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TARFF VALLEY LTD

Trading Together, Growing Together, Since 1903

Newsletter

Make best use of Spring grass and prolong the grazing season

Dates for your diaries

Saturday 11th May
– Ayr Show

Wednesday 15th May
– ScotGrass

Wednesday 31st July
– Stranraer Show

Thursday 1st August
– Stewartry Show

Saturday 3rd August
– Dumfries Show

Wednesday 7th August
– Wigtown Show

Thursday 8th August
– Islay Show



Get ready for show season with Tarff's 'Rosette' Range. Our premium quality blended feed has been designed with pedigree cattle and sheep breeders in mind. Find out more about the range in the link below!
<http://www.tarffvalley.co.uk/rosette-range/>



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Beef and dairy producers taking advantage of the excellent grass availability by turning youngstock out early are being reminded to carefully balance the diet at this pivotal time.

The combination of grass availability and excellent ground conditions, due to the dry Spring and rising temperatures, is encouraging producers across the country to get livestock out to the field early. With many farmers still short of forage from the challenging conditions of 2018, it is a compelling case to turnout cattle as soon as possible.

“Producers are quite rightly taking advantage of the excellent conditions and high-quality grass available on so many farms right now, however they must be wary. Turning cattle out to grass can be stressful, their diet is dramatically changed which can upset the rumen and lead to setbacks. It is important to manage the transition and mitigate cattle weight loss and falling body condition after turnout” says Dr Kenton Hart, Technical Manager at Caltech Crystalyx.

Supplementing available grass with Crystalyx Cattle Booster can significantly and economically improve animal performance – even on spring grass - as independent scientific research demonstrates.

Trial work carried out at Aberystwyth University with replacement Holstein Friesian dairy heifers turned out onto

spring grass, showed animals with access to Crystalyx Cattle Booster gained 100 g/heifer/day more than control heifers on grass alone – results very similar to yearling beef heifers turned out in late April in a SAC study, where supplementation with Cattle Booster produced an extra 5 kg liveweight gain in the 45 days after turnout.

Crystalyx Cattle Booster provides a full complement of minerals, trace elements and vitamins needed to balance the deficiencies in grass. The product is licked little and often 24 hours, 7 days a week, consistently balancing the deficiencies in grass.

“Crystalyx never replaces forage, it complements and balances it, so the rumen bugs digest the forage faster and with improved efficiency. This leads to improved animal performance and fertility.”

Speak to your local Sales Representative and get your quote today!



Extra clout against blowfly strike with CliK® EXTRA

Blowfly strike is caused by fly larvae which, having hatched into maggots; feed on the sheep's skin causing serious welfare, productivity and financial problems. Changing weather patterns have resulted in an increasingly long and unpredictable blowfly season, causing farmers great concern. CliK® EXTRA, the newest member of the CliK® family, offers farmers the longest-lasting cover available – 19 weeks strike protection – and with it extended peace of mind.

CliK EXTRA, offers the longest lasting blowfly protection available, at 19 weeks meeting the challenge of a longer, more variable blowfly season.

Longest protection available

- 19 weeks cover with a 40-day meat withhold.
- Allows farmers to treat early for extended peace of mind.
- Suitable for ewes and lambs with any fleece length and a body weight of 10kg and above.

Trusted CliK* formula

- Dicyclanil (an Insect Growth Regulator) plus FleeceBind™ technology for proven protection.
- Spreads and binds to wool providing full fleece protection.

- Narrow spectrum IGR activity helps prevent resistance build-up.

Saves time and hassle

- One application provides full fleece protection and peace of mind.
- No need to re-gather sheep and re-apply for 19 weeks.
- Reduces the risk of fly strike in sheep and the associated productivity losses.

Speak to your store's local SQP regarding CliK and they'll be more than happy to advise you.

New Intake System at Ringford

It's been a busy time at Ringford! To update and develop the structures in the blending plant, a new intake system has been installed. This improvement will significantly help reduce the amount of time it takes for the delivery of raw materials to be processed and dropped into bays.



COMPETITION & SHOW WEAR OFFER!

Our Dumfries store is offering 10% off all adult competition and show wear! An extra 5% off will be offered to Principle Elects of the upcoming Riding of the Marches, Guid Nychburris etc. The offer includes Show Jackets, Show Shirts, Breeches, Jodhpurs, Boots, Hats, Stocks and Stock Pins.

ENDS: Friday 31st May

SECURE COVERS

Silage season has crept up on us this year! Secure Covers are flexible and reduce surface waste by keeping the silage sheet in close contact with the silage surface. As the cover is a finely knitted mesh, this helps reduce bird damage to the silage sheet. Speak to your local store or representative for prices.

Meet the newest member to the Tarff Town and Country team! 'Titan' was named by Allison Coates through our Facebook competition. Entrants were asked to like and share our Facebook post and suggest a name for our display horse beginning with 'T'. There was an abundance of fantastic suggestions which made it hard to choose one!



Protect Your Butterfats this Spring

Long term national averages show the butterfat content of milk drops from 4.1% in April to 3.9% in June. This often coincides with cows grazing paddocks second time around. First grazings usually contain sufficient fibre from winter growth to keep fats at a reasonable level and cows are often buffer fed silage to ease the transition onto grass until we are sure spring really is here for good.

The worst combination for butterfat is wet, highly digestible grass that is high in unsaturated oil but low in fibre. Here are a few guidelines on what can be done to reduce the impact on milk quality and price.

- 1) Avoid feeds high in unsaturated oils such as dried maize distillers grains and brewers grains.
- 2) Supplement with high digestible fibre (HDF) feeds such as soya hulls, sugar beet pulp and palm kernel.
- 3) Try a cake or blend with Butterfat Extra C16 palm fat. A typical response is 0.1% improvement in butterfat for each 100g Butterfat Extra fed up to 300g/day.

- 4) TechTonic rumen conditioner, unique to Carrs Billington, has been proven to maintain a healthy rumen pH and improve butterfat as well as feed conversion efficiency.
- 5) Actisaf Yeast stabilises the rumen microbial population during the transition from silage to grass, reducing the risk of sub-acute rumen acidosis and helping to maintain milk quality
- 6) Concentrates where the starch is derived from maize will have a lower rumen acid loading than feeds high in wheat or barley. Maize based cakes offer a way of increasing milk yields but with a much-reduced impact on butterfats.

Ask your Tarff Valley sales person how Carrs Billington can help your milk quality this summer.

ButterMax 16	Ultimate butterfat boosting cake with Butterfat Extra and Actisaf.
Buttergold 18	HDF based energy sources with TechTonic and Actisaf.
Dynamic Plus 18	Maize top ingredient and contains TechTonic
Rumen-Aid 18/16	HDF feeds with TechTonic.
FX 16	16% cake with maize top ingredient.

NEW! Country UF Calf Scour Formula+

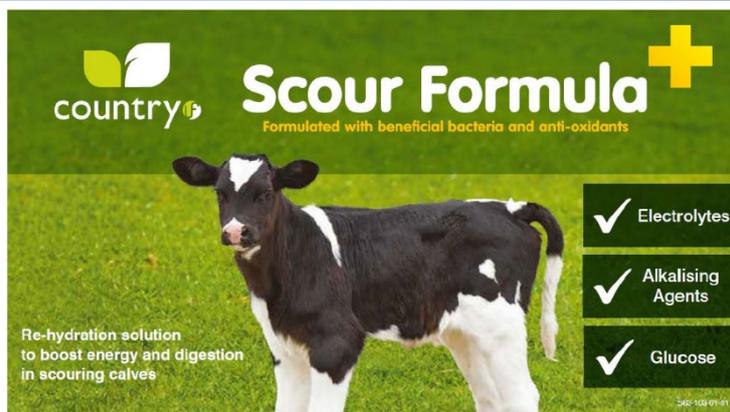
NEW IN STORE! Country UF Calf Scour Formula+.

This re-hydration solution boosts energy and digestion in scouring calves. It has been formulated with beneficial bacteria and anti-oxidants and provides a balanced source of electrolytes. It also contains alkalisng agents and glucose. For use on newborn and bought in calves.

Also suitable for use on suckling and weaned pigs, lambs, kid goats, newborn llamas and alpacas.

Available pack sizes: 12x76g sachets in box and 48x76g in bucket.

Buy yours now at your local Tarff store!



Great Glen Challenge 2019

On Friday 30th August, two teams from Tarff will take on RSABI's Great Glen Challenge. The following staff members are taking part:

Team 13 – Team Tarff		
Name	Branch Location	Event
Matthew Norman	Ringford	Cycling
Thomas Milligan	Ringford	Kayaking
Julia Graham	Ringford	Walking
Fraser Morrison	Ringford	Running
Nikki Brown	Longtown	Driver

Team 14 – Tarfftastic		
Name	Branch Location	Event
Christopher Dey	Longtown	Cycling
Richard Jackson	Glenluce	Kayaking
Bob Patterson	Ringford	Walking
Craig Rudd	Ringford	Running
Jim Kennedy	Dundonald	Driver

Now in its 8th year and having raised in excess of £300,000

since 2012 to help people struggling to cope in Scottish agriculture, RSABI Great Glen Challenge 2019 has now been launched! In 2017, the 'Great Glen Girls' from Tarff took on the challenge and raised over £1,600 for RSABI.

Now, two years later, two teams have decided to take on the challenge, but which team will be placed higher?! Both teams have a joint sponsorship account on Virgin money and the page can be accessed through the following link: <https://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/Team/TeamTarffandTarffta> [stic](#)

The teams will be faced with kayaking (6km), mountain biking (46km), running (17km) and hill walking (18km). Each team will be supported by their driver taking them to and from the various start and finishing points.

We wish both teams the best of luck with training and we're looking forward to seeing how they get on! Who will be crowned the Tarff winners of the GGC 2019?!