

Spring Cereal Seed

Spring cereal seed is short this season. However, Tarff has managed to secure bulk loads of imported seed so it can continue to support its members and customers throughout the spring.

Agronomist, Fergus Scougall, and other members of the team have selected spring barley, oats and wheat that resemble the varieties that are most widely grown across Tarff's trading area. These varieties have plenty of technical and trials data to support them.

Tarff still has seed readily available and is able to source more if required.

Please contact your local Tarff Valley Sales Representative for more information.

SPECIAL OFFER Horslyx Original

50p off mini tubs
£2 off 5kg
£3 off 15kg

Speak to a member of staff in your local Tarff Valley branch for details. Available until Sunday 31st March 2024.



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Trust Lamlac for Higher Growth Rates

Feeding trials with Lamlac ewe milk replacer at Harper Adams University College and Reaseheath College (2021) have demonstrated surplus lamb growth rates of over 300g per day.

Sound hygiene is crucial and lamb pens must be draught-free, well drained and bedded to keep lambs as warm and dry as possible.

Additional work at Reeseheath College in 2023 showed lambs reared on Lamlac mixed and fed cold from about a week of age to weaning drink as much and perform as well as lambs reared on warm milk. This highlights the opportunity to rear extra lambs off ewes on ad lib cold milk where boiler heating capability may be non-existent or compromised.

After following recommended rearing practices during the first week of life, feeding lambs cold ad lib milk thereafter offers shepherds a simple, practical, and highly cost-effective method of rearing any surplus offspring where or when warm water is not available. The ability to feed Lamlac cold can also be useful when rearing lambs

of different ages requires milk to be fed at a constant temperature.

Do I need to feed anything alongside Lamlac?

Yes. Lambs should have access to clean fresh water, roughage, and a good quality 18% protein creep feed at all times to encourage rumen development. Lambs will begin to nibble on creep feed at 7-10 days of age. Consumption will be low to begin with but offering small amounts and keeping the creep refreshed at least once a day will encourage intake.

Abrupt weaning is recommended because it reduces the risk of digestive upsets associated with gradual weaning.

Speak to a member of staff in your local Tarff Valley branch about Lamlac ewe milk replacers.



Preparing for Sustainable Farming – How can Tarff help?

The Agriculture and Rural Communities Bills, along with Net Zero targets, are shaping how the Government will support farmers and food producers going forward.

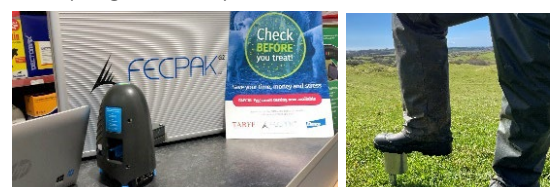
Improving efficiency, analysing and promoting the sustainability, environmental and economical value of your farm business will be key.

Currently, the Scottish Government has funding available through a number of schemes including the preparing for sustainable farming grant, which includes carbon audits, soil sampling and animal health and welfare. For our customers in England, there are also numerous Government grants available covering a range of support options for your agricultural business.

To find out more about these schemes as we prepare for the future in this ever-changing agricultural landscape, please speak to our Sustainability & Advisory Consultant, Hannah Dykes, who will be happy to assist you with any of your farm consultancy needs or regulatory advice.

Hannah can be contacted by email, hannah.dykes@tarffvalley.co.uk or call 07589 126369 to discuss your requirements.

Tarff Valley also has a number of other services available to help your farm become more efficient and sustainable e.g faecal egg count (FECPAK) service, NIR silage analysis, soil sampling and many more.



The ALBAS awards evening recognises and celebrates the achievements of trainees in Scotland's rural sector, encourages employers to invest in the next generation of talent and promotes the many rewarding careers available.

Scott Cunningham, who undertook Tarff's Pre-Apprenticeship Programme in 2021 and Modern Apprenticeship in Agriculture across 2022 and 2023, has been nominated for 'Modern Apprentice of the Year'.

Scott is from a non-farming background but has always been passionate about agriculture. His commitment and enthusiasm for the sector shines through, which is demonstrated by his dedication to his work. Having completed both apprenticeships, Scott now works full time at Craigley farm, Castle Douglas. His colleagues note that Scott is a great team player and a pleasure to work with.

From all at Tarff, we wish Scott every success at the ALBAS awards on Thursday 7th March at Crieff Hydro.



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Liquid Feed Delivery and Options

Tarff Valley is able to offer single or multiple IBCs of molasses on a delivered basis direct to farm from ED&F Man liquid feeds.

A wide range of products is available, from Sheepmol, a high energy liquid feed designed to combat twin lamb, to Pot Black, a molasses blend that's suitable for all classes of stock designed to sweeten forage and allow improved digestion of more fibrous forages.

If you order liquid feed, what do you need to know?

- Customers will need to be able to offload 1.4t from the delivery vehicle.
- Average weight of molasses/IBC is 1300kg
- Invoices will be based on the exact weight in each IBC.
- Allow eight working days from point of order for deliveries.
- IBCs are non-returnable.
- Liquid feeders available. **Please speak to a member of staff for details.**

Sheep Liquid Feeds available in mini bulk:

Sheepmol:

A higher energy liquid feed at 13.5 ME and low in protein, which is ideal for feeding to ewes to combat twin lamb disease. Sheepmol is the product to feed if a lambing percentage of 190% plus is expected. Sheepmol contains glycerine, a high energy additive ideal for getting fast acting energy into ewes quickly and effectively. This product also flows at low temperatures. For added vitamins and minerals, Sheepmol Plus is an alternative option.

Stockmol 20:

A high sugar/low protein general-purpose liquid feed supplement. Ideal for feeding to all classes of stock. Forage and cereals easily absorb Stockmol 20, improving dry matter intakes.

Pot Black:

A general purpose molasses blend suitable for feeding to both cattle and sheep, designed to add additional protein to the overall ration at 14% protein as fed. The combination of sugar and protein makes it easier for stock to digest high fibre forages such as hay and round bale silage. Commonly used as a feed supplement to flocks where a lambing percentage of 180% or less is anticipated. Flows well in low temperatures.

For more information regarding liquid feed options, please contact your local Tarff Valley Sales Representative or call 01557 820247.



How to Achieve Season-Long Protection Against Worms in Cattle at Grass

It is the aim of every farmer to get uninterrupted growth in their animals, but as turnout approaches there is one factor that can stop cattle from achieving their growth rate targets – **PARASITES!***

Worms can be a huge economic drain when not managed correctly mainly due to the impact they can have on productivity – including a drop in weight gain, milk production and reduced carcass quality. However, worms do not have to be a burden and with some careful management, protection can be offered throughout the grazing season.

There are two options to achieve season-long control:

1. Treat cattle for gut (and lung) worms in the early grazing season to reduce pasture burden and therefore infection later.
2. Closely monitor cattle throughout the grazing season for any signs of worm burdens. This requires cattle to be weighed regularly and benchmarked against their target growth rates typically 0.7 to 0.75kg/day for young stock from grass. It also requires regular faecal egg count testing for worms (**FECPAK service available through Tarff Town and Country, Dumfries**).

Both options are clearly different and it is important when assessing which option is right for you to factor in the labour cost, time, stress, and practicality regularly weighing cattle at grass can have.

Achieving season-long control

The only way to have peace of mind that cattle will be fully protected from worms when grazing, is to implement a worming strategy. There are two worming options from Zoetis that offer immunity development and will allow uninterrupted growth through the grazing season, maximising the ability for animals to make the most from grass. They are:

1. Using a pulse-release rumen bolus

For youngstock, Autoworm® First Grazer is a pulse-release rumen bolus. It releases seven doses of oxfendazole at three-week intervals, killing all common roundworms that cattle may be carrying, including lungworm. For older cattle, Autoworm Finisher offers the same benefits as Autoworm First Grazer but releases five doses at three-week intervals.

2. Using a long-acting 10% moxidectin treatment

Also offering season-long protection in set stocking situations is a single treatment at turnout with CYDECTIN® 10% LA for Cattle given as a sub-cutaneous injection in the base of the ear. The active ingredient moxidectin is distributed through the bloodstream, so worm larvae need to penetrate the gut wall - creating trickle exposure to the pathogen and thereby stimulating an immune response - before being killed.

Whatever way you decide to manage worms the most important thing is to have a worm control plan in place. Not controlling worms will only have a negative impact on herd health and efficiency and ultimately your bottom line.

Speak to a Registered Animal Medicines Advisor in your local Tarff Valley branch for details. *References available.