

Unit 11i: Ectoparasites Teacher's notes

Introduction

Ectoparasites feed on the outside of their host.

They affect cattle and sheep and cause severe irritation and hide damage.

The skin parasites that cause the damage on cattle and sheep are usually specific to either cattle or sheep.

This session deals with the major ectoparasites that cause the greatest welfare concern and economic loss.

Key words

- Blowfly
- Strike
- Scab
- Ticks
- Biting louse or damalinia ovis
- Louping ill
- Sucking louse or linognathus ovillus
- Pyaemia
- Ked
- Psoroptes ovis,

Resources

- Factsheet
- Relevant websites. For individual conditions it is very important to view the websites.
- Video/DVD sheep ectoparasites
- Video HSE sheep dipping.

Learning activities to generate evidence that learning has taken place

- Multiple choice quiz