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Avoid the Weaning Check and Boost Growth

A trial done by Glasgow Vet school showed **Downland Essential Lamb bolus** :

- Increased **daily live weight gain** by **38%** compared to non-bolused Lambs
- **Vitamin B12** levels increased by 300%
- Serum Glutathione (an indicator of **Selenium**) increased by 100%
- Releases **Cobalt, Selenium** and **Iodine** for 120 days
- Great value at **0.6 pence per day!**

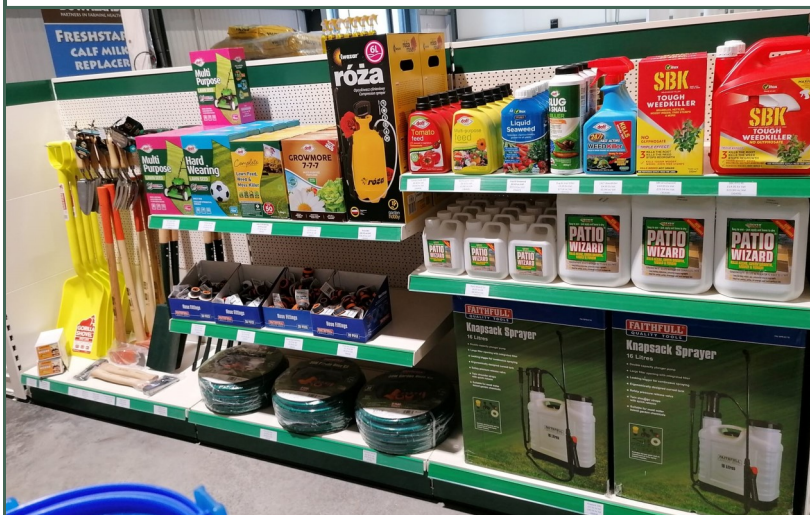


Make weaning count this year to boost next year's bottom line

R.M.Jones stocks a range of durable, farm ready clothing and footwear to keep you dry and comfortable. So you can get the job done whatever the weather.



Ledbury shop now has a range of gardening equipment and tools. An increased range of Agrifence electric fencing and vermin control available in the new extension. Call for more details **01531 806130**



Hay: 01497 820410

Hereford: 01432 769527

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Ledbury: 01531 806130

Arable Update – July 2022

UK LIFFE wheat Nov22 @ 310 - 310/t

MATIF OSR Nov21 @ £640 - 650/t

AN34.5% Fertiliser @ £700+/- £50

Current wheat growth stage GS65 -75

Current OSR growth stage GS80-90

Comments

“In a roar of dust and diesel, I stood and watched her drive away” sang Dire Straits in 1980 – I’m not sure they were talking about Combine Harvesters but it would have been apt and especially this month. Most crops are looking pretty decent going into the harvest period especially where nitrogen was applied reasonably early allowing them to go through the long dry spells we have had. Fingers crossed that the Winter Barleys have remained standing before harvest especially as some of them look very strong – many agronomists sit nervously in the 4 weeks pre harvest as any missed or late weeds come through proudly and the best crops threaten to fall over...

Crop prices remain strong going through to 2023 harvest although they are very volatile. Before deciding what to plant to next year, whether for on farm use or sale, it will be even more crucial to look at crop gross margins and crop budgets – we can help you with this.

Tasks

Cereals

- Keep a close eye for **Ramularia** in Spring Barley. It is controllable but can come in very late. Those crops drilled late and behind in growth stages may need a **fungicide** pass to control it.

OSR

- Desiccation – the answer is granular **Glyphosate** and **Iskay**; the question is when.
 - ⇒ Pick 20 pods through the depth of the canopy at several representative areas of the field.
 - ⇒ If 60 - 70% of the seeds in the pods have turned brown then the crop can be sprayed off in the next 4 - 8 days
 - ⇒ Repeat every 3 or 4 days if the crop isn't quite fit
- **Target moisture content is 9%**

Other crops

- **Beet** has established well in most situations and has reached shut drill in many cases. Disease control will be required at the end of the month to control **rusts**, **mildew** and **Cercopsera**.
- **Beet** needs plenty of **Magnesium** to maximise Photosynthetic ability so trace elements, **Magnesium** and **Boron** will need to be applied at the same time.
- There is a lot of data that shows a late application of liquid N (**Efficient N28**, **Nutrafol N28** etc) has a positive impact on **maize** cob size and starch yield. Ideally this needs to be applied as late as possible to the crop (generally limited by sprayer clearance). For more information talk to your agronomist.

Seed

NEW: This is purely a repeat from last month but...

We really can't stress enough that you need to start planning your seed requirements **NOW**. Do not leave it till after harvest or a week before planting – you will be frustrated and delayed. The level of volatility and uncertainty in the commodities world means short lead times are unlikely with logistics once again under significant pressure. Remember that we can offer a very effective and competitive seed cleaning service if required.

Grain storage

- Has yours been cleaned out? Have you applied insect control? eg **K Obiol** – ideally 6 weeks pre harvest.
- Have you cleaned out trailers, sanitised equipment, tested the moisture meter and equally importantly recorded it for Farm Assurance!