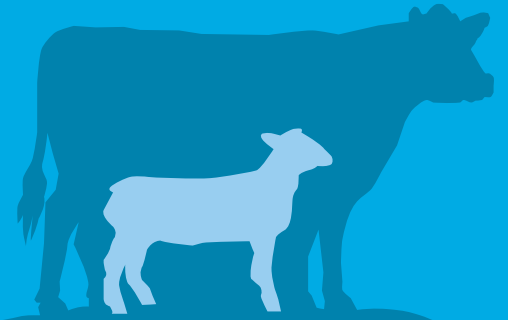




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Sheep & Beef UPDATE

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Getting Your Mineral Supplementation Right

New Zealand's pastoral soils are notoriously variable in trace mineral status, and deficiencies in copper, selenium, zinc, cobalt, and iodine remain a significant but often silent drain on farm productivity. Addressing these gaps through a targeted supplementation and monitoring programme is one of the most cost-effective tools available to sheep and beef farmers.

Why Trace Minerals Matter

Deficiencies rarely cause obvious clinical signs until they reach severe levels. More commonly, they present as subclinical losses — reduced growth rates, poor conception, compromised immunity, and increased susceptibility to disease. These hidden costs can quietly erode profitability season after season.

Know Your Status Before You Supplement

Blanket supplementation without testing is both wasteful and risky — copper toxicity in sheep, for example, is high risk if supplementation is applied unnecessarily. To get the most out of your supplementation programme, we can work with you to:

- Identify and test representative animals to get an idea of your current mineral status
- Test your pasture and soil to identify any potential complicating factors

- Identify high-risk periods such as late pregnancy and pre-mating, and high-risk mobs such as youngstock and breeding animals.

Supplementation Options

Delivery methods include oral drenches, injectable products, in-feed supplementation, and long-acting boluses. Each has its place depending on the mineral involved, timing, and practical constraints on your property.

Building a Monitoring Programme

Annual or twice-yearly testing, combined with good record-keeping, allows you to track trends over time and adjust your programme accordingly. We can help build a plan tailored to your soil type, stock classes, and production system.

Investing in trace mineral management pays dividends — healthier, more productive stock and fewer unexpected losses.



Smarter Parasite Control with the Parasight FEC Machine



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We are pleased to announce that we have invested in a Parasight faecal egg count (FEC) machine for our Te Kauwhata Clinic, as well as for the existing one at Pukekohe, enabling us to test samples in-clinic quickly.

Effective parasite management has never been more important. With increasing concerns around drench resistance, animal performance, and sustainable farming practices, having accurate, timely information is essential.

That's where the **Parasight faecal egg counting machine** is making a difference.

The Parasight system brings laboratory level faecal egg counting (FEC) technology directly to our clinics. By combining automated analysis with simple sample preparation, Parasight delivers fast, reliable results that support smarter, data driven parasite control decisions.



Why Faecal Egg Counting Matters

Faecal egg counting is widely recognised as a cornerstone of responsible parasite management. Rather than treating stock on a calendar basis, FECs allow farmers to identify when parasite burdens are genuinely high and when treatment is needed.

FEC testing can assist in parasite management decisions by:

- Confirming a diagnosis of parasitism and assessing if anthelmintic treatment is required;
- Assessing likely contamination of pasture, particularly from youngstock;
- Checking efficacy and assessing possible resistance to anthelmintics by doing a pre-drench and post-drench check.

The Parasight machine makes this process easier and more accessible than ever.

“No drenching unless you're FEC 'n' Testing”

Talk to us today about how we use FEC's and the Parasight machine to help you with your drenching decisions.



FRANKLIN VETS TE KAUWHATA:

An Exciting Expansion for Our Farming Community



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Our Franklin Vets Te Kauwhata clinic renovations are complete. This expansion gives us more space and new facilities, allowing us to offer a broader range of services with a focus on providing comprehensive care for our Working Dogs.

We know that a farmer's dog is more than a pet; they're essential members of the team, and their health is directly tied to the success of your operation. We've listened to you, our local farmers, and we recognise there's a gap in the market. We understand that your needs differ from those of regular owners and their pets, and we want to provide practical, working solutions. Our vets have worked on the farm teams themselves and have a firsthand understanding of the unique challenges and differing needs of a farming operation.

Comprehensive Services Tailored to Farmers

Our expanded clinic is equipped to provide a comprehensive suite of services specifically tailored to the unique demands of farm life. We're able to offer more advanced surgical services, from routine procedures to complex orthopaedic operations. Our team understands the realities of farming, and our approach always balances top-tier care with practical, cost-effective solutions. We will discuss all your options with you so that you can make an informed decision without any surprises.

Accidents happen, and we know that every second counts to get these dogs seen in a way that is both convenient and efficient for you. We can provide emergency triage, drop-off, and phone consultation options, as we know our farmers are often time-poor or must travel significant distances to clinics. We pride ourselves on providing immediate advice and hands-on treatment, helping you get your dog back on its feet working as quickly and safely as possible.

Our Partnership with You

At the Franklin Vets, we believe in a partnership approach to animal health. We don't just treat injuries; we offer advice and support to help you prevent them. Our team is always available to discuss nutrition, preventive care, and best practices for keeping your dogs in peak working condition.

This expansion is more than just new equipment and services; it's a testament to our commitment to the local farming community. We are passionate about supporting you and your hard-working dogs, and we look forward to welcoming you to our new Working Dog Centre.



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Sheep & Beef Farmer Meeting

Join us for an informative and interactive afternoon with our expert veterinary panel



Tuesday 19 May



Kicks off at 2:00pm



Glen Murray Hall, Hwy 22, 2695

What to expect

- 4 short presentations (approx. 10 minutes each)
- Strong focus on discussion and Q&A
- Bring your questions and get practical, on-farm insights

Guest Speakers

- Dr Brent Neal
- Dr Steph Reid
- Dr Matt Wong
- Dave Douglas
- Dr Belinda Borman

Topics covered

- Working Dogs & TK Clinic
- Minerals
- Pre-lamb options
- FEC testing & resistance

The
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will be on site,
with cold
refreshments
available
afterwards



RSVP by Friday, 15th May