



CROP PRODUCTION
ANIMAL HEALTH &
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Food from thought

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Breakfast News

Spring Turn-Out

Whilst the weather makes this feel a distant thought the time will arrive to get stock turned out to pasture and the following points should be considered:-

- Grassland nutrient management plan to maximise pasture production and reduce staggers risk undertaken by a **FACTs qualified advisor**
- Supplementary magnesium in bucket, bolus, or free access mineral form
- Turn out wormers to reduce stress, especially in young-stock and lambed ewes where high risk



Stewardship Applications

As of 11th February, farmers, woodland owners, foresters and land managers now have the ability to request 2020 application packs.

Talk to your Agronomist about getting **KINGS on farm today!**

Smart Grass:- The SMART way to Boost Forage Production

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- Ideal for early turnout grazing and 1st cut silage yield boost
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Lambing Essentials

Lambing will surely have begun for some of you. BCW have a range of lambing essentials in stock. Here are a few points to consider:-

- Twin lamb disease drenches
- Mineral supplements either in bagged or bucket form
- Strong iodine solution in stock for lamb treatment
- Lamb macs if you plan to turn lambs out in poor conditions

Lambing is also a perfect time to have a hoof clinic to ensure good hoof health when turning out.

As always BCW have Ritchey and Downland marker paints available in a range of colours. Call in today!



Dates for your Diary!

**Whitchurch YFC Ploughing Match:-
21st March**

**BCW/Frontier Cereals Open Day:-
23rd June**

Newport Show:- 11th July

Burwarton Show:- 6th August

UK Dairy Day:- 16th September

Bills Topical Tip

Those winter cereals which you have managed to drill will be shallow & lazy rooted after all the rain, assuming they have survived!



A reminder to keep them well fed with nutrients, the most important being Nitrogen (little & often if possible.) it is important to use root-promoting products like phosphite (Groplan P) to keep the roots working and growing. Roll on the spring & summer!

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Cover Cropping

Whilst efforts will be made to get spring crops in the ground and established, some fields won't be fit given the excessive winter rainfall. Cover crops provide the solution to improve soil structure, avoid bare soil and put organic matter back into the soil.

**Talk to your agronomist to find out
about the options!**



Calving Essentials

For those calving all year round or running a spring calving herd having the essentials for good calf management is key to success and cow performance in later life. From top up colostrums, high quality milk powder, to response pastes and electrolyte formulas, BCW have the products to meet your requirements ensuring your young stock management and herd health is maximised for future productivity and profitability.



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Dave's Top Tips for Maize

Soil Analysis:- Getting an accurate soil analysis to find out what's in your soil will better enable you to target key nutrient applications. Your agronomist will be able to offer the best advice in response to undertaking a soil analysis. Alternatively SOYL can do variable rate soil nutrient mapping adding another dimension to your nutrient applications.

Variety:- Match your variety to fit the soil types across your farm taking into account nutrient status and field aspect in order to pick a variety that will perform for you.

Herd Key Performance Indicators:- Assess your herds performance and overall diet and select varieties that maximise starch production but also compliment each other with excellent fibre digestibility and ME potential.

Seed Rates:- Ensure your seed rates are selected to take into account field aspect and variety maturity. Too high a seed rate can cause inter-crop competition reducing yield. Similarly on better sites ensure you put enough seeds on to maximize production.

