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Boost Lamb Growth with Downland Essential Lamb Bolus

A specially designed mini-bolus to give growing lambs all the **Cobalt, Selenium** and **Iodine** they need for healthy growth. We have reports of significant weight gains with this bolus this season. Helps reduce Stress at Weaning

Don't wait until you can see these deficiencies—the set back in growth rate is irreversible

Releases **Cobalt, Selenium & Iodine** every day for 120 days—just right to balance the deficiencies in our soils Can be administered as soon as the animal is 8 weeks old and 25kg, no need to wait till weaning Good Value at 67 pence per dose = half a pence per day.

Glasgow University trial showed a 38% increase in weight gain using this bolus

Downland Fresh Start

Rearing calves is always a challenge but providing consistent milk ingredients every day is one of the most effective ways to improve health and performance. Low heat skim milk is the basis of the **Downland Fresh Start** range of calf milks. It is made in the one factory from milk from the same cows all year round. The ease of mixing ensures the fat and vitamins included are intact when mixed and the flavour ensures calves are primed to drink every feed. Using low heat skim milk allows the calf to digest the milk slowly throughout the day reducing stress on calves. The Downland range has reared more than 400,000 calves over the last 10 years and has been used on some farms for over 30 years.

Flydown Spot-on Solution for Cattle

- For the treatment and prevention of infestations by lice and flies on cattle
- **Easy dosing - no need to weigh - 10ml dose**
- 17 day meat withhold for cattle
- **Zero milk withhold for cattle**
- Pack sizes: 250ml, 500ml, 1L, 2.5L

Farm **productivity** and **animal welfare** can be improved by the all-important application of an **external parasite** treatment in cattle. Early treatment is important; if treatment is delayed until significant numbers of **adult flies** are visible, it is already too late to adequately control fly numbers. Rapid reproduction of the existing population will already have commenced, and thousands of eggs & larvae will already be present on farm, ready to develop & compound the problem.

Are your Ewes fit for Topping? - Feed Superstock Tup2Ewe

- Improved nutritional preparation pre-topping for ewes and rams at a time when pasture quality is declining in digestibility and dry matter
 1. Natural protein rich in DUP to balance pasture, no urea protein used
 2. Megalac high energy protected vegetable oil included to counter reducing grass ME/digestibility
 3. Fish oil added for EPA and DHA omega 3 oils for improved pregnancy rates
 4. Sel-Plex organic selenium is added for improving the selenium status of ewes
 5. Full RDA of minerals, trace elements and vitamins at levels that balance deficiencies in this area.

Cost £20.79/ 18kg Special Offer Buy 10 Get 1 Free

**Don't forget about Worm control, we are seeing high count FecPak results now.
Don't let worms eat into YOUR bottom line.**

Arable Update – July 2021

UK LIFFE Wheat Nov21 @ £172 - 175/t

MATIF OSR Nov21 @ £435 - 448/t

Current wheat growth stage: GS89-00 Harvest

Current OSR growth stage: GS90-00 Harvest

Gross Margins 2022 Crop Year (Source AHDB)

Crop	Yield t/ha	Gross Margin £/ha	£Output/£Variable Costs (higher better)	Comments/Logistics
Winter Milling Wheat	8.37	£881	£2.54	Limited local markets
Winter Feed Wheat	8.37	£856	£2.63	Grow resilient varieties
Winter OSR	3.28	£669	£2.27	Flea beetle... Grow hybrids for autumn vigour
Spring Malting Barley	5.75	£648	£2.90	Limited local markets but low cost and high value
Winter Feed Barley	7.14	£618	£2.43	Plenty of markets, farm to farm or feed milling
Winter Milling Oats	6.17	£582	£2.71	Buybacks available, low
Spring Feed Barley	5.75	£505	£2.48	Plenty of markets, low cost, catch crop options
Winter Beans	4.2	£471	£2.65	Low cost, no nitrogen, good wheat entry

Key tasks this month

- Harvest... 15% moisture for cereals, 9% for OSR, 14% for pulses (but as always check contract specification)
- OSR (and forage green crops) establishment. Flea beetle, as you know, is your biggest concern. Things to consider to improve the likelihood of successful establishment;
 - Grow varieties with high autumn vigour to get through the risk period eg Exsteel, Inv1035
 - Use a quality nutrition seed dressing (**Take-Off**) and early fertiliser (**Agriistart NP⁺ OSR**) to improve speed of establishment
 - Consider companion crops eg Berseem Clover, Buckwheat
 - Minimise “Green plants on Brown soil” – this helps camouflage the emerging brassica plant
 - Think about soil moisture, it is more important than drilling date, some hybrids can be established into the middle of September
- Monitor, monitor, monitor – check everyday for pest damage especially in the evenings
- Stale seedbeds. Where you can establish a stale seedbed to allow an early chit for grass weed and volunteer control. This could be something as simple as a chain harrow (as long as it doesn't bundle up the surface trash. In conjunction with Glyphosate this will help reduce grass weed populations (especially Blackgrass and some Bromes where present) later on.

Seed and key varieties to consider

****Some varieties are already tight due to high levels of early ordering. Please talk to us for updates and orders****

- **Wheat.** Crusoe (Group1), Extase (Group2), Graham, Costello, Fitzroy, Silversurfer (all Group4 Hard)
- **Barley.** California, Orwell, Memento (2row), Kingsbarn, Belfry (6row Hybrid)
- **OSR.** Exsteel, Ambassador, Auckland, Inv1035 (Hybrids), Amarone, Anastasia (Conv), InV1288CL(Clearfield), LG Anarion (Clubroot)