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Focused on Farming

Breakthrough

David Lewis

At our recent meeting on silage making, our new Pentoguard for 2015 was discussed. Our silage additive features a massive breakthrough in silage additive technology. The inclusion of *Lactobacillus lactis* brings innovative thinking to silage making. This bug has a unique ability to produce nisin, a bacteriocin known to inhibit clostridia, reduce DM losses and stop yeasts and moulds which lead to aerobic spoilage & health issues in cattle and sheep.

Pentoguard treated silage avoids extremes of lactic acid production, resulting in no heating or spoilage. In addition, the silage is more rumen friendly which avoids SARA issues.

At our meeting farmers were surprised how cold the clamps felt to the touch and also said they could feel sticky sugar on their fingers. In addition, there was no yeast or mould to be found anywhere on any of the six clamps we viewed.

Ask us about our latest update to Pentoguard silage additive or visit our website
www.wejameson.co.uk



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Monthly offers

Animal health

Endospec 2.5% SC
drench for cattle and
sheep 20% off 2.5 litres
£24.31, 5 litres £34.72,
10 litres **£48.61** all + VAT.



New product Spotinor to replace Spot On, considerably cheaper.

ProMark sprays buy 5 get a 6th free.

Country store

Westland 75L multipurpose compost
now **only £4**.

10% off all Bruder toys

Coming soon Bold 2 in 1 Crystal Rain &
White Lily 105 wash **£29.99**

Hardware

April's amazing Ashcombe gate deal –
10 foot **£50**, 12 foot **£55** & 15 foot
£65 all + VAT.



8' Double sided
lamb creep
feeders
£240 + VAT.

Bateman Lamb
weigh **£400** + VAT



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Just champion

Congratulations to vendors Andrew and Catherine Marston for the Champion beast at the Kirkby Stephen Classic Show. The Marstons are shown here with Stuart Holmes in the centre of the picture. Their animals are fed on our Premium beef nuts and Youngstock blend.

Now stocking TopSpec Cool Balancer (£23.25 for 15kg).

This is the perfect feed balancer without the fizz as it doesn't contain any cereal grains, low in sugar and starch and no added calories to ensure your horse is getting a balanced diet and plenty of vitamins and minerals needed.

Free samples & measuring cups in store.

Around the markets

Congratulations to Walburn Farms for prizes at Leyburn spring spectacular and success with limousin heifers at Leyburn store sale. Also, congratulations to TH, K & TM Wood, Birstwith for top prize bull for a limousin x selling for £1478.27 at Thirsk auction. Also, apologies to Northallerton auction for showing their results as Thirsk in last month's newsletter. Huge congratulations to Dinsley & Ian Bowe for top price steers and heifers at Northallerton auction. Their cattle have been fed on cattle pro gold for years.



Winning ways

Congratulations to Robin Ellerbeck for his home bred winning racehorse. Robin's horses are reared on grass leys supplied by us, and all feed and supplements are purchased from our country store.

FIFTY SHADES OF GREEN

Neil
Edminson

Every year at Jamesons we reassess the grass varieties in our mixtures and consider new varieties so that we can decide if we need to make any changes.

Portrush, the late diploid perennial has slipped off the recommended list after many years inclusion so we have taken it out of our mixtures this spring. We are making greater use of the varieties Aberavon and Cancan as the "bottom grasses" in our swards. We have found these two varieties to be good consistent performers over the last few years.

New to us is the high sugar variety, Abergreen which is an intermediate diploid perennial. It has a very high rating for yield with a big emphasis on late summer and autumn growth. In our mixtures this growth habit fully complements the variety, Aberdart which has exceptional spring growth.

The other new addition is Belluna, a diploid Italian ryegrass. This is a good high yielding variety giving consistent yields throughout both the first and second season of growth.

Please give me a ring on 01765 689666 to discuss your options or visit our website www.wejameson.co.uk.

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Grinder

Stuart Holmes



Variation in nutritive value does not account for differences in animal performance when feeding dry rolled barley. As progress has been made toward higher starch and plumper barley, greater attention should be given to proper processing of barley before feeding. Improper processing might well negate potential improvements expected from higher-quality barley.

Hammer-milling barley is not recommended for finishing cattle. The grain should not be finely ground. Barley ferments rapidly in the rumen and fine grinding accelerates this process. Small particle size increases the surface area exposed and rate of fermentation, increasing the potential for acidosis and laminitis. Yeast will help but only if fed at the correct inclusion.

To achieve good performance in finishing cattle, barley should be fed rolled, rather than ground. Adding water to barley and if possible allowing it to soak for 12-24 hours to increase the moisture prior to rolling creates a better feed.

Please give Stuart Holmes a ring on 07894 595194 to discuss diets for finishing cattle.

All the little things! Dr Ruth Lawson

It's the little things you do to keep calves healthy that make all the difference. So have a sit down (in your calf pen) – if your backside's wet already that's not so good for a calf. If you can smell even the faintest smell of ammonia this will affect the calf's lung function making him more likely to get pneumonia. Now take your coat off and see if you feel a draught. Then skip lunch and see how you feel – calves should be fed a good quality calf milk replacer at least 125g

to make up a litre (more in cold winter months). Don't forget starvation is a form of stress! Finally, try to avoid doing anything to the calves around weaning – don't change the feed, disbud, castrate or move.

Please give me a ring on 01765 689666 to talk about calf rearing or visit our website www.wejameson.co.uk.

Wriggle room Kathryn Lawson



Nematodirus affects young lambs turned out on pasture grazed by lambs in the previous year. Infestation causes profuse diarrhoea during late spring and early summer. Lamb deaths can reach 5% within a few days and growth will be checked in them all.

The infective larval stage is very resistant to drying out and also low temperatures and can survive winter on pasture. After a period of cold exposure the larva hatches once the maximum environmental

temperature exceeds 10°C for several days. For nematodirus infection to occur this hatch must coincide with lambs starting to graze. Warm spring weather results in larvae hatching en masse before lambs start grazing, while in cold spring weather hatching is delayed and lambs become age-immune from 3 months old when they ingest larvae.

You can check the nematodirus forecast for our area at www.scops.org.uk

A-B milk contracts

David Lewis

In recent weeks a growing number of milk processors are choosing to move their suppliers onto A-B contracts. A-B contracts pay an amount for a set number of A litres, say 85-100% of production. Milk over this is then paid at B rate, usually based on spot price. This will have particular implications for those farmers that have recently expanded or for spring calving herds. What will be critical is maintaining butter fat what you don't want to do is produce more milk and less fat!

Example of potential pitfall at turnout.

A farmer producing a million litres a year on an Arla liquid contact. In March if butterfat is 4.2% and 3.2% protein on every other day collection, his milk price will be 24.53p per

litre before levies. If cows average 25 litres then the total income will be £6.13 per cow per day.

If, at turnout, his milk yield increases to 26 litres but his butterfat falls to 3.8% the price per litre would change to 23.39p. If the extra litre was over the profile figure then the extra litre would only be worth 23.39p-6p= 17.39p. This would give a total income of £6.06 per cow per day.

In this example the extra litre of milk at lower fat gives a reduced income. There is the potential for this on Arla, Payne and First Milk contracts. Whilst it has always been important to maintain butterfat at turnout the current pricing structure makes the situation more critical.

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	Before Turnout	After Turnout
Yield	25 litres	26 litres
Butterfat	4.2%	3.8%
Protein	3.25%	3.25%
SCC and Bactoscan	Both A	Both A
Milk Price before Levies	24.53p	23.99p
Daily Income from 25 litres	£6.13	£5.87
Over profile milk (1 litre)		16.99p
Total Income/cow/day	£6.13	£6.06

Contractors / Service

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.

For Sale & Wanted

Charolais bulls. Well bred & ready for work. 18 – 22 months. Tel. Jenny Clayton **0113 2672921** or **07952 228632**.

Hay in large square bales. Scarborough area **0797 1776671**.

Good quality small bale hay. Ideal for sheep / horses. Bedale area **07711 824325**.

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

100 KVA diesel generator low hours. £2750 + VAT. I & WA Todd **01751 460203** or **077650 35582**.

8 metal single calf pen fronts, with locking yokes. Darley. Tel: **01423 780207**.

For Sale Mini Heston hay bales, excellent quality, Markington **07866813701 / 01765 677233**.

New Holland 8050 combine. 3943 hours. 12ft cut. Tidy condition. Genuine owner driven machine. Bedale area **01677 450280** or **07971 961403**.

Hay for sale. Good quality. Small bales and also large oblong. Reasonably priced. **01423 864253**.

Quadrant bales of wheat, barley & oat straw, 8' x 4' x 2'. Sedgfield area **07715 494378**.

