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## Newsletter

### June 2024

### Maximise Your Lamb's Growth with Optigain

**Optigain Lamb** is specially formulated for growing lambs. A highly concentrated liquid supplement containing key ingredients known to support **growth** and **development** in young & growing lambs.

It has high levels of **Cobalt, Selenium, Vitamin A, D3 & E**, together with **Amino Acids**.

To achieve the best lamb prices it is a good plan to finish lambs quickly—**Optigain Lamb** will help with this **for just 11p a dose!** For the very best results use before **Essential Lamb Bolus**.

### Boost Lamb Growth with Downland Essential Lamb Bolus

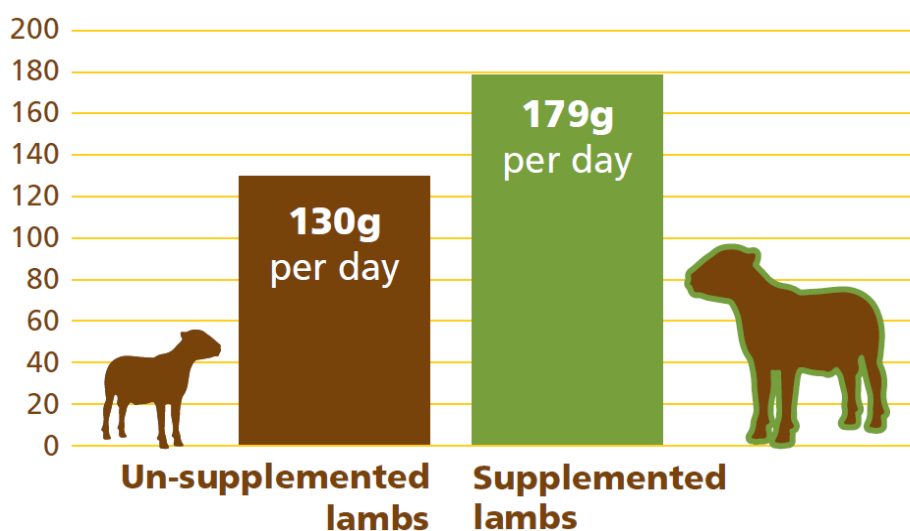
The correct trace element  
supplementation gives a

## 38% increase in weight gain

in deficient upland lambs

Following a trial by the University of Glasgow School of Veterinary Medicine, lambs supplemented with **Essential Lamb Boluses** achieved an increased **daily live weight gain** of **49g per day** when compared with un-supplemented lambs.

#### Average Daily Live Weight Gain



The mean daily live weight gain of lambs supplemented with lamb boluses (179g per day) and the unsupplemented lambs (130g per day) groups as shown in the graph.

Supplementation was associated with increased post supplement DLWG of 49 g per day when compared with unsupplemented lambs.

# Arable Update – June

## Comments

Given the lack of access to many crops this spring, it does seem strange that for a lot of crops the inputs are nearly all over (OSR, Winter Cereals). Spring crops are rapidly growing away and will take some keeping up with.

## Cereals

- Flag Leaf or T2 sprays are nearly over for most people. Dependent on weather conditions, end use and disease pressure an ear wash may be required. This can help protect quality and yield through the long window from June to Harvest. CC Vulture in wheat is the best option to help with Fusarium and late ear diseases.
- Just a reminder that milling premiums are available on Group 1s and some Group 2s. Foliar N on good crops can add significant value to your crops

## OSR

- Keep yours eyes open for late pod midge damage

## Spring Crops

- Spring Barleys are already at T1 timing (1st Node) and are romping away. Ramularia is likely to be a big threat this year so the addition of Phoenix (Folpet) will be really useful.
- Beet and maize weed control, if not already completed will be priorities to ensure crops don't suffer competition.
- The addition of PhysioN to beet and maize crops at 6 – 8 leaf stage has real benefits on crop green leaf protection and final yield.

<b>UK LIFFE Wheat Nov24</b>	£215 - £225/t
<b>MATIF OSR Nov24</b>	£410 - £420/t
<b>AN34.5% Fertiliser</b>	£315- £320/t

<b>Current wheat GS</b>	GS47—GS59
<b>Current OSR GS</b>	GS70—GS80

## Technical Corner: What should my wheat crop look like?

The following is data from the AHDB to describe the optimum targets for a wheat crop at flowering (early/mid June). Obviously after this season not all crops will be at these targets – some may be better, some may be below target.

<b>Fertile Shoots</b>	460/m <sup>2</sup>
<b>Roots</b>	1000kg/ha (31km/m <sup>3</sup> )
<b>Nitrogen use to date</b>	248kgN/ha
<b>GAI (green leaf area)</b>	6.3
<b>Above ground Kg/DM</b>	12.1t/ha
<b>Growth rate</b>	180kg/ha/day
<b>Height to base of ear</b>	690mm
<b>Stem weight Kg/DM</b>	7.1t/ha
<b>Ear weight Kg/DM</b>	1.9t/ha
<b>Grain number/ear</b>	48

The crop will utilise another 30lgN/Ha between now and harvest. The crop is currently at about 65% of its total final yield (straw, chaff and grain).

## Seed

Well worth considering seed varieties for 2024/2025. We will soon have Autumn seed books covering cereals, oilseeds, pulses and novel crops including buyback contracts.

As a number of you are aware we utilise AGRILs seed cleaning service. It is very efficient, competitively priced, staffed by conscientious operators and provides a first class service. Get a slot booked up now and have some of your seed requirements ready in good time for Autumn

**Gatley Event 25<sup>th</sup> June 2024 Gatley Farms,  
Leintall Earls.**

Please book a space via the Hay Farmcentre  
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