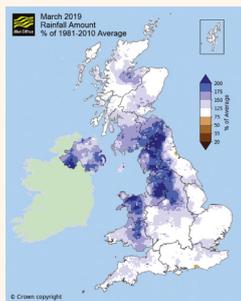


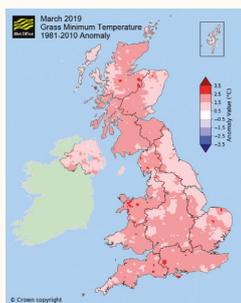
Parasite Matters is a simple one page quarterly bulletin

to highlight weather and other factors that will impact on timings and level of parasite challenges in the coming season. In this issue, we look at how the spring weather will impact parasite challenges in the early summer, including the latest blowfly and nematodirus risk, and also look longer-term at worm challenges for the rest of the summer.



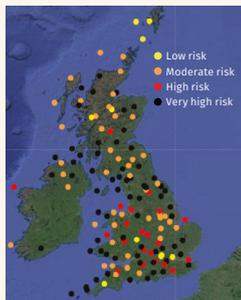
Weather patterns

- Met Office Data shows that during March there was above average rainfall (compared to 1981-2010) up to 200% of average in the darker blue areas.
- This increased rainfall, coupled with the warmer than average grass minimum temperatures (2°C higher on average), will have resulted in conditions that favour both the worm and fly populations early in the season.
- April continued to be warm but with drier conditions, with average rainfall in the West and below average in the East.



Blowfly strike

- So far May has been a colder month, but with humid conditions forecast for mid May the risk of blowfly strike will increase rapidly.
- Applying preventative treatments early, will provide the best control for your flock. One application now of CLiK™ EXTRA can cover to the end of September (19 weeks).
- Multiple reports of blowfly strike have been received across the country (<https://farmanimalhealth.co.uk/tracker>).
- The NADIS risk alert is already at medium, with an update expected mid May (<https://alerts.nadis.org.uk>).



Nematodirus

- The biggest challenge from a worm point of view remains Nematodirus in naive lambs, which due to the unseasonal weather earlier in the year, had a much earlier hatch, seeing cases reported as early as 1st March.
- The majority of the UK remains at 'very high risk' on the SCOPS Nematodirus forecast (<https://www.scops.org.uk/forecasts/nematodirus-forecast/>).
- High efficacy and low levels of resistance make grp1 BZ white drenches the treatment of choice.



Worms/drench checking

- Watch out for other worms beginning to appear and with them variable resistance patterns.
- Drench check after every treatment to see how many worms have been left behind (Watch the 'How to Faecal Egg Count' video at <https://farmanimalhealth.co.uk/uk-fah-worms>).
- Plan for your Zolvix™ mid-late season break dose to remove these left over worms and make the most of the late season grass.



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