

UNIT : THE GROWING ANIMAL – HEALTH AND WELFARE

STAFF

INTRODUCTION

The purpose of this Unit is to focus on the health and wellbeing of growing and finishing cattle

On completion of the Unit students will be able to describe the common ailments of beef cattle and devise an appropriate health plan.

KEY WORDS

ISSUES – lameness, pneumonia, internal and external parasites

LAMENESS – Foul of the foot, sole abscesses, overgrowth

PNEUMONIA – Primary infection by virus / secondary infection by bacteria, Primary infection by bacteria – risk factors, diagnosis, prevention, control

INTERNAL PARASITES – Intestinal or gut ‘worms’, lungworm (husk), liver fluke – risk factors, diagnosis, prevention, control

EXTERNAL PARASITES – Flies, lice, mange, ticks

HEALTH PLANNING – Nutrition, hygiene, ventilation and avoidance of over crowding, stress reduction, evaluate and modify

RESOURCES

EBLEX (2006) Beef Action for Profit 15 – Better Returns from Reducing Herd Lameness

EBLEX (2007) Beef Action for Profit 24 – Better Returns from Planned External Parasite Control

EBLEX (2007) Beef Diseases Directory

EBLEX / DairyCo (2010) Control of Worms Sustainably – COWS

HCC (2010) Ventilation for Pneumonia Control March 2010

LEARNING ACTIVITIES

