

Talkshop June 2025

Dispensary closure

Due to our annual stocktake the Dispensary will be **closed on Monday June 30th**. We will not be sending drug orders out on that day so please get orders in promptly towards the end of the month. To ensure orders reach you, the last day to place drug orders will be **June 25th**.

ASF Workshops

You may have seen publicity about AHDB workshops on being prepared for ASF. The sessions are aimed to highlight the areas which may be impacted by a Notifiable Disease outbreak, even if the disease itself is in another part of the country. Movement restrictions, interruptions in marketing and pig flow can have dramatic consequences for our units and, as we continue to see ASF crop up in Europe, being forewarned and prepared is definitely being forearmed. These sessions are useful in identifying potential areas of weakness on-farm and also logistical issues that may arise should we be unfortunate enough to be in an outbreak situation.

AHDB are looking to run some of the workshops in collaboration with the George Pig Team – if you would be interested in taking part then please let us know. We will be looking to run several afternoon or evening events throughout our geographical base in the summer and into the autumn, so all expressions of interest would be helpful in the planning.

Biosecurity scoring

Following on from the above, we now have the ability to perform biosecurity audits on farm using a tool developed by the University of Ghent. Biocheck is a relatively quick, simple survey which helps highlight areas which are good, those that are not so good and those which definitely need improvement – and it can be done during the routine farm visits. As biosecurity constantly features in schemes such as the Animal Health and Welfare Pathway grants and similar, it is a helpful way of getting an idea of where improvements need to be made, and prioritising those that are more critical. If you wish to know more, please speak to a member of the team.

Tech grants

DEFRA's Farming, Equipment and Technology Fund 2025 opened in May. There is the potential to get 50% in grants for equipment that supports or improves productivity, slurry management and animal health and welfare. Please head over to <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/farming-equipment-and-technology-fund-2025> for more information.

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