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Boost Lamb Growth with Optigain Lamb

Optigain Lamb is a highly concentrated liquid supplement specifically formulated with key ingredients known to support growth & development in young & growing lambs.

Increased Vitamins A, D3 & E— higher levels of key vitamins to support lamb growth.

Increased Cobalt— essential for Rumen development and production of Vitamin B12.

Added Amino Acids— aids growth & development in young lambs.

Higher levels of Vitamin E, Selenium & Natural antioxidants— to support the natural immune function.

Optigain Lamb helps maintain vigour, performance & balance pasture deficiencies

Dose at around 6 weeks of age.

Downland Lamb Force Ewe Milk Replacer is made with ewe milk to maximise the digestibility of the protein and protect the antibodies in the milk. It is easy to mix, simple to feed, highly palatable and optimises the early weaning growth potential and development of the young lamb.

Downland Lamb Force Ewe Milk Replacer contains ProZest, a natural gut conditioning package to support performance and health. ProZest is comprised of the following components working synergistically to promote a healthy population of microbes in the digestive tract:

Antioxidant to boost immunity.

Essential Oils to manage the microflora.

Prebiotic to provide nutrients for beneficial bacteria.

Vitamins & minerals to increase growth rates.

Flavour to maximise intake.

Trials have demonstrated that this natural gut conditioning package can improve lamb growth rates by 15%. It prepares the lamb's nutritional system for weaning and helps prevent growth checks leading to less digestive upsets and healthier, stronger lambs.



Providing lambs with the...
ZEST FOR LIFE

Improving performance in early life and feed efficiency to maximise growth.

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Hereford: 01432 769527

Abergavenny: 01873 858300

Ledbury: 01531 806130

Should I bolus my Cattle at Turnout?

Our area is **deficient in Selenium, Cobalt & Iodine**, and also **Copper** in places. Downland Essential Growing Cattle Plus releases these Four trace elements. All Day, Every Day for a full 6 months—at a cost of just 2.7p per day

Improve Grass & Livestock Profitability with Downland Forager Grass Seed

We all know that having good grass is the cornerstone for profitable livestock farming. Yet it is surprising how often these production swards are not up to the job. Most 7-8 year old grass will have 40 – 50% bare ground & weed grass content. These weed grasses have less than half the response of perennial ryegrass to fertiliser. **More than a quarter of applied fertiliser can be wasted on these fields**

To improve the productivity of your grassland sow with Downland Forager, which is a 4 – 6 year ley for Intensive cutting with Autumn grazing.

Arable Update – March 2022

UK LIFFE Wheat May22 @ £220 - 224/T

MATIF OSR May22 @ £580 - 590/T

AN34.5% Fertiliser: £650/t March Full Load

Current Wheat growth stage: GS20 - 25

Current OSR growth stage: GS 30

View

The weather during the last fortnight of February has slowed down fertiliser application and any plans for field work. When it does dry up again fertiliser spinners will hopefully be out in force.

The vast majority of crops in the ground are looking well set up, except for some crops drilled before the few very wet weekends last Autumn which look challenged. With all the commodity markets at all time highs, there is potential to extract some decent margin from crops (notwithstanding the higher input costs e.g. Fertiliser).

Tasks

- Spring seed purchase; maize, beet, cereals and pulses. Please call to discuss
- All autumn crops need first application of Nitrogen and ideally all Sulphur applied by the middle of the month. Prioritise backward crops, Oilseed Rape and Winter Barley
- If the sprayer and fertiliser spinner haven't been checked over or given a winter service do it as soon as you can – improved accuracy and timeliness will help get the most out of expensive fertilisers.
- Weed control will need to take place on cereals especially where no Autumn herbicide has been applied. Some weeds are becoming more challenging including Groundsel and Bromes.
- If you would like to discuss crop budgets and costings for the season ahead please talk to your agronomist who will have figures to help your planning.

NROSO – March 2nd (afternoon) and March 9th (late afternoon/evening)

We are running our NROSO events online this year on the above dates. If you would like to book a place then please contact amanda@rmjones.com via email to ensure you get a Login address. If you cannot access digital meetings then please contact Hay Farmcentre who will keep a list so a small in person meeting can occur. In all cases NROSO now requires attendees to take a follow up 10 question test to gain their points – a link is available at the end of the NROSO talks allowing you to access the questions.