

Red Gut

Clinical Signs

- Severe gut pain and distended abdomen
- Rapidly deteriorate and die within hours
- Most cases found dead and they blow up quickly up death
- Dramatic post mortem signs see picture below (*Massively swollen blood filled bowels*)



Predisposing factors

- Highly digestible low fibre diet reduces gut contents resulting in plenty of room for the intestines to swing around. This can lead to intestines being twisted off at the root which causes massive pooling of blood in the intestines and rapid onset of terminal gangrene of bowel

At risk pastures in decreasing order of risk

- Irrigated Lucerne pasture,
- Irrigated white clover
- Dry Lucerne
- Occasionally on very short high clover content winter pastures

Prevention

- Move off onto less digestible higher roughage pasture and or provide supplementary hay or silage.
- Various protocols for grazing irrigated Lucerne are recommended for e.g. 1 day on dry pasture 2-3 days on Lucerne others suggest rotate weekly.

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