



## My Vaccine Isn't Available – What's The Alternative?

In recent years, we have all experienced the frustration of stock issues with **Heptavac**<sup>®</sup> and **Ovovac**<sup>®</sup>, and we often get asked about the alternatives. One vaccine that we have had no stock issues with is **Bravoxin**<sup>®</sup>, and it is a perfectly good substitute to ensure sheep are still protected against clostridial disease, the biggest and most immediate risk if vaccination is delayed.



**Bravoxin**<sup>®</sup> provides broad clostridial cover, protecting against the key clostridial diseases we worry about in sheep, including pulpy kidney, tetanus, blackleg, black disease, lamb dysentery and struck. From that point of view, it does the core clostridial job very well and is far better than leaving sheep unprotected while waiting for other vaccines to come back into stock.

The main difference to be aware of is that **Bravoxin**<sup>®</sup> does not provide pasteurellosis protection. **Heptavac**<sup>®</sup> and **Ovovac**<sup>®</sup> both cover *Pasteurella* (a major cause of pneumonia and sudden deaths, particularly in lambs), whereas **Bravoxin**<sup>®</sup> is focused purely on clostridial disease. So if *Pasteurella* is a known issue in your flock, this is something to factor in.

In practical terms, **Bravoxin**<sup>®</sup> is a sensible stop-gap option which is also very cost effective when supply is tight. It allows vaccination programmes to continue and avoids leaving lambs or breeding stock exposed to clostridial disease, which can cause sudden losses with little warning. *Pasteurella* risk can then be managed separately, either through monitoring and management, or by discussing additional vaccination options with your vet or SQP if needed.

**If Heptavac<sup>®</sup> or Ovovac<sup>®</sup> aren't available, please speak to your vet or SQP about ways to protect your sheep.**

By **Sally Cornforth** | R-SQP Animal Health Adviser

 **Call 01765 689666 for more advice**

### *A Note from Graham*

## Preparing for a productive spring

*March is a pivotal month on the farm as ground conditions begin to improve, spring work gathers pace and livestock move into a critical period for health and performance.*

*This edition focuses on practical support for the season ahead. It includes a closer look at the benefits of **Safmannan**<sup>®</sup> for supporting dry cow immunity at key stress points, insight from **Mary Stones** on the advantages of calf milk replacer, and a **Product Spotlight** on protecting vulnerable navel and ear tag areas in young and mature stock.*

**Graham Jameson**  
Managing Director



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Stronger immunity and improved healthier transitions - why including **Safmannan**<sup>®</sup> in dry cow diets delivers results.

### **Top 5 Reasons**

Find out why many farmers choose milk powder over whole milk for calves.

### **March Offers**

Practical savings on farm essentials to support spring activities.

# Support Your Dry Cows With Transition Rolls With Safmannan®

By Alison Brewster  
Nutritionist

Since we included Safmannan® into our premium ewe ration Jameson Eweboost, farmers have seen significant improvements in

- Colostrum quality
- Ewe body condition

**These improvements have led to a reduction in the cases of watery mouth and scours as the lamb's immune system is better supported and it develops rapidly by the intake of quality colostrum and milk. In turn, the ewe has retained body condition through improved utilisation of the diet, ensuring strong, healthy lambs and mums. A good start to face the challenges to come.**

## So, what about including Safmannan® in dry cow diets?

Safmannan® is a yeast cell wall product that is produced from a fully controlled process that ensures a consistency of product. The product supports the cow's immune system to fight off pathogens and adsorbs and inhibits the growth of gram-negative bacteria such as E. coli and Salmonella.

The dry cow is in a state of high immune response, being under a great deal of stress as her body supports the growth of her calf and she undergoes big hormonal changes as her body prepares for lactation. So just as humans are more susceptible to infection in times of stress, so the cow in transition is.

During times of stress and inflammation, such as that around the dry / transition period, the gut lining can become compromised. This increases the risk of pathogen exposure on the animal, which can have a lasting effect on health and performance. Safmannan® promotes a healthy gut lining by encouraging longer villi and deeper crypts, increasing mucus production and tightening cell junctions, which are key for improving nutrient absorption and performance, whilst reducing the risk of toxins and bacteria entering the bloodstream.



It also helps maintain a healthy balance of microbes in the rumen and gut, reducing harmful bacteria and encouraging beneficial ones to thrive. Give your dry cows the support and TLC they deserve by feeding **Jameson Dry Cow Rolls with Safmannan®**. As the cow's potential intake is being reduced as the calf grows, it is important to ensure that her energy intakes are not being diverted to support the immune system.

A cow whose immune system is being severely challenged requires up to 2kg per day of glucose – energy that would not be available to the cow or calf. See the inclusion of Safmannan® as an insurance for the stockman to support the immune system of the transition cow.

An overactive immune system during the transition period can lead to ketosis, DAs and retained cleansings – up to 30% of the UK's dairy cows are believed to suffer from subclinical ketosis. This in turn leads to lower milk production and an increased period of time to first oestrus post calving. Just as we are coming to understand that the human digestive system is the body's second brain, so it is for ruminants.

A steady, balanced rumen microbe population is the key to a contented cow that is in the best place for giving birth and entering the herd as a happy healthy cow. Safmannan® in the dry cow diet can help them get there!!



## Service Spotlight

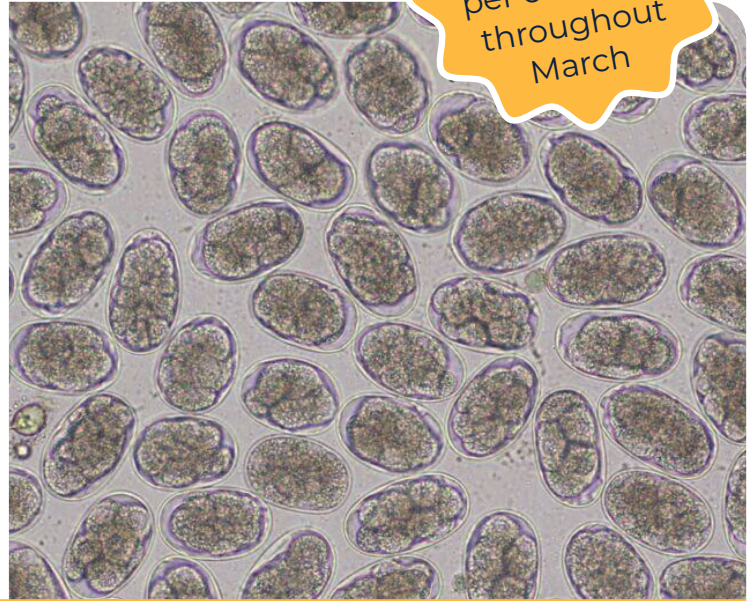
### Liver Fluke – What You Need to Know

Liver fluke (*Fasciola hepatica*) are leaf-shaped parasites that live in the bile ducts of cattle and sheep, causing significant health and production losses.

**Infection occurs when grazing animals ingest encysted fluke larvae on pasture, particularly on wet or poorly drained ground where the mud snail thrives. Once inside the animal, juvenile fluke migrate through the liver, causing tissue damage before maturing and producing eggs that are passed out in dung, continuing the cycle.**

Clinical signs range from poor growth, weight loss and reduced milk yield to anaemia, bottle jaw and, in severe cases, sudden death.

Sheep are generally more severely affected than cattle, and changing climate conditions are increasing the risk of fluke in previously low-risk areas.



**ONE  
FREE TEST**  
per customer  
throughout  
March

**At W.E. Jameson, we offer in-house liver fluke testing**

**Simply bring along an individual or pooled sample and we can have results back to you in around 20 minutes. Just grab a coffee and browse the shop while you wait.**

Testing allows quicker identification of infection, more targeted control plans, and helps farmers make timely treatment decisions to reduce production losses and improve overall flock and herd health.



Call **01765 689666** for help and advice with Liver Fluke

### Product Spotlight NoBACZ Navel

NoBACZ Navel & Ear Tag Barrier solution for livestock is a specialised protective product designed to safeguard vulnerable navel and ear tag areas in both young and mature animals.

Formulated for effective barrier protection, it helps reduce the risk of infection and irritation at these critical sites. Easy to apply and compatible with common tagging procedures, this solution enhances animal health and welfare by promoting faster healing and minimising complications associated with tagging and navel exposure.

**Ideal for livestock managers seeking reliable, expert-grade care solutions to maintain herd vitality.**



Call **01765 689666** to order or shop online NoBACZ Navel & Ear Tag Barrier solution

To place an order or for help and advice call **01765 689666**

# Top 5 Reasons Many Farmers Choose Milk Powder Over Whole Milk for Calves

By **Mary Stones**  
Farm Support / R-SQP

## 1. Better Health & Biosecurity

Feeding whole milk, particularly waste milk, can increase the risk of spreading diseases such as Johne's and BVD. Calf milk replacer is manufactured under controlled conditions to provide a clean, pathogen-free feed. This helps reduce digestive upsets, lowers the risk of scours and improves overall calf health.

## 2. Consistent Nutrition

The nutritional value of whole milk can vary between cows and from day to day. Milk powder is formulated to deliver a consistent balance of protein, fat, vitamins, and minerals in every feed, supporting steady, predictable early growth.

## 3. Supports Growth and Development

High quality milk replacers are designed to be easily digested by young calves. Balanced protein and energy levels help promote strong daily liveweight gain while supporting healthy rumen and immune system development.

## 4. Practical and Easy to Manage

Milk powder is easy to store, transport and mix, making feeding routines more consistent and easier to manage. It also removes the risk of antibiotic residues that may be present in waste milk, helping protect calf health and future performance.

## 5. Reliable Performance on Farm

Because milk replacer is produced to a set formulation, it performs consistently regardless of season, cow yield or changes in the milking routine. This helps farmers maintain predictable results and better control over day-to-day management.

## Key Points to Consider

- **Quality matters:** Choose an all-milk protein replacer, especially for calves under three weeks of age.
- **Energy levels:** Some powders are lower in energy than whole milk, so correct mixing rates and feeding volumes are essential.

## Bottom Line

When used correctly, a good quality milk replacer provides a safe, reliable, and effective way to rear healthy, well grown calves while improving biosecurity and management on the farm.

**IMMU-Calf**  
MILK REPLACER



Here at W.E. Jameson, we offer a wide variety of CMR to suit your system  
Call **01765 689666** for help or advice

## Top 5 Reasons Many Farmers Choose Milk Powder Over Whole Milk for Calves (Cont)

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**IMMU-Calf** milk replacer range has been developed to meet the demands of modern beef and dairy systems, fed from colostrum through to weaning.

### IMMU-Power

Protein: 23% | Fat: 17%

Whey based



### IMMU-Surge

Protein: 23% | Fat: 17%

Skim based



### IMMU-Surge 20-20

Protein: 20% | Oil: 20%

Skim based



### IMMU-Convert

Protein: 22.5% | Oil: 25%

Skim based



## Cake of the Month Butta-Lac Dairy Pencils

Built for cows that mean business

Available as a 16% or 18%, with the option of yeast for extra rumen stability, they slot easily into any dairy system.



Quality fibre from wheatfeed, balanced protein from wheat distillers and rape meal, and malt residuals provide a well-balanced feed, rich in digestible fibre and delivering excellent pellet quality.

All our mineralised dairy feeds contain high levels of Vitamin E, which helps to enhance immune function and improve reproductive performance. The result is smooth rumen function, whether cows are grazing or working on good silage, a straightforward feed that just works.

## Product Spotlight Udderly Ez Sheep Milk Pump Complete Set

Easy and hygienic milking, storage and feeding of milk and colostrum.

For the immediate provision of feed to new-born lambs, collection of colostrum or the treatment of mastitis.



Developed by leading vets, herd managers and breeders in the USA.

## Can you find Storm?

### WIN a £20 VOUCHER

Find Storm the Spaniel in our newsletter, simply circle where she is, and send a photo with your name and address to [farmsupport@wejameson.co.uk](mailto:farmsupport@wejameson.co.uk) by the 20 March 2026 and we will pick a WINNER at random! *Good Luck!*



Congratulations to

## Molly Sanderson

Who spotted Storm in the February Newsletter next to the Ewedale bag in the image with the article Meeting the Demands of a Ewe in Late Pregnancy.



# March Offers

For advice please call **01765 689666**

**Offer T&Cs:** All prices are excluding VAT. Offers valid until 31 March 2026. Prices & product availability are subject to change. Offers based on collection only.

## Ritchie Lamb Creep Hurdles

- 1.25 metres
- Robust Tubular Steel Frame
- Easily adjustable roller spacing with 3 width settings: 150 / 190 / 225 mm

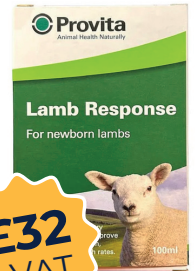


**£135 +VAT**

WAS ~~£149.00~~ **NOW £135.00 +VAT**

## Provita Lamb Response

- A unique combination of beneficial bacteria, egg powder and vitamins to kick start newborn lambs
- For lambs with digestive upset, to restore healthy gut bacteria
- Easy to administer as an oral solution following periods of stress or illness



**£32 +VAT**

**£32.00 +VAT**

## Bateman Lamb Adapter Front

- Designed to attach across the corner of existing sheep hurdles to form a pen
- The yoke has two positions
- Detachable double bucket holder included



**£120 +VAT**

**£120.00 +VAT**

## CZF Plus Foot Dip – 25kg

- A premium quality foot bath
- Helps maintain optimal hoof health in livestock
- Cleans and disinfects the hooves
- Lowers risk of foot diseases
- Easy to use and can be diluted



**£65 +VAT**

**£65.00 +VAT**

## Infrared Heat Lamp

- 2 heat settings - perfect for keeping the lambs warm
- Its reflective surface directs heat efficiently, reducing energy use.
- Emits consistent and powerful infrared heat



**£20.50 +VAT**

**£20.50 +VAT**

## Clear Lamb Jackets

### Pack of 100

- Protect newborn lambs during the critical early days of life
- Help reduce the risk of hypothermia in cold, wet or changeable weather
- Easy to fit & comfortable for lambs



**£19 +VAT**

**£19.00 +VAT**

## Dr John Silver - Dog Food 15kg - With Chicken & Vegetables

- Packed with essential nutrients, vitamins and minerals
- Enriched with protein for muscle development, fibre for digestion and oils for a shiny coat



**£14.75 +VAT**

WAS ~~£16.05~~ **NOW £14.75 +VAT**

## Nora Dolomite Wellies

- Various sizes available
- Tractor tread pattern for the best grip
- Unlined for ease of cleaning
- A good all-round wellington for everyday use



**£28.50 +VAT**

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| Tuesday   | 8am – 5pm  |
| Wednesday | 8am – 5pm  |
| Thursday  | 8am – 5pm  |
| Friday    | 8am – 5pm  |
| Saturday  | 8am – 12pm |
| Sunday    | Closed     |

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