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Opti-Lix Buckets versus Concentrates

Buckets	Concentrates
Up to 10% improvement forage digestibility	Replaces cheap good quality grazing (substitution effect)
Replaces up to 3 x its weight in cake	More expensive
Supports rumen function	Risks of acidosis
Convenient	Labour intensive
"Round the clock" availability	Limited availability
Shy feeders get their share	Dominant animals overconsume
More even group performance	Uneven group performance
Suitable for outwintered stock	Difficult to feed on wet ground



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 2019

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

Cattle Housing Dose—which product should I use?

Please talk to us about your options this year

Flu Vaccination

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

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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. Aphid numbers are particularly high this year and 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 at the moment are not as bad as in previous years but we must not become complacent and continue to monitor crops closely and treat where necessary.

Oilseed Rape

Crops generally are growing well despite the best efforts of the flea beetle and some may even need an autumn PGR in some cases. The high levels of aphids this year would suggest that it is a good idea to treat with an aphicide such as Biscaya to prevent Turnip Yellow Virus (TuYV). 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.