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Workshops to be held on bluetongue virus

A series of workshops to discuss bluetongue will be held across Scotland by the James Hutton Institute.

The workshops, which are funded by the Centre of Expertise on Animal Disease Outbreaks (EPIC) and the Scottish Government, will focus on the impact bluetongue virus has on farmers, smallholders, crofters and their businesses.

It comes as multiple cases of the disease have been found across Scotland, affecting farms from Aberdeenshire to Dumfries.

Livestock keepers interested in taking part are invited to attend one of three workshops taking place in Scotland this autumn.

These will be held at the Scottish Smallholding and Countryside Festival in Edinburgh on October 17, the crofters' workshop in Ullapool Village Hall on November 2, and the young farmers' meeting at Thainstone near Inverurie on November 30 and December 1.

For details or to register interest in attending, contact research assistant Carol Kyle at carol.kyle@hutton.ac.uk.

Those keen to share their thoughts but unable to attend the workshop can also complete a short survey online.


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