

# Please back our sheep ecto-parasite survey

**NFUS** regularly receives anecdotal evidence from farmers that the products available for the treatment of sheep ecto-parasites are not up to the job, for reasons ranging from ineffectiveness and resistance to human health side effects, to long withdrawal periods.

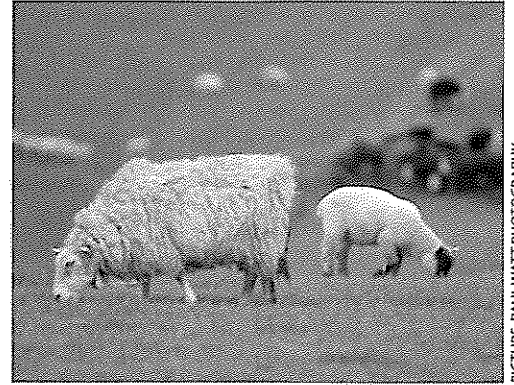
NFUS has raised this issue with the Veterinary Medicines Directorate (VMD) on a number of occasions, both in trying to persuade it to reconsider allowing the use of cypermethrin dips and encouraging it to look for and licence new products.

To date, the VMD has simply responded

that there is no evidence that there is a problem with the existing available products.

NFUS is therefore trying to gather some measurable evidence of the increasing problems being experienced to present to the VMD and is asking all sheep producers to fill in this quick survey and to either fax or post it back to NFUS. The answers provided on this survey will be assembled and fed into the VMD to provide it with information relating to the scale of the problem.

Thank you for your assistance in this matter.



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## Control of sheep ecto-parasites

**1 Do you use routine controls to prevent?**

Tick

Fly strike

Sheep scab

Lice

[please tick as appropriate]

**2 What form of product is used?** Please circle those used

A Tick  pour on

dip

B Fly strike  pour on

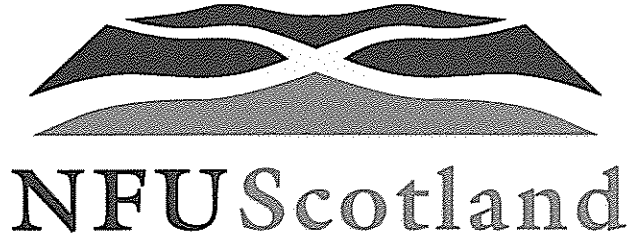
dip

C Sheep scab  pour on

dip

D Lice  pour on

dip



**3 Have products failed and required repeated application?**

Yes

No

please specify product if treatment repeated

**4 Is fly strike an increasing problem?**

Yes

No

**5 Do extended withdrawal periods make control strategies difficult?**

Yes

No

**6 Do you have personal health concerns about using any product?**

Yes

No

please detail

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