

Beef HealthCheck Report

LIVER RESULTS

Liver lesions result in reduced performance

SCORE

- 1** **Normal Liver:** No liver abnormalities detected.
- 2** **Liver damaged by fluke but no live fluke:** Fluke may not be observed because the animal has (i) been treated and cured (ii) has undergone 'self cure' or (iii) live fluke may have been present but not observed.
- 3** **Liver damaged by fluke and live fluke present:** Live fluke may be present because: the animal was (i) not treated for fluke (ii) re-infected after a previous treatment (iii) treated with a product that only kills adult fluke, leaving young fluke alive (iv) given a product to which the fluke have become resistant.
- 4** **Liver other:** Liver damage due to other causes. Examples include liver tumours or cirrhosis.
- 5** **Liver abscess:** Abscesses may occur following gut damage from a high grain diet or as an extension of infection from a 'navel ill' or other infection.

LUNG RESULTS

Lung lesions result in reduced performance

SCORE

- 1** **Normal Lung:** No lung abnormalities detected.
- 2** **Limited lung damage:** This animal had limited lung damage as a result of pneumonia. Pneumonia in cattle is caused by viral and/or bacterial infection.
- 3** **Extensive lung damage:** This animal had extensive lung damage as a result of pneumonia. Pneumonia in cattle is caused by viral and/or bacterial infection.
- 4** **Lung other:** Lung damage due to other causes. Examples include abscess or tumour.

Where evidence of liver or lung damage is found, consult your veterinary practitioner for advice. Further information on improving herd health, including control of liver fluke, other parasites and IBR, can be found at www.beefhealthcheck.ie
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