

A RACE TO THE FINISH!



Right! Time to get the store lambs home so we can get them finished on time.

Hold on dad! We have no idea if they have scab or not! Remember last year? The store lambs we brought in had scab, so they took longer to finish, we missed the best price and it cost us a lot to treat them all!



Let's try something different this year. First, we need some advice.

Merchant

Yep, OK son.

There's a new test that you can use to find out if your sheep have scab, before any signs appear. That way you'll know if you need to treat or not and you can avoid a long withdrawal period.

How does that work? We've brought in the store lambs for finishing already.

If you test them now you'll know in 7 days*

Test 12 sheep per group**

If the test is negative then you can get them finished without further cost.

or

If the test is positive, then at least you can get on and treat the whole flock straight away and they will finish in good time.

The tests for scab were positive so we'll need to get the flock treated as soon as possible.

Later...

That was a close one Dad, we treated everything in good time and the withdrawal period passed nicely while they were finishing on the turnips. We didn't lose any time!

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*Samples are tested once a week. Expected turnaround time is 7 working days from receipt at the testing lab.

**Where lambs are brought in as separate batches or from different sources, the optimal response is to manage these groups separately, testing 12 animals from each group, mixing the groups only after the results are known.