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Get Your Lambs off to a Flying Start with Ovigain

Ovigain is a fully balanced supplement which assists in boosting immune status, growth and performance.

It contains elevated levels of **Cobalt** for the synthesis of vitamin B12 in the rumen so that dietary energy and protein is metabolised efficiently

Selenium which in combination with Vitamin E acts as an antioxidant & maintains healthy muscles and cells and enhancing immune function.

Ovigain contains **Vitamin E** which has
Improved immunity - essential for young lambs
Improved health status

Improved muscular condition

Contains high levels of **B - group vitamins**

Healthy nervous system

Maintain growth, appetite and muscular condition

Vitamins A and D3

Essential for growth and development

Supplementary essential **amino acids** help raise levels of metabolisable protein assisting in growth, development and lactation

*All in all, Ovigain is just the tonic for your baby Lambs—
and only costs about 3 pence .*

Downland Lamb Milk

“Smells Like Mum, Tastes like Mum”

Downland Lamb Force is made with Ewe's milk, which is naturally higher in protein than cow's milk and matches the lambs needs more closely than cow's milk.

Downland Lamb milk also contains 4 oils, compared to just 2 oils in other lamb milks

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

Downland Lamb Milk can be fed warm or cold.

Also available in Free Flow formulation for automatic feeding system.

Should I bolus my Cattle at Turnout?

Our area is deficient in Selenium, Cobalt & Iodine, also Copper.

Downland Essential Growing Cattle Plus releases these Four trace elements.

All Day, Every Day for a full 6 months— at a cost of 2.6 pence per day.

It is a One bolus dose



Downland Lamb Colostrum—“Best on Test” at Cambridge University analysis of 5 leading colostrum brands- give your lambs the best start in this cold weather

Downland Essential Lamb Bolus Trial Result

Lambs with the Bolus had an extra 2.1kg weight gain over 12 weeks compared to untreated. This is worth an extra £3.16 per lamb after paying for the bolus

Hereford By-Pass—at last?

Have you replied to the consultation?— you can have your say on line at

www.herefordshire.gov.uk/HTP

The consultation closes on March 20th

Visit our website www.rmjones.com for the latest news

Improve Grass & Livestock Profitability with Downland Forager Grass Seed— Are you using the latest grass genetics to boost production?

We all know that having good grass is the cornerstone for profitable livestock farming. And yet it is surprising how often these production swards are not up to the job. Most 7-8 year old grass will have 40 - 50% bare ground & weed grass content. These weed grasses have less than half the response of perennial ryegrass to fertiliser. **More than a quarter of applied fertiliser can be wasted on these fields**

To improve the productivity of your grassland sow **Downland Forager**

Downland Forager is a 4 - 6 year ley for Intensive Cutting with Autumn grazing. Specially formulated for high Sugar forage, it consists of top rate advanced grasses for:-

- *High Silage yields and good aftermath grazing*
- *Tetraploid content provides high sugar levels for rapid silage fermentation & good grazing palatability*
- *Good Spring growth with later heading for high yields at flexible cutting dates*
Excellent forage quality & mid season D value

Downland Forager is one of our most successful leys ever. It grows really well in Herefordshire & the Welsh border counties and we have many farmers singing its praises. **Remember to do a soil analysis before sowing.**

BOOST COLOSTRUM QUALITY TO BEAT CALF SCOURS

Spring calving is almost upon us & with it calf scour, remember that vaccination of the cow against the common infectious causes of the disease (Rotavirus , Coronavirus and E.coli K99) and then feeding the antibody-enriched colostrum to your calves should play a vital role in your control programme.

Calf scours cost you money. ADAS estimates the cost of a scour outbreak in a 100-cow suckler herd (assuming 90 calves born) to be £5794. The potential cost saving of preventing a scour outbreak by vaccinating cows pre-calving with Rotavec Corona is therefore more than £4000. That's a pretty healthy financial benefit.

Calves are most at risk from infectious scour in the first 3-4 weeks of life and need a source of continuous protection- through passive transfer of antibodies in the colostrum - to keep them healthy. On many units, normal colostrum does not provide enough antibodies. However, vaccination of the calf's mother with Rotavec Corona between 12 and 3 weeks before calving boosts colostrum quality, allowing you to feed high levels of antibodies against Rotavirus, Coronavirus and E.coli K99 in early life. Make sure calves receive at least three litres of this high quality colostrum within the first six hours after birth.

Rotavirus remains one of the most prevalent infectious scour-causing pathogens on UK calf units and it is very difficult to treat calves against this type of viral scour. The only effective disease management strategy is to vaccinate the dam to help boost calf disease immunity through plentiful, high quality colostrum feeding, as well as implementing sound hygiene practices.

It really is well worth boosting colostrum quality this Spring by vaccinating cows with Rotavec Corona.

***Profitable Stock starts with Productive Grassland
The Right Mixes- The Right Nutrition- The Right Management
R M Jones Grassland Evening
Early April -date to be confirmed***

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