



CROP PRODUCTION
ANIMAL HEALTH &
SEED SPECIALISTS

Food from thought

Sept 2018

Breakfast News

BCW Maize demo day and analysis session



Tuesday 18th September, 11am-2pm:-



20+ Varieties
Expert advice

Come along to the Newport Trials site at Chetwynd Aston, Newport,
Shropshire TF10 9LL
BKP of the Edwards Family

Wednesday 19th September, 10am-1pm

NIRS cob clinic at Market Drayton Livestock Market
Bring along a whole maize plant and get an instant fresh crop
analysis see if your maize is ready to cut!
Trouw nutrition will also be present on the day



COW AND CALF PERFORMANCE STARTS IN THE DRY PERIOD

OPTI-LIX PRE-CALVER

- Formulated to help where milk fever risk exists
- Optimises calf health and vigour
- Helps where there is a risk of difficult calvings



!Autumn Mineral Promotion!

With autumn not far away now BCW will again be running a mineral offer scheme!

- Discount prices
- Delayed payment
- FOC goody with orders over a certain quantity

Talk to your agronomist now to sort your autumn mineral requirements!

DOWNLAND
PARTNERS IN FARMING HEALTH

Get more mileage from your silage!

SILOSTOP. The ONLY true Oxygen barrier.

Focussing on clamp management and the elimination of waste through the use of oxygen barrier film (SILOSTOP) and inoculants will ensure you get the maximum return from your forage.



Work done by Biotal suggests this can equate to a
2p/Litre reduction in dairy feed costs.

SPEAK TO BCW today about Silostop and
silage additive choice.



DELIVERING PROFITABLE SOLUTIONS THROUGH SERVICE AND VALUE

Maize Additive

This month could see some early crops of maize harvested. With the drought affecting growth more than anticipated yields are likely to be down in most cases. Ensuring that the crops in the field are harvested and stored to correctly to ensure you get the most out of what you harvest!



Maizecool:- With the patented bacteria *L. buchneri* 40788, designed for high dry matter silage, it produces powerful antimicrobial compounds which inhibit yeasts and moulds, therefore increasing the aerobic stability of the silage during feeding.



11CFT:- Is a maize specific product that helps improve silage quality and dry matter retention. These products contain a patented strain of *Lactobacillus buchneri* which therefore reduces spoilage at feeding time and silage heating

Dates for your Diary!

We are pleased to be supporting local Farming events this summer. We look forward to seeing you!

BCW Maize demo day:- 18th Sept.

UK Dairy day: 12th Sept.

Cruckton Ploughing Match: 29th Sept.

Cheshire Ploughing Match: 26th Sept.



Bill's Topical Tip:

Whilst OSR drilling will be largely complete whilst you read this please bare in mind the following pointers

1. On the first headland bought drill 50% more seed (this gives the OSR more chance against the big slugs coming out of margins at night)
2. Put a good dose of pellets on the first 6m or so, but remember to not get any pellets in or near watercourses!!! The ferric phosphate pellets IronFlex (Sluxx HP) are good for this job due to low environmental risk. It is a breach of Cross Compliance to put slug pellets on a Cross Compliance 2m margin under the hedge.
3. Be aware of new OSR crops up against old OSR crops as slugs & flea beetles will easily cross a hedge. Best of all keep the old OSR ground worked to disrupt slug breeding. If using Clomate pre-emergence it has a 10m arthropod buffer against non-crop land and this should be recorded please.

The hot dry summer will have driven slugs lower which is very good, but they will be trying to recover populations once rain arrives.. Use slug pellets carefully please otherwise we won't have them in future.

Pre-Tupping Prep

Tupping time will soon be upon us.

Ensure you have the following

- Ram Crayons
- Raddle
- Harness
- Foot trimmers

Ewe Nutrition

Ensure that you have adequate nutrition available for the ewes. Grass is holding little value and supplementation will be key

- Pre-Tupping buckets
- Min-Vit Bucket
- Optilix High Energy
- Bolus
- Bagged minerals

!Rodenticides Information!

For those customers buying **Professional Rodenticide Products** please read the following:-

Certification:- If you have completed an approved certification course please ensure **BCW** have a copy of **your certificate or certificate number on file**

Farm Assurance:- For those customers purchasing professional products on farm assurance please ensure you provide an **in-date** farm assurance certificate!

Particularly important as we come up to the time of year when the sheds are full of grain and straw. The perfect home!! Call in to BCW to ensure you are up to date and to get the best advise on rodenticide strategies!