

TARFF

AGRICULTURAL MERCHANTS

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newsletter

We hope our customers had a happy Christmas and New Year!

New Year, New..... pair of wellies?

Country UF Green PU Non-Safety Wellington

Lightweight
Comfortable
Kick Spur
Heat Insulated
Cold Resistant
Shock Absorbing Heel
Anti-Static

£38 + VAT



Our Longtown Shop team, Cath and Nikki, won the Purina Christmas display competition! Of course, this snowy scene would not be complete without Husky, Gracie, making an appearance! Well done Cath and Nikki - the display looks fantastic!



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Trace Elements & Vitamins are Vital!

Trace elements and vitamins play a critical role in the health, performance and fertility of dairy and beef cattle. While clinical trace element deficiencies are rare, subclinical deficiencies are common, and overtime can have a major impact on productivity and farm profitability.

At housing, the changes in environment, animal groups and diet that occur can alter the balance of micronutrients.

Switching from grazed grass to forages is one of the most significant changes and directly impacts dietary intakes of trace elements and vitamins, with silage providing lower levels than fresh grass. This is down to the pH change during the ensiling process which denatures vitamins and leaches minerals.

Available in store, our Country UF Cattle boluses provide a consistent and accurate supply of trace elements and vitamins over the winter. The Country UF boluses are formed in a single construction with single point erosion, meaning they break down to provide a consistent supply of six trace elements and three vitamins for up to 240 day.

Speak to your local Tarff branch or Sales Representative to find out more!



Testing for liver fluke in sheep

There are a number of diagnostic tests available to use when looking for liver fluke. Unfortunately, none of them on their own will give us all the information we need at all times of year, so we need to use a combination of different tests and information from other sources to fully understand where and when the fluke challenge is likely to happen on any farm. At Tarff Town and Country, Dumfries, there are a number of trained staff members who can carry out faecal egg tests to determine fluke infection. Simply call 01387 261661 to find out more.

Test for liver fluke	Spring	Summer	Autumn	Winter
Fallen stock liver check	✓	✓	✓✓	✓✓
Abattoir returns	✓	✓	✓	✓
Fluke antibody test	X	?	✓✓	✓
Coproantigen test	✓	?	✓	✓✓
Fluke egg detection	✓	?	X	✓
good time to use this test	X	?	?	✓✓
not a good time to use this test				
maybe a good time to use this test				
very good time to use this test				

While the risk of liver fluke remains low for much of the UK this season, livestock farmers need to keep their guard up again in what is becoming a less predictable parasite challenge¹. Consider your winter fluke dosing requirements now. For more information, please speak to a Registered Animal Medicine Advisor in your local Tarff branch.

Kickstart the New Year with some short courses with Tarff Services!

At Tarff Services we are committed to ensuring our members and customers are kept up to date with training requirements.

We recognise the importance and need for maintaining training certificates, not only for members and customers to remain compliant with regulatory bodies, but to ensure skills, knowledge and safety are reinforced.

Whether you are looking for training for yourself or your workforce, Tarff Services is able to arrange a number of short training courses, either on farm or at a location near to you. Call Tracey McEwan, Services Coordinator, on 07785 657861 to discuss your training requirements.

SHORT TRAINING COURSES

ATV/UTV Training

Telehandler Operation + Refresher

Chainsaw Operation

Hoof Trimming

360 Excavator Operation

First Aid

& MUCH MORE!

1. SCOPS, 10th December.
Table & wording source: Elanco

Pre-Apprenticeship Programme

Applications for the Pre-Apprenticeship Programme June 2022 intake opened 1st December 2021!

In a nutshell, the programme is a 26-week paid work experience for 16 – 20 year olds looking to start their careers within the agricultural industry.

We're looking for mentors to think about taking on a young person and sign up for this year's intake. A mentor will guide and support them through the programme giving them the best experience possible.

To find out more about the Pre-Apprenticeship programme, please visit the Pre-Apprenticeship page on our website. <http://www.tarffvalley.co.uk/pre-apprenticeship/>. Application forms for students and registering interest forms for mentors can be found here.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to get in touch with Services Coordinator, Tracey McEwan, 07785 657861.

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Rearing Surplus Lambs

With the lamb price remaining firm it makes sense to rear as many healthy newborns as possible in 2022 and every flock will have some lambs that either need to be adopted onto another ewe or be reared off a mother. Deciding which rearing route to take will depend on the availability of a suitable foster mother and the physical condition of the lamb.

Cross fostering will only be successful if the lamb is fit and healthy, has had adequate colostrum, and is fostered onto a healthy ewe with plenty of milk and good maternal instincts. However, surplus lambs can now be reared very effectively and without all the inherent practical problems of fostering onto an unwilling ewe. With good husbandry, organisation and Lamlac ewe milk replacer, there's no doubt you can produce good quality lambs to sell this year alongside those reared on a ewe, as well as save hours of effort and hassle.

Rearing lambs on Lamlac:

1. *Choose your feeding system.* There are three main options available: bottle feeding, which is very time consuming; or a variety of labour-saving options – for example, *ad lib* feeding of surplus lambs via a thermostatically controlled milk bucket feeder (such as the Volac Ewe2) or machine feeding using a computerised feeder (e.g. Volac EcoFeeder). The method you choose will often depend on the number of lambs you are rearing and the facilities that you have available.

2. Ensure all newborn lambs receive adequate colostrum within six hours of birth.

3. Specially formulated ewe milk replacer such as Lamlac can be mixed cold and is designed to be a complete diet providing the lamb with all the energy and nutrients it needs. Feeding enough Lamlac alongside fresh water, roughage and small amounts of a good quality creep feed refreshed daily is the key to healthy, profitable growth. A single lamb reared artificially to weaning (at an average of 35 days of age) will require 9.5kg of Lamlac (equating to 47.5 litres of reconstituted ewe milk replacer).

To make a litre of milk, mix 200g of Lamlac with 800ml of water.

AGE OF LAMB (DAYS)	VOLUME OF LAMLAC TO BE FED PER DAY
1-3	1 litre (split into 4-5 separate feeds)
4-7	1 litre (split into 4 separate feeds)
8-35 (weaning)	1.5 litres (split into 4 separate feeds initially; reducing to 2 separate feeds until weaning)

Nutrient Management Plans

Fertiliser has reached record prices and it's important to Tarff that our members receive the correct advice and support to help lower their input costs. Carrying out a Nutrient Management Plan (NMP) helps balance what's already available on farm and the amount of fertiliser required to meet your crop nutrient needs. At Tarff, we have a team of FACTS qualified Agronomists who are able to carry out a NMP and provide you with a full analysis of what is best for your land. NMPs are best carried out between September and March as nutrient levels in the soil are likely to be at their lowest and soil sampling will highlight the nutrients which are leftover from the previous harvest. If you are interested and would like a member of the team to carry out a NMP on your farm, please do not hesitate to get in contact with Stair or Rory.

Staff Member	Role & Phone Number
Stair Brown (Dumfries)	Seed and Crop Protection Manager, 07525 669174
Rory Clark Kennedy (Ayrshire)	Agronomist, 07384 259471

High Energy Pre-Lambing Liquid Feeds

Tarff works in partnership with ED&F Man, which supplies liquid feeds. With the focus on the run up to lambing, ED&F Man suggest a specialist high energy cost-effective molasses blend containing glycerine called Sheepmol. The added glycerine contributes to the excellent energy level supply of 13.5 ME and has the added option to include a vitamin and mineral pack as an extra.

Sheepmol is designed to be fed as part of a balanced diet and the recommended feed rates per ewe are between 200 - 250 grams/ewe/day via a wheel lick feeder.

In the last 2 months of pregnancy, 70% of the lamb's growth occurs. Ewes carrying twins and triplets are particularly prone to 'Twin Lamb Disease' in late pregnancy. Twin Lamb Disease is effectively an energy shortage, which is often exacerbated by bad weather that seems to occur pre-lambing! By feeding Sheepmol as part of a balanced diet, farmers report significantly reduced levels of Twin Lamb Disease, stronger ewes at lambing and lambs that thrive.

Sheepmol is available from 1.3T in an IBC to bulk loads from 5T upwards which can be delivered into a farmer's tank or IBCs. A wide range of durable wheel lick feeders are also available from 35 to 250 litres.

Speak to your local Tarff Sales Representative for more information on Sheepmol!