

Enzootic Abortion of Ewes

The most common cause of abortion in sheep and goats in the UK

- Disease caused by bacterial pathogen *Chlamydia abortus*
- Causes late term abortion (last 2-3 weeks of pregnancy) predominantly in lowland flocks

- Quick diagnosis is essential in controlling spread
- Antibiotics can be used to limit losses but should not be used with the live vaccines
- Live and dead vaccines are available – consult your vet to decide most appropriate



Management must do's

- Ensure all contaminated material and bedding is disposed of promptly and effectively
- Isolate aborted ewes
- Disinfect infected lambing pens to limit spread
- Buy replacement animals from accredited sources
- Pregnant women must avoid all contact with lambing ewes