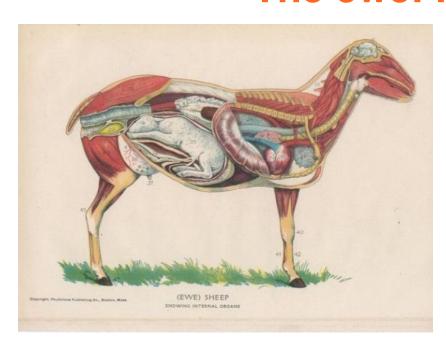
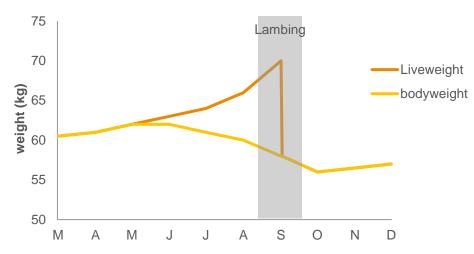
## The ewe: Pre-lamb

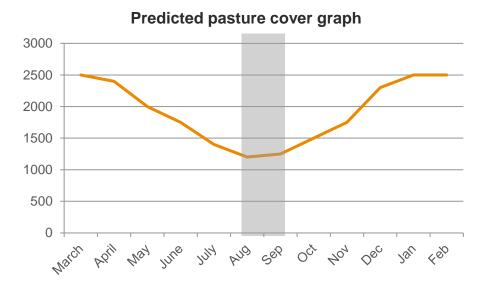


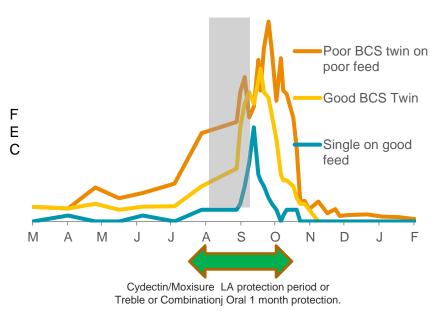


## Schematic representation of the change in ewe weight during the year



FEC of different classes of ewes around





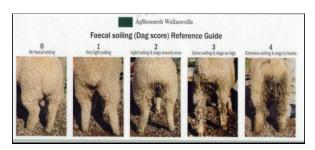
## Effects of parasites on production

- Appetite reduced by 30%<sup>1</sup> post lambing
- Milk production decreases of 10-60%<sup>1</sup>
- Slower growing, lighter lambs
- Wool production decreases of 30-40<sup>1</sup>%
- Ewe live weight loss 1.7-3.3kg (periparturient period)

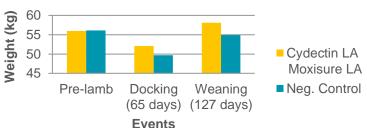
#### **Trial work**

	Average Response	Range in Response
Ewe weaning weight	+3.2 kg	1.79 to 4.88 kg
Pre-tup ewe weight	+2.5 kg	-1.8 to 4.5 kg
Av lamb weaning weight	+1.5kg	0.34 to 2.88 kg
Weight of lamb weaned/ewe treated	+2.1	-5.15 to 15.57

**Dag score** was reduced by CRC by 0.9 (p<0.001),  $(95\%CI = 0.75-1.08)^2$ 



### Liveweight of ewes





<sup>1.</sup> Proc. Of the NZ Society of Animal Production, 1991, (51)

<sup>2.</sup> Miller et al. (2015) New Zealand veterinary journal 63 (4): 211-219

<sup>3.</sup> Bingham, C., et al. (2017). New Zealand veterinary journal 65(3): 152-155

#### Feed levels



Min 1200kgDm/ha (3.5 cm)



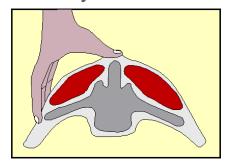
Multiple Vs Singles



Fade Away for Scanning



Body condition



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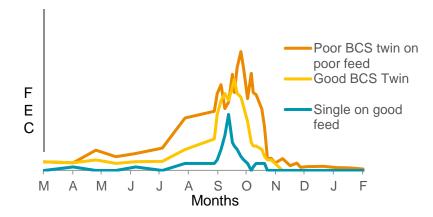


Pre-lamb FEC's

#### Should we treat and who to treat?

#### Likely parasite challenge

- Stocking rate
- Level of performance
- Feed levels
- Sheep/cattle ratio
- Young/old ratio
- Grazing patterns





# What products could we use?

### Long acting products





### Medium acting products









### Short acting products







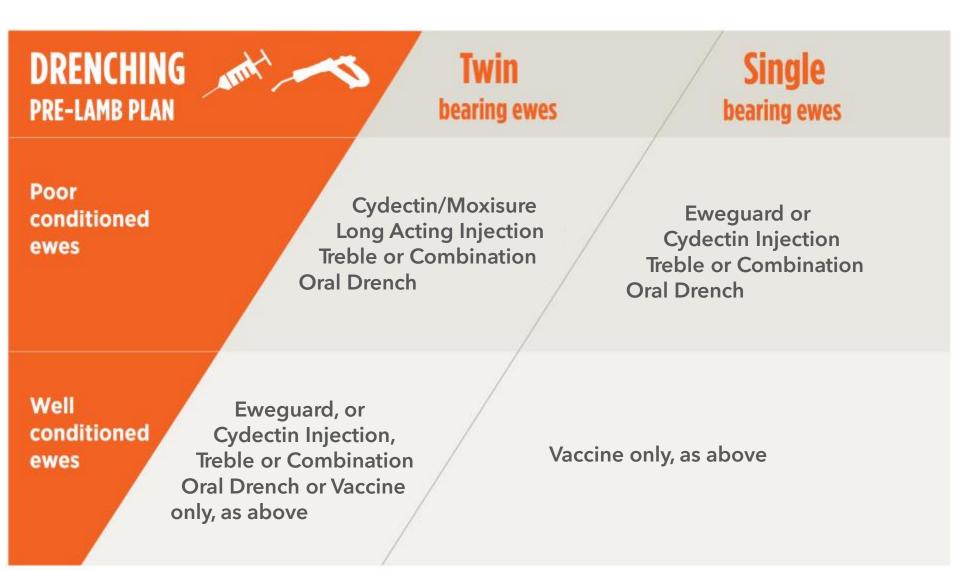






No drench product





If using a drench with persistent worm control, use an **Exit drench** to knock out worms and help delay resistance.

**Note:** If applicable a single active wormer can be used such as Levamisole Gold or Mectin Sheep.



# Mitigating risk of resistance

Refugia Don't treat everything!

Treat the ewes as "groups" on an "as needed" basis

- Condition
- Single vs twins
- Age (hoggets, 2 tooths, MA ewes)
- Feed covers
- Monitoring (FEC at docking, ensure drench is working Parascope Services)
- Integrated grazing (Cows or steers to decrease contamination)
- Strategic drenching (exit drenching)

