

Re: NEWCASTLE DISEASE in UK

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IAN HUNTER wrote:

- > Hi,
- > there was something on radio four regarding this, if I understood the
- > report correctly: None of the birds were released, they were being
- > raised in release
- > pens.

According to the report in the Poultry World
"Fortunately these pheasants were only 8-10 weeks old and had not ranged far from the release pens. If it had been adult birds later in the year roaming further afield it would have been far more serious said Mr Bourns [NFU Poultry Board chairman]

- As it is easy to vaccinate for fowl pest, as I live in
- > Newcastle I don't like
 - > to think of the place I live as a disease.

While it is possible to vaccinate many poultry owners do not wish to impose the stress of the vaccination on our birds when they are not at risk. It is MUCH better to prevent the disease coming into the country. [but that goes for a lot of the biosecurity issues around agriculture in this country !]

I can understand your feelings about the name :~)

- > The only problem is the
- > smallest volume
- > of vaccine is for two hundred birds. I don't hatch that many at a
- > time, so the
- > unit cost of the vaccine goes up, but at least my flock stays free
- > from this nasty disease.

It is not the cost at all that concerns me.

We have assessed the risks etc and at present our decision is not to vaccinate
some of the things we included in our assessment were

- we are a long way from other breeders
- but we have pheasant rearers close

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- we have migratory waterfowl in the locality
- but they are not ones that generally travel through the danger areas.

Every thing is about risk assessment

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regards
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