

Screening a "snapshot" of animals with your vet can be a helpful first tool to indicate if a disease is present or absent from the flock. Which sheep you test is important. We want to try as hard as possible to find evidence of the disease in a population, there is little point in testing animals that are unlikely to have the disease especially with slow diseases like Maedi Visna (MV).

Hence it is recommended that when screening for MV in a flock we should look for older, thinner or poorly performing ewes without obvious reason to test such as chronic lameness, fluke or poor teeth---this should be something your vet can help with.

Testing a targeted sample of the population like this gives us more confidence in being able to use the screening as an initial sign that the flock is uninfected rather than randomly selected animals.

Both AXIOM Labs & SRUC offer a MV screening package , testing 12 ewes for £40 ---other labs may do the same if you enquire

www.axiomvetlab.com

https://www.sruc.ac.uk/info/120144/farm_animal_diagnostics/1768/mv - thin_ewe_testing_package

If you screen your flock for MV prior to our sale, we at Exlana will give you £50 off the purchase price of a ram. We don't need to see the results just send us either a copy of a bill or a note from your vet saying you have screened for MV in the last 12 months.

Save the date!!

Exlana Ram Sale 6th August 2019

Just off the M5 at Juction 27 --- EX16 7HL

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