



CROP PRODUCTION
ANIMAL HEALTH &
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Breakfast News

COVID-19 Update

We would like to thank all our customers for your continued support through this challenging year so far. It is very much appreciated that so many of you have embraced the call and collect system that has been operating for the past few months. Preparations to open the shop soon are ongoing and more details on this will follow. Please keep an eye on our **Facebook page** for the most up to date announcements.

We would encourage you to continue to utilise the call and collect system. This enables a much more efficient and safer service for both yourself and our staff. This system remains our preferred method of operating when calling into the shop once we reopen.

Thanks for your continued support and understanding. The BCW team.

Official Tag Runs

With Autumn calving commencing, ensuring you have official tag runs ordered and ready is key to future management and keeping things legal. BCW are able to supply official tag runs from Dalton Tags. Whether it's new official tag runs, BVD/DNA tag runs, New EID runs or tags for sheep, goats and pigs, BCW can supply you with everything you need!

Call today to order yours!



Redstart Forage Crop

Redstart Hybrid Brassica combines the rapid growth characteristics of forage rape with the dry matter yield and winter hardiness of kale. Sown from now until late August this variety of forage can offer fantastic late season grazing. Its exceptional winter hardiness makes it perfect for out-wintering cattle, ewes and finishing lambs.

Autumn Mineral Promotion

The Autumn mineral promotion is back on. Now is the time to sort your mineral requirements for the coming Autumn/Winter at great prices. There is increasing focus on matching minerals to forage.

Talk to your agronomist today to get the right product for you this Autumn/Winter



Autumn re-seed options

X-Seed Emerald:- A 5 year, highly palatable, high yielding dual purpose ley. Perfect for 1-2 cuts with by aftermath grazing or season long grazing. A mix is designed to drive performance!



X-Seed Ruby:- A 3-5 year high protein red clover cutting ley. This mix sown before end of August will establish well and deliver highly palatable forage with fantastic protein levels helping reduce your reliance on bought in protein!



X-Seed Quartz:- A 4-5 year 100% Tetraploid mixture perfect for Delivering high quality forage over multiple cuts with late season aftermath grazing.



Dates for your Diary!

Burwarton Show:- Cancelled

UK Dairy Day:- Cancelled

Cheshire Ploughing Match:- Cancelled

**Cruckton Ploughing Match:-
Cancelled**

**If you would like to stop
receiving the newsletter please
call the office on
01630 655722**

Environmental Fly Control

With warm weather continuing and flies becoming ever more evident, controlling flies in the farm environment as well as protecting livestock can offer benefits. We stock a range of application equipment and products suitable for reducing flies in the farm environment.

Call the office today to discuss your requirements!



Essential Lamb Bolus Results!

A study done by **Glasgow University Veterinary School** on **Downland Essential Lamb Bolus's** found an **improvement of 49g/day** compared to untreated lambs. Over 120 days this equates to an **extra 5.9kg** live-weight gain. This allows earlier finishing improving efficiency and reducing cost.



Pre-Tupping Ewe Nutrition

Ensuring ewe health is restored after supporting lambs is key to improving fertility ahead of tupping. Meeting trace element requirements is also vital to get the most at flushing.

FA Mineral:- Free Access Sheep mineral can be fed from now right through till tupping including 4% Mg to reduce autumn staggers risk

Bolus's:- A simple and effective way to ensure consistent trace element release

Licks/Drenches:- Mineral buckets and liquid drenches can be used on their own or with the above to ensure ewe health is maintained.

**Dont forget the above for Ram
health and performance!**

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Bill's Topical Tip

Many fields which were "drilled" in the awful Autumn/Winter will have soil structure issues. In many cases the crops have survived surprising well, and their roots will be helping soils recover. But we all have areas which flooded & failed, often full of weeds which will need some pre-harvest glyphosate.



With cultivations the general rule is to **START SHALLOW THEN WORK DEEPER**. This also prevents burying grass-weed seed & causing dormancy, creating a problem for the future.

Maize Additive

With maize growing rapidly thoughts should turn to preserving this highly valuable forage to reduce wastage and improve fibre digestibility. Our Agronomists will be advising on when crops are ready to harvest. Treating with an additive will help preserve the quality and quantity ensuring your maize supplies continue to drive performance.

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Late Summer Nutrient supplementation for Cattle

Knowing the quality of your forages and bought in feeds such as brewers grains this season is vital. 3rd cut quality looks good but earlier cuts may be lacking in certain trace elements and testing is important.

Autumn calving cows (Dairy and Suckler) will need a good transition mineral to prepare for lactation. A good level of zinc will help internal tissue health in the udder, gut as well as hoof health.

**Talk to your
Agronomist to discuss
the best approach for
your farm!**

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