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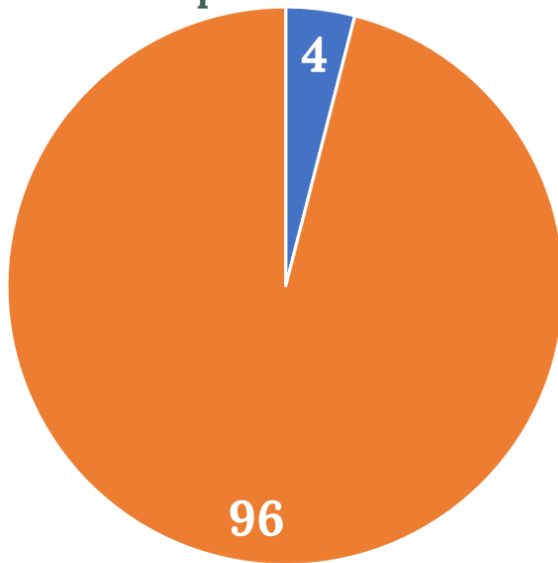
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Don't Cocci it up! - You can't always spot it

Coccidiosis showing clinical symptoms
(based on 9 peer-reviewed studies)



■ Symptoms ■ No symptoms

Independent journals

Veterinary Parasitology,
Parasitology Research, Small
Ruminant Research

4% animals showed clinical
symptoms

All trials showed response
to treatment

19% average growth
response (7%-33%)

Cattle Turnout – Pile on the Pounds!

Over half your Cattle liveweight gain is achieved in the first 3 months after turnout.

Don't allow Worms and Trace Element deficiencies steal the growth!

Using **Zermex Pour On** at turnout cleans pastures of worms because it works longer: – for 10 weeks. So your cattle are protected and able to “do” for only 2.5 pence per day (300kg), and the withdrawal time is only 14 days.

Downland Essential Plus Cattle bolus contains **Cobalt, Iodine, Selenium & Copper** in one bolus application. This is tailor made for our area with the inherent deficiencies in these Trace Elements. Much better value than other boluses – lasts for 6 months.

£5.21/ Bolus for 200kg to 400kg— 2.9 pence per day

£6.60/ Bolus for 400kg upwards—3.7 pence per day

Quantity Discounts available

Turnout is a good time for a booster **Clostridial** vaccine for your Cattle—protect against **Blackleg**.

Arable Update – April 2022

UK LIFFE Wheat	May22 @ £295 - 310/T	Current Wheat growth stage:	GS 20 - 25
MATIF OSR	May22 @ £780 - 820/T	Current OSR growth stage:	GS 51
AN34.5% Fertiliser:	£N/A		

Comments

We are now entering the most rapid period of crop growth. Most crops look in very good condition, are worth a **LOT** of money and will need investment to maximise their potential. Some people will be looking to cut back on **Nitrogen** inputs this year (especially where they have bought very recently). To some extent this is justified to ensure you get the economic optimum out of your inputs, but given the recent grain price increases it may be worth re-evaluating the amount you plan to use. Supply of **fertiliser** may be an issue this late in the season, however we do have a reasonable stock of **foliar nitrogen** that can be applied to the crop. There is data showing an increase in yield and oil content of **Oilseed Rape**, yield and protein in Wheat and cob size and starch content in maize when using these products. It is definitely worth a look.

Tasks

Cereals

- Balance of **nitrogen** ideally needs to be on later this month (Ideally **Barleys** earlier this month)
- **Growth regulation** and disease control at the 3 leaf stage to maintain decent **tiller** numbers, **nutrient partition** and **green leaf area**. These will all protect yield and give economic returns.
- New **fungicide** options are becoming available – they are showing useful improvements in the control of **Septoria** in **wheat** in particular.

OSR

- Most crops will be in full flower by the end of the month. **Pollen beetle** numbers look low currently but keep checking every few days whilst at green/yellow bud stage (Control is required if there are; 25 beetles/plant where the plant population is under 30m², 18 beetles/plant where the plant population is between 30 – 50m², 11 beetles/plant where the plant population is over 50m²).
- **Sclerotinia** and a growth reg will in most cases be required at very early flowering to reduce disease risk and even up flowering and crop height.

Other Crops

- **Beet** and **maize** planting will start in earnest later this month. Ensure that your crop **nutrition** is optimum to get the best start you can for these crops – talk to your agronomist if you need any information. These crops do not like weed competition so ensure **pre-emergence herbicides** are used where possible to keep them clean and give them the best start.
- Spring **cereals** have been planted in the recent good weather. These will soon be growing very quickly. Where they are still to be planted keep seed rates up nearer 400+ seeds/m² to ensure decent plant populations.

Farm Walk—April

Please contact the Hay Farmcentre or Agronomist if you would like to come to our April farm walk looking at mid-season crop performance.

Seed 2022

Please consider ordering seed early this year to avoid disappointment as supply chains are still stretched. At the moment we have good availability on many varieties, consider booking up a proportion of your requirements now in case we see further price increase. Remember that we also have access to Agrii's very well regarded seed cleaning service, it may be very cost effective to go down this route in 2022 for some of your seed requirements.