

R. M. JONES - NOVEMBER 2017

Are you Protecting Your Investment in Your Ewes?

We always talk about feeding management of Ewes at Flushing & Pre tugging. But Ewe Nutrition is needed in Mid Pregnancy for the placenta to grow & develop. The placenta provides all the nutrients for the unborn lamb in late pregnancy.

Poor Placenta development results in small lambs - *Irrespective of late pregnancy feeding*

SAC trials show that Cobalt deficiency in first half of pregnancy produces lambs that are slower to stand & suckle, and more prone to neonatal disease -*Irrespective of late pregnancy feeding*

Extra High Energy Crystalyx provides a very palatable and available source of minerals, trace elements and vitamins and is ideal for feeding Ewes. We have stocked it for over 30 years & it has proved itself - A tried & tested product!

Feeding Crystalyx improves Ewe digestion efficiency - it feeds the bacteria in the rumen that breakdown the forage :

Newcastle University found that Crystalyx increases the rate of forage digestion by rumen bacteria by 10%. Research also shows that Crystalyx increases forage digestibility, so grazing animals actually get more energy out of what they eat

And Crystalyx is good value compared to compound feeds

Please contact us for more details

*R M Jones invites you to a
Farmers Meeting & Demonstration
on Trace Element Boluses for Cattle & Sheep*

Wednesday 8th November 6pm at Winslow, Bromyard

Tuesday 5th December 2017 1pm Garway, Hereford

Please phone 01497 820410 for further details

Mineral & Trace Element Deficiencies - the place for Downland Essential Bolus

Deficiencies of Cobalt, Selenium & Iodine are widespread in our area. Downland Essential bolus contains ample amounts of all 3 trace elements & can be used at scanning time. There is still time to get the benefits of using it before lambing in 2018.

Cattle—Prevent the Housing Check and Boost Weight Gain in your Cattle with Downland Essential + Bolus. Releases Copper, Cobalt, Selenium & Iodine into the Rumen, every day, for 180 Days—at a cost of only 3 pence per day

Flu Outbreak this Winter?

Flu vaccination available in our consulting room at R M Jones Pharmacy,
7-8 High Town in Hay-on-Wye.

Both Private and NHS funded vaccination (if eligible) available.

Please phone 01497 821459 to check availability.

New in!!!!

Hendersons
Sawdust £4.75 & Vat
Natural flake/small flake 120L
£6.45 & Vat

Galvanised Ritchie Gates

4ft	£53 & Vat
6ft	£56 & Vat
12ft	£77 & Vat
15ft	£92 & Vat

In stock in Hereford

Other sizes available, please ring for details

Don't let Fluke Eat into your Profits

As little as 50 fluke per animal can reduce weight gain by 10%



Should I fluke my cattle at housing?

If you need to control fluke in your sheep then you should control fluke in your cattle too - because this parasite affects both sheep and cattle. Otherwise the fluke infestation on your farm will be prolonged, leaving losses from this disease to continue unchecked. Integrating cattle and sheep treatments can break this cycle.

How damaging is the disease?

Fluke damage the animal's liver, an organ vital to a healthy animal. And even small numbers of this parasite can reduce productivity even if the animal seems otherwise sound. Fluke can spend up to 12 weeks burrowing through the liver as they grow from Early Immature, to Immature, then to Adult Fluke. Controlling all these three stages is the key to maximum productivity.

So prevention is better than treating when you see signs of disease. By that stage liver damage and production losses have already occurred. Effective control means treating all animals at risk. **Don't forget the suckler cows!**

Does it matter when I dose?

If you dose for fluke at housing then the early & immature fluke will not be killed. These will then continue to grow & burrow through the liver, causing damage. When your cattle are turned out they will have adult fluke & will then shed fluke eggs onto your fields. To get the best result timing is vital.

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Arable News - Cereals

On the whole autumn herbicides are being applied in good time, those that are not applied will be going on in the next couple of weeks weather permitting. Cereal crops that have not been Deter treated need to have an insecticide applied as soon as there is crop visible in order to protect against BYDV. Deter treated crops that were drilled in September and early October will be coming to the end of their cover period and will also require an insecticide now. Slugs continue to be a problem in areas and particularly following OSR and we must continue to monitor crops closely and treat where necessary as soon as possible.

Oilseed Rape

Crops generally are growing well and may need an autumn PGR in some cases. Phoma or Light Leaf Spot instances are starting to increase and a fungicide application will be necessary now to prevent yield loss. An application of trace elements particularly Boron to improve winter hardiness and maximise floret initiation is important to the crop and can be mixed with the fungicide. At the time of writing we are still waiting for soil temperatures to drop low enough to optimise the timing of propyzamide products.

Nutrient Plans

Now is a good time of year to discuss your crop nutrition requirements, with the majority of crops now drilled we know what we are working towards. Speak to your R.M. Jones agronomist who will be happy to help put together a nutrient plan with you. We also have, through our partnership with Agrii access to a full range of fertilisers and a good finance package should it be required.