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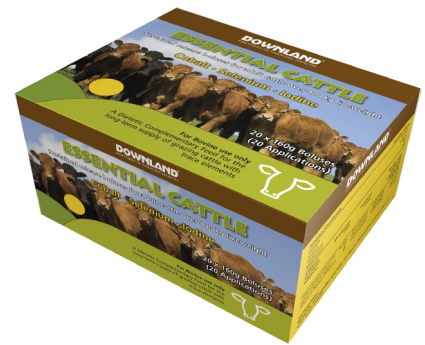
December 2021

Downland Essential Cattle Bolus

One Downland Essential Bolus gives the complete daily requirement of Cobalt, Selenium, Copper and Iodine for 6 months

Benefits

- Calves born healthier with a good trace element status and a stronger immune system
- Easy clean calvings with less intervention
- Less retained cleansings so fewer vet calls
- Strong healthy calves that will get up and suck quickly
- Stronger oestrus so cows will bull more successfully
- Tighter calving interval
- Cows stronger and healthier.
- All these benefits for about 24 pence per Cow per week



2015/ 65 Plate Hilux for Sale

12 months MOT - Never towed, Black, 2.5L Manual , Double Cab, Active trim, Aluminium Canopy

Around 110,000 miles

Call 01497 820410 for more details

Christmas Opening Hours:

Christmas Eve	8:30am—12:30pm	30 th December	9am—1pm
Christmas Day	Closed	31 st December	9am—1pm
27 th December	Closed	1 st January	Closed
29 th December	9am—1pm	3 rd January	Closed

Finally may we wish you all a Very Merry Christmas and a Happy & Prosperous New Year - we look forward to working with you throughout 2022

Hay: 01497 820410

Hereford: 01432 769527

Abergavenny: 01873 858300

Ledbury: 01531 806130

Arable Update – December 2021

UK LIFFE Wheat May22 @ £235 - 242/T

MATIF OSR May22 @ £570 - 580/T

AN34.5% Fertiliser £615/T (Jan)

Current Wheat growth stage: GS12 - 21

Current OSR growth stage: GS15 - 23

Overview

What a change to have a kinder, drier Autumn. Most crops are well set up, maize and root crops have come off very well with minimum soil damage. Fertiliser supply and price is still proving a concern, however crop values are also rising with all time high prices for harvest 2022. There are options – please talk to your agronomist.

Tasks

OSR Most OSR is looking well set up. Any annoying weeds will need to be controlled with a Propyzamide based herbicide (CC Forward, AstroKerb). Disease levels look very low, keep monitoring your crops for signs of Phoma and Light Leaf Spot.



Phoma



Light Leaf Spot

Cereals Late drilling after beet and maize is still very possible. Keep the seed rate up over 450 sees/m² to ensure good establishment and population. Weed control is still possible and should definitely be considered where Blackgrass or resistant grass weeds are present.

Farm Walk – 3rd November

We recently held our first walk which looked at the effect of cultivation and planting methods on crop establishment and soil health. The key outcomes were:

1. Get a spade out frequently to check rooting performance that can be an indicator of compaction or poor soil structure. Contrast soils under long term grass with intensively cultivated arable land.
2. Minimum or zero tillage does not immediately solve soil structure issues, the soil needs to be well set up before starting the transition to a reduced cultivation system.
3. Consider alternative crops within the crop rotation to capture and release nutrient through different rooting performance. These may well become profitable options under the new ELMS support system.

For a copy Steve Corbett's report from the farm walk please get in touch with your agronomist

We intend to have a number of farm walks and online talks over the next year. Please check the website, ask your agronomist or pop into a Farmcentre for future dates. Feel free to bring other farmers along.