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NEWSLETTER

Thank you to all our subscribers!

We hope you enjoy our monthly update on what's happening at Tarff, product information and general updates.

Easter 2025

All stores are open as normal over the Easter weekend (Friday 18th – Monday 21st April)



May Bank Holiday
Monday 5th May

OPEN

Castle Kennedy
Dumfries
Newtown St Boswells
Castle Douglas
Islay

CLOSED

Whauphill
Ringford
Longtown
Dundonald

Stores re-open as normal on Tuesday 6th May.

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Get Ready for a Successful Turnout

Turning stock out to grass in spring comes as a relief to many farmers, but animal performance and health can suffer if stock are not maintained on a nutritionally balanced diet. Careful supplementation at grass can be a catalyst for enhanced animal performance and improved profitability. Crystalalx products offer tailored supplementation throughout the grazing season.

Crystalalx Cattle High-Mag helps maintain normal blood magnesium levels during times of risk to reduce the risk of grass staggers. Containing 10.5% magnesium from a unique blend of 3 different magnesium sources Cattle High-Mag is formulated with dehydrated molasses to ensure palatability even on lush pasture. Incorporating a full range of essential trace elements and vitamins **Crystalalx Cattle High-Mag** perfectly balances deficiencies in grass.

Independent research has shown that feeding **Crystalalx Cattle Booster** at grass significantly improves DLWG and fertility, due to a more efficient rumen fermentation. Feeding Crystalalx makes the rumen bugs work harder so they digest forages more effectively and efficiently, improving overall diet digestibility and enhancing animal performance.

During the warm days of late spring and early summer flies can be a constant pest of grazing cattle, reducing the time spent grazing, which in turn decreases forage intake – resulting in a significant loss of performance.

Crystalalx Garlyx contains a concentrated source of garlic to ward off biting insects, together with a full complement of essential minerals, trace elements and vitamins to balance the recognised deficiencies in spring and summer grass.

So, whatever the time of year, there is a Crystalalx feed lick to help keep your stock healthy and performing at their best!

Tarff Valley currently has a spring offer available on Crystalalx High-Mag, Cattle Booster and Pre-Calver buckets (22.5kg & 80kg options). Speak to your local Tarff Valley Sales Representative to find out more! **Offer ends 30th April 2025. T&Cs apply.**



2025 Pre-Apprenticeship Applications now OPEN!

Tarff Valley is pleased to announce that applications for the 2025 Pre-Apprenticeship Programme are now open. This programme aims to prepare young individuals for careers in the rural sector by offering a guided and well-supported learning experience.

The Pre-Apprenticeship Programme is part of Tarff Valley's commitment to educational pathways within agriculture, which also includes initiatives like the National Progression Award (Agriculture) and Modern Apprenticeships.

Prospective applicants are encouraged to visit the Tarff Valley website for detailed information on the programme, including application and eligibility criteria. Engaging in this pre-apprenticeship is a valuable step for those aspiring to establish a career in agriculture,

offering a solid foundation and exposure to industry practices.

Don't miss this opportunity to kickstart your journey in the agricultural sector with Tarff Valley's Pre-Apprenticeship Programme.

We are also on the look out for mentors who would be happy to support a young person in the workplace. If you're interested, please speak to Tracey McEwan on 07785 657861 or email tracey.mcewan@tarffvalley.co.uk.

Pre-Apprenticeship Programme Overview

- 16 – 24yr olds
- 6 month paid work experience
- Training courses (e.g ATV, Telehandler)

Showtime starts NOW!

We are pleased to be attending Ayr Show on Saturday 10th May at the Ayr Racecourse. Pop by the Tarff stand and say hello to the team. Our Town and Country team will also be at the show near the showjumping area, selling a range of equestrian products which can be found in our Dundonald branch.



Join RSABI's exciting new fundraising events!

Sat 17th May

Kelpies Challenge (Helix Park, Falkirk)

Climb inside the iconic Kelpies, ascend via ladders and platforms, then abseil or take a thrilling rope drop! Secure your spot for £30 and raise £250.



Sun 18th May

Walk The Loch (Loch Leven)

Choose from 7K, 12K, or 21K on the scenic Loch Leven Heritage Trail. Suitable for all, including dogs! £10 entry, £150 fundraising goal!



Get Ready for Show Season with Tarff Valley's Rosette Range!

Show time is just around the corner and now is the perfect time to start preparing for the upcoming competition season. Whether you're a seasoned exhibitor or entering the ring for the first time, ensuring your livestock are in peak condition is essential for success.

At Tarff Valley, we understand the dedication and effort that goes into preparing sheep and cattle for the show ring. That's why we've developed our Rosette Range, designed to support optimal growth, coat condition and overall wellbeing. Our Rosette Range includes premium ingredients to meet the nutritional needs of show animals, ensuring they look and perform their best on the big day.

Our range has been carefully developed to enhance muscle development, promote coat shine, support digestive health and maintain peak condition throughout the season. With the right nutrition, your livestock will have the best chance of catching the judge's eye, whether competing in local agricultural shows or national events. Our Rosette Range follows a 3 stage feeding process.

As the show season approaches, it's crucial to think ahead and plan your feeding regime to ensure your animals are in top form. Speak to your local Tarff

Valley Sales Representative today about the Rosette Range. Start preparing now and give your sheep and cattle the winning edge this show season!

Cattle	Sheep
Stage 1 Highly palatable starter mix for pedigree beef calves, encouraging early feed intake and weight gain. Suitable as a second stage rearing mix for dairy-bred calves (6+ weeks).	Stage 1 Designed for growing tup and ewe hoggs over winter. Can also be fed to early-born lambs before turnout.
Stage 2 Follow-on mix, formulated for optimal growth with a balanced nutrient profile.	Stage 2 Maintains growth in adult sheep during the main grazing season before moving to Stage 3.
Stage 3 Conditioning mix for show or sale, promoting muscle development and fat cover. Ideal for pedigree or carcass cattle.	Stage 3 Energy-dense conditioning mix to enhance flesh cover in adult sheep 6–8 weeks before show or sale.

We also have **Rosette Mash**, which is an energy dense mash designed to supply digestible fibre and maintain rumen health which is suitable for feeding to cattle and sheep.

Ticks and Tick-borne Diseases: A Growing Threat to Livestock Health

Ticks are increasingly recognised as a serious concern for livestock and companion animals across the UK. Warmer and wetter winters, driven by climate change, along with changes in land use and wildlife populations, have contributed to a rise in tick numbers and the diseases they carry.

In the UK, several species of ticks transmit pathogens that can cause debilitating or fatal diseases in animals.

Common tick-borne diseases include:

Louping ill	a viral disease affecting sheep, cattle and red grouse.
Tick-borne fever	caused by <i>Anaplasma phagocytophilum</i> , affecting sheep and cattle.
Babesiosis	particularly impacts cattle and can be fatal if not treated.
Lyme disease	increasingly recognised in dogs and horses.

Prevention and control strategies are essential to protect animal health. These include:

- Monitoring and managing tick habitats
- Applying strategic acaricide treatments.
- Using vaccines where available, such as for louping ill.
- Implementing pasture management techniques to reduce tick exposure.

Moredun Research Institute is at the forefront of research into tick ecology and disease prevention. By working with farmers and veterinarians, Moredun aims to improve understanding and management of tick-borne threats, ensuring healthier livestock and more resilient farming systems.

Speak to a Registered Animal Medicines Advisor in your local Tarff Valley branch for details on vaccinations and treatments, which can help prevent ticks and tick borne diseases.

Tick life cycle (information from Moredun Guide)

