



CROP PRODUCTION
ANIMAL HEALTH &
SEED SPECIALISTS

Food from thought

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Breakfast News

Winter Maize Mineral Promotion

With most herds now permanently housed for the winter and full winter rations being fed ensuring high quality mineral inclusion in the diet is key to cow performance

BCW are offering a FREE full mineral analysis for your maize silage with orders of 2 tonne+ of Downland I/F Winter maize balancer

AND

For orders below 2 tonne of Downland I/F Winter maize balancer we are offering 50% off the cost of a full mineral analysis for your maize silage



BVD tags:- Establishing a BVD free Status

Eradicating BVD leads to the following benefits

- Higher milk yields
- Improved herd fertility
- Higher DLWG and reduced mortality
- Better young-stock health
- Reduced lameness and mastitis
- Better overall herd health and immunity
- Potential to access market premiums

Call BCW today to discuss your tag requirements



Portek Bird Scaring Equipment

With winter forage options for birds out in the fields and hedgerows starting to diminish around this time of year the pressure on your maize clamps and grain stores from starlings and other birds will be increasing. Ensure you are prepared, talk to your agronomist today or call into the shop today!



RATMAT, Rodent control for Machinery!

With Combines and other machinery parked up, cleaned down and stored for the winter, it is important you protect these high value investments from a furry invasion!

Combines especially provide confined, cosy spaces, the perfect home for rodents where they can hibernate for the winter but also chew through all that tasty wiring

RATMAT is a novel approach which involves setting RATMAT metal tiles around your machinery, or parking the wheels on RATMAT squares. These are then connected to an energiser designed to shock anything that tries to reach your machine, preventing some **COSTLY** repair bills in the early summer during servicing!

Speak to your agronomist or call Pete in the office



Best wishes for the New Year

From all the team here at BCW Agriculture we would like to thank you for your custom and support during 2018, one very challenging year!

We hope 2019 will bring many opportunities for all to bring about a successful and productive 2019 for UK agriculture



MAIZE 2019

With Maize seed forecast to be tight this spring ordering maize seed now to ensure supply is vital. Here are 3 key varieties to think about-



LG Glory:- With one of the highest starch yields on the recommended list and a high yield to boot, this variety is designed to produce milk from forage for any dairy system. Its digestibility and feed quality are top of its field!

P7034:- P7034 can be grown on all but the coldest sites. The dent x dent breeding improves the speed and availability of starch after a short ensiling period, perfect for when you need to open the clamp earlier than expected!

KWS Calvini:- A new variety for 2019, KWS Calvini gives exceptionally high dry matter yields, early maturity (MC10), high starch yields and a high kernel content. This makes KWS Calvini a well balanced and high performing variety!



Downland Beef 50 + Urea

With cereal prices firming up going into the new year (Barley, £164/t and Wheat £181/t, FWI) ensuring beef rations are maximised to ensure productivity is at peak performance is vital.

At BCW we stock the full range of Downland beef protein crumb products. Create your own completed cereal ration using Downland Beef 50 + Urea. This highly concentrated, molassed product based upon a blend of vegetable and urea proteins with the added benefit of being fully mineralised makes this the perfect ingredient for home mix cereal rations!

Every 25Kg bag added to 1T of rolled barley lifts protein level by 1%.



Simple, cost effective nutrition.

Dates for your Diary

10th January:- Rodenticide training course @ BCW HQ

11th January:- NRoSo training at BCW HQ

1st March:- NROSO training at BCW HQ

Bill's Topical Tip:



Whilst not wishing to interrupt your festive celebrations, do remember the two main failure points for RPA inspections are animal movement records and NVZ records. Make sure yours are up to date and a nitrogen plan is in place. You may not have much time when you get the dreaded phone call!

Wishing you a happy, healthy and prosperous New Year

Tote Bags Cubicle Lime

With most herds house at night and many being permanently housed for the winter ensuring cubicles are kept free of disease is vital. Tote bags of cubicle care lime offer you a cost effective solution to ensuring reduction in housing diseases and preventing spread to other livestock in your shed.



Winter Hoofcare

Hoof care is an important factor for many dairy herd KPI's (Key Performance Indicators). Ensuring regular hoof trimming is undertaken at key times during the year such as drying off will help reduce disease spread and prevent performance losses from lameness.

Hoofsure Endurance contains organic acids, tea tree oil and wetting agents designed to penetrate hooves removing dirt and debris. The organic acids aid optimal hoof health whilst the oil helps strengthen and condition. A safer, kinder, efficient and cost effective alternative to traditional footbath products.

