

Focused on Farming



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Go with the Grain!

Jake Lakin

There has been a large-scale drop in farmer confidence as a result of the volatile finished beef market prices. Because of this, it is vital that a cost effective diet is implemented, minimising feed costs per kilogram of carcass weight.

A great way of doing this is by utilising the consistently low cereal prices by feeding rolled barley. For intensively finishing Stabilisers and Continental breeds, feeding rolled barley with our Premium Beef 16% pencils ad-lib at a ratio of 50:50 will allow bulls, steers and heifers to be finished effectively. The same principle can be applied to Holstein bulls fed at a ratio of 70 barley:30 Premium Beef. We have numerous Buitelaar suppliers who are successfully finishing Holstein bulls between 9-12 months as Rosé Veal, or alternatively as Rosé Beef at

12-14 months, with very few taking longer than this. Our high bushel weight barley provides the starchy building blocks for efficient lean tissue production whilst the Premium Beef nuts supply additional starch, high quality protein and vitamins & minerals. In addition, they contain essential Actisaf yeast, which reduces acidosis and maximises rumen function.

For advice on finishing cattle please give us a call on 01765 689666.



Calciprill lime available



Save 16th April for your diary for Jamesons Open day

Monthly offers

Hardware

- 4' Interlocking metal hurdles £14.50 + VAT
- 6' Interlocking metal hurdles £14.75 + VAT
- 10' Hayrack on wheels £220 + VAT
- 8' Hayrack on wheels £195 + VAT
- 8' lamb creep feeder £245 + VAT

Ashcombe gates

- 10' £48 + VAT
- 12' £50 + VAT
- 15' £60 + VAT

Animal health



Pro Mark marker spray buy 5 get a 6th FREE (1 per customer)

Buy 100 doses of lamb colostrum and receive a 100ml Lamb Boost FREE (1 per customer – 1st come, 1st served)

Buy 20 or 40 doses of lamb colostrum and receive a Marksman Marker Spray FREE (1 per customer – 1st come, 1st served)

Buy 10 doses of lamb colostrum and receive a colostrum feeder FREE (1 per customer – 1st come, 1st served)

Country store

Topspec Cool Balancer 15kg – Try for half price Was £23.25 Now £11.63

Jamesons Placid Mix 25kg two bags for £15

NAF small Himalayan salt licks buy one get one free!

Johnston and Jeff

Peanuts 20kg Now only £25.00

Wild Bird food 20kg Now only £9.99

All Ex Masham While stocks last!

Please mention the newsletter when ordering.



Magnesium Disorders in cattle & sheep

David Lewis

Magnesium (Mg) deprivation continues to cause significant losses amongst lactating sheep and cattle. Mg disorders occur primarily when stock are turned onto lush pastures in spring and autumn because of poor absorption of Mg from both potassium (K)-rich pasture and Mg supplement.

In sheep, two-fold improvements in Mg absorption should be attainable on many farms by delaying, restricting or redistributing K applications in fertilizers and slurries. Cattle, however, are more vulnerable than sheep to Mg-disorders because they absorb Mg far less efficiently from fresh or conserved pasture even when K is low. For both sheep and cattle, the target should be spring pasture with no more than 2.5% K in the dry matter. Also, earlier but gradual introduction of spring grazing reduces the challenge from K.

Although the annual rate of hypomagnesaemia (grass staggers) is less than one per cent of dairy cows, approximately one third of cases will fail to recover.

The condition is more commonly encountered in recently calved suckler cows, where the magnesium demands of lactation are not met from the diet.

In cattle, a case of clinical hypomagnesaemia usually means the remaining animals are very likely to have subclinical disease, and will be at risk from acute grass staggers and preventive measures should be put in place immediately. In sheep, hypomagnesaemia is most common during the six weeks following lambing, although in many cases an underlying hypocalcaemia at this stage may be at least as important as the low blood magnesium.

For cattle, the culling of susceptible cows will slowly increase the inherited efficiency of Mg absorption in the herd.

For more advice on preventing grass staggers please ring us on 01765 689666.



Buy 10 Dalesman
Tri-mag
buckets and
get one free

Fluke on the rise

Kathryn Henry

The mild winter has increased the fluke risk in sheep and cattle in the UK. The recent mild weather has enabled a greater number of fluke to survive the winter, leading to high numbers of parasites on pasture.

Not all sheep with chronic infections develop classic “bottle-jaw” so fluke can potentially go unnoticed. Poor scanning results are often the first sign of an infection and can be limited to specific groups of animals. Chronic fluke infections can put a lot of strain on pregnant ewes. If untreated, these animals may lose a significant amount of weight, and in severe cases both the lambs and the ewe may be lost. Flukicides such as Endofluke, treat adult, immature and early immature stages of liver fluke in cattle and sheep. Selecting an appropriate product based on the stage of fluke being treated, and observing good practice when treating sheep to ensure accurate dosing will maximise the efficacy of treatments, whilst minimising the risk of selecting for resistance. Weighing a number of different sheep will enable a representative bodyweight range within the flock to be identified, and will help avoid under or over-dosing. Whilst underdosing will compromise the efficacy of treatments, overdose carries a risk of toxicity.



For advice
on liver fluke
treatment
please call in to
the trade desk.



Food for thought

Graham Jameson

Up until recently, finished lamb prices have been down, but farmers shouldn't make any rash decisions about cost cutting. Tinkering with feed could have catastrophic impact on flock performance without saving a whole lot of money. It is important to know where the costs lie in any sheep enterprise. AHDB beef & lamb offer help with costings (www.beefandlamb.ahdb.org.uk/returns/tools/stocktake-lite/) or will visit your farm. In terms of sheep cake, it is useful to consider unit energy cost of concentrates rather than just the price per tonne. It is also sensible to have forages analysed so that decisions can be made based on precise feed value of the forages being fed.

Our Ewedale Gold sheep cake contains high levels of energy (13.2MJ/kg DM) to ensure good milk production and strong lambs. Our sheep cake contains high levels of DUP (by pass protein), this will ensure good lamb birth weights and high levels of immunity, especially to parasites. Selenium is provided at the correct level with some in a protected form to ensure optimal functioning of the immune system. Calcium, Phosphorus & Magnesium are included at correct levels to reduce the risk of hypocalcaemia. Salt is included to help buffer the rumen and avoid acidosis. In addition, a good supply of vitamin E at 150 mg/kg is provided which is essential for lamb vigour.

Please give us a ring for a quote on 01765 689666, we are keen to do business with you.

Ian Craig, MW Skidmore said that his 20% Jameson cake was the best sheep cake he's ever fed.

Recovery Fund for Flood affected farmers

Peter Harland

Farmers in Cumbria, Northumberland, Lancashire and Yorkshire can now apply for funding to help recover from recent flood damage. The minimum claim is £500 and the maximum is £20,000. The closing date is 5pm on Friday 1st April and damage must have been caused between 4th and 9th December and 25th/26th December.

You can claim for restoring productive arable and grassland, this includes the costs of perennial grass seeds but does not cover annual seeds such as cereals. You can claim for replacing fencing, gates, troughs etc but not for livestock losses, neither can you claim for losses that would normally be covered by insurance.

Farmers can contact the Rural Services helpline on 03000 200 301.



5 things you may not know about spare lambs

Dr Ruth Lawson

1. Artificially reared gimmer lambs will go on to be perfectly good mothers. The mothering instinct has more to do with the innate breed characteristics and nothing to do with whether they were reared artificially or not.
2. Once lambs are trained, offer fresh water and either Intensive lamb creep, Premium coarse mix or Lamb blend, with some fresh hay to pick at.
3. Wean at 5 weeks which is 35 days and a minimum of 10kg liveweight.
4. Wean abruptly and just lift them into a separate pen with no milk don't worry if they aren't eating much cake yet.
5. Daily cleaning of teats and surfaces in the pens with disinfectant will reduce the disease risk.

For more advice on rearing spare lambs ring 01765 689666.

AROUND THE MARKETS

At Skipton auction, Church Farm Enterprises had top calf with a blue bull at £380 and also a top blue heifer at £330. They also had top calf the following week at £395 for a blue bull, they use Jameson IMMU-Power calf milk.

At Otley auction, top price pigs came from RG Farrar, Huby feeding our Super pig grower. Again the top price heifer calf came from Gawthorps at Bradford using Jameson IMMU-Surge calf milk and our calf weaner pellets.

At Thirsk auction, the top price for a finished steer came from NE Dyson & Son, Masham, using Langthorne blend to change them onto the finishing diet. Top price young bull at 213.5p was from GA & JC Verity, Masham, using a special blend.

At Northallerton auction, the Bowes were again top with a heifer at £1471 and top steers for all weeks at £1295, £1376, £1376 & £1397 using Cattle Pro Gold and home grown barley. Top of the medium bulls at £1060 was D&S Harrison, using Intensive Cattle Pro and our rolled barley. In the heavy bull class, the Stainthorps were successful at 206ppk using Cattle Pro Gold and home grown barley. Top price hogs at 234ppk and 260ppk were presented by the Milners, feeding lamb blend.



For Sale & Wanted

Dairy master – 5 stall out-of-parlour feed system plus 15 tonne bin. All enquiries / further info phone 01423 772724 or 0776 4608487 Harrogate area.

Spare / pet / cade lambs wanted. Harrogate, Ripon, Otley areas. Text 07876 834023.

Full time shepherd required. Skipton area. 01756 793165 or 07876 594028.

New Holland 8050 combine. 12ft cut, cab and trailer. Good sound machine. Bedale area. 01677 450280 or 07971 961403.

Wanted bed & breakfast pig accommodation. Large & small buildings. All areas considered. Good rates of pay. Could be a useful alternative use for cattle buildings. Tel. 077401 06784.

Two wooden sliding doors. 3170mm (10'6") wide x 3150mm (10'5") high. Very solid construction. With 3 runners per door £200. Speak to Chris Jameson on 07921 407418.

Metal galvanised gate and posts. Designed for timber or steel cladding. Very heavy duty construction. Never used. 4100mm (13'6") wide. Two gates, 1150mm wide and 2950mm wide. Two Posts 2950mm high and 3250mm high, 150mm x150mm galvanised box section. Hinges. £500. Speak to Chris Jameson on 07921 407418.

Western 3.5 tonne steel bodied tipping trailer, c/w lights, hydraulic brakes. Very good condition £1250 no vat Tel 01765658693 mob 07860786683.

5 used telegraph poles, various lengths. Solid condition. Tel 01765 658693 mob 07860786683.

Hay for sale. 4' by 3' by 8' square bales. Good quality. Scarborough area. 07971 776671.

DAF cattle / horse lorry. 7.5t aluminium container. £4500. Durham area. Call Jim on 07968 214036.

Wanted Full / Part time farm worker 01765 635318

Angus bulls for hire. Peter Turnbull 01347 868236 or 07836 370253.

Large haylage bales (5' x 3' x 3'). Reasonably priced. 01423 864253.

Traditional small bales of meadow seed hay. Small and large orders. Edge of Ripon 01765 602818.

Point of lay chickens for sale, Warrens, Blue Bells, Light Sussex, Black Rock, Copper Black, Marrans, Silver Sussex, White Star, Amber Link, RIR X LS, Cheshire Blue. Bedale 07746940791.

Hillam 250 rigid muck spreader. Good condition. £2, 200 + VAT. 01765 620447.

Contractors / Services

Grass Cutting with front and rear mower conditioners, man with 165hp tractor for hire, or man only. Tel. Robert Craggs 07805 642359 or 01609 777974.

Grassland subsoiling, aerating, ploughing, reseeding & overseeding. Harrogate / Ripon area. Steven Brown 07920 884575.

Self-propelled forage harvesting. Round and quadrant baling and wrapping. Tractor and man hire 07759 342125.

Primrose Tyre Services, Bedale. Tel. 01677 450487 or 07977 732096.

Agricultural Electrician, J R Graham. Fault finding and repairs, breakdowns, new installations, lighting, security, 3-phase.

Tel John on 07595 620935 or 01423 340319.

Fencing Contractors, A and S Corner, Easingwold. Call Andrew for a competitive quote: 01347 823645.

Cattle freeze-branding, North Yorkshire. Tel Steve Johnson 07940 064991 or 01347 810980.

Fencing Contractors David Robinson. Leyburn 07762 317201.

Agri Pest management. Agricultural pest control – rats, mice, moles, rabbits & insects. Tel. Nick 07716 467460 or 01765 640 867.

Slitting and over-seeding in one pass. Sward lifting, slurry tanking, ploughing, man & tractor and concrete grooving. Fodder beet cleaner-loader with picking off table for hire. Tel. Mike 01765 689 039.

Rhodes Feed Services for on-farm rolling, grinding, mill & mix services. All areas covered. 01759 318230 or 07811 432127.

All types of fencing work. 3 tonne Digger hire. Ditching, lane repairs etc. Simon Poulter 07751 553504.

5t digger for hire, with or without operator. Andrew Donaldson 07753 637638.

Fencing, Forestry and Groundworks Contractor. WM Rural Contractors, Yorkshire. Contact Will McDermott 07791335602 for a competitive quote.

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