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Animal Health Ireland Announces Successful Uptake of Parasite Control TASAH for 2025

Over 16,000 farmers have already signed up to the programme

Animal Health Ireland (AHI) is pleased to announce the successful uptake of the Parasite Control TASAH (Targeted Advisory Service on Animal Health) programme to date.

Originally launched as a one-year initiative in 2022, the Parasite Control TASAH programme has been confirmed for 2025 by Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine Martin Heydon as part of a broader Biosecurity TASAH for 2025, with provision for up to 30,000 TASAHs.

The Parasite Control TASAH programme will fund one veterinary farm visit and one faecal egg count, completely free of charge to the farmer. All Irish cattle herds, sheep flocks, and equine holdings are eligible to participate in this scheme.

Other TASAH Programmes cover key disease areas such as Bovine Viral Diarrhoea (BVD), Johne's Disease, Infectious Bovine Rhinotracheitis (IBR), and tuberculosis (TB), while also incorporating the Bioscore Dairy tool to assess biosecurity on dairy farms. Further support will be available for CellCheck consults in dairy herds, biosecurity assessments for the pig and poultry sectors, and customised parasite control plans for sheep, beef, dairy, and suckler herds, as well as equine holdings.

The specific aim of the Parasite Control TASAH is to promote best practices in parasite control through collaborative discussions and planning between farmers and their veterinary practitioners. A key focus of the initiative is to help slow the development of anthelmintic resistance, a growing concern in Irish livestock management.

Commenting on the announcement, Natascha Meunier, Parasite Control Programme Manager at Animal Health Ireland, said: **"***We have had good feedback from farmers and veterinarians who have previously taken part in the Parasite TASAH programme. As it is open to all at no cost, it a good opportunity for farmers to spend some dedicated time with their vets to discuss parasite management, tailoring plans to suit their farms and aiming to prevent parasite disease problems in the future.***"**

The TASAH programme is open to 30,000 farmers in Ireland until the 31st of October 2025 and places are limited, for more information on participating in the Parasite Control TASAH and how to register, please visit www.animalhealthireland.ie/parasite-control/.

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