

R. M. JONES- AUGUST 2017

Reduce Feeding Costs this Winter



Home grown forage is the best value feed—here are some suggestions

Sow Fodder Crops - these can provide some valuable feed over the Autumn & Winter for your Stock. We have specific mixtures of Forage Rape, Stubble Turnip & Kale designed to produce autumn or winter keep for minimal effort

Overseeding your existing swards with Downland Grassmax seed can increase production by up to 30% - providing Yield & Forage Quality benefits worth £80 per acre each year, without the expense & disruption of a full reseed

Overseeding is also a good time to increase clover levels in your swards to improve overall feed value and reduce the need for purchased fertiliser.

Zolvix - Now In Stock

*We are now able to sell Zolvix, the Group 4, ORANGE drench- the first new wormer for over 20 years. This is a very important addition to our armoury in the fight against sheep worms, but it **must** be used with care.*

Please talk to your RMJ Rep or Farmcentre about how this product can be used on your farm.

Are your Ewes fit for Topping? Benefits from feeding Superstock Tup2Ewe

- Improved nutritional preparation pre-topping for ewes and rams at a time when pasture quality is declining in digestibility and dry matter
- Increase lambing percentage by reducing barren ewes and increasing the proportion of twins over singles
- Shorten the lambing spread for easier management and feeding of ewes and marketing of lambs
- Every missed pregnancy is costing around £1.70 per ewe
- Research indicates that ewes supplemented at topping time remain in better body condition score throughout their pregnancy
- Option for added Garlic—insect repellent

Special nutritional features of Superstock Tup2Ewe

1. Natural protein rich in DUP to balance pasture, no urea protein used
2. *Megalac* high energy protected vegetable oil included to counter reducing grass ME/digestibility
3. Fish oil added for EPA and DHA omega 3 oils for improved pregnancy rates
4. *Sel-Plex* organic selenium is added for improving the selenium status of ewes
5. Full RDA of minerals, trace elements and vitamins at levels that balance deficiencies in this area.

Cost £17.49/ 18kg Special Offer Buy 10 Get 1 FOC

Improve Sheep Productivity with Downland Essential Sheep Bolus

The Downland Essential Sheep boluses for breeding ewes combine unique technology with carefully calculated combinations of cobalt, iodine & selenium—trace elements known to be essential for livestock production. They last for 180 days so will last from pre-topping right through to lambing.

The bolus has been designed for breeding ewes, gimmers and hogs over 40kg bodyweight. All three trace elements are essential in the run up to topping and for over-wintering.

With Essential Sheep Bolus the animal gets a gradual & continual supply of nutrients when it needs them most, unlike the hit and miss approach of applying trace elements to fields which are often wasted.

And the Bolus lasts 18 times longer than liquid drenches.

Arable News

Brome Grass Control

With increasing levels of Brome grass in our crops it is important to identify which species you have and as there is **no effective control available in the growing crop of barley or oats** it is essential that you can manage the stubbles to achieve an effective stale seedbed.

Rye, soft and meadow brome, see images below, need leaving on the surface for 3-4 weeks to ripen before being lightly cultivated to encourage germination and control with glyphosate.

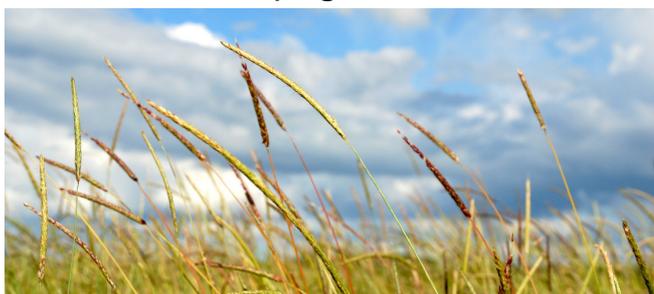


Sterile and great brome, see images below, need cultivating straight after harvest as exposure to light will induce dormancy.



Black Grass

This dreaded weed is becoming more and more common on farms in our region. Early detection and control is essential to stop this weed getting a foothold. Cultural control can be very effective offering up to 90% control. Delay drilling wheat in infested fields until at least the middle of October, avoid deep cultivations that will mix any seed on the surface through the profile, encourage any seed to chit and spray with glyphosate pre planting, choose the right varieties and seed rates (your agronomist can help you with this). We must learn a lesson from the mistakes made by farms in the Eastern counties and capitalise on the good work they have done since trying to control this weed.



Oilseed Rape Establishment

With no effective seed treatment for the control of flea beetles it is very important to work closely with your agronomist to remain on top of this pest. Discuss the best varieties and treatments suited to your situation and be prepared to react quickly if necessary to manage and control the pest.

Slugs

As with any autumn we will need to watch out for slugs, pre baiting slug traps in the current crops and stubbles is a good idea to give an early indication of a problem, the updated metaldehyde stewardship mow prevents an application pre planting of the following crop. Thorough cultivation followed by good consolidation will significantly reduce the problem. Please adhere to the slug pellet stewardship guidelines.

For more info and the best advice please speak to your R.M. Jones agronomist.