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Make Every Lamb Count!

Lowland Spring Lambing (per Ewe) - Selling lambs off grass

Performance level	Low	Average	High
Lambs born per 100 Ewes	147	166	184
Average price per lamb	£92	£97	£102
	£	£	£
Lamb Sales	£118	£145	£172
Wool	£0.40	£0.40	£0.40
Less Ewes & Depreciation	£24	£24	£24
Output per Ewe	£95	£121	£148
	£	£	£
Variable Costs			
Concentrates	£23	£22	£21
Vet. & Med	£9	£10	£12
Miscellaneous & Transport	£15	£15	£15
Forage Variable costs (inc bought)	£24	£21	£19
Gross Margin per Ewe	£24	£54	£81
Stocking rate (ewes, with lambs per forage acre	3.2	3.6	4.0
Gross Margin per Forage Acre	£77	£195	£329

This extract taken from "Farm Management Pocketbook" by John Nix. 2023 53rd Edition

The gap between the high & the low performing flocks is dramatic at **£57 per Ewe** and **£252 per acre**. Care of your pregnant ewes and attention to detail at Lambing is going to be crucial this year, as we have been hearing some low early scanning percentages. We can help you make every lamb count by getting the best out of the medicines, nutrition and supplements that help boost ewe and lamb vitality and survivability, increasing your gross margin.

Join us online, for a webinar on selecting and using Rodenticide on farm. Contact us for a link.

Covering:

- Selecting and using rodenticides on farm
- Active ingredients
- Formulations
- Labels and Technical information



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**11th
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7:15pm**

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Selecting and Using Rodenticides on Farm

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Arable Update – January 2023

Comments

The cold spell in early to mid December allowed late herbicide to be applied to OSR in ideal conditions. Any aphid pressure will have all but disappeared and nothing much remains to do to any crops this month.

Crop Budgets

These are proving very difficult to do currently due to the volatility in crop values and the widespread inflation in all inputs and especially fertiliser. However as a guide...

Wheat 9t/ha@£225/t (November 23)

Income £2,025.00/ha

Seed* £97.00

Fertiliser* £533.00

Crop Protection* £278.00

Gross Margin £1,117.00/ha

If you would like help to work out crop budgets or plan crop cash flows please give us a call.

**Figures from John Nix 2023 53rd edition*

UK LIFFE Wheat May23 £240 - £250/t

MATIF OSR May23 £480 - £490/t

AN34.5% Fertiliser £690 +/-

Current wheat GS 13 - 22

Current OSR GS 20 - 29

Technical Corner - Cover Crop Species

Legumes *Berseem Clover*. Fast growing and fixes N, good rooting, not frost tolerant
Crimson Clover. Similar characteristics to *Berseem Clover* but more grazeable
Vetches. Fast establishment, fix N, frost tolerant and grazeable

Phacelia Shallow but dense rooted nitrogen holding plant. Suppresses weeds due to fast establishment and quick groundcover. Will survive milder winters

Oats *Black Oats*. Good nitrogen scavenging crop and deeper rooted than conventional oats. Not very winter hardy and can be grazed

Fodder Radish Deep rooted soil conditioner and compaction alleviation. Not frost tolerant

Mustards Fast growing and scavenge Nitrogen, can survive milder winters. No ideal for OSR rotations

NROSO – “Back to Basics”

This year's NROSO presentation is on the 12th January at the Rhydspence Inn, Whitney-on-Wye. As usual we will have 2 sessions – one in the morning and one in the afternoon. This will cost **£43 ex.VAT** including Lunch. We will email out invitations to previous attendees, if you are new to NROSO or haven't attended before and would like to book a place please RSVP by calling 01497 820410 or email ask@rmjones.com

We will also hold an late afternoon/early evening online MS Teams session on the 31st January. This is limited to no more than 15 people so early booking is recommended. This will cost **£30 ex.VAT**. Like last year you will be required to take a short test after the course to gain your points.

These workshops will attract **10 CPD** points for National Register of Sprayer Operators (NRoSO) members and **8 CPD** points for BASIS members