

Unit 2

Signs of Health and Ill health in Farm Animals

Teacher's Notes

Introduction

Looking after the health and welfare of animals are the main tasks of a stockperson.

This session will cover 3 main areas:

- The concept of stockmanship
- Identifying the Signs of Health and Ill health in a variety of farm animals
- The Importance of temperature taking as a diagnostic tool
- The practical task of taking the temperature of a calf.

Key words/phrases

- separated from the group
- unusual behaviour
- loss of body condition
- loss of appetite
- a sudden fall in milk yield
- constipation
- scouring (diarrhoea)
- not cuddling
- discharge from the nostrils or eyes
- producing more saliva than usual
- persistent coughing
- rapid or irregular breathing
- abnormal resting behaviour
- abnormal temperature
- swollen joints
- lameness
- mastitis

Resources

- Factsheet
- Relevant Websites
- Film clip looking at stockmanship
- Film clip of temperature taking
- Risk assessment sheet for taking temperature.

Learning Activities to generate evidence that learning has taken place

- Quiz: Signs of Health and Ill health