Focused on Farming

Jamesons get the cream

Graham Jameson

WE Jameson & Son Ltd are delighted to announce success at the Farm Business Cream Awards 2014. The event was held at the National Motorcycle Museum in Birmingham with 450 people from across the UK dairy industry attending on the evening. The company scooped the award for ‘Regional Feed Merchant of the Year’ for the second year running. The judges praised Jamesons for being “fantastically customer focused”. They said we ‘concentrate on a few things and do them well determined to forge strong customer relationships, with an almost tailored service.’

Many of our customers were good enough to provide testimonials acknowledging the high level of service provided by us, and we would like to thank them for this. We are delighted to win this award. This award is testament to Jamesons’ core values, a high level of customer service and product quality.

The panel of judges included Séan Rickard, Meurig Raymond, David Cotton & Ian MacAlpine.

From left: Chris Lyddon, editor of Farm Business magazine; Graham Jameson & Chris Jameson.

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Monthly offers

Tupping (feet & fertility) buckets buy 10 and get 2 free.

Tri-mag buckets buy 10 and get another one free.

Sawdust always in stock – ask us for a price for a pallet.

Animal health

Buy a Nettex ram harness and get a crayon free.

Buy 4 Nettex ram crayons and get a 5th free.

Buy a Ritchey ram harness and get a crayon free.

Buy 4 Ritchey ram crayons get a 5th free.

20% off Agrimark Raddles 1.5kg.

Buy 1 Slaymor rat poison and get a 2nd half price.

Animec Cattle Pour-on (Noromectin equivalent)

1 litre £25 + VAT (was £29.99)

2.5 litres £45 + VAT (was £49.99)

5 litres £77 + VAT (was £83)

Country Store

Dengie hi-fi lite (20kg) now only £10.49.

Whiskas cat food 40 pouches for the price of 32 at £9.99.

‘Delicious’ cat food 12 cans only £6.45.

New in Dr John hypoallergenic (without wheat) 15kg £16.49.

Gelert dog food 6 large cans were £6.59, now £5.50 (6 for the price of 5).

Hoggs of Fife Blair shirt was £19.99, now £13.99.

Bilton ‘leather-look’ riding gloves in white were £8.50, now £5.

Ex Masham

Please mention the newsletter when ordering.

While stocks last!
On the home straight  

Peter Harland

A number of farms choose to finish lambs on ad-lib concentrates to get them away quickly in three to six weeks. To achieve high performance and encourage a healthy gut, lambs should receive a diet that combines high starch sources for rapid gain with high energy fibrous ingredients helping to keep the rumen balanced. Hogg blend is a 13.2 MJ/kg blend containing high quality ingredients including rolled barley & wheat, sugarbeet, distillers & soya. The combination of starch and fibrous energy sources means lambs go straight on to this blend ad lib without upsetting the rumen. This means store lambs can go on to hogg blend straight off grass. Liveweight gains on hogg blend have been recorded at between 333g and 524g per day. As the blend is very palatable you don’t get issues with lambs eating forage rather than concentrates. Also, ammonium chloride is added to prevent urinary calculi (stones) in intensively fed lambs.

Alternatively, primestock pencils can be introduced gradually over a period of 10-14 days to lambs to achieve high levels of weight gain. Three sources of starch are used, barley, wheat and maize. This puts cereal inclusion in primestock pencils at 30% resulting in good levels of finish. Once lambs are fully on ad-lib, they should not be allowed to become empty, as animals could overeat when feeders are refilled. In addition, lambs can be given access to long fibre to help stabilize the rumen.

For more information visit our website www.wejameson.co.uk or ring us to discuss your options.

Yet another success for Jameson customer, Robin Jackson of Blubberhouses, Otley. Robin won first prize with his pen of mule gimmer lambs at Wharfedale Farmers Auction Mart. At Skipton auction, Ellis Bros. won first prize with their mule gimmer lambs and DH Dick won the continental shearing class at Northallerton auction.

Congratulations

Robin Jackson of Blubberhouses, Otley

W E Jameson & Son Ltd require a Full time Retail Assistant to work in our Country Store in Masham.

Suitable applicants will be customer focussed, fit and active (ability to lift 25kg sacks), honest, reliable and adaptable. Duties to include customer service, stock replenishment, ordering, cleaning, cashing up and visual merchandising. Successful applicant will be adaptable, prepared to work overtime as required, friendly and confident. Successful candidate will have the potential to work up to manager duties. Saturday mornings essential. Hours of work Monday to Friday 8am to 5pm and Saturdays 8am until 12noon. Retail experience and an interest in any of the product areas sold Agricultural, Pet Food, Equine, Horticulture would be an advantage. Part time staff would also be considered.

For further information telephone (01765) 689666 or apply in writing to Graham Jameson, W E Jameson & Son Ltd, Foxholme Lane Mill, Masham, HG4 4EL

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Beefing it up!

Stuart Holmes

With a low cereal price it makes sense to feed barley mixed with a protein pellet – but which one and how much?

The protein level in the diet depends on breed with continental animals requiring a higher protein level than black & white bulls or steers. Holsteins tend to lay down lean tissue rather than fat. So, if you feed too much protein they continue to grow frame without finishing properly. The protein requirement of finishing cattle declines with age when a greater proportion of their weight gain is fat. However, underfeeding protein can cost much more than overfeeding due to poor live weight gain. So, for black & white bulls, crude protein needs to be around 12.5% DM and for continentals 14.5%. This equates to two bags of our Cattle Pro 60 meal for continentals and one bag for black & white bulls.

Type of protein is also a consideration for finishing cattle. Protein requirement for finishers can be met through microbial protein in the rumen. So with strong, well grown, healthy cattle, urea can be incorporated into the protein pellet or meal. For cattle that have struggled a bit in the growth phase, natural proteins work better. Young animals, less than 4 months of age or less than 270kg will need to avoid urea as their rumen isn’t well enough developed.

For fast finishing beef cattle, incorporating yeast into the protein component is essential to prevent acidosis and lameness issues. Actisaf is a protected live yeast, meaning it doesn’t get destroyed by the environment in the gut. The live yeast is protected from heat and acid by a layer of dead yeast cells, meaning more yeast cells reach the rumen alive. Actisaf stabilizes rumen pH by reducing the build-up of lactic acid, which causes acidosis. It reduces rumen oxygen content and stimulates the growth of rumen organisms that digest fibre and starch, thus increasing feed intake and helping efficient digestion.

Also, minerals and vitamins need to be at the correct level. From time to time we see supplements containing very high levels of copper and selenium, which can be toxic and result in poor performance.

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The needle vs. the trough

Dr Ruth Lawson

Recently, I had the pleasure of a visit from a Texan rancher (who incidentally didn’t wear a Stetson or even cowboy boots). I was fascinated with his talk of mammoth cattle finishing lots and trucks carrying over 200 head of cattle. But more than all this, we were alarmed when he explained that farmers in Texas and their vets too “think all the answers lie at the end of a needle”. How far are we from this in the UK? So often when we have a sick calf we look for the answer in a drug. Without doubt I’m the first person to treat a calf with the best drugs available to me. But maybe after the dust settles, we should look for the answer elsewhere. We all know that improving ventilation in calf sheds reduces pneumonia, but how many of us just accept “well I’m stuck with this old shed” instead of looking at ways of improving them. Feeding too, every cell of the immune system has a need for certain specific nutrients. Put simply if these nutrients aren’t in the feed the calf is missing that part of their immune system and so is at a disadvantage when fighting bugs.

In terms of calf milk powder, a whey based powder fed at 400g per day restricts the calf to maintenance. So not only does it not have any nutrients for growth, but also has nothing to fight the bug with. Feeding milk powder at a higher concentration helps protect them from disease.

The compound feed needs to support a developing rumen, without this acidosis can occur resulting in poor absorption of nutrients, further causing problems. Probiotics can effectively compete with pathogens. Oligosaccharides provide a site for pathogens to bind and the pathogen is thus carried out of the animal’s gut. Dietary IgG in the milk powder provide intestinal immunity by binding to scour pathogens. All of these help the calf to fight disease and keep healthy.

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Congratulations
Huge congrats to Mr Gawthorpe from Heaton, Bradford for winning the highest price continental calf at Otley. The lucky buyer of this gorgeous blue heifer was Mr Reed from Tong pictured here with his girlfriend Layla Hepworth. The chap on the left with the cheesy grin is our own Jake Lakin. Mr Gawthorpe feeds Jameson IMMU-Surge calf milk replacer and our calf weaner pellets. Mr Reed hasn’t decided what to do with this heifer, but might bull her – what a super suckler she’ll make!

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