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- BVD – Consultation on phase 5 of the BVD eradication scheme is now out and we will be asking the livestock and Milk committee their views as well as encouraging wider member views.
- Bovine TB – There is a government proposal to introduce changes to the compensation arrangements for TB and we will use this opportunity to look at control measures to discourage risky behaviour in cattle imports.
- Brexit pigs – Encouraging the pigs working group to put forward ideas regarding what they would like to see post-Brexit and developing those ideas into workable proposals.
- Marketing pigs – Use the results from the recent pork shelf watch to identify gaps and opportunities for Scottish Pork.
- Avian Influenza – We asked the Commission for an extension to the housing exemption for free range hens to protect against high disease risk. They have agreed to extend it but not by enough. We will continue to work with the commission and Scottish Government to try and agree a way forward that allows free range producers to protect their flocks during high disease risk periods, whilst continuing to sell their eggs as free range.
- Brexit poultry – Encouraging the poultry working group to put forward ideas regarding what they would like to see post-Brexit and developing those ideas into workable proposals.