



47 Farm Innovation

Flock health plan by Poultry Health Service

in **Significant Impact Group(s)**: AMU reduction strategies ; Other

Species targeted: Poultry;

Age: Young;Adult;

Summary: Flock health plans have evolved from assurance scheme checklists to the foundations of an active partnership between farmer and vet. The benefits of a documented health plan and its potential to improve production and performance are discussed.

In the past health plans were often shelved by producers who saw them as a box-ticking exercise, required only to demonstrate that the farm complied with assurance scheme rules.

The plan is now often used as a dynamic document that not only sets out procedures but also serves to highlight issues that arise during a production cycle. The components of the plans have also changed – fuelled by the ongoing drive to cut antibiotic use.

Topics that are discussed are among others vaccination programmes, biosecurity planning and contingency planning.

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Where to find the original material: (in English)

<https://www.poultryworld.net/Nutrition/Articles/2018/5/How-to-get-the-most-from-a-poultry-flock-health-plan-287225E/>;

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