



R.M. JONES Newsletter

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We're Upgrading Our System – Thanks for Bearing With Us!

Just a quick note to let you know that from the **week of 4th August**, we'll be moving over to a new software system. This change is all about improving how we work and providing a better service for you.

While the team gets to grips with the new system, things might take a little longer than usual. We really appreciate your patience and understanding during this time.

Thanks for bearing with us, we're looking forward to the improvements this will bring.

Boost Lamb Growth with Downland Essential Lamb Bolus

A specially designed mini-bolus to give growing lambs all the Cobalt, Selenium and Iodine they need for healthy growth. We have reports of significant weight gains with this bolus this season.

Don't wait until you can see these deficiencies—the set back in growth rate is irreversible.

Releases Cobalt, Selenium & Iodine every day for 120 days—just right to balance the deficiencies in our soils. Good Value from as little as 80p per dose = 0.7p per day.

Glasgow University trial showed a 38% increase in weight gain using this bolus

Fly Spot-on Solution for Cattle

- For the treatment and prevention of infestations by lice and flies on cattle
- Easy dosing – no need to weigh – 10ml dose
- 17 day meat withdrawal for cattle
- Zero milk withdrawal for cattle
- Pack sizes: 500ml, 1L, 2.5L

Farm productivity and animal welfare can be improved by the all-important application of an external parasite treatment in cattle. Early treatment is important; if treatment is delayed until significant numbers of adult flies are visible, it is already too late to adequately control fly numbers. Rapid reproduction of the existing population will already have commenced and thousands of eggs and larvae will already be present on farm, ready to develop and compound the problem.

Arable Update

UK LIFFE Wheat November 25 £175 - £180/t
MATIF OSR November 25 £410 - £420/t
AN34.5% Fertiliser £335- £360

Current wheat GS GS-----
Current OSR GS GS-----

Comments

Not much to comment on this month other than harvest is coming off reasonably well currently and the weather has changed just when it needed to keep dry!

Fodder Beet

If you haven't applied a fungicide yet then it would be well worth applying one to your beet. **Angle** will keep you beet leaves greener longer which builds yield and helps overcome frost damage. Combined with **Magnesium** and late **nitrogen** your beet has the best chance of maximising yield over the winter and into the new year.

Gross Margin Guides – 2026 harvest

The market is always changing and along with it gross margins and cost of production for crops. Below are the projected gross margin summaries for several crops (courtesy AGRII). For a more detailed breakdown please contact your farm agronomist.

Crop	Yield t/ha	Value £/t	Gross Output £/ha	Variable Costs £/ha	Gross Margin £/ha	Cost of Production £/t
Winter Wheat	10	183	1830	777	1153	163.70
Winter Wheat	8	183	1464	616	848	184.40
Winter Barley	8	171	1368	604	764	183.00
OSR (Hybrid)	4	440	1760	645	1115	376.50
Winter Beans	4	230	920	357	563	302.30
Spring Barley	7	171	1187	492	705	193.20
Forage Maize	43	45	1935	705	1230	36.40

Seed

As many of you know seed deliveries can be disappointing and cause frustration. Your friendly agronomists also find it a challenge when chasing seed orders that have disappeared down into the dark pit of mysteries of logistics etc. To that end if you are looking for seed please get in touch sooner rather than later – especially for Winter Barley. Alternatively we can offer a seed cleaning service which can reduce seed costs significantly and provide you with a wide variety of seed treatments to suit your on farm situation.

If you made it to the iFarm open day at the end of June, you may well be confused with the sheer number of varieties available. To save you having to sift through the recommended list to reach the variety you need, we have a shorter list of our preferred varieties.

Wheat

Palladium Grp2, 102% yield, 6 standing, very good disease profile, spec weights 75.6kg
Champion Grp4 hard, 107.5% yield, 4 standing needs PGR, very good disease profile, spec weights 77.7kg
Fitzroy Grp4 hard, 105.6% yield, 5 standing needs PGR, very good disease profile, spec weights 74.5kg

Worth a punt **Bamford**

Barley

Caravelle 2 row, 103.5% yield, 7 standing, decent disease profile, high spec weight 71.4kg
Belfry 6 row, 104% yield, 7 standing, decent disease profile, avg. spec weight 68kg
Kingsbarn 6 row, 106.3% yield, 6 standing, decent disease profile, high spec weight 70.2kg