

# R.M. JONES - JULY 2017

## The Cobalt Story - The Key To Getting Growth Into Your Lambs

Cobalt deficiency, Pine or Golden Valley disease leads to unthrifty lambs. Our Red Sandstone soils are inherently deficient.

Cobalt is an essential element for Lamb growth. Lambs fail to thrive without it & fail to finish.

It is even more important when lambs are tightly grazed.

Production losses from poor growth and delays to marketing may cost £10-£15 per lamb

Last year there were many cases of Cobalt deficiency leading to poor lamb condition & reduced growth rates

### Four Ways of Getting Cobalt into Growing Lambs.

#### 1. **Downland Essential Lamb Bolus**

Releases Cobalt, Selenium & Iodine every day for 120 days— Great Value at 0.5 pence per day

Dose as soon as Lamb is 8 weeks old and 25kg, no need to wait until weaning

Helps reduce stress at weaning

#### 2. **Ovigain Liquid Supplement**

Rich in Cobalt & Selenium plus Vitamins A, B, B12, E, D3 & amino acids.

Specifically developed for growing lambs.

Boost effect for the lamb flock particularly valued for “poor doers” .

Puts bloom on costs.

#### 3. **Ewe & Lamb Mineral Buckets.**

High levels of Cobalt & Selenium together with Vitamin B12 and other vitamins makes this a very useful block for the summer grazing period. Specially formulated for us to suit local soil deficiencies. Lambs take this block readily.

**Special Offer- Buy 10 & Get 1 Free**

### **Which option should I take?**

Downland Essential Lamb Bolus will give the best result over 120 days

Use Ovigain for a one off dose

Or alternate with Thrift drench which contains Cobalt, Selenium & B12 only.

For mid season finishing Ewe & Lamb buckets are essential. For Autumn/Winter lamb sales make sure that these buckets are available post weaning.

Finish your lambs at peak prices — get them to market faster!

### **Make sure Wormers still work on your Farm**

Talk to us about drench tests - to protect the future of Wormers!

## ***Zolvix***

*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.*

## **JULY REMINDERS**

- **Order your Winter Barley, Oats & Wheat seed now**
- **Avoid Weaning checks with Ovigain micronutrient drench or Downland Lamb Bolus**
- **Use Pre Harvest Roundup Max for faster combining & an easier harvest & lower drying costs**
- **Visit Symtag on their stand M657 at the Royal Welsh Show**
- **Visit Crystalx at their stand in the NSA Sheep Centre at the Royal Welsh Show**

## **Blowfly Strike Prevention**

It is estimated that 12,000 sheep die in the UK each year from Flystrike

So it is a serious problem and prevention is better than cure

Product choice is limited but does exist & you need to balance Withdrawal period against length of activity and type of activity.

High lamb prices at the moment and possible volatile future prices lean towards products with short withdrawal to give flexibility in marketing lambs

There are 2 types of Pour Ons

1. Insect Growth Regulators - these are purely preventative
2. Pyrethroid Insecticides these can be used as preventatives but they also can be used to treat existing strikes

Application technique is really important

Speak to your R M Jones Rep or Farmcentre to discuss the best options

### **Filling the Forage Gap**

**Catch Crop mixtures** can help by providing a balanced feed of protein & energy supplied by the carefully blending of forage rape and stubble turnips

\*Balanced feed to graze on your farm

\*Autumn or Winter keep

\*Improved protein content

**\*\*Cost effective, Grow Your Own Feed\*\***

## **Arable News**

### **Grain Storage and Storage Treatments**

Insects and mites in grain stores are quite common, with about 25% of farm stores infested with beetles and weevils and about 90% with mites.

Thoroughly cleaning the store will help to reduce the number of surviving pests. Using insect traps will help to determine the presence of insects and the need for treatment.

If the store is infested (or if you do not want to take any chances), treat the whole of the store including the roof, walls, floor and equipment with a product such as Reldan 22.

Please speak to your R.M. Jones agronomist for more information.

### **Oilseed Rape Desiccation - ISKAY increases yield**

Losses of up to 25% of Oilseed Rape yields can occur as a result of pod shatter at or just before harvest, there is also the added disadvantage of increased volunteers in the following crop.

Iskay is a special blend of polymers that work by wrapping around the pod sticking it together. Extensive trials have shown that the addition of ISKAY to the desiccant glyphosate resulted in increased yields of over 0.52 t/ha and of 0.3% oil.

### **Autumn Seed and Fertiliser Requirements**

Please speak to your agronomist now to get plans in place early for next years crops. We are able to offer you the best advice on your seed and fertiliser requirements and with our relationship with Agrii and Master Seeds are able to offer you the best varieties and products at competitive prices.

Please call in or ask your contact for a Master Seeds year book now.

### **Grassland Weed Control**

Do not miss the opportunity to get on top of grassland weeds by treating them at the correct growth stage following mowing or topping.

*Hay 01497 820410*

*Hereford 01432 769527*

*Abergavenny 01873 858300*

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