

## Calciprill granulated lime David Lewis

Calciprill granulated lime is a convenient means for farmers to correct soil pH using a standard fertilizer drill.

The granulated pellets are made up of very fine particles which, when dissolved on the field, give a very quick response from the crop. Application rates are much lower than traditional lime although a further application may be required sooner than if a large amount of lime was spread.

This little and often application does give a more stable pH in the soil. A faster change of pH gives a better uptake of other fertilizer.

Calciprill is available in 600kg bags so there is much more flexibility in the order size than the full wagon loads needed for traditional lime. Patching small acidic areas is possible with Calciprill.

**Ring us to discuss your requirements.**

## Around the markets

**Well done to Rob Bailes from Aldborough for the top priced beast at Otley auction.**

Rob's cattle are fed on our Cattle pro 60. Also to David & Cheryl Mitchell from Wilsden for achieving top price hogs at Otley at £108. The Mitchells use our Intensive lamb creep pellets. Top price hogs at Otley at £108 from Wighill lane farm partnership, fed on hogg blend.

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

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### Graham Jameson

Sheep cakes need to contain high levels of energy, particularly if we get hit with bad weather. It is possible to achieve an 18% nut with relatively little cost. But, it's not so easy to do this using ingredients that bring energy with them and even trickier to also include good quality protein sources with a good amino acid profile and by-pass protein. Our Ewedale Gold sheep cake does just that. High levels of energy (13.2MJ/kg DM) will ensure good milk production and strong lambs. We don't use protein ingredients that don't contain much energy such as sunflowers. Also, there are no filler ingredients in as these as they would reduce energy levels.

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.

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# Liquid gold

Kathryn Lawson

As lambing season is upon us it is important to stock up on artificial colostrum in case the need arises. No doubt there will be occasions where ewes have poor colostrum yield, large swollen teats or where lambs are not suckling for themselves.

Colostrum performs three critical roles in newborn lambs. It provides an easily digestible source of energy and other nutrients; maternally derived antibodies and also acts as a laxative.

Early intervention is critical and colostrum should be given in the first 6 hours of life. 50ml per kg of liveweight should be given per feed (minimum 210ml/kg in the first 24 hours). Therefore, for an average birthweight of 5-6 kg, 250 – 300 ml per feed should be given (minimum 1050 – 1260ml in the first 24 hours).

**Ask about our NETTEX lamb colostrum which provides energy, protein and probiotics to support lamb health.**



# It's all over

Neil Edminson

The main advantage of over-seeding is that it is minimal interruption to the use of the field. With over-seeding costs at a quarter of a conventional re-seed, it is also a cheaper alternative and sward output can be increased by over 40%.

New leys are proven to be productive, but after a few years the grasses sown tend to fall. Typically, after 5 years a long term ryegrass based ley may contain only 50% of the sown grasses. The remainder will consist of weed grasses such as bents, meadow grasses etc. These weed grasses are lower yielding, less palatable and result in less nutrients in silage compared with ryegrass. When compared with ryegrass, bent grasses only give a 33% response to nitrogen and meadow grass only 17%. We can provide grass seed mixes which will do well when over-seeded.

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## Can we calve sucklers at 2 years? Dr Ruth Lawson

**Dairy farmers have been pushing back the age of first service of heifers and saving on costs of replacements.**

If it's done correctly there will be no detriment to the animal. Getting heifers big enough to bull at 15 months, without being over-fat, requires steady growth of around 0.8kg/day from birth to service. This ensures target weight at service (15 months) is around 65% of mature cow weight. A decent growth rate between 4-5 months of age will increase her milk yield after calving as mammary cells increase in number at this time.

At about 15 months, if the mammary cells are not there fat will be deposited. Heifers will need a bit of TLC to perform at these levels. This rate of daily gain should continue until early into the last 3 months of pregnancy when at 21 months, the heifer should be 85% of mature cow weight. To avoid calving difficulties this body weight should be maintained. Also, easy calving bulls should be used – AI can be helpful here. If she isn't pregnant at this time, she can be sold fat before 30 months.



# ACIDIC SILAGE

David Lewis

One of the problems with silage this winter has been the acid level. Silages with a pH of 3.5 have not been uncommon and this causes big problems with keeping stock both healthy and productive. Wet silages are nearly always more acidic than dry but we have come across the occasional low pH in mid-range dry matters.

To discuss your diets or to find out more about **PENTOGUARD** silage additive give me a call.

To combat this problem we have been advising a variety of remedies depending on the practicalities of the situation. Adding straw to the ration can be a solution. Ideally this wants to be chopped to between 2 and 3 inches for good mixing with the forage.

On some farms feeding a buffer has worked well. Either sodium bicarbonate or acid-buf will act to neutralise the acidity. Alternatively, feeding Actisaf yeast can buffer the acidity but will also help with fibre digestion if the silage is stemmy as well as wet.

In some cases, reducing the starch level of the overall diet has helped production. High levels of very fizzy starch products such as bread or milled wheat can make the problem of acidity even worse. Lower levels of inclusion or changing to slower digestible sources such as rolled barley or rolled maize will help.

In the longer term it pays to use PENTOGUARD silage additive. This product contains *Lactobacillus Buchneri* rather than *Lactobacillus Plantarum* found in many other additives. This different bacterium has given a more consistent end product with no extreme drop in pH on any of the silage treated. We have found silages treated with PENTOGUARD have been consistently stable in the three years that we have been selling this product.

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