

Facial Eczema, Barbers Pole and Ryegrass Staggers

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The drop in temperature (especially at nights) over the last few weeks means **facial eczema** spore counts are dropping in the area. However, the odd high count is still cropping up so be aware of this. Similarly **barbers pole** worm which causes lethargy and death in sheep, should start to be less of a problem as we get into autumn, due to the lower temperatures, and better pasture cover. If in doubt it is **better to drench** stock, especially lambs and two tooth. Small 100mL bottles of drench are available from the clinic, perfect for those with smaller numbers.

Ryegrass staggers should be less common at present with the cooler weather. Susceptible stock, especially horses and alpacas may become severely affected, so careful monitoring of stock is still a good idea.