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### Coopers Bulletin

#### Lumpy Skin Disease

Lumpy Skin Disease is with us again and reports of outbreaks are coming in. While it has only a low mortality rate, the effects can be devastating. Apart from nursing the animals, treating the wounds and screw worm it leaves bulls sterile and cows are left with damaged teats and udders. There is massive milk drop, loss of condition, scar tissue constriction in the trachea and oesophagus as well as downgraded hides.

Vaccinating when the disease is already present or even in the area presents difficulties.

Prevention is always better than cure ; **Vaccine is available to vaccinate now.**

This disease is spread initially by biting flies.

Fly control with synthetic pyrethroids is helpful. Decatix or SpotOn can be used.

If you are having to kraal at night, fly bait and fly traps also help.

#### Theileriosis (January Disease)

Reports of cases have also been received. Control of brown ear ticks is important. Not just the adults now but the larvae and nymphs during winter. Buparvex works well, especially if the condition has been diagnosed early. More severe cases may need the addition of diuretics and supportive drugs. Talk to your Veterinary Surgeon about this.

