



R.M.JONES Newsletter

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May - The Month for Growth

Keep Lambs Thriving

- Boost Growth with **Cobalt**:
 - **Superstock Ewe & Lamb** one of the highest spec'd buckets available
 - **Optigain Lamb** mineral drench—Helps maintain health, vigour, performance and balance pasture deficiencies.
- **Downland Essential Lamb bolus** will boost growth—with **Cobalt, Selenium & Iodine**. Glasgow University Vet school trials showed **38% DLWG** increase over untreated.
- Faecal Egg Count. We are seeing a lot of mixed worm burden in our FecPak tests, not just Nematodirus. The most expensive wormer is the one that doesn't work!
- Protect against **Fly Strike**.

Look after the Cattle

- Prevent **staggers** with **Downland Extra Magnesium Buckets**.
- Treat at Turnout for **stomach, Lungworm** & maximise growth rates— don't feed the Worms!
- Clear out **Fluke** in the Summer with Pour ons.
- Use **Downland Essential Cattle Plus Cattle bolus**—6 months continuous supply of **Cobalt, Selenium, Iodine & Copper**.
- Remember to vaccinate against **Clostridial diseases, Blackleg** is a killer.

Produce more home grown Forage to reduce feeding costs

- Quality grass seed is the foundation of a good sward.
- **Downland seed** is very high quality with germination specs much higher than the UK minimum requirement.
- In trials Overseeding has increased the feed value per acre of grass by the equivalent of 1.5 tonnes of dried Barley!
- Order Root & Forage crops now, to produce much needed keep during the Winter.

Very High Nematodirus risk in our Area!

Be vigilant, nematodirus is a particularly nasty disease in lambs, causing a high number of lamb deaths and stunting the growth of many others.
SCOPS forecast for Credenhill has increased to Very High Risk.

Arable Update – May 2023

Comments

The weather hasn't really played ball this spring. Wet, cool conditions have helped drive disease pressure up in crops especially Rhynchosporium in Barley and Septoria in Wheat. The lack of useful spraying and fertiliser days has impacted on weed control and crop nutrition. Sprays that have been sat in sheds for 5 – 6 weeks may not be appropriate for the job now. Keep in touch with your agronomist before application.

Tasks

Barley Awns will be out soon (in some crops they are already just starting to appear). This is the optimum period for any Ramularia control and late disease control. Late drilled Spring Barley will romp through the growth stages really quickly. Disease control timings will be crucial.

Wheat The balance of any Nitrogen needs to be on as soon as you can travel. T1 (leaf 3) fungicides have been delayed in many cases. The cool conditions will have extended the latent period of Septoria in particular. Even in varieties with good disease profiles it pays to apply a robust T2 (Flag leaf spray) – this year will be crucial. Products like **Rylox**, **Imtrex** and **Ceratavo** give really good disease control and options. There is still time for late wild oats and ryegrass control if required.

OSR If the damp conditions persist through May a second Sclerotinia spray may well be necessary. A late application of N28 folia Nitrogen will help increase oil content.

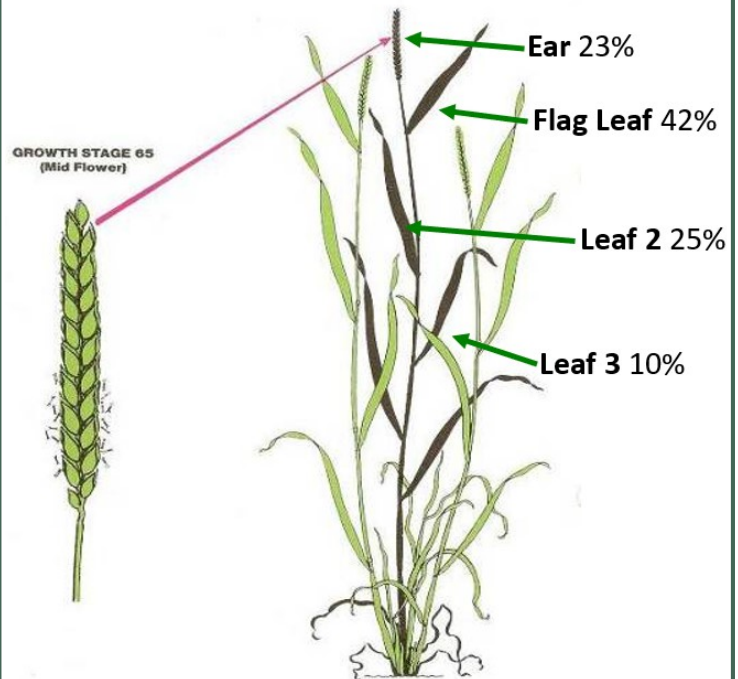
Maize Maize weed control options have changed slightly this year as there has been some product re-registration. .

UK LIFFE Wheat May23	£200 - £205/t
MATIF OSR May23	£380 - £400/t
AN34.5% Fertiliser	£450 +/-

Current wheat GS	30 - 32
Current OSR GS	60 - 65

Technical Corner – Yield Contribution

The chart below shows the yield contribution each leaf makes in an average year.



T1 spray timing coincides with Leaf 3 fully emerged (mid – late April)

T2 spray timing is at flag leaf/leaf 1 emergence (this can vary across varieties and the stage of the crop).

Ear emergence is generally early to mid June

Leaf is generally covered by the T2 timing or, if weather conditions are difficult, at a T1.5 timing.

R.M Jones/Agrii—Smart Farm Open Day

The annual I-Farm event will take place on the Tuesday 20th June at Gatley Farms, Leinthall Earls. Please give us a call to book a spot. There will discussions on crop varieties, animal health, seed cleaning along with a moisture meter clinic and a hog roast.

Spray Stores/Containers

Please let your agronomist know what is currently in your store. They will may be able to use up the bits and bobs which can save you some cost and help with farm assurance