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Haemonchus - is my Flock at risk?

There's more Haemonchus (barber's pole worm) about than usual at the minute. It's a funny one because it doesn't behave like the worms you'd normally have in mind, and that's how it catches people out.

We've produced a free guide on it. Drop us an email at ask@rmjones.com and we'll get one sent over.

Are trace element deficiencies costing you?

Deficiency is one of the more expensive problems on a sheep farm because you usually can't see it. The lambs look well enough. They're just not growing like they should, and by the time it shows, you've lost ground you won't get back.

Cobalt is the main one in our area. Lambs need it to make **B12**, which drives growth, appetite and energy. Run short and you get "pine": lambs that thrive off, fall behind and take longer to finish. It hits hardest in newly weaned lambs through mid to late summer, which is where a lot of ours are now. **Selenium** and **Iodine** matter too, and plenty of our local ground is short on all three.

Downland Essential Lamb Bolus covers all three. Two 6g boluses per lamb, for lambs over 25kg, releasing a steady daily dose of **Cobalt**, **Iodine** and **Selenium** for around 120 days.

What's the return?

A trial on a **Cobalt**-deficient farm used the Downland Lamb bolus and found the treated lambs gained an extra 49g a day over the untreated ones. **NADIS** reckons 4 to 6kg of extra liveweight is typical where lambs are cobalt deficient.

With lamb trading at record levels, **4 to 6kg** is roughly **£15 to £25 a head**. The bolus costs about **90p** a lamb, less on quantity. The first kilo of extra growth pays for the bolus four times over. That's before the value of finishing sooner: fewer days on grass, and lambs away while the trade's still strong.

Bulk discounts for quantity. Pop in or give us a ring.

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 started and thousands of eggs and larvae will already be present on farm, ready to develop and compound the problem.

Arable Update

UK LIFFE Wheat Nov 26 £196- £200/t
MATIF OSR Nov 26 £550 - £560/t
AN34.5% Fertiliser £409 - £460/t

Current wheat GS GS —
Current OSR GS GS —

Comments

Early harvest! The adversely warm weather conditions this spring into summer has forced an extremely early harvest this year. A lot of you reading this now in August will have either finished harvest or be getting very close to finishing with crops ripening quickly due to the heat. Barley and OSR are cut and have come off well, with wheat and oats in the process of being cut. The OSR yielding and performing particularly well this year, but Winter Wheat is struggling with yields and quality being affected by the hot, dry conditions.

Fodder Beet

If you haven't applied a **fungicide** yet then it would be well worth applying one to your Beet. **Angle** will keep your 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. With the current conditions it would be worth applying **PhysioCrop** and **Innocul8**. **PhysioCrop** is plant based foliar **biostimulant** designed to reduce stress and improve crop recovery from drought and extreme temperatures. **Innocul8** is another foliar **biostimulant** which can trigger a plant's natural defence response against disease and stress.

Fodder Beet Pests:

Also, fodder Beet will need regular inspections for pests, such as, the **Beet Army Worm** and **Beet Moth Caterpillar**. Contact your R.M Jones Agronomist if you have any concerns.

Bracken Control

With the demise of **Asulox**, bracken is becoming a problem in field margins and hedgerows. We now have a new chemical control, which is safe to use on grassland, and has been shown to be very effective against Bracken.

Seed

As a lot of you have now finished harvest attention turns to planting and getting ready for next seasons crops. We can offer a seed cleaning service which reduces seed costs significantly and provide you with a wide variety of seed treatments to suit your on farm situation. If you want to know more about this please get in touch.

If you made it to the iFarm events over the past few months you would have seen a whole range of varieties which could be potential options for this season. There have been a few standout varieties which have performed well over the last year and will be good options in the Autumn. These will be listed below for you to take a look at, along with some OSR varieties with OSR once again becoming one to think about adding into the rotation.

Wheat

Fitzroy Grp4 hard, 105% yield, 6 standing, good on septoria, spec weights 73kg
Hexton Grp4 soft, 102% yield, 7 standing, very good disease profile (v good on yellow rust and septoria), spec weights 76.4kg
Bamford Grp3, 106% yield, 7 standing, good disease profile, spec weights 78.5kg
Sparkler(new) Grp4 soft, 107% yield, 6 standing, good disease profile (v good on septoria and yellow rust), spec weights 76.7kg
 Worth a punt Grp2 - **Arnie**

Barley

Caravelle 2 row, 105% yield, 8 standing, decent disease profile, high spec weight 71.7kg
Catapult 2 row, 104% yield, 6 standing, decent disease profile, high spec weight 70.7kg
Kestrel 6 row feed, 104% yield, 7 standing, good disease profile, spec weight 69.1 kg

OSR

Domingos Hybrid, 107% yield, high oil content 46.1%, good disease profile, early maturity
Maverick Hybrid, 104% yield, high oil content 46.5%, good disease profile, good vigour in autumn and spring
Crusoe Clubroot resistant, 100% yield, good oil content 44.9%, good disease profile, good vigour in autumn and spring