

Ayr Show

The team headed to Ayr Show on Saturday 11th May. It was a great day and the sun was shining for the first big show of the season! We also used the opportunity at Ayr Show to promote our new Precision Farming division.

Want to find out more about this new and exciting division? Speak to your local Tarff Valley Sales Representative!



D&G Horse Show

Members of staff from our Dumfries team headed to the Dumfries and Galloway Horse Show on Saturday 18th May. A mix of various products was on the stand, including equestrian essentials, riding accessories, clothing, countrywear and much more!

Tarff Town and Country will also be at Stewarty, Stranraer, Dumfries and Wigtown shows in the coming months.



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FECPAK Service

What is the benefit of doing faecal egg counts (FECs)?

Understanding whether there is a worm burden in the lamb before treating is a key step towards sustainable worm control, avoiding unnecessary wormer treatments (when there are no worms there), but also never 'missing the boat' and treating after the damage has been done.

Applying a 'test don't guess' approach benefits both the animal and your pocket.

Regular FECs throughout the grazing season will keep on top of the worming needs for lambs and show the best time to use Zolvix™ as a break dose.

Frequency of FECs

Ideally, faecal egg counts (FECs), taken every 3-4 weeks throughout the grazing season, should be used to determine when to start dosing lambs and how often to do so. FECs can also be used to determine if a given group/class of wormer is working on an individual farm. This is called drench testing.

How to do a FEC

Taking a FEC is simple and quick once you know what to do. It involves taking 10 or more samples of fresh faeces (dung) ideally less than one hour old, from a mob of sheep. Samples should be kept cool and delivered to a vet or laboratory for analysis within 48 hours. The results will give the number of worm eggs in the combined samples presented as 'eggs per gram' (EPG) of faeces. The number is an indication of

the number of adult worms present in the gut of the sheep and can be used to:

- Tell if a treatment has been successful
- Help tell if a group of animals need to be treated
- Provide an indication of the level of contamination on a pasture

Why do a post drench efficacy test?

To check whether a treatment has been effective, a drench check should be completed. The length of time after treatment to do this test is dependent on the wormer group used.

2-LV (yellow wormer group):	7 days
1-BZ (white wormer group)	14 days
3-ML (clear wormer group)	
4-AD (orange wormer group)	

Doing a drench check provides an indication of how effective the treatment has been and does not automatically mean you have resistance.

Tarff Town and Country, Dumfries can run FEC tests and a Registered Animal Medicines Advisor (RAMA) in store will be able to provide advice on the findings. Call 01387 261661 for details.



Click on the video to watch our demonstration of how to collect samples.

United Farmers 'Country UF' Supplier Day

Every couple of years, United Farmers (UF) host a supplier event for staff of UF members to attend to get a better understanding of the products within the UF product range, Country UF.

On Tuesday 28th May, a number of Tarff staff members headed to Edinburgh to meet suppliers at the UF event to find out more about the various products on offer. Country UF is a range of own-label products that have been designed with the aim of providing the best, most practical products for the best possible price. Using this ethos United Farmers has delivered over 300 products to market in areas such as animal feeds, animal health and farm retail.

If you would like to find out more about Country UF products, speak to a member of staff in your local Tarff Valley branch.



SPECIAL OFFER!

Horslyx Garlic

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 30th June 2024.



IT'S SHOWTIME!

The Tarff team will be at the following shows:

Highland Show
(Machinery Ring stand)
Thursday 20th – Sunday 23rd June

Stewartry Show
Sat 27th July

Stranraer Show
Wed 31st July

Dumfries Show
Sat 3rd August

Wigtown Show
Wed 7th August

Islay Show
Thursday 8th August

Galloway Country Fair
Sat 10th & Sun 11th August

Are you on a cheese or manufacturing milk contract?

Would you like to improve?

- Milk protein and fat percentage
- Fibre digestion and make better use of home grown forages
- Lifetime milk yield
- Herd fertility
- Protein efficiency by lowering crude protein feeding

How can this be achieved?

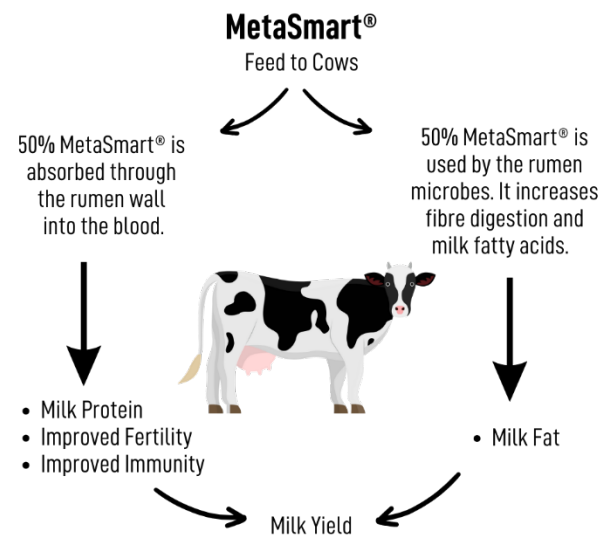
The majority of dairy diets are naturally low in methionine. Tarff Valley can now add methionine (MetaSmart®) as a cost-effective liquid supplement to your ED&F Man molasses blend.

Interested to find out more about MetaSmart®? The process is simple...

Contact Kelly Telfer (07765 003515) or Holly Dyer (07990 139449) and provide your latest diet and silage analysis, which will then allow Kelly/Holly to work with Adisseo, our methionine partners.

Kelly/Holly will then meet with you to discuss the ration findings, as well as demonstrating the savings and benefits that can be made with an ED&F Man methionine enhanced blend.

MetaSmart® is growing in popularity in UK dairy herds and many farmers are already benefitting from using this product. Give Tarff a call today to find out more!



GET READY FOR SHOW TIME!

All Tarff Valley branches stock a wide range of essentials for show time! From combs to sprays, halters and showing coats – Tarff has got you covered! Visit your local store to get your show essentials.



Stop Flies & Other Biting Insects This Summer

With the warm, and often damp, summer weather come the many problems associated with flies (fly strike, summer mastitis etc). However, feeding Crystalyx Garlyx can significantly reduce the irritation from flies and other biting insects on cattle and sheep at grass.

The threat of biting insects and the irritation that they cause to livestock can have a detrimental effect on production. Instead of grazing, livestock find they are more concerned with avoiding bites.

Crystalyx Garlyx, as the name suggests, includes garlic. The peculiar penetrating odour of garlic is due to high sulphur compounds, which, when expelled through the skin in natural body secretions produces an invisible barrier which flies and other biting insects find repellent. Although flies are still present around the livestock, they very seldom land on the animal's skin.

Crystalyx Garlyx is not simply a garlic lick. The highly fermentable sugars in Garlyx stimulate the rumen bugs which along with a full complement of vitamins, minerals and trace elements, including zinc (to maintain skin integrity), balance the recognised deficiencies in summer grass leading to increased animal performance.

Crystalyx Garlyx offers a palatable, easy to use and cost-effective method of feeding your livestock garlic this summer. Speak to your Tarff Valley Sales Representative or call 01557 820247 for more details.



Highland Show

Unbelievably, we are already into June, which means the Royal Highland Show is almost upon us!

Members of staff from Tarff Valley are heading up to the show and will be on the Scottish Machinery Ring Association stand on Thursday, Friday and Saturday representing Tarff Services. You can find the stand on Avenue Q, which is close to the Forestry area.

The team will be on hand to provide you with the latest news and updates regarding Tarff Services and to chat with you about the various services offered through the Ring.

Stop by and say hello – the team will be delighted to see you!

