

Fodder beet seed

Neil Edminson

It's the time of year to be thinking about fodder beet seed and we have a good range of varieties on offer: -

- **BLAZE** is a variety with the potential to produce excellent dry matter yields with very clean bright roots. Blaze is a medium dry matter variety. Good resistance to bolting and excellent establishment.
- **FELDHERR** produces a huge fresh yield of low dry matter roots. Feldherr is ideal for feeding to dairy cows but makes excellent feed for ewes that can handle the low dry matter roots. Feldherr can be harvested but is an ideal grazing variety.
- **JAMON** gives a very high fresh root yield. It is a yellow skinned variety with a medium dry matter. Highly palatable beet and easily eaten by a wide range of stock.
- **ROBBOS** provides one of the highest dry matter yields in trials. It has a clean, yellow root and medium dry matter content, making it an ideal choice for dairy and beef production.
- **FORTIMO** is a new variety producing excellent yields of medium dry matter red roots. It has good early vigour with strong foliar growth producing large disease resistant red veined tops. Roots are uniform conical tankard shaped producing clean lifting roots with a low dirt tare.



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 and 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

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**.

20 KVA silent generator good working order. £2800 + VAT. I & WA Todd **01751 460203** or **077650 35582**.

8 metal single calf pen fronts, with locking yokes. 15 / 20 wooden pallets. 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**.

Keenan 140 Easy Feeder in working order. Carthorpe. Tel: **07715 605587**

21 Angus heifers I/C due mid Jan onwards. Also pedigree Angus bull. **07515 510131**.

Good quality Straw for sale in square Bales, stored inside Bedale Area. Tel **07900 245354**.

Grassland wanted to rent on short or long term basis for sheep or suckler cows. Any area considered and good rates paid. Tel. Rob on **07891 918980** anytime.

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Same old, same old

Peter Harland

As signs of Spring start to show its worth thinking about minerals for animals at turnout. Sometimes mineral status of land can change so don't presume that because it was OK last year it will be fine this year. Cold conditions, soil erosion, poor root development and plant establishment can all affect levels of key nutrients in soil and their subsequent take-up by plants. This can then lead to subsequent deficiencies in livestock with breeding animals being particularly vulnerable due to the increased stress they are under.

Common problems in the North of England tend to be from low or variable levels of cobalt, selenium and iodine with poor conception rates, high incidences of barren ewes or cows and subsequent poor lamb or calf vitality being the most common indicators. The key to avoiding fertility and animal health issues resulting from deficiencies is to ensure key trace elements are sustained at the right level through the critical stages of the breeding cycle.

Give Peter Harland a ring on 07803 116410 to chat about mineral issues.



Don't forget

we will be closed for both collections & deliveries on Easter Monday (5 April). Please order early.

Monthly offers

Animal health

Pro Mark marker spray buy 5 get a 6th FREE mix and match colours

Buy a 10kg, 20kg or 25kg bag of lamb milk and receive a FREE whisk (1 per customer)

New in - Battles Ewe Drink 150ml just **£1.67** per bottle

Alcatraz Adopters Special offer **£240** + VAT for a 2 ewe lamb adopter

4' wooden hurdles **£6.50**
5' wooden hurdles **£7.40**
6' wooden hurdles **£7.75**

Country store

Naf Devils Relief was £19.95 now **£14.95** saving **25%**



New in Equerry condition cooler mash was £11.95 now **£9.95** saving £2 introductory offer (free samples in store)

Now stocking Allen & Page Veteran Vitality (free samples in store)

Johnston & Jeff 20kg peanuts just **£29.99** per bag

Hardware

Sheep ring feeders **£80**

Lamb weigh **£400**

16' Sheep race c/w guillotine gate and drafting gate **£400**

8' Rectangular feed bin on skids **£395**

8' beef troughs on legs **£115**

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A new reseed silage sward will, on average, produce an additional **4000 litres per hectare**; this is worth **£1000 (DARDNI figures)**.



Did you know?

Graham Jameson

- A suckler cow needs 30g of magnesium every single day; our Dalesman Mag buckets supply 34g (at 200g per day).
- A dairy cow giving 40 litres needs 40g of magnesium per day. Our dairy cakes supply enough magnesium for these early lactation cows when fed at 7kg.
- We have seen some competitor's dairy cakes that only contain 0.35% magnesium, this means that even a cow eating 10kg will still be short, so check the level on your cake.
- Rapidly growing grasses, such as re-seeds and well fertilized land, are very low in magnesium.

Buy 10 Dalesman Tri-mag buckets and get another one free.



9' Galvanised sheep troughs **£23**



8' Lamb creep feeder **£240**
8' Lamb creep shelter **£350**



Lamb weigh **£400**

Around the markets

With the best beltex lambs seen for some time, top price again at Otley for Mark & Kirsty Farrar at Wighill lane farm, Tadcaster at 248p/kg and £114 per head.

Top price at Thirsk auction at 219.5p was a limousin x bull from TH, K & TM Wood, Birstwith fed on primestock pencils.

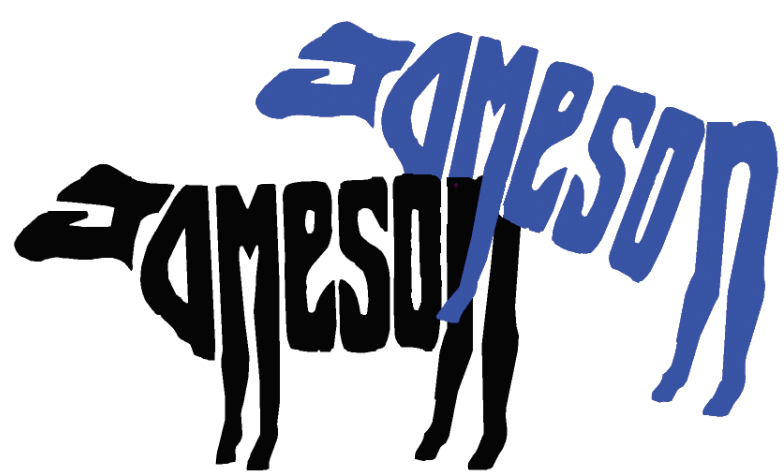
Congratulations to Paul Cass from Scalby for top price at Thirsk auction at £115 for texel x lambs, fed on hogg blend and a special keymix.

Black & white bulls from FW Herbert achieved 194p/kg at Thirsk using calf blend and cattle pro gold. Also, Keith & Gareth Hogg used a special keymix from us and achieved highest price heavy bull at £1653.93. Mrs Broadley achieved highest price Aberdeen Angus steer at £950 and uses rolled barley layered with premium beef nuts.



Mad a bulling! Dr Ruth Lawson

There was an interesting paper in the Journal of Dairy Science this month. The paper confirmed inherent breed differences for bulling behaviour in dairy cows. I've often thought that the less active bulling behaviour seen in high yielding holstein cows was a consequence of milk yield and time available to them to do anything other than eat, but apparently not! Researchers compared bulling behaviour for Holstein-Friesian (HF) and Norwegian Red cattle (NRC). Oestrus duration was considerably shorter in HF compared with NRC (7.1 vs. 11.7 h) for standing oestrus. The NRC spent more time in sexually active groups and continued to be more active in these groups. NRC were mounted more times, while HF initiated more unsuccessful mounts. So there seems to be a case for an effect of genetics on behaviour shown at oestrus.



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