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Are you Protecting Your Investment in Your Ewes?

We always talk about feeding management of Ewes at Flushing & Pre tugging. But Ewe Nutrition is needed in Mid Pregnancy for the placenta to grow & develop. The placenta provides all the nutrients for the unborn lamb in late pregnancy.

Poor Placenta development results in small lambs - *Irrespective of late pregnancy feeding*

SAC trials show that Cobalt deficiency in first half of pregnancy produces lambs that are slower to stand & suckle, and more prone to neonatal disease -*Irrespective of late pregnancy feeding*

Extra High Energy Crystalyx provides a very palatable and available source of minerals, trace elements and vitamins and is ideal for feeding Ewes. We have stocked it for over 30 years & it has proved itself - A tried & tested product!

Feeding Crystalyx improves Ewe digestion efficiency - it feeds the bacteria in the rumen that breakdown the forage :

Newcastle University found that Crystalyx increases the rate of forage digestion by rumen bacteria by 10%. Research also shows that Crystalyx increases forage digestibility, so grazing animals actually get more energy out of what they eat

And Crystalyx is good value compared to compound feeds

Please contact us for more details

Bracken control - Asulox is going

We have just been told that we can only sell Asulox until 31 December 2011. Farmers can use Asulox until 31 December 2012

If you need any Asulox for 2012 please order as soon as possible while stocks last.

Hereford Saturday Opening Hours 9am-12pm

Mineral & Trace element deficiencies - the place for 24.7 Bolus

We have reviewed the trace element status of soil samples from Breconshire, Radnorshire, Herefordshire & Monmouthshire recently.

Deficiencies of Cobalt, Selenium & Iodine are widespread which is probably why the 24.7 bolus we first used in 2010 has given such good results. This bolus lasts for 6 months & was developed with Glasgow Veterinary school - it works.

24.7 bolus can be used at scanning time. There is still time to get the benefits of using it before lambing in 2012.

Lameness in Sheep

Lameness control programmes often fail on sheep farms, either because an accurate diagnosis of the cause has not been achieved, or because re-infection has occurred and risk factors have not been successfully minimised. Measures such as foot bathing, foot trimming & use of antibiotics can all help, but often fail to break the cycle of re-infection.

Footrot remains the most common cause of lameness. Losses due to footrot vary from year to year but can be as high as £6.50 per ewe each year. This is due to lost productivity, treatment & culling costs, and the time factor. Talk to us about vaccination.

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Superstock Lamb Finisher Buckets For Use with Lambs on Roots



Root crops generally have good levels of energy, but low protein content, particularly so when frosts damage the foliage. Superstock Lamb Finisher is ideal to get the balance right with 16% protein content. Particularly high in Zinc, Cobalt and Selenium these buckets give lambs the best chance of reaching finishing weight. Roots are very deficient in minerals and trace elements.

Don't let Fluke Eat into your Profits

As little as 50 fluke per animal can
reduce weight gain by 10%



Should I fluke my cattle at housing?

If you need to control fluke in your sheep then you should control fluke in your cattle too - because this parasite affects both sheep and cattle. Otherwise the fluke infestation on your farm will be prolonged, leaving losses from this disease to continue unchecked. Integrating cattle and sheep treatments can break this cycle.

How damaging is the disease?

Fluke damage the animal's liver, an organ vital to a healthy animal. And even small numbers of this parasite can reduce productivity even if the animal seems otherwise sound. Fluke can spend up to 12 weeks burrowing through the liver as they grow from Early Immature, to Immature, then to Adult Fluke. Controlling all these three stages is the key to maximum productivity.

So prevention is better than treating when you see signs of disease. By that stage liver damage and production losses have already occurred. Effective control means treating all animals at risk.

Don't forget the suckler cows!

Does it matter when I dose?

If you dose for fluke at housing then the early & immature fluke will not be killed. These will then continue to grow & burrow through the liver, causing damage. When your cattle are turned out they will have adult fluke & will then shed fluke eggs onto your fields. To get the best result timing is vital.

Arable News

Mildew In Barley

Where crops have found a bit of moisture they have established well. Some forward winter barley crops are showing signs of mildew attack and manganese deficiency. If there is a significant amount of mildew in the crop trials show that there is a potential 0.3t/ha yield increase from applying an autumn fungicide to barley.

BYDV control in Cereals

Where Deter seed dressing has not been used do not forget to apply an insecticide to your cereals to protect against BYDV which has caused yield losses of up to 30%.

Phoma in OSR



Recent showers and those forecast (much needed!) have resulted in a release of phoma spores. Treatment is advised when plants have 10-20% spotting symptoms.

Some of our more forward crops may benefit from products which also have a growth regulator affect to control canopy height.

Don't forget to add trace elements to maximise crop vigor and yield potential. The recent drought will have placed extra stress on your crops which will result in a much greater response from products such as Zoom. Zoom is a humic acid based product which has a balanced elemental profile targeting the specific nutritional needs of oilseed rape.

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