

# Rumbul Magnesium Sheep Bullets

## Preventing Staggers in Ewes

**Trial Location** England and Ireland.

**Livestock** Grazing Ewes with lambs.

**Objectives** To help prevent grass staggers in grazing ewes.

**Method** Ewes transferred to spring grass on 4 different farms with a history of hypomagnesaemic tetany were split into two groups where one group received one Rumbul bullet and the other group were left untreated.

**Results** The ewes that received the Rumbul bullets did not record any cases of grass staggers at any of the farms. However 11 of the 182 ewes that were left untreated did suffer from hypomagnesaemic tetany.

	Untreated		1 Bullet	
	Ewes	Tetany Cases	Ewes	Tetany Cases
Farm E	75	1	75	0
Farm F	52	4	48	0
Farm G	25	2	25	0
Farm H	30	4	525*	0
Totals	182	11	673	0

\*45 out of 600 ewes had already died of hypomagnesaemic tetany immediately prior to the start of this experiment

### **Conclusion**

Dosing ewes with a Rumbul magnesium bullet just before the risk period is a most effective means of preventing grass staggers.