



R.M. JONES Newsletter

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R.M. Jones On-Demand!

Why not catch up on one of our recorded webinars. We now have 20 different topics to choose from; ranging from:

“Comfort and Roughage: Getting Your Cattle Housing Right ”

to

“From Scanning to Lambing; don’t lose out in the second half!”

These are all available on our YouTube Channel, just search for “RMJones Farmcentre” and you should find us. Alternatively get in touch and we can send you a link.

We also have the following webinars, which we can not put on our channel as they are about Animal Medicines. If you would like a link to one of the following topics, let us know:

- Cocci Vs Nematodirus—Can you tell the difference?
- New Options for Worming Cattle at Housing Webinar (New options for 2021)
- Calf Scours: Prevention & Treatment Webinar
- Vaccination Best Practice and Lameness

Up Coming Events/Webinars

- 8th December** — Winter Housing Dose and Bolus with live Sheep and Cattle Demo near Much Marcle
- 14th December** — Crop Nutrition and Fertiliser Breakfast Meeting near Abbey Dore
- 5th January** — Evening Webinar on Ewe Nutrition for Optimal Lambing
- 12th January** — NRoSO; more details in the Arable section
- TBC January** — Evening Webinar on Selecting and Using Rodenticides on Farm.

If you are interested in any of these events, please get in touch for more details.

Christmas Opening:

24th December	9am to 12pm	29th December	9am to 1pm
26th December	Closed	30th December	9am to 1pm
27th December	Closed	31st December	9am to 12pm
28th December	9am to 1pm	2nd 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 2023

Hay - 01497 820410 | Hereford - 01492 769527 | Abergavenny - 01873 858300 | Ledbury - 01531 806130

Arable Update – December 2022

Comments

November made up for the dry Summer and Autumn – rainfall has been significant and has prevented much if any late drilling or early lifting from occurring. Notwithstanding this most crops have established very well. OSR has staged a rally in a lot of cases and looks far better in fields than it did six weeks ago. There are very few arable tasks this time of year to focus so the job list will be short;

Oilseed Rape

- Growth regulators and disease control can be combined with late residual herbicide as the temperatures drop. Propyzamide based herbicides (**CC Forward**, **Kerb**, **AstroKerb**) need applying when soil temperatures are below 10°C at 30cm depth)

Grain Store

- Check grain temperatures. Ideally they need to be down to 10°C -12°C by now and nearer 5°C by the end of the month. This will reduce the likelihood of insect damage. R.M. Jones can source grain spears and pest monitoring kits if required. If an insect population does develop we have **K-OBiol** and **Talisma** available.

UK LIFFE Wheat May22	£240 - £250/t
MATIF OSR May22	£520 - £525/t
AN34.5% Fertiliser	£730 +/-

Current wheat GS	13 - 22
Current OSR GS	20 - 29

Technical Corner - Soils and CEC

Cation Exchange Capacity (CEC) is a measure of the soils ability to hold onto and release positively charged mineral Cations. These include Magnesium (**Mg**), Potassium (**K**), and Calcium (**Ca**).

High CEC soils tend to have higher clay content and/or higher soil organic matter. This is one of the reasons why organic matter is important to soil productivity.

Soil pH (measure of Hydrogen content in soil solution) will affect availability of nutrients as acid Cations (Hydrogen, Aluminium) will bind to soil particles more effectively at low pH (and in turn making the pH lower) causing the essential nutrients to be washed out.

Why does this matter? Cations like **K/Mg/Ca** are crucial to plant growth and structure. Maintaining a pH of 6.5+ and constantly building Organic Matter levels is a big part of maximising soil productivity.

Crop Nutrition and Fertiliser Breakfast meeting

We have a farm breakfast event organised for the 14th December near Abbey Dore. Topics are; the fertiliser market, cost effective crop nutrition and how to get the best bang for your buck, fertiliser and nutrient management from organic manures. This should be very topical as there are a lot of good crops out there with no fertiliser in place for them yet!. Please let your agronomist or a Farmcentre know if you are interested in coming – spaces are going very quickly.

NRoSO – “Back to Basics”

We will be holding the annual NRoSO event in person this year for you to gain the requisite points to stay compliant and legal. This years event is titled “**Back to Basics**” – hopefully basic enough for me to be able to explain it!!

- Rhydspence, Whitney-on-Wye, HR3 6UE:
Thursday 12th January, Morning and Afternoon Sessions. Limited spaces, so please contact us.
- Online evening Tuesday 31st January—5.30pm – 8.30pm. Contact us for a link.

Cost Effective Winter Feeding

Bulk Liquid Molasses for use with straw, now available with **FREE IBC**. Contact us for more details.