



**GOVERNMENT OF JAMMU AND KASHMIR
DIRECTORATE OF ANIMAL HUSBANDRY DEPARTMENT, JAMMU**

SPRING ADVISORY FOR CATTLE OWNERS

Changing weather during the period of April-June will result in lush green pastures, intermittent rain fall and rise in temperature. Some of the precautionary measures which the farmers should take to prevent the problems associated with this seasons are:

- ❖ Protect the animal from exposures to high temperature and rain by keeping them inside the sheds.
- ❖ Ensure the cows sheds remain dry, dispose of the manure/dung, drain stagnant pools of water/ urine, and by maintaining floor gradient.
- ❖ While putting cows out to pasture, slowly adapt them to greens by restricting time they spent at pasture to avoid indigestion and bloat (**Afara**).
- ❖ Do not let your cattle graze pasture when they are wet due to rain or dew.
- ❖ Before letting cows out, feed them a little bit of hay, straw and concentrate.
- ❖ Since spring is considered as calving season make necessary arrangements with respect to calving like proper calving pens, regular cleaning of cows sheds, appropriate bedding etc.
- ❖ Get parturated animal treated for Retention of Placenta (**Jer**) and other problems by Veterinarian only.
- ❖ Add mineral supplements rich in magnesium and salt to avoid diseases related to deficiency due to grazing.
- ❖ Restrict your animal's access to grasses like Lucerne and Clovers and give the green fodders (**Chatala**) chopped only to animals.
- ❖ Ensure the cattle are vaccinated against the FMD, HS and BQ before letting them out for grazing.
- ❖ Check your animals regularly for ectoparasites and treat them accordingly as they lower productivity.
- ❖ Regularly treat your animals for internal parasites by deworming.

Contact your nearest Veterinary Centre if you feel your animal is not well for timely treatment by the Veterinarian.