

## Keeping clear of Orf

### 10 point management checklist

1. Buy replacement stock from known, disease-free sources.
2. Quarantine any bought-in sheep and examine them for Orf symptoms.
3. Isolate any affected animals immediately.
4. If practical, nurse affected animals to minimise pain and discomfort.
5. Provide plenty of bedding for sick animals to cut the chances of non affected animals coming into contact with any infected scabs that have been shed.
6. Remember discarded Orf scabs in buildings or on grass can be infectious to healthy sheep for up to six weeks.
7. Talk to your vet about minimising secondary bacterial infections.
8. If Orf does break out in your flock, talk to your vet about a vaccination regime.
9. Humans can catch Orf – make sure all staff are aware of the health consequences of working with infected stock and take the necessary precautions to prevent infection.
10. Do not vaccinate sheep on farms or in flocks where Orf is not already present.