Farm Matters

Have you found the software programme "Farm Matters" yet?

I have used it for a couple of years now and it worked fairly well but now, joy of joys, our Dexter Cattle Society has joined so managing cattle records is so easy.

There are two areas which make things both quicker and easier

1   Recording births with both the society and BCMS
2   During the inspections carried out by QMS and SCRPD (in Scotland) and DEFRA in England.

All my cattle are listed on the programme and any events which take place are recorded easily. For example births:

List of cattle, right click on dam and select birth

Fill in details, the next tag number will show automatically

Once all logged on, one click then sends the details to BCMS and another to the Dexter Society so late registrations should be a thing of the past.

To those who live in Scotland like us, the programme is linked with the ScotEID site as well. Animal movements are sent electronically to the appropriate department, no need to post letters!

For inspections, I used to run around finding various documents to prove I had records of medicines and administration dates etc; all can be put on Farm Matters.

I have only just started using the programme for sheep but it is similar to the cattle though it takes longer for us as we have too many sheep just now due to 'lockdown'!

If you use an electronic tag reader all is even easier and quicker; mine is now faulty so I am looking for a good deal any advice anyone?

Lastly and most importantly, Neil Wilkinson who set up and runs Farm Matter is extremely helpful – he is always at the end of a phone call and answers emails promptly. It can be a bit confusing when setting up a new software programme and Neil is incredibly patient and excellent at explaining the processes …. Even to an old girl like me!

I urge you all to look into this, official paperwork is ever increasing and Farm Matters sorts it all out!

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