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Don't Wait Till Weaning – Set Your Lambs Up for Success Now

Optimal levels of trace elements are essential for lamb growth, health, and profitability – and timing is critical.

Cobalt is an essential trace element and is needed to produce **vitamin B12** in the rumen, which is used for extracting energy from feed and optimising growth, weight gain and vitality.

We've recently increased the Cobalt content in our **Essential Lamb Boluses**, meaning the average daily supply has increased by 22%!

Selenium plays a key role in muscle development, immune support, and acts as a crucial antioxidant, particularly during stressful periods such as weaning. Inadequate selenium can result in poor growth, delayed muscle formation, and white muscle disease.

Muscle = Weight = Money!

Iodine supports is vital for a healthy, functioning thyroid gland and production of thyroid hormones which are involved in controlling metabolic rate and therefore growth.

Importantly, **cobalt** and **iodine** cannot be stored in the animal's body, a consistent daily supply is essential. **Selenium** can be stored, but levels must be built up over time.

Don't Wait Till Weaning – Bolus at 25kgs

*The lamb's rumen may not be fully functioning till it is 25kgs so **Optigain Lamb drench** is the ideal choice for young lambs. Once the lamb is 25kgs and over then the **Essential Lamb Bolus** is the product of choice as it supplies the lamb with optimal amounts of **cobalt**, **selenium** and **iodine** all day, every day for **4 months**.*

Bolusing **well ahead of weaning** ensures trace element levels are optimised before lambs encounter this highly stressful period. This can help maintain growth rates and reduce the risk of a growth check.

Essential Lamb boluses are manufactured to GMP standards and contain only pharmaceutical-grade minerals; the same quality used in licensed veterinary products.

Not all boluses are created equal.

Always look for products backed by data: 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.

Get ahead now. Don't wait till weaning!

Protect the forage you've worked hard to grow

Most silage losses don't happen in the pit, they happen once it's open, when heating, steaming and mould eat into the face of your silage pit. Silage additive **NovaSile CS** is built to tackle exactly that. It combines fast-acting bacteria that lock in nutrients during ensiling with an acetic acid-producing strain that keeps yeasts and moulds at bay once the clamp is open; keeping forage cooler, more stable and more valuable right to the bottom of the pit. In a peer-reviewed study published in *Agricultural and Food Science*, this type of additive kept silage cool and stable up to four times longer once exposed to air.* From £1.35 per treated tonne, contact us for more details.



*Jatkauskas, J., Vrotniakiene, V., Ohlsson, C. & Lund, B. (2013) 'The effects of three silage inoculants on aerobic stability in grass, clover-grass, lucerne and maize silages', *Agricultural and Food Science*, 22, pp. 137-144.

Arable Update

UK LIFFE Wheat Nov 26 £188- £192/t
MATIF OSR Nov 26 £450 - £460/t
AN34.5% Fertiliser £480 - £550/t (guide only)

Current wheat GS GS45—59
Current OSR GS GS69—79

Comments

For cereal growers the investment phase in crops is coming to the end. Flag leaf fungicide are on and hopefully disease including Yellow and Brown Rust is under control. It has been a challenging year with very high disease pressure. Several weeks of drier weather should help keep a lid on what is there and allow a good entry into the harvest period.

Forage crops including grassland have had a very good start and are motoring along.

Spring Cereals

These are currently racing through their crop stages. Making sure follow up weed control goes on in good time is crucial. Oats, Ryegrass and a few other grass weeds can be picked up where required with Scintilla. Ramularia control later in the month is important in Spring Barley.

Winter Cereals

Barley is all but done and is rapidly changing colour in the lead up to harvest.

Wheat ear wash (T3) will be needed more than ever this year given the high disease pressure we have had. Protecting the green leaf area and ear will keep the plant photosynthesising for longer which builds more yield.

OSR

Later this month desiccation of the first crops may well start. Use of Iskay pod sealant can start a couple of weeks before actual desiccation. By applying early there is less chance of pod shatter when travelling through the crop both when applying sealant and also when applying Glyphosate.

Beet

Follow up weed control in beet for the difficult weeds may be necessary. Clopyralid will control thistles, potatoes and Mayweed effectively.

Products such as **Biimore** and **Physiocrop** show a good yield response when applied with the 2nd and 3rd herbicides. They enhance rooting performance which drives nutrient capture and drought tolerance.

Maize

Most post-em herbicides will be applied early this month. We have a number of new products, including **Botiga**, which have some additional weed control benefits over straight Mesotrione (Callisto). The addition of Nutriphite or Quark at this herbicide timing will improve rooting and crop development. Well worth a look.

Technical Corner – T3 ear wash

Reasons for use;

- **Keep leaves and ears photosynthesising:** Every day the flag leaf and ear stays green post flowering add up to 200kg+ yield/ha.
- **Fusarium control:** Grain quality is important even in feed markets. Keeping Fusarium out is essential. It is important to have an integrated approach and consider a range of factors to reduce Fusarium especially where maize is grown in the rotation. A well timed T3 fungicide will help reduce the risk. The use of an Adjuvant eg Kantor will help move the fungicide over the target and give better coverage.
- **Nutrition:** There is a high demand for Magnesium in plants from ear emergence. Magnesium is the central molecule in Chlorophyll and is also used as a transporter molecule moving Carbohydrate and Amino Acids through the plant to the ear and upper leaves during this crop growth phase.
- **Stress reduction:** If we go into a droughty period which puts plants under stress, the addition of a Bio stimulant such as Nutri-phite or PhysioCrop can help alleviate the problem. These work by enhancing cell repair and in some cases increase yield.

Events

There are number of events coming up over the next month.

- June 12th Royal Welsh Grassland Event— Come visit our stand!
- June 12th Sponsoring Shearing at the Royal Three Counties Show
- June 24th Gatley - Farm open day, iFarm crop trails and arable open day. RSVP 01497 820410
- June 25th Callow Trials open day

Seed

Please start thinking about Autumn seed. Winter Barley and Oat seed orders need to be placed this month to ensure delivery in good time for planting.