



Newsletter

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Boost Lamb Growth with Optigain Lamb

Optigain Lamb is a highly concentrated liquid supplement specifically formulated with key ingredients known to support growth & development in young & growing lambs.

Increased Vitamins A, D3 & E— higher levels of key vitamins to support lamb growth.

Increased Cobalt— essential for Rumen development and production of Vitamin B12.

Added Amino Acids— aids growth & development in young lambs.

Higher levels of Vitamin E, Selenium & Natural antioxidants— to support the natural immune function.

Optigain Lamb helps maintain Vigour, Performance & balance pasture deficiencies

Dose at around 6 weeks of age.

Provita Lamb Response

- It's got beneficial bacteria to help gut flora & support the good rumen microbes. Did you know Lambs are born with a sterile gut?
- It's got Egg Protein to help support the immune system.
- Helps to re-colonize the gut after use of antibiotics or digestive upset.
- All this for 34p a dose.

Downland Lamb Force Ewe Milk Replacer is made with ewe milk to maximise the digestibility of the protein and protect the antibodies in the milk. It is easy to mix, simple to feed, highly palatable and optimises the early weaning growth potential and development of the young lamb.

A new feature to the Downland Lamb Force Ewe Milk Replacer this season is the addition of ProZest, a natural gut conditioning package to support performance and health. ProZest is comprised of the following components working synergistically to promote a healthy population of microbes in the digestive tract:

Antioxidant to boost immunity.

Essential Oils to manage the microflora.

Prebiotic to provide nutrients for beneficial bacteria.

Vitamins & minerals to increase growth rates.

Flavour to maximise intake.

Trials have demonstrated that this natural gut conditioning package can improve lamb growth rates by 15%. It prepares the lamb's nutritional system for weaning and helps prevent growth checks leading to less digestive upsets and healthier, stronger lambs.

Should I bolus my Cattle at Turnout?

Our area is **deficient** in **Selenium, Cobalt & Iodine**, and also **Copper** in places. Downland Essential Growing Cattle Plus releases these Four trace elements. All Day, Every Day for a full 6 months— at a cost of 2.6 pence per day.

Improve Grass & Livestock Profitability with Downland Forager Grass Seed

We all know that having good grass is the cornerstone for profitable livestock farming. And yet it is surprising how often these production swards are not up to the job. Most 7-8 year old grass will have 40 – 50% bare ground & weed grass content. These weed grasses have less than half the response of perennial ryegrass to fertiliser.

More than a quarter of applied fertiliser can be wasted on these fields

To improve the productivity of your grassland sow with Downland Forager, which is a 4 – 6 year ley for Intensive cutting with Autumn grazing.

Arable Update

Market averages

UK LIFFE wheat May21 @ £200 - £201/t

MATIF OSR May21 @ £390 - £394/t

AN34.5% Fertiliser @ £280 - £285/t

Current wheat growth stage GS23/24 2+ tillers

Current OSR growth stage GS21/22 2+ side branches

Overview

The cold, dry spell in early/mid-February slowed down crop development but did allow some cultivations to be carried out along with some manure spreading and fertiliser applications to cereals and OSR. Where nitrogen has not yet been applied to Winter Barley and Oilseed Rape this should be prioritised.

Key tasks this month

- Nutrition, nutrition, nutrition... Most winter crops should be receiving around 40 – 50% of their Nitrogen by Mid March (dependant on weather and crop status)
- Oilseed Rape will soon be going into stem extension and reaching green bud stage. Be on the lookout for pollen beetle. There is a threshold population where treatment may be required.
- Late Light Leaf Spot control and micro nutrition with foliar Boron, Copper, Magnesium, Manganese and Sulphur will need applying this month. We have a variety of formulations that are readily absorbed into the plant and will allow the plant to fight disease and maximise its photosynthetic potential more effectively.
- Where cereals have not had an autumn herbicide a broad-acting product to control grass and broadleaved weeds should be considered.
- Soil temperatures, later in the month, may be warm enough for spring planting. Please give us a call if you have not sorted seed out yet.

Mid Tier and ELMS

The demands on your business are changing, support money is reducing and being targeted at environmental improvements. We can support you in identifying the most suitable and cost-effective schemes and environmental options for your business. Please talk to us for more information.

Maize Seed

This is starting to run short with preferred varieties already sold out. Unlike in previous years the supply side has been constrained by EU/UK border delays which is limiting replacement maize stock – all suppliers are being affected to the same level. Please talk to your agronomist or one of the Farmcentres to secure stock.