Focused on Farming



Line of best fit

Dr Ruth Lawson

After a prolonged spring that seemed like it was never going to get going, cows are now out at grass, helping with both labour and feed costs. Ingredients for blends should be carefully selected to work with grass.

Ingredients should be selected that will provide rumen energy sources to complement the rumen nitrogen in grass. These energy sources should include a range of starch, sugar and digestible fibre sources so that the rumen bugs can maximize microbial protein supply. Digestible fibre can be found in soya hulls and starch from rolled maize, barley or wheat. If grass is lush and the sun is shining, there will be sugar in the grass, but as grazing deteriorates, sugar can be included in the blend in the form of molasses or sugar beet.

Cows will also benefit from some bypass protein in the form of protected rape or soya. A supply of bypass protein will help to top up microbial protein in order to meet metabolisable protein requirements. For high yielding cows, protected fat can be included to supply bypass energy, this could also help support milk fat.

Please ask us to formulate a blend especially for you.



The May show and sale of store cattle at Middleton-in-Teesdale saw the championship awarded to a Limousin cross steer from Michael Watson, Stoney Hill, Harwood, which sold for £960 to pre-sale judge Mr John Walton. Michael uses primestock pencils.



Monthly offers

Hardware

Bateman Hoof master cattle crush £1600 + Vat

Bateman Sheep Handling Starter Pack

£375 + Vat

Animal health

Dairy Spares Calf jackets **Buy 8 get 2 free** (Available in different sizes and thickness)

Now stocking Ritchey grooming and showing range:

5 litre shampoo £13.33 Plus VAT (Available in Coconut, Medicated and Super White)

1 Litre shine £6.66 Plus VAT (Available in Black, Limmo and Charo)

3kg soap £16.66 Plus VAT (Available in Clear, Black and Charo)

Ectofly - 5 litres - £54.00 ex vat each

Spotinor - 2.5 Litres - £135.00 each

Now selling Pesticides: -

Pastor Pro 2 litres - £36.66 ex vat
Clinic Ace 5 litres £19.58 ex vat

Country store

10% OFF all Dickies Clothing and Footwear

Carr, Day & Martin loyalty card now available in store now buy 5 products and get the 6th half price. (Mix and match across the whole range)

Nettex Conditioning 2.5Litre drenches:

Sheep conditioning drench was £58.00 Now £47.99

Cattle & Sheep Cobalt Selenium and B_{12} was $\mathfrak{L}55.00$ Now $\mathfrak{L}41.99$

Cattle Conditioning drench was £58.00 Now

Dectospot 2.5 Litres £125 Plus VAT and receive a free gun



Pour On Iodine £60 ex VAT

All Ex Masham While stocks last!

Please mention the newsletter when ordering.





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Rob Atkinson **07891 918980** (Livestock) Will Atkinson **07792 410718** (Arable)

Dickies Clothing and Footwear

We have recently expanded our range of Dickies clothing and footwear, from work wear, everyday wear to auction market wear.

We also stock a large range of coveralls stud or zip fronted, including a ladies Redhawk coverall in navy (Starting from £16 plus VAT).

Our Range of boots has increased now including the Fife safety dealer boot available in Crazy Horse brown or Tan. (£49.99)

Hereford Fleece £20.50 plus VAT

Combrook softshell jacket **£29.00 plus VAT**

Aldalson softshell bodywarmer **£20.50 plus VAT**

Orland Fleece Bodywarmer £19.15 plus VAT



Join Lothersdale Agricultural Society Discussion Group for a meeting on: - "Farming through Brexit"

Wednesday, 15 June at 7pm | CCM Skipton auction (main ring)

Speakers include: - • Owen Paterson • Sir Peter Kendall

Capital Grants now available for Rural Businesses within the Yorkshire Dales Leader Area

There is over £2 million of capital grants available for rural businesses in the Yorkshire Dales Leader area over the next 3 years. If you are planning to invest in a capital project to help expand and improve the profitability of your business during 2017 then consider applying for a Yorkshire Dales Leader grant worth up to 40% of the cost of your investment.

Further information is available online at www.yorkshiredalesleader.co.uk or from Rima Berry (01514 251002).

For potential applicants requiring assistance with the necessary paperwork contact **Neil Pickard** (07774 684267) for a no grant no fee quote.

Brewers Grains pitting for winter or summer feed loads.
Please contact
Nick for prices.

After cut fertiliser Jonathan Stansfield

2016 has seen reductions in the price of all fertilisers. At the time of writing we are expecting further falls in nitrogen prices as we approach the early offer prices for arable farmers. This usually appears in mid June and is an incentive for arable farmers to store nitrogen fertiliser for application in Spring 2017. In the last 2 years this has not worked out as the best time to buy fertiliser so will need to be attractive this year.

This drop in nitrogen price will have a knock on effect on the aftercut market. The current price (mid-May) has been dropping and further falls are expected. Deciding on when to buy is a compromise between waiting for

a lower price and the need to apply this fertiliser. Late application of the fertiliser may result in a loss of yield which is greater than any potential fertiliser price saving.

We have two grades of aftercut to offer. Either the 24-0-15 version or 24-0-14+7.5 SO $_3$ is available depending on whether the addition of sulphur is required. At present there is a lead time between ordering and delivery of 4-5 working days.

Please give me a call on 01765 689666 to discuss your fertiliser requirements.



USEFUL NUMBERS Country Store 01765 680215 • Nick Bowkett 07715 994178 (Product Sales) • David Lewis 07710 60 07802 253060 (Sales) • Jonathan Stansfield 07732 396078 (Grain Buyer/Fertiliser Sales) • Richard Harker 07732 396079 (Acc

Pento-Guard to help forage fermentation David Lewis

The importance of good quality silage and wholecrop has never been greater. With the current low prices for milk and beef, maximising production from home grown forage is essential to keep down the cost of production. Achieving a good fermentation and producing a stable palatable feed can be assisted by the application of Pento-Guard silage additive. Pento-Guard contains a mix of enzymes and bacteria which works well on either grass or wholecrop silage.

Xylanase enzyme works on the xylose fraction of the forage fibres to produce pentose sugars. This gives a stable silage and maintains the structural fibre level in the silage. At the same time *Enterococcus Faecium* acts to prevent any pathogens building up and swiftly reduces the pH. *Lactobacillus Buchneri* then feeds on these sugars to produce both lactic and acetic acids. This balance of acids prevents the development of low pH, acidic silages and prevents the formation of yeasts and moulds. *Lactobacillus Lactis* is a new product which acts against the production of clostridia and reduces dry matter losses in the silage.

This combination of active ingredients produces silage that is sticky to touch with a better balance of acetic and lactic acids. This results in silages that are cool and less likely to warm up.

Show dates

19 June
3 July
12-14 July
3 July
20 July
23 July
23 July
26 July
27 July
6 August
7 August
13 August
14 August
24 August
27 August
29 August
30 August
17 September
19 September



Buzz off

Sally Cornforth

Bimeda's generic Spot On product is Dectospot. It contains the same active Deltamethrin as the better known products at the same rates. Spot On treatments work by the fly landing on the animal (insecticide) before they BUZZ OFF & DIE. A bit like Fly paper they only kill where they touch the product so in times of heavy infestations may need to be applied more often which can be mistaken for the product not working. It is really important to get product applied early so as to kill the adult breeding flies before they lay eggs.

Dectospot is licensed as a topical application for the control of lice and flies on cattle; ticks, lice, keds and established blowfly strike on sheep and lice and ticks on lambs.



We have an amazing introductory deal on DECTOSPOT 2.5 litres £125.00 ex vat PLUS FREE GUN. Ask in store for more details.

BENEFITS

- Zero milk withdrawal in cattle
- Can be used in pregnancy and lactation
- Easy-to-use, spot-on treatment
- Controls lice and flies in cattle
- Controls tick, lice and treats blowfly strike in sheep.

AROUND THE MARKETS

At Northallerton auction, D&PA Bowe presented the top steers at £1211 and £1326, and also the top heifer at £1380. R&EM Hugill presented the top blue store steer at £1130.

RW Marston sold the best texel hoggs for £87 at Skipton auction, using hogg blend. In the calf pens, Church Farm Enterprises topped all sections at £425 for a blue bull and £405 for a blue heifer, using Jameson IMMU-Power calf milk replacer.

At Wharfedale Farmers, top price ewes at £115 were presented by the Keighleys from Castley, they use Ewedale Gold. At the show and sale of new season lambs, Sally & Andrew Hargrave were clear show

winners, topping the trade at £135, they use hogg blend. Customer, Robert Tindall topped the ewe trade at £116.50 and The Keighleys also presented the top hogg at £97.50. The Barrett family from Leathley presented the top hoggs at £102.50 at the 16 May sale, using hogg blend.





Big water bills? Ever thought of a bore hole? Call Richard on 07732 396790. Finance can be arranged.

Grain Drying – small quantities catered for. You bring it and we dry it. Phone Terry Mason: 01765 607860

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.

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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.

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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.

Welding tuition available in MMA mig & tig processes on pipe and plate. Call 01609 761697 Email: fortressfabrications@outlook.com

For Sale & Wanted

Pedigree and pure bred limousin bulls for sale & pure bred heifers ready for serving.

D. Windress 01751 431702.

PZ haybob, good condition, Richmond, 01748 811576

Round bale silage. 60 bales available. £10 each. Burnley area. 077511 24658.

IAE cattle crush. Good working order. Automatic gate. £250. Bedale area 07711 824325.

Major 8000 roller mower. Ideal for caravan / amenity areas. VGC. 01765 658693 or 07860 786683.

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

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

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

Traditional small bales of meadow seed hay; wheat & barley straw. 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.

