

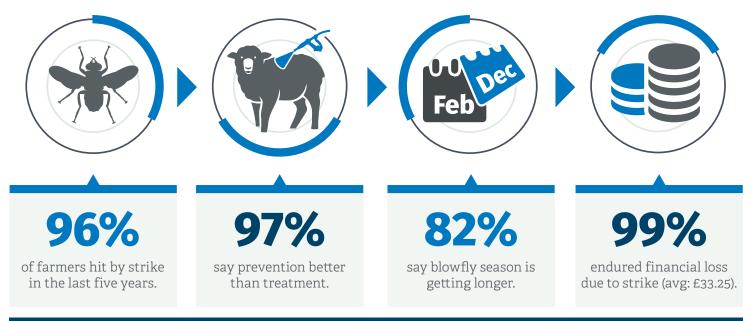
Elanco's industry survey¹ asked the nation's farmers for opinions and data on blowfly strike – how does your farm compare? Note down your answers and read on to find out...

Q1: How long is the blowtly season lasting?		Q4: Do you take preventative measures for blowfly
a) 6 weeks or less	\bigcirc	strike or do you wait until you see flies?
b) 7-10 weeks		a) Use a preventative product
c) 11-16 weeks	0	b) Wait until I see flies then apply preventative product
d) 17-19 weeks		c) Wait until I see flies and
e) 20 weeks plus	O	the provide treatment
Q2: When is the earliest you experienced a case of blowfly strike last season?		Q5: What is the average cost of blowfly strike* per sheep in your experience?
a) March or earlier	\bigcirc	a) £40 or more
b) April	\bigcirc	b) £40-£30
c) May	\bigcirc	c) £30-£20
d) June	\bigcirc	d) £20 or less
e) July	\bigcirc	
f) August or later	\bigcirc	* Including cost of time, loss of sales, buying replacement stock, vet bills and reactive medicine purchases.
Q3: When is the latest you experienced a case of		Q6: Do you agree with the following statement:
blowfly strike last season?		Prevention, not cure, is best for blowfly strike?
a) July	\bigcirc	a) Yes
b) August	\bigcirc	b) No
c) September	\bigcirc	
d) October	\bigcirc	
e) November or later	\bigcirc	
Notes		

Answers – See how you compare to the nation's results below:

- Q1: 43% said blowfly season lasted 20 weeks or more - by far the most common answer.
- **Q2:** April is the first month farms are seeing blowfly. showing the need to be alert early in the season.
- Q3: Many farms saw blowfly well into the autumn with a few even reported through to December. Don't forget to stay vigilant into the autumn.
- Q4: 85% of farmers strike first and use a preventative treatment in advance of the season to prevent seeing any strike on their farm.
- Q5: Costs per sheep reached up to £46.50 in some regions, with the British average totalling at around £33.25.
- **Q6:** The answer is near unanimous. 97% of respondents said **yes**, prevention is better than treatment.

How does your farm compare? Keep reading for further insight into the trends and figures behind the latest blowfly survey of British farmers.



Strike first - don't get caught out by blowfly strike

Expert tips for effective blowfly management:

Don't get caught out

Extended and less predictable blowfly season results in farms getting caught out.

Strike First

Assess your farm, know your farm history and implement an IGR preventative treatment in advance of the season.

Be aware of the current season

Monitor NADIS reports and risk updates - stay informed on the threat levels. https://alerts.nadis.org.uk/

See live blowfly reports

and submit reports in your region via the blowfly tracker at www.farmanimalhealth.co.uk/tracker to help alert other farms.

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Reference: National Farm Research Unit, Blowfly Study April 2018.
Respondents: 150 farmers or decision makers from England, Scotland & Wales with 80% over 47. Even regional split, mixed enterprises, 500+ ewes.

