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At a time when farmers are exposed to severe and spiralling costs, whilst the value of their produce is being visibly eroded, homeopathy opens the window of opportunity onto a low cost, nil residue therapy for the treatment of livestock.

Several recent farming documentaries have featured the growing popularity of homeopathic treatment whilst noting the paucity of local information available to the farmer. Although books are available for the homeopathic treatment of cattle, goats and horses there is currently no reference for the sheep farmer. This booklet is designed to fill that vacuum by addressing those problems most frequently requiring intervention that are amenable to treatment with homeopathic medicines.

What is homeopathy?

Homeopathy derives from the work of Samuel Hahnemann, a nineteenth century German doctor. Highly educated, with an overriding concern for the humanitarian treatment of his patients, Hahnemann soon fell foul of the latter-day physicians with their reliance on the barbaric practices of bloodletting and the prescription of heroic compounds containing all manner of toxic ingredients. After many years in the social wilderness Hahnemann discovered the basic principles which led to the inception of homeopathy as a medical discipline.

Remedy selection – how best to use the booklet

This booklet has been written as a guide with indications for each remedy located under the appropriate section. If you experience difficulty in choosing the correct remedy then ask yourself how acute the problem is. Plant remedies are more likely to be implicated in early

inflammatory disease especially before pus formation. As heat dissipates and tissues suppurate and harden the mineral remedies come into play.

Be aware of time and space factors. What time of the day or night is the complaint worse?

How rapidly did it start? Which side of the sheep is affected? How is the animal behaving?

For any given complaint there may be a group of remedies from which to pick the cure. The latter is the remedy which most closely fits the present situation and in particular matches the specific times of aggravation and improvement, be they from whatever cause.