**Friday 15 April 2016 Farm Records Inspection**

**Sheep Continuous Register Exercise**

Take a look at this example of a Sheep Continuous Register:

Flock of around 80 commercial breeding sheep producing prime lamb for slaughter

1. Overall, does it look like a good record?
2. Check some figures- are they accurate?
3. Anything missing? How many animals were involved?
4. How would you advise him for the future?
5. What is the legislation which requires this record?
6. Which legislation requires the keeper to record deaths “at the time of inspection”?
7. Can you see a change in the farm business for 2014?

*Note: Gimmers become ewes at lambing*

*Hoggs become Gimmers at clipping*

*Ewe Lambs become Ewe Hoggs in late November*

**ANSWERS**

In fact this farm had 3 dead ewes and 6 dead lambs early that year. The keeper did not know he should be recording deaths. It would be VERY unusual for a flock of this type to have no deaths at all. He actually counted his sheep at clipping, found the mistakes and made corrections on 09/08/13. He also changed his business plan by not purchasing any replacements this year, and only keeping 5 home-bred ewe lambs.

1. Overall, does it look like a good record? **Tidy / neat / boxes mostly filled in / Ask how many sheep he has?**
2. Check some figures- are they accurate? **Mistakes (at 09/08/2016**)
3. Anything missing? How many animals were involved? Hint: Column 2. **The death of 3 ewes and 6 lambs**
4. How would you advise him for the future? **Advice about Cross Compliance and SGRPID checks**
5. What is the legislation which requires this record? **The Sheep and Goats (Records, Identification and Movement) (Scotland) Order 2009**
6. Which legislation requires the keeper to record deaths “at the time of inspection”? **The Welfare of Farmed Animals Regulations (Scotland) 2010**
7. Can you see a change in the farm business for 2014? **He stopped buying replacements and kept homebred ewe hoggs.**

Advice rather than enforcement, friendly, supportive attitude. “Reasonable”

Stay within your powers, notify other agencies of major problems-liaison

Get to know what your farmers do for a living, help them to keep simple, accurate records, whatever format suits.

General discussion over the wide range of records necessary, the different names used

General discussion about sheep mortality and the disposal of ABP (Opportunity!)