

SPECIAL OFFER*

Thrifty Ewe Blend

Designed for feeding ewes throughout pregnancy

Thrifty Ewe supports lamb vigour, quality colostrum production and prepares ewes for lambing. This clean, free-flowing and highly palatable blend delivers high energy from multiple starch, sugar and digestible fibre sources. Now enhanced with added soya via our protein nut.

Available in 16%, 18% & 20% CP

Key Benefits

- High energy from starch, sugar & digestible fibre
- Soya-enriched protein nut for lambing preparation
- Supports lamb vigour & quality colostrum
- Consistent intake across all systems

Product Specification

- Made entirely from 6mm pelleted products
- Clean, free-flowing and highly palatable
- Available in bulk, totes and 25kg bags

Speak to your local Tarff Valley Sales Representative for details on pricing.

*Offer ends 31st March 2026

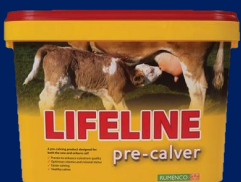


Lifeline Pre-Calver

LIFELINE Pre-Calver Buckets are proven to increase colostrum IgG by up to 20%, supporting stronger, healthier calves and smoother calvings.

Ideal for dry cows and in-calf heifers from 6 weeks pre-calving.

Available in 22.5kg buckets and 80kg tubs. Call your local Tarff Valley Sales Representative for further details.



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Reminder about Fertiliser Regulations

As we look ahead to spring, now is the perfect time to start planning your fertiliser requirements. Demand always increases as spring approaches, so having a plan in place helps ensure timely supply and smooth delivery.

We'd also like to remind all customers to check that their fertiliser ID documents are up to date, as valid certification is required before orders can be processed and delivered. Taking a few minutes to confirm this now can help avoid delays when you need fertiliser most. If it's your first time ordering fertiliser through Tarff Valley, alongside an up-to-date picture of your ID (i.e passport, driving licence), we also require a CPH number for each holding and a VAT number.

How to provide your information:

Send ID image(s) and details via WhatsApp to 07958 206183. Use your account code as the reference.

Send an email to fertiliser.enquiries@tarffvalley.co.uk. If there are multiple ID images to send, please attach all images in one email. Use your account code as the reference.

If you'd like to talk to a member of the team about your fertiliser requirements or discuss the above regulations, please call 01557 820247 or speak to your local Tarff Valley Sales Representative.

Country UF Boluses

Country UF boluses are an effective way to support sheep and cattle through the critical pre-lambing and calving period when nutritional demand is at its highest. By providing a sustained and reliable supply of key trace elements and vitamins, these boluses help optimise fertility, support healthy foetal development, boost colostrum quality and strengthen immune function in both dam and offspring. Using Country UF boluses ahead of lambing or calving helps reduce the risk of deficiencies at this vital time, giving animals the best possible start to the season and supporting overall health, performance and productivity. Country UF boluses are available from your local Tarff Valley branch.



Trial Finds Surplus Lambs Achieve Good Growth Rates Through Cold Milk Feeding

A 2025 trial at Harper Adams University has found that Lamlac milk replacer, mixed and fed cold to surplus lambs achieved strong daily lamb growth rates.

The trial highlighted that lambs fed cold milk achieved an average body weight at weaning (35 days) of 15kg, ranging from 10-19kg, while an average daily live weight gain up to weaning of 332g/day.

The 23 Lleyllyn x Aberblack/Charolais lambs were left with the ewe for 24 hours to suckle colostrum or fed this artificially if required. The lambs were then added to a training pen after the first day and fed warm Lamlac ad-libitum. The mix rates used were 200g of Lamlac powder with 800ml of water.

From day 8, the lambs were moved to a larger pen where Lamlac was mixed and fed cold at 10°C. Fresh creep and straw were also available to the lambs from day seven to

improve rumen development and reduce digestive upset around weaning. Lambs in the trial were weaned abruptly at 35 days of age, with a target body weight of 10kg and eating 250g of solid feed per day.

Dr Cooke concludes that the trial highlights the options available to producers during the busy period. "After following recommended rearing practices during the first week of life, feeding lambs cold ad-lib milk thereafter offers lamb producers a simple, practical and highly cost-effective method of rearing any surplus offspring, where or when warm water or additional labour resources aren't available."

Lamlac is available from your local Tarff Valley branch. Get stocked up now!

Lamlac Instant – 10kg & 20kg
Lamlac Free Flow – 20kg



Lambing Event Panel Night

On Tuesday 3rd February, we welcomed customers to our Town and Country store in Dumfries for a lively and informative Lambing Event. The evening featured an engaging panel discussion, bringing together industry experts Leah Speirs, Business Development Manager at Elanco, Ross Sibbald, Area Business Manager for Scotland and North East England at Rumenco and Heather Stevenson, Veterinary Investigation Officer at SRUC.

They were joined by Tarff team members Stephen Hunter, Head of Procurement and Sandy Dunlop, Customer Service Manager in Dumfries, who kept the conversation flowing.

Alongside the panel, a range of suppliers were on hand with stands throughout the evening, giving customers the chance to chat, ask questions and pick up useful advice ahead of the lambing season.

Many thanks to our panellists, suppliers and everyone who attended the event! As our very first lambing event, we were delighted with the turnout and support!



Don't forget we can take orders through our WhatsApp Service!

Simply provide the following:

Name & Account Code

First Line of Address (or Farm)

Items for Delivery

Delivery Address (if different from account)

Delivery Required by* (please specify date)

Which lorry size can you accommodate?

For feeding, is it 25kg bags? Tote? Bulk?

Any special instructions? i.e call before delivery, bin number.

WhatsApp - 07394 800194

**Although we aim to deliver your order on your preferred date, we cannot always guarantee this. To help us accommodate your request, please provide as much notice as possible.*

Old Station Yard
Ringford, DG7 2AN

t: 01557 820247

Consultancy Services at Tarff Valley

With Scotland in the process of transitioning to a new four-tiered agricultural support system, it is important to keep up to date with the latest guidance. The Tarff Consultancy & Soil team can assist in a variety of areas which will help keep your farming business compliant.

Whole Farm Plan:

Tarff Consultancy & Soil can provide the necessary advice and services to ensure you are compliant with the Whole Farm Plan. By 15th May 2026, to claim the basic payment, a minimum of two audits/plans from the list below must have been completed.

- **Carbon Audit** (conducted within five years prior to May 2026)
- **Soil analysis** (conducted within the five years prior to May 2026)
- **Biodiversity audit** (conducted within the five years prior to May 2026)
- **Animal health and welfare plan** (renewed annually)
- **Integrated pest management plan** (renewed annually)

IACS Submission:

If you are needing any assistance or advice with your 2026 application and/or greening requirements, please feel free to contact the Tarff Consultancy & Soil team.

Agritourism Investment Scheme:

The recently launched Agritourism Investment Scheme is a capital grant scheme designed to help agritourism businesses in Scotland. It will be open until 13th March 2026 and allows you to apply for a maximum support rate of 40% of the capital investment costs. It is important to note that:

Your eligibility to apply to the scheme is dependent on meeting all the eligibility criteria within the scheme guidance. There is no minimum amount of support that you can apply for.

- The maximum level of support you will be entitled to apply for is £50,000.
- For applications between £20,000 - £50,000, a Business Plan with 3 years of financial projections will be required along with quotes.
- **No** purchases or deposits are to be made on any capital items until it has been determined if you are successful.

Full Guidance can be found here: <https://bit.ly/4bjZwQE>

To discuss the above or for anything else, please contact: Hannah Dykes, Head of Consultancy & Soil on 07586 126369. Alternatively, please email consultancyandsoil@tarffvalley.co.uk and a member of staff will be in touch.

Rod Sanderson Receives the Ed Rainy Brown Memorial Award

We were absolutely over the moon for our outgoing CEO, Rod Sanderson, who received the Ed Rainy Brown Memorial Award at the SAOS Conference Dinner on Thursday 22nd January at Crieff Hydro.

The award recognises individuals who have demonstrated outstanding commitment to co-operation and collaboration within farming. Rod has been CEO of Tarff Valley for the past 10 years, during which time he has taken the business to the next level, introducing new divisions and innovative concepts while broadening the way the business supports modern farming.

SAOS's Head of Co-operative Development, Robert Logan, commented: "It was a tough decision, but I'm delighted that Rod has received this recognition. It's been a pleasure to work with him over the years. Tarff is very much at the heart of the rural community in the southwest and Rod has helped grow the business whilst maintaining its culture and purpose, for the co-op to support farmers drive productivity and efficiency.

"It speaks volumes that the staff are proud to work at Tarff. This has been in no small part due to Rod's considered leadership – embracing co-operative values to ensure farmer benefit through a proactive business focus. Rod should be very proud of what he has achieved at Tarff and for the industry, as a champion for young people entering farming in the southwest through the apprenticeship

scheme, as well as directly employing apprentices for the Tarff business.

Rod's proactive leadership, clarity of vision, and a 'talk less, deliver more' approach particularly appealed to the judging panel."

Commenting on Rod's award, NFU Scotland President, Andrew Connon, added: "'Rod Sanderson has been an exceptional leader in Scottish agriculture, consistently putting co-operative principles into practice and championing the next generation of farmers. His vision, commitment, and integrity have strengthened Tarff Valley and made a lasting impact on the rural community. This award is a well-deserved recognition of his outstanding contribution to co-operation and the agricultural sector."

Pictured below L - R - John Davidson, NFUS CEO, Katy Rainy Brown, Rod Sanderson, Rory Christie, SAOS Chair and Tim Bailey, SAOS CEO.

