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Maximising Lamb Growth Post Weaning

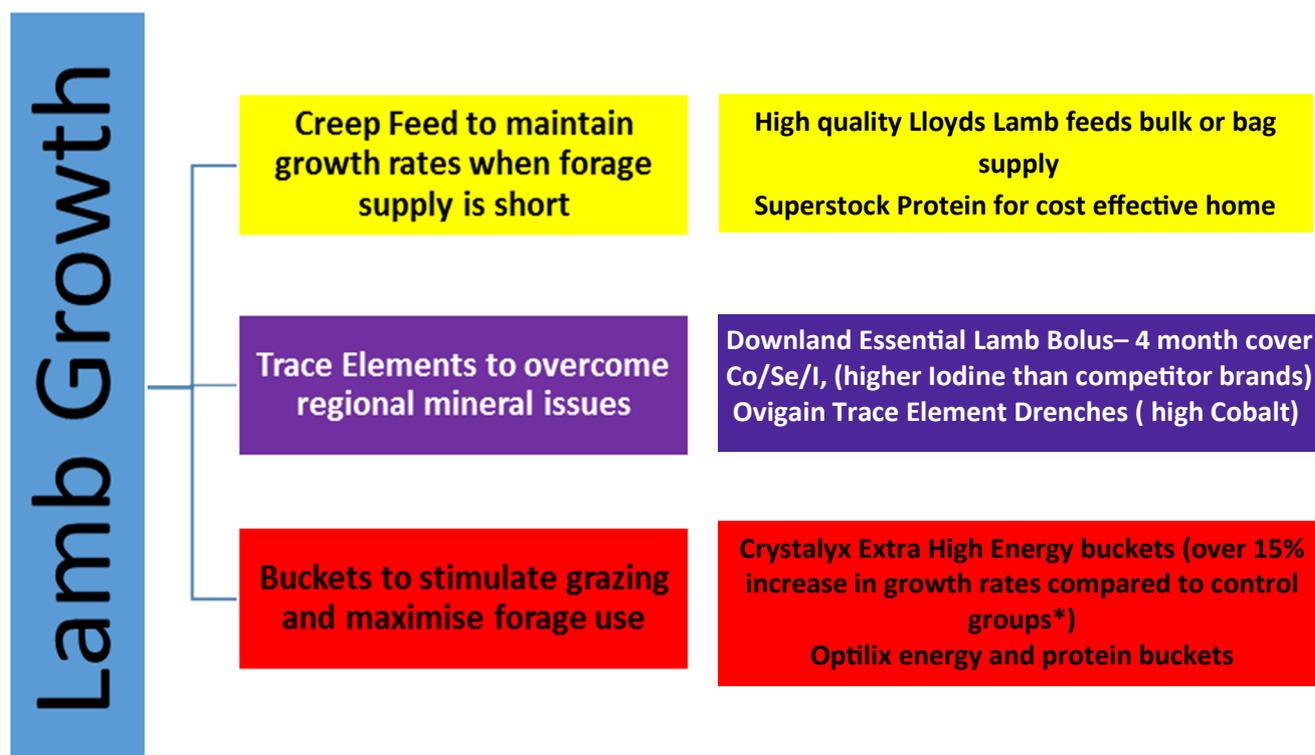
Above 26degC Ryegrasses stops growing



The hot weather has virtually stopped all grass growth, feed is at a premium and in 10 weeks the tups will be going out again - all in all it's a bit challenging...

Ironically stock, and especially sheep always look better in a dry spell but with little feed available growth rates are stalling. How do you ensure your lambs

aren't checked and you can quickly put them through those sale pens at premium prices?



NEWCASTLE UNIVERSITY Youngstock Trial 2003 and ABERYSTWYTH UNIVERSITY Youngstock Trial 2013

Boost Lamb Growth with Downland Essential Lamb Bolus

After one of the longest Winters & latest Springs & now this hot dry weather, Lambs & Ewes need all the help they can get —every Lamb has to count. Trace element deficiency is the last thing they need.

Essential Lamb bolus is specially designed mini-bolus formulated to give growing lambs all the Cobalt, Selenium and Iodine they need for healthy growth.

Helps reduce Stress at Weaning

Don't wait until you can see these deficiencies—the set back in growth rate is irreversible

Releases Cobalt, Selenium & Iodine every day for 120 days—just right to balance the deficiencies in our soils Can be administered as soon as the animal is 8 weeks old and 25kg, no need to wait till weaning Good Value at 63 pence per dose = half a pence per day

Trials show a £3.16 return on Investment

Wanted Saturday person for Hay Farmcentre- please phone for details

BENEFITS OF FEEDING CRYSTALYX WITH POOR GRASS AVAILABILITY

Crystalyx works best when forage availability is good. Crystalyx stimulates the rumen bugs to work a little harder and more efficiently to allow animals to perform better from a forage based diet. But how does Crystalyx perform during periods of poor grass availability?

When grass availability is poor, such as the very dry conditions we have currently, the farmer has 2 options available to try to maintain animal performance:

Feed straw or another conserved forage, as a forage supplement at grass

Feed a little supplementary concentrate at grass

During extensive research studies, Crystalyx has been offered in both these scenarios, with great success

In **Newcastle University** Youngstock trials straw was fed to both the Crystalyx fed group and the Control group (with no Crystalyx)

Daily Live Weight Gain (DLWG) was 15.7% higher in the Crystalyx group.

Intake was 330g/day Crystalyx and the DLWG was 0.935kg v 0.808kg for the control group

At **Aberystwyth University** Youngstock trial a supplementary concentrate was fed to both groups

DLWG was 27.8% higher at 0.809kg/day with the Crystalyx group v 0.633kg/day control group

We have the full trial results in the Farmcentres if you would like a copy please ask

Conclusions

In dry weather when grass availability is poor - and what grass is available is likely to be of low digestibility - offering Crystalyx alongside a supplementary forage or concentrate source will significantly and economically improve animal performance. And feeding Crystalyx will ensure that the rumen bugs are able to improve the digestibility and nutrient release from what little grass is available, so the stock make best possible use of it.

Feeding Crystalyx may not solve all the problems associated with poor grass availability - but it does take some licking!

Arable News

Oilseed Rape Planting

Oilseed Rape planting is just around the corner. There are a multitude of establishment methods in use - the important element in all of them is good seed to soil contact in well consolidated seed beds. Hybrids need to be established at 30 - 50 seeds/m² whilst conventional varieties need planting at 60 - 90 seeds/m². For advice on the best varieties and early weed control on your farm speak to your agronomist.

Crop planning and budgeting

Farm budgets are always under pressure so now is a good time to go through some provisional budget plans for each crop with your agronomists. Your field knowledge and marketing requirements along with the agronomists knowledge on how to get the best out of a crop can improve your return on investment and reduce your cost of production.

Neo-nicotinoid Seed Dressings

There appears to be some availability of Deter treated seed this autumn - the last time we will have it available. As you will be aware Deter has been the best defence against autumn pests including wireworm, aphids (BYDV) and slug grazing. We have a wide number of cereal varieties available for you, please speak to us to discuss your requirements.

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