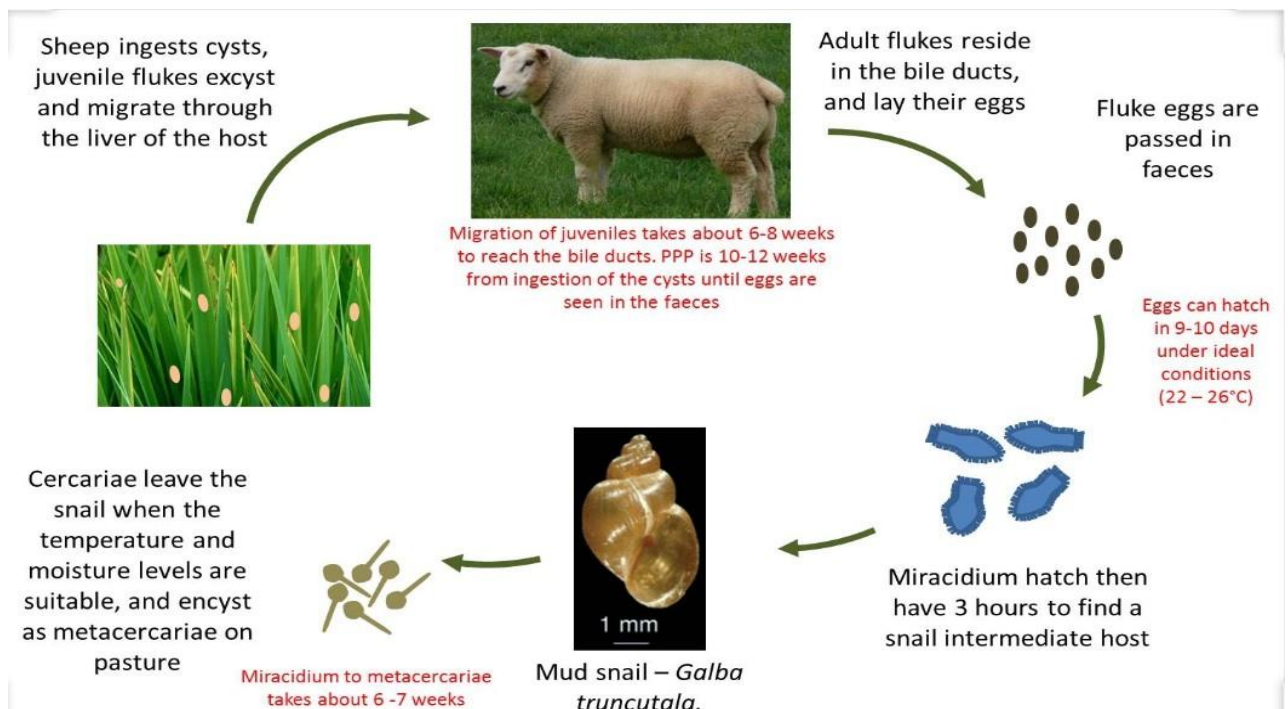




Fluke in Sheep

Fluke eggs hatch out in spring once the temperature reaches 15°C. The larvae then find a mudsnail, inside which they mature for approximately three months before hatching in August. Therefore sheep pick up fluke from August onwards. In wet years there are more fluke on pasture as more mudsnails are available and survive. Sheep multiply the fluke and as a result contaminate the pastures. In order to reduce this pasture contamination, it is advisable to commence treatment for liver fluke from September onwards.



The general principles are

- Use a flukacide that kills immature fluke e.g. **Flukiver, Ridafluke, Solantel, Trodax**.
- Treat sheep for fluke every two months during the winter season. In a wet year sheep should also be treated in April.
- Rotate the wormers between treatments so the fluke do not become resistant.
- Avoid fluke and worm combinations as many only kill adult fluke. Routine worming of ewes is unnecessary.
- Rumens should be treated entirely differently.

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