Schmallenberg Virus in Lancashire



The last few months have seen both bulk milk and individual animal blood samples test positive for Schmallenberg virus in the North West.

First recognised in 2011, Schmallenberg was originally associated with birth defects in lambs and calves. It is important to be aware that the virus has been in the area and thus remain vigilant for signs of birth deformities when lambing or calving difficulties arise this Spring.