

# Focused on Farming



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## Finishing 'em off!

Stuart Holmes

With an ever tightening beef price, finishers need to get cattle away at the correct specification at high feed conversion efficiency. Many farmers have been getting good results feeding Jamesons Premium beef nuts layered with rolled barley.

Feeding premium beef nuts, increases palatability and improves dry matter intakes of the ration overall. The premium beef nuts are made from natural proteins giving the flexibility for feeding to younger cattle.

Also, some farmers think that older cattle grow better when fed natural proteins anyway. However, urea can be used in rations for older, well grown

cattle, provided the rumen is functioning well. Our premium beef nuts contain Actisaf yeast which is essential for finishing cattle on high starch diets to avoid acidosis.

With a poor beef price, it is tempting to save money by reducing the protein content of the diet. Whilst it makes sense to check that you're not overfeeding protein, undersupplying can cost as much as overfeeding due to slower gains and poor feed conversion efficiency.

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### Monthly offers

#### Country Store

##### Silage tape & patches

**20% off - tape £3.11 + VAT (small), £4 + VAT (large), patches £4.76 + VAT.**

**Ectofly 5 litres for only £62 + VAT (2.5 litres £38 + VAT).**

**Dalesman Garlic Grazer buckets  
buy 10 and get one free.**

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only £5.**

**Shires & Sherwood ladies jodphurs  
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**Kincade bridles (full & pony)  
reduced from £39.99 to £27.99.**

**Global herbs for horses  
now in stock.**

**Fold Hill essential working dog food  
(22% protein) 15kg bag (VAT free) £8.49.**

**Winalot shapes 15kg box was  
£31.95, now £24.95.**

**Burgess supacat RRP £24.69,  
our price £19.99.**

**Johnston & Jeff wild bird food  
20kg £11.95.**

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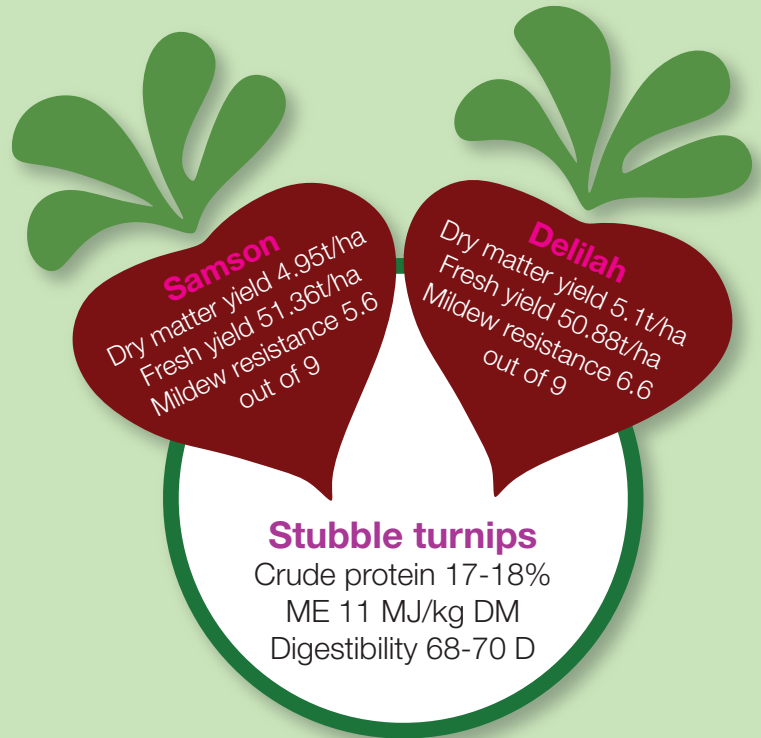


# Samson & Delilah

Neil Edminson



Stubble turnips are an excellent catch crop which can produce a great feed in just 12 weeks. You can grow stubble turnips after cereal harvest. As a guide, one hectare of a good summer crop should provide enough feed for 50 lambs for 60-70 days.



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## No. 4 Grass Seed - new for this year

David Lewis

This spring, we introduced our No. 4 mixture to our range of grass seeds. It is a 3 to 4 year ley and compares well in terms of yield with the well-established No. 2 mixture which is a 2 year ley. No 4 can work very well for those wanting a big crop of good quality grass but in a short term system, although yields may not be quite as high as our No. 2 mixture. One major benefit is that it can be cut at a similar time to longer term leys on the farm while still giving a high yield. No. 2 is made up of Italian ryegrass and typically these are earlier so do not fit as well with established long term leys at silage time. No. 2 mix works very well on its own, but if grown alongside longer term leys then either it will be cut too late and be too mature or the farm will be making silage continually over the summer! In addition, the establishment costs of a ley are similar for both a 2 year and 3 or 4 year ley so the annualised cost will be lower for mixture No. 4 while still giving high yields.

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# Less stress, more meat

**Dr Ruth Lawson**

Stress at weaning is often under-estimated and results in falling growth and susceptibility to disease. However, careful planning can alleviate this halt in productivity. Often at weaning the stress imposed on lambs is tremendous. Lambs are separated from their mothers, wormed & dosed; not to mention the change from a milk based diet to creep or even stubbles. Rumen development is going on as well as lambs having to learn how to eat new foods. Research shows that animals experiencing new foods when with their mothers will perform better on it after weaning. It makes sense to have a transition period of around 3 weeks for the rumen to adapt to a new feed. Also, you shouldn't drastically change the lamb's diet for 2 weeks after weaning. When weaning, ewes should be removed from their lambs. By leaving lambs in the same field they will experience less stress as they will know where the water and feeders are. It's also important to maintain the same groupings during weaning, e.g. keep siblings together as twins will stay together for the first few days.

Increasing sward height from 6 to 8cms encourages lamb growth, falling sward height particularly after heavy rain make sheep graze lower into the sward where rotting vegetation give off smells that put them off grazing. So it may pay to let lambs have the pick of the grass.

In terms of lamb health, stress will result in compromised immune systems making lambs more susceptible to disease. Routine treatments such as vaccines or wormers should be given before weaning as stress can affect the immune response particularly for vaccines making lambs more susceptible to disease. Ideally avoid grazing on fields which have had sheep on this season as these pose high risks of parasite challenge which can reduce lamb growth rates. Generally ewes are not a source of worm infection for lambs around weaning but experts warn that Moxidectin treated ewes may resume egg output when this long lasting action drug wears off. This is particularly in sheep which have been housed for more than 2 months before lambing and thus gone for months without challenge and temporarily lost their immunity.

Ask us about our lamb blend or lamb creep pellets or for more information visit our website [www.wejameson.co.uk](http://www.wejameson.co.uk).



## You tell us...

**Jake Lakin**



At Jamesons, we recognize that dairy farmers will want to be able to choose a dairy cake specific to them and designed for their specific farm conditions. We realize that a "one size fits all" approach isn't often the best option. We can design a dairy cake just for you and we won't charge extra for doing it!

For example, a new customer on a grass based system; farming in West Yorkshire asked us to make a cake to match his changing needs as his diets altered. He was impressed that we could make changes to dairy cakes "at the drop of a hat". We formulated a dairy cake for him whilst he was feeding fodder beet to lift milk urea levels. Then when cows went out to grass fully we formulated a cake to suit his paddock grazing system. Cows milked well and looked better. Also, because we were able to tailor the cake to his exact needs, it was more cost effective. Heading towards winter, we'll be able to devise a dairy cake to fit with extended grazing of kale.

Alternatively, if you're having problems with cow health, you could ask us to enrich the cake with extra vitamins such as vitamin E. For farmers who find their grass silage has a high acid load and low NDF, we can add Actisaf yeast to help rumen stability. Improving conditions in the rumen will not only prevent acidosis, but also maximize butter fat. We can also supply cakes specifically designed for robot milking systems. You tell us what you're looking for and we'll try to formulate a dairy cake for you.

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# Embarrassment of riches

David Lewis

This year's 1st cut silage has produced some very big crops and will have removed a lot of nutrients from the soil. However, because of the large amount of silage made some farmers are wanting to use less fertiliser, not more on 2nd cuts.

Normal practice is to apply 3 x 50kg of Aftercut fertiliser per acre to give 45 units of potash. However, that is based on the assumption that 1st cut gave a modest yield of 10 tonnes of silage at 25% dry matter. Every extra tonne of silage above 10 tonnes removes an extra 12 units of potash.

Extra potash can be added by either applying Aftercut or slurry on to the aftermaths but care must be taken so it does not dry on to the leaf. If big yields of 2nd and 3rd cut are not needed then using muriate of potash (0-0-60) could be applied to replenish the potash or a compound with a different ratio of nitrogen to potash such as 12-15-20 or 20-5-15 dependant on the soil nutrient status.

**For advice on your own circumstances please contact Neil or David in the office.**

# Greening

Neil Edminson

The single payment scheme ends this year and will be replaced by the basic payment scheme. There will be new "greening" rules to follow and a greening payment worth about 30% of your total payment. There will be three greening rules: -

1. Crop diversification
2. Ecological focus areas
3. Permanent grassland

Examples of leguminous crops that could count towards the Ecological focus areas include field beans, lupins, peas and soya. More details will be announced by the Minister later in the summer. For more information ring us to discuss your options.

## Contractors / Service

Agricultural Electrician, J R Graham. Fault finding and repairs, breakdowns, new installations, lighting, security, 3-phase. Tel John on **07595 620935** or **01423 323436**.

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

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

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. 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

Barney's farmhouse foods. Homemade jams, chutneys, marmalades, sauces & cakes for sale. Tel. **01423 780207** or email [anneoxenfarm@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:anneoxenfarm@yahoo.co.uk)

Limousin Bulls. Tel John Swales **07713 322245** or **01845 597339**.

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

Blakewell Simmentals - bulls and females for sale. Tel. Ian Steele on **07931 358286**.

Point of lay chickens, warrens, cream legbar, road rock, bluebells, light sussex, copper black. Tel. Bedale **07746 940791**.

Wanted farm plastic - delivered or collected, ring for a quote on Selby **01757 288112** or **07761 248174** or email [martinbirdsall20@gmail.com](mailto:martinbirdsall20@gmail.com).

28' bale trailer for sale, double axle, new build **07753 637638**.

Blonde pedigree bulls. Super conformation & nice temperaments. Easy calving sire. Also some pedigree heifers. I & WA Todd **01751 460203** or **077650 35582**.

ALFA-LAVAL Vacuum milk pump (VP77), single phase, 1000rpm, 50KPA, 4KW, 1600L/min, in good working order £250+VAT. MH Burt Tel: **01947 897357/ 07976 360116**.

Wanted part time milkers, ring Martin Atkinson @ Bishop Thornton **07793 542018**.

10 pedigree Aberdeen Angus bulls. 12 -14 months. Quiet, good conformation. IBR, BVD, Lept. & Johnes free. TB4. Ripon **01765 658646**.

5 in calf Aberdeen angus heifers due now onwards, by pedigree bull, in calf by a pedigree bull, also 1 young pedigree Aberdeen angus bull **07515 510131**.

Small bales of haylage. Good quality. Bedale **07715 002908**.

Haybob as new only done 20 acres. MF 124 hay baler old but reliable, quiet runner. GB Musgrave **01969 663274**.

