

# R. M . JONES- FEBRUARY 2019

## Lambing Time Reminders

**Average lambing mortality in the UK is 15%**

**In a 500 ewe lowland flock where 900 lambs are born (180%), the 135 lambs that die represent a potential loss of £10,125 income (at £75.00 each)**

**How can this be reduced?**

The target should be 5% lambing mortality or less.

Unlike us humans, no immunity is passed from the ewe to the lamb before birth. So newborn lambs are born completely vulnerable to disease - which is why so many of them die.

The two critical factors in reducing this disease risk are disinfection & colostrum.

### **Disinfection**

Bacti-Bed granular disinfectant is ideal for lambing sheds & pens Very safe to operators & animals when sprinkled onto bedding

- Exceptional & powerful drying capacity - 1kg Bacti-Bed has the equivalent capacity of 16kg of lime
- Broad spectrum - bacteria, virus & fungi

### **Colostrum**

A stomach full of colostrum within 2 hours birth makes the difference between life and death for lambs. It is their only source of disease resistance.

Colostrum provides energy to protect the lamb from cold and immunoglobulins (antibodies) to help resistance to some diseases (including watery mouth)

We have a good range of colostrums that mix easily and provide lambs with this vital lifeline.

See #ColostrumIsGold

### **Lambing Accessories**

Make sure your Lambing First Aid kit is well stocked this year - speak to us or call in for good advice and the best products to fill it. ***After all - saving lambs has never been more important.***



Give them the best start in life

LAMB FORCE<sup>®</sup>  
PREMIUM  
COLOSTRUM

"HIGHEST CONCENTRATED  
COLOSTRUM PER LITRE"  
\*FW Jan 16, Murray Corke, Cambridge University

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### **It's Like Mother's Milk - More Performance from Downland Ewe's Milk with Lamb Force**

Orphan lambs are usually multiple birth lambs and are therefore smaller and have consumed less colostrum than a single or large twin lamb. These are the two main reasons these lambs struggle to survive and perform. Using Downland Lambforce to rear orphan lambs is the only way to eliminate these disadvantages for the lamb and the farmer.

This is because, it is the only lamb milk made with Ewe Milk Protein. Ewe milk protein contains antibodies to sheep disease and this can help to compensate for the lower intake of colostrum at birth. These proteins along with the ewe milk butter oil contain the flavour of ewe milk and are easily digested.

Adlib fed Lambs drink up to 10 times a day so the flavour, fat content and ewe milk in Downland Lambforce keep lambs healthy and competing to be the 1<sup>st</sup> lambs finished on the farm. The 4 plants oils and high milk protein and fat content ensure lambs grow as fast as single lambs without upsets.

**In trials Lambforce lambs were 3kgs heavier than lambs reared on standard lamb milk after 30 days.**

Lamb Force Ewe Milk Replacer suits all feeding systems, it can be fed warm or cold and is ideal for bottle feeding, ad-lib feeding systems and some machine feeding systems which require an instant mixing powder. Available in 5kg, 10kg & 20kg bags & 20kg Free Flow.

## Look after your Sheep with Sheep Natural Energy buckets

**Sheep Natural Energy** is a specially formulated feed bucket to be fed to ewes when extra energy and micronutrients are required. Feed throughout pregnancy and pre-post lambing to maintain ewe health and condition. And after all the rain we have had this is really needed.

Its unique formulation includes Omega 3 fish oils and protected fats along with sugars to give her an energy boost when she needs it most. Quality protein sources are used to meet the demands of the growing lamb and ensure excellent milk quality and supply at lambing.

### Top 4 reasons why you should use Sheep Natural Energy

- Nutrient dense lick complete with all minerals and vitamins for healthy ewes
- Balances forages and grazing, making it a cost effective alternative to bought in feeds
- Easy to use and convenient
- Contains variety of energy sources ideal to meet the demands of the ewe nearer lambing

### **NOW STOCKING**

#### **HOOK OVER HAY RACKS FOR LAMBING PENS**

- PREVENT WASTAGE OF HAY
- PRACTICAL AND EASILY DROPS  
DOWN ONTO STANDARD HURDLES



## **Essential Growing Cattle + Bolus**

Essential Growing Cattle Plus has been specifically designed for growing cattle over 9 weeks of age and between 200 and 400kgs, It delivers the animal's complete industry recommended daily requirements of Copper, Selenium, Cobalt & Iodine for a full 6 months and is a One bolus dose.

After weaning the animal loses its supply of trace elements via mother's milk and has to obtain these from fodder or hard feed. It takes up to a month for the rumen to adjust to a change of diet so it is vital that the animal is properly supplemented to maintain its health and growth. A deficiency of trace elements can seriously affect weight gain.

**Essential Growing Cattle + will ensure each animal is supplemented all day, every day for a full 6 months therefore eliminating intake issues. Great value at £4.75 per dose = 2.6 pence per day**

Can be used at the same time as drenching, injecting or pour ons,

## ***Protect your Cattle from Blackleg & other Clostridial Diseases***

*The wide range of Clostridial diseases are as much of a threat to cattle as they are to sheep and are probably the cause of a large proportion of the unexplained sudden livestock deaths that most farmers experience.*

*Clostridial disease in cattle is being more widely reported as a cause of sudden deaths*

*Vaccination is cheap & effective, please talk to us about product choice & timing*

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