



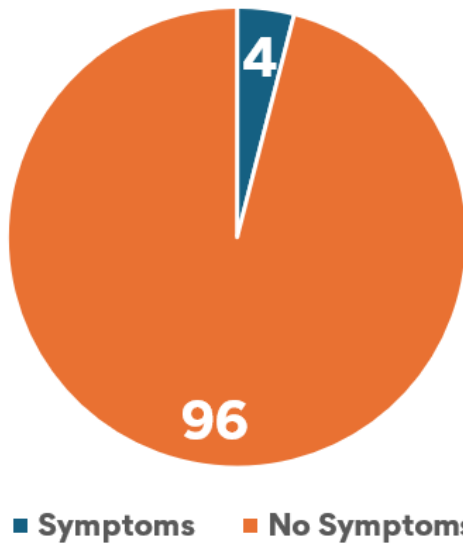
R.M. JONES Newsletter

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Don't Cocci it up! - You can't always spot it

Coccidiosis showing clinical symptoms
(based on 9 peer-reviewed studies)



Independent Journals

Veterinary Parasitology, Parasitology Research, Small Ruminant Research

4% animals showed clinical symptoms

All trials showed response to treatment

19% average growth response
(7% - 33%)

Cattle Turn Out – Don't Let Worms Reduce Weight Gain

Over half your cattle liveweight gain is achieved in the first 3 months after turnout. Don't allow Worms and Trace Element deficiencies steal the growth!

We have a cost effective moxidectin long acting injection available this year. 120 days Lungworm cover and 150 days Gut Worm cover. Costs only £4.20/300kg for long lasting control. Get in touch for more details.

We can check if your treatment has been effective with a pre and post treatment Faecal Egg Count.

Downland Essential Plus Cattle Bolus contains **Cobalt, Iodine, Selenium & Copper** in one bolus application. This is tailor made for our area with the inherent deficiencies in these Trace Elements. Much better value than other boluses – lasts for 6 months.

Boluses for 200kg to 400kg— less than 4p per day (3.7p)

Boluses for 400kg upwards — 4.5p per day

Quantity Discounts Available

Turnout is a good time for a booster Clostridial vaccine for your Cattle—protect against Blackleg.

Arable Update

UK LIFFE Wheat May 26
MATIF OSR May 26
AN34.5% Fertiliser

£168 - £172/t
 £418 - £430/t
 £ (No Prices)

Current wheat GS
Current OSR GS

GS30—32
 GS40—45

Comments

Most farms have applied Nitrogen over all their cereals and OSR. Some Spring crops have been planted and potato ground is being worked up on lighter ground. Crops are looking very strong on the whole with a lot of disease present – an effective fungicide and growth regulation programme is a priority.

Tasks: Still a big job list ...

Wheat

Quite a bit of Septoria is evident in stronger and more forward crops. A robust T0 and T1 application is going to be necessary this year. For those who haven't used it or have been scared off by the Sprayer issue stories, **Questar** is giving some real yield responses when applied at T1 or T2. The issues seen initially have been largely resolved. It is well worth considering this cropping year where disease pressure is currently very high.

Barley

Growth regulation in Winter Barley will be crucial this year. There are some large, leggy crops out there many of which are Hybrids. Early growth regulation will thicken out the stems, maintain more tillers and help improve root anchorage. Ironically this potentially gives more straw yield.

OSR

Flowering is busy turning the world yellow. Most crops are pretty even and flowering is progressing nicely. If you have not had a chance to apply any Boron or PGR to date then you still have a chance. **Highgate** is the go to product to maximise Raceme (branch) survival and productivity. It will also help get on top of Sclerotinia and improve Nitrogen and water use efficiency.

Applying approx. 30kgN/ha at flowering has a positive improvement on oil content. If you can get your spinner high enough above the canopy to achieve this it is well worth.

Beet/Maize

We still have seed available for both these crops. If conditions are good and you can make a decent seedbed, don't hang around much after the middle of the month – start planting...

Meet Our New Trainee Agronomist – Josh Sparey

We're pleased to welcome Josh to the R.M. Jones team as our new Trainee Agronomist.

Josh joined us at the start of March and has already been enjoying time out in the field, learning the ropes and gaining valuable hands-on experience. Based in Clifton upon Teme, near Tenbury Wells and Bromyard, Josh comes from a strong farming background, having grown up on his family's arable farm and spending a year working on his uncle's dairy farm in Wichenford.

He also brings experience from the precision farming sector, having previously worked with Agrii and Frontier. In these roles, Josh carried out soil sampling and scanning to support variable rate applications and improve the accuracy of crop inputs across farms from Herefordshire to Pembrokeshire. Josh is looking forward to meeting R.M. Jones customers and continuing to build his knowledge out on farm.



Yellow Rust

Key drivers	10–15C, high humidity, green bridge carryover, later planting
Symptoms	Yellow band on the leaf prior to orange/yellow pustules
Impact	Up to 50% yield loss
Control	Grow more resistant varieties, minimise green bridge effective fungicide program