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Chairman's letter

Generally, March is the time of the year when the wonderfulness of spring with all its pleasures is looked upon as the real start and a new beginning of another year. Gardeners tend their patches, daffodils and primroses are a-plenty, lambs frolic in the fields like some massive playgroup and there is a frenzy of activity for the bird population to make their nests. This year, behind the sense of freshness is a backdrop of challenging conditions for a number of farming businesses. There is an indication that the world dairy commodity prices are looking a little firmer in recent weeks with some sizeable gains in one or two areas. New Zealand has experienced a prolonged drought in the South Island which will play a part in reducing some of the oversupply. One swallow really doesn't make a summer, but at least there is an indication that the low point may have been reached. Moving now to a period where cash flows will be under pressure and prudent management is to be encouraged. The pig sector is entering another difficult period too as pig meat prices dip again. Unusually, beef prices look slightly more positive than they have been over recent months.

At the recent AHDB conference, a paper was given on the potential shape, scale, understanding and opportunity in the emerging markets, particularly Asia with China being a key target along with others, but looking to really tap into the growing demand for more western style eating. The Asian grocery market is predicted to grow at double the rate of Europe and an enormous percentage of the world's 'middle class' will live there: China and India are both forecasting double digit growth in grocery markets by 2020. Much of this growth will be facilitated by what is described as 'modern markets', where refrigeration allows a very different way of living as we experienced here forty or fifty years ago. Traditional trade though, will still be a major part of the experience for the foreseeable future. However, despite the fact that refrigeration is evolving, QR codes and traceability are already in use in Thailand, where Tesco currently operate. The retail market, particularly in China and India is still very fragmented, whereas in Japan, far more consolidation has already taken place. This Asian grocery market is expected to grow to 4.3 trillion US dollars by 2020.

I couldn't help thinking, how is any success in this market to be best achieved? What is the vehicle required to facilitate this opportunity? What competitive advantage can UK or British

produce, including meat and dairy products, be given to differentiate our product with other parts of the globe competing for the same business? Are we really able to demonstrate quality and understand the importance of provenance and how can that be exploited?

There have been some very emotive exchanges recently over the proposed changes to the Red Tractor logo standards. This is obviously a domestic issue; the gripe being ever more stringent standards to an already robust system which is supposed to guarantee greater quality in main stream production.

There are examples where differing styles of production and standards are very effective in niche situations to demonstrate provenance or a specialist element in production techniques, which is very different from mainstream activities. Once something stops being niche, then it's far more difficult to maintain as a sustainable differentiation. The intention to radically change to even more rigorous standards has hit a chord. If we consider the changes to record keeping, SPS inspections, Cattle Passports, traceability, and assurance schemes and so on in the last 20 years or so, it bears little resemblance to what used to happen. When I was a small boy (bearing in mind I'm not as old as I look) a cull cow would go to market with one very well worn metal tag with no defining features. That sale wouldn't have been necessarily recorded as UK1234-100345 or anything of that nature, it was probably recorded as Ethel or Primrose.

Now, despite the fact that Ethel or Primrose may well have provided very acceptable quality meat, no real checks were in place. Not suggesting for a moment that this would be acceptable these days and why should it be? There are rogue elements in any profession, law, health, education, broadcasting and agriculture is not exempt from inappropriate activities. That's why a robust, worthwhile scheme is needed, but a balance between what is manageable, meaningful, affordable and suitable to demonstrate quality in mainstream production has to be agreed. Each retailer adopting its own standards might give greater incentive for producers to engage with, if a suitable premium was in place, or is just one good strong assurance for mainstream production simpler and a more effective standard?

So, back to how do we compete for a share of the spoils in overseas markets? Can we differentiate and demonstrate competitive advantage over our competitors? Would one



Graeme Cock
Chairman

strong British brand be more effective? There are already large volumes of business being transacted in overseas markets, but can that be exploited further? British milk, which supplies Arla and specialist products which Dairy Crest are evaluating are just two examples. Equally, the vehicle required to be an effective facilitator and marketer for British produce in any market has to be defined. Is it political assistance with an already established commercial operation, or is there an argument for all the many elements which make up our industry to be distilled - overhauled - redefined or even start from scratch? Could this allow a more effective strategic approach to be taken where clear objectives can be established to drive further development of our industry where it can consistently and effectively compete in world markets? Alternatively, will the market find its own level, where the best structured, innovative, visionary businesses find success?

The assumption is that whatever success is to be achieved, it will be a long, windy road where major investment is required in a strategic approach to build a market, as those who are already involved will no doubt relate. Is there ever to be a point in the future when the Red Tractor logo is a key point of differentiation on British food products on supermarket shelves in New Deli or Beijing?

Graeme Cock

Name that sire



Delegates at the recent British Cattle Breeders Conference were stunned to learn that just 23% of calves have their sires identified by name on BCMS Passport Applications. Yet, this simple piece of information can be a positive move that can add real value to a business.

It is obvious to us all that milk prices are not going to radically improve at any time soon, so our attention must turn to how else we can improve the bottom line performance. With the ever increasing use of beef semen in the national dairy herd, the search for and use of only the highest quality bulls is critical. "Quality" is a word that cannot be overused. In this instance, the dairy farmer will, first and foremost insist on the highest quality semen to achieve the very best conception rates. The use of more than one bulls' semen, usually three different breeds, in the same straw (fertility mixes) are common practice and are proving to be extremely popular in the drive towards better conception rates. The resulting calf could be by any one of the bulls in the mix, so it is important that all the bulls in that particular mix, match the standards that have been chosen.

The search for the right beef bull for cross breeding in the dairy herd must involve great care and a level of research. Choice is absolutely paramount, what both dairy and beef farmers require is 'tailor made genetics'. Mole Valley Farmers, through their Red Meat Team, are closely associated with many of the buyers, processors and retailers within the food chain. Every farmer's criteria will be different, but the 'sell point' for each calf or each finished animal must be identified to guide the selection of the right bull for the right market in the first place.

Which market? Being confined on space, either on hectares or in the buildings, many dairy farmers would rather keep more productive milkers than youngstock. Thus the popularity of selling beef cross calves at 2 to 6 weeks old is a very important factor. If well-known and respected bulls are chosen and used it has every chance of attracting a premium price in the ring.

Specialist businesses, like Blade Farming (see page 9) and Meadow Quality Calves with their Superior Sire list play an ever increasing and vital part in the procurement process for calves from the dairy herd. Because of their acknowledged expertise and their attention to detail, buyers and procurers like this will strive to encourage dairy farmers to use a bull of choice to produce the calf, and thus carcase of choice. More and more end users, processors and retailers are encouraging the use of specific bulls and are paying a premium for these calves. AI companies are now demanding only selected sires to sell to their dairy farmer customers. Real joined-up thinking, on the hoof!

There will always be a demand for the continental cross on the dairy cow. The most popular breeds are; British Blue, Limousin and Charolais. But for retailers aiming for the 'top shelves' in their supermarkets, native breeds; Angus, Hereford, Beef Shorthorn, Red Devon and South Devon have a valuable place. Branding is an essential ingredient of marketing and great care needs to be taken over the choice of bull.

In summary, it can be seen that the naming the sire on the passport is just a starting point and an easy way to add extra value to the beef cross calf, so that all parties benefit. The dairy farmer is happy, because he has a calf born easily and on time and has more pound coins in his pocket at the market. The rearers are confident in the knowledge that the reputation of the named sire will prove that this progeny will out-perform the contemporaries - and the retailers are happy with the great consistency of quality in the end product on the shelf.

Data collection of any business depends on sustainability and profitability, only by identifying the sire of each calf can this progress be made.

Look for the breadth of choice, focus on the facts at your disposal, choose the bull that meets all of your criteria and, whatever you do - remember to Name That Sire!



Keeping the faith in fats

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Feeding rumen protected fats is a common strategy to increase dietary energy density and thus energy supply to high yielding dairy cows. This helps support milk yield and, depending upon the type and quality of fat, milk quality. For example, calcium soaps are well known to promote milk yield whilst more refined fats containing high levels of palmitic acid ('C16') such as Energizer RP10, influence both yield and quality. The latter type is also held to be more palatable, maintaining intakes even at relatively high inclusion levels.

However, with milk prices dropping, the cost effectiveness of feed raw materials is sensibly questioned. For protected fats, it is important to understand the likely responses - in terms of dry matter intake, milk yield and milk fat production - and matching these to the milk contract in place.

Logic suggests that for a liquid contract, with little or no milk quality premium, calcium soap would be the preferred protected fat option. On the other hand, products promoting both yield and quality would be favoured for compositional or manufacturing contracts.

For example, the cost of feeding Energizer RP10 is broadly covered by the anticipated milk yield response and a net gain accrues from the premium attracted by the higher quality milk. For a cow giving 30 litres/day and fed 300-400 grams, this gain can be worth an extra 20-30p/day profit depending upon the individual contract. It is also worth considering Energizer RP10 to ensure maximum prices are realised within liquid contracts, i.e. avoiding low butterfat penalties.

In conclusion, protected fats are an important tool in optimising dietary energy density and intake. Sources can be used tactically to ensure targets for total dry matter intake, milk yield and quality are met in order to achieve maximum returns from a given milk contract.

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News from Cornwall

Carolyn Hollow
Business Development Manager
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As Spring is just around the corner, the next few weeks will be very busy on the farm, with preparations for the first cuts of silage, fertilising, reseeding and spring planting. It is also calving time for spring calving herds and the main lambing season gets underway.

Efficiency on farm has to be top priority - looking at your business and seeing where improvements can be made. Ask yourself, can you improve performance without increasing costs by being more self-sufficient by producing home grown cereals and crops, if the farm is suitable for cropping? Genetic improvement on beef and sheep farms will help produce more milk to maximise growth and production. Can you produce more milk from keeping less, but more productive dairy cows? Is there a niche market you can sell to? All of these questions are worth looking at.

With volatile pricing throughout all the farming markets, it is hard to predict what farm gate prices are going to be this year. Covering the cost of production is important. Anything less, then you will lose money, but many people don't know what their costs are. Making small changes to your business can help through tough times, saving energy, water, changing your feeding ration, or reducing unessential costs and outputs can make a difference. Reducing costs shouldn't mean cutting corners as this will usually have a negative effect on production or quality. Mole Valley Farmers have invested in staff and have key nutritionists, dairy hygiene specialists, agronomists and agricultural experts whose knowledge and expertise are there to help and advise members on managing their businesses and make sure it grows year on year.



Preparation for spring

In preparation for calving, the cow's body scores should be assessed to make sure they are in the correct condition for calving and their nutrition balanced to ensure they have the right amount of energy in their diet which will help them to calve and get back in calf.

If the weather allows early turn out, strip grazing and offering the cows a little hay or silage is very good practice, turning cattle straight out onto grass can upset their digestion. Extra fibre helps them to cope with the change of diet and gives them more dry matter to balance the wet grass. Not forgetting the need to protect your cows from hypomagnesaemia (grass staggers) which is easily avoided by making sure they have access to magnesium. Cows will need to take in magnesium daily as they are unable to store it, sheep too can suffer from staggers.

Much emphasis is put on the cow's condition, nutrition and fertility, but so many forget the bull, who is in fact half of your herd.



Before turning your stock bull in with the cows, it is advisable to give him a health check to make sure his feet are trimmed and that he has come through the winter in good body condition, not becoming too fat. It is a good idea to get your vet to carry out a full MOT on your bull well in advance of introducing him to the herd, which will give you time to correct any problems and avoid fertility issues which will increase your calving index and your herd's efficiency.

Replacing your bull.

If your stock bull is not fit for purpose and needs replacing before selecting a replacement, you should consider the following:

Herd health

Always select from a farm where they have documentation of high health status, to avoid bringing diseases onto your farm. If no documentation is available, you should ask for blood and fertility tests to be taken to make sure the bull is fit for purpose.



Ease of calving

This is important, especially in the dairy industry where it is essential for the cow to calve easily without any problems, this ensures she gets back in calf again quickly and settles into milking without stress. If running a bull with heifers, ease of calving is crucial so her first calf is smaller and easier to calve.

Good feet and legs

Your bull will need to be mobile so good feet and legs are important. Check he walks straight and moves without problems.



Which breed?

Totally depends on your system, the area you live in and also the intended market you are breeding for. A detailed resume of bull selection is featured on page 4 which focuses on the selection of AI bulls, but the principle of using high genetic merit breeding stock is equally, if not more important when choosing a stock bull. It's not about how good a bull looks, it's more about the performance of his progeny.

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Contact your Farm Sales Co-ordinator or SQP for initial advice on herd health, calving and related farm products.

Our Nutritionists are available for feeding advice for your herd or flock - call the FeedLine on 01278 444829

By the Editor

Trying to make sense of the commodity markets has traditionally been the role of so called experts, yet the volatility of these markets has a profound effect on our industry. Contrasting examples of this are the beef and dairy sectors. In 2014 our domestic beef market collapsed, whilst the world market remained relatively stable. In recent weeks UK wholesale beef prices have dipped slightly, but it is expected that this is a temporary blip with prices holding around £3.55 to £3.70/kg. It is worth noting that finishers with Aberdeen Angus contracts have maintained their premium throughout and are currently commanding £4.00/kg.

Milk prices on the other hand, are driven by a world supply and demand conflict. The recent crisis has been driven by a combination of well documented situations and resulted in an unprecedented fall in farm gate prices. However, there could be a glimmer of light at

the end of the tunnel as it certainly looks like prices could be flattening out. The February Global Dairy Trade auctions saw prices rise by 9.4% in 2 weeks to average \$3042. This is welcome news but we need to be cautious as it may take some time to filter through to the farm gate.

It is probably assisted by the Chinese re-entering the milk powder market and has also created opportunities for our UK processors. We understand that one regional processor, Dairy Crest (Davidstow), are negotiating a potential contract, in conjunction with another world leader in the marketplace. This could be a major boost to the DC business and is a result of a significant investment at the factory over recent years. However, as this contract relies on very tight quality specification, farmers supplying the DC factory may have to change their dairy hygiene routine.

We are aware of these changes and some chemicals currently used on farm will have to be replaced with approved products which comply with the new standards. We are awaiting clarification, but plan to give a full update in the April issue, in the meantime, please contact our Dairy Hygiene Team for the most up to date information available. Please call your Farm Sales Co-ordinator for details.

As farmers, we often moan when we are required to make changes to our production systems and tightening specifications to comply with demands made by our customers, the processors, but if these changes are introduced in order to add value to products which are made from the raw material we supply, be it milk, beef or lamb, the benefit will help secure the future for farmers and processors alike.

until next month ...

Money from broadleaved woodland Assistance available for woodland management

Demand for firewood and woodchip is very strong and prices have risen dramatically in the last 12 months. It is now profitable to bring broadleaf woodland back into management and there are grants and assistance to help you do so.

Many landowners will have neither the time nor the inclination to learn how the forestry industry and woodland grant systems work.

The first step is to develop a woodland management plan. This will assess the woodland and what needs to be done to maximize its potential. A Forestry Commission approved management plan will also be a prerequisite to obtaining any woodland grants under the new Countryside Stewardship Scheme.

The management plan is itself grant aided and is open to all woodlands over 3ha (it is possible to combine ownership to create the minimum area requirement). There is a minimum grant of £1000 available for the production of the plan, which provides felling permission and ensures that management is carried out to the UK Forest Standard.

Ward Forester CIC is a 'not for profit' woodland initiative funded by the Forestry Commission, Woodsure and other public organisations. They have been working with the Forestry Commission since 2010 and cover more than 3900 ha of woodland across the South West connecting woodland owners with forestry consultants and advising on operational details, including creating management plans underpinned with a sound financial forecast.

Ward Forester can now also offer landowners a 'one stop shop', i.e. preparing and processing grant applications, writing the management plan, obtaining felling permission, arranging



for thinning and harvesting to take place and offering a guaranteed market for the timber.

This service is essentially free to the landowner. The cost of preparing the management plan will be covered by the Forestry Commission grant.

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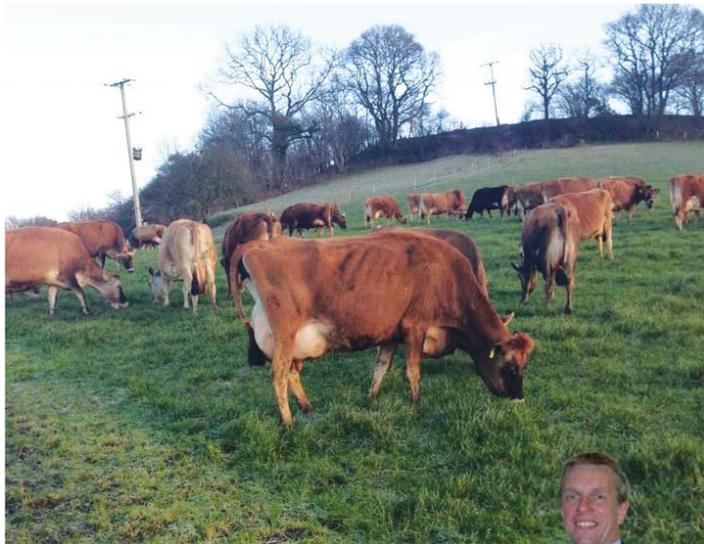
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Dairy update



Dr Chris Bartram, Head of Nutrition

The last few months in the dairy sector have probably been some of the most dramatic in recent times. The rapid reduction in the milk price, together with uncertainties in the feed price and major issues in parts of the processing sector have all combined to deliver serious turmoil! The range in the milk price (18p to 32p per litre) is now probably the greatest ever experienced in recent years.

However, the outlook for the medium term is starting to look more encouraging. World demand is steadily growing and whole milk sales increased by 4% in the 12 months to October 14 versus the previous year. Also, a large proportion of the extra demand is forecast to be supplied by the EU with the highest increase in milk deliveries coming from the northern part of the EU, including the UK.

In the short term, dairy producers will need to explore every opportunity to drive profitability. For the majority, this will not simply be a case of reducing costs. There are a number of key areas to consider in more detail. In no particular order, they are as follows:

- **Reduce wastage.** It is vitally important to minimise wastage. Recent calculations show that on a 250 cow unit if the amount of forage that is wasted is reduced by 5% this will deliver £5K per year to the bottom line. A similar calculation for concentrates will deliver a further £7.5K.
- **Consider moist feeds** to help improve dry matter intake. The benefit of feeding moist feeds with certain types of forage is well documented and has been confirmed in practice in the last few weeks.
- **Increase milk quality.** An increasing number of milk contracts now appear to have a greater emphasis on payment for milk fat and protein content than in the past. A careful evaluation of various options on an individual farm is required to maximise margin over feed. This is relatively simple using a new dairy management service.
- **Review protein nutrition.** In grass based systems reduce the level of crude protein in the concentrate feed. A 14% protein compound with the right type of protein, formulated according to the target yield is normally perfectly adequate. In high yielding, housed herds, consider the benefits of protected soya in early lactation and non-protein nitrogen in late lactation.
- **Consider splitting lactating cows** into more groups and target feed concentrates according to stage of lactation. The value of any reduction in yield may be counteracted by a greater reduction in feed cost.
- **Review the use of specialist ingredients** such as protected fats and specific additives. It is likely that there are a number of opportunities to reduce cost. Start with a clean sheet of paper!

- **Review mineral nutrition.** An oversupply of copper and other trace elements is still relatively common. A significant reduction in cost may be possible.
- **Evaluate the formulation of blends** and review the type of compound. Stable, consistent diets are crucial but the relative value of various feed materials has changed and if cows are not milking according to target, controlled changes may be very beneficial.
- **Target calf and heifer rearing.** In particular, understand the reasons for losses and remember that recent figures indicate that 15% of heifers born alive do not survive long enough to begin milk production. Also, consider the significant impact of calf growth rate on subsequent milk yield, namely that an extra 200g of growth per day between birth and ten weeks results in an extra 400 litres of milk in the first lactation.
- **Focus on the link between nutrition and animal health.** A recent study has highlighted the negative impact of excess energy in the dry period on health problems experienced during the early lactation period. A new Mole Valley Feed Solutions farm based trial is about to look at the incidence of sub clinical hypocalcaemia. Recent studies in the USA suggest that the impact of this issue may be very significant.
- **Focus on improving fertility efficiency** with a planned approach involving the nutritionist and veterinary surgeon. There are a number of promising new nutritional aspects (e.g. starch level, fat type, protein type) to consider in this area.
- **Measure the things that matter.** This will vary according to individual farms. However, actual dry matter intake, energy balance in early lactation and pregnancy rate immediately spring to mind as being crucial for most units.

Finally, a look at the recent dairy herd costing data is useful to help put the recent changes in milk price and feed price in context. The data is summarised in the table below. For the month of November milk yield has decreased from 24.6 to 24 litres per cow. Milk fat and protein content remain at a very credible 4.12% and 3.37%. The milk price has decreased by 4.5p per litre and margin over purchased feed per cow has decreased by 18% to £130. Margin per litre has decreased 4.2p to 20.7p.

In summary, the next few months are likely to become even more difficult. However, there are many opportunities on every unit to fine tune dairy cow nutrition and management. A fresh pair of eyes may be required to help see some of the options available. An open mind, careful planning and a positive attitude will help to minimise the impact of the lower milk price on the overall profitability of the business.

Costed herds summary		Month		Annual	
		Nov 14	Nov 13	Nov 14	Nov 13
Cows in herd		182	176	175	168
Yield per cow in milk	litres	24.0	24.6	8029	7617
Yield from forage	litres	5.5	6.6	2488	2322
Butterfat	%	4.12	4.22	4.05	4.15
Protein	%	3.37	3.39	3.32	3.26
Milk price	ppl	30.0	34.5	32.7	31.1
Concentrate use per litre	kg	0.36	0.34	0.31	0.31
All purchased feed cost	ppl	9.3	9.6	8.7	9.4
MOPF per herd	£	23678	27875	337050	277200
MOPF per cow	£	130	158	1926	1650
MOPF per litre	p	20.7	24.9	24.0	21.7

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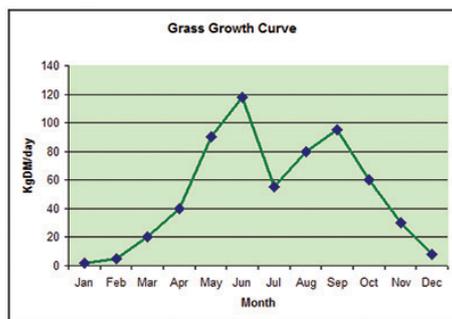
Grass staggers prevention

Shaun Hambley,



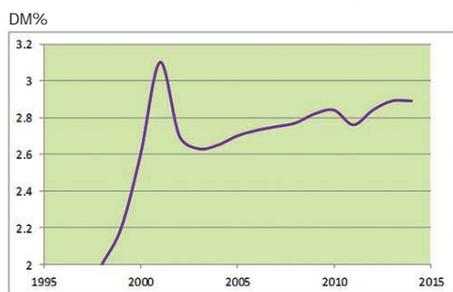
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At this time of year cattle are often deficient in magnesium, owing to the rapid increase in grass growth. Because ruminants cannot store magnesium in the body, as they can most other minerals, grazing livestock require magnesium supplementation every day.



Magnesium levels in grass through the season are difficult to predict and would vary from one season to another largely due to weather patterns and the way we manage grass.

Potassium plays a key role regarding grass staggers as it indirectly reduces the animal's ability to absorb magnesium. Potassium, with nitrogen, dominates the mineral profile of grass and together they drive vegetative growth. It is, therefore, not surprising that the amount of potassium in grazing follows the grass growth cycle where levels tend to peak in May, followed by a decline towards July and rising again in the autumn in line with the late flush of grass.



Forage potassium levels 1997-2014

Potassium levels continue to rise year on year. There are several reasons for these increased levels in forage:

- Changes in rainfall pattern
- Targeting slurry on silage fields
- Not checking soil K indices (57% UK soils have index 2 or greater)
- Low sodium levels in soil

High levels of potassium in grass will cause a suppression of sodium (salt) which is the critical factor as sodium is essential for the transportation of magnesium across the rumen wall to be utilised by the animal. Therefore it's through its undesirable effect on sodium that potassium exerts its influence on magnesium.



Avoiding staggers is very straightforward, the key guiding principles are:

- Daily magnesium supplementation
- Be aware of potassium's impact on magnesium availability
- Ensure stock have access to magnesium in a palatable form
- Ensure free access salt is on offer

Cattle and sheep need to be supplied with the correct level of magnesium on a daily basis, especially during the critical 6 week period after turnout. Ideally magnesium supplements should be introduced 7-10 days before turnout to help correct any existing deficiency.

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Depending on the diet and situation use 150g per head per day preferably incorporated into the ration. If it is not possible, top dress the appropriate quantity (15kg per 100 cows per day) onto the silage.

If free access is the only option, this cannot be relied on as the sole supply of magnesium to prevent grass staggers. Magnesium chloride in the water or Hi Mag mineral buckets and blocks can also be used.

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Blade Farming contracts



The development of the Blade Farming model and the new 'Forward Pricing contracts' now on offer to beef farmers will be discussed at a series of spring meetings, run in conjunction with Mole Valley Feed Solutions and sponsored by Zoetis. The meetings will be held at various Blade units throughout the country to enable producers to understand the benefits of being part of an integrated beef scheme.

There are now Blade contracts on offer for Aberdeen Angus X and Continental X steers and heifers, as well as Holstein/Friesian bulls and steers. The contracts pay significant premiums for cattle that meet the required specifications and in most cases are linked to a grading grid which is unique to the cattle involved.

The meetings are planned for the following venues:

- **25th March, Messrs Tabor, Sutton Montis, Yeovil, Somerset**
Finishing Angus and continental heifers
- **8th April - Messrs Breakwell, Bridgnorth, Shropshire**
A contract calf rearing unit, batches of 80 calves at a time
- **15th April - Messrs Hinton, Northallerton, Yorkshire**
Finishing around 120 Angus x cattle on contract
- **13th May - Slawston Grange, Market Harborough, Leics**
Running a batch system with groups of 40 Angus cattle coming on farm every 3 months

At each meeting there will be presentations from Zoetis on calf health, Mole Valley Feed Solutions on nutrition and feeding growing cattle and from Blade Farming on Blade contracts and the benefits of producing cattle for a defined market. All the representatives will be available to discuss the wider aspects of animal health, nutrition and beef production.

10.30 am	Arrival – tea and coffee
11.00 am	Presentations
12.00	midday farm tour
12.45 pm	Lunch and finish

Blade Farming rear high health status calves to order and will supply weaned calves to beef farmers without aligning the calves to a pricing contract. Orders are being taken for heifers to go on as replacement suckler cows and for cattle to be reared on and sold as stores.

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No need to be nervous about prime cattle market

by Robert Forster

Some finishers are nervous about prime cattle price prospects. This is understandable after the mauling they were given last year when simultaneous production surges across the UK and Republic of Ireland (RoI) flattened the market.

Confidence, so critical to supply chain stability, suffered its biggest hit in May when troubled Tesco, keen to buy British beef at Irish prices, took 25p off the base price for commercial cattle traded through its English supplier in just three weeks – end result just 312p and losses at feeder level that were almost impossible to take.

There have been improvements since. Towards the end of January even the lowest paying English and Welsh processors were paying a base of at least 360p for commercial R4L steers and heifers and the best were at 380p.

Then there was a hiccup. Nothing more than a falter really – but fears that the market was fundamentally unstable immediately re-emerged. And it worries me that confidence, so important when breeders and feeders regularly juggle budgets covering seven figure sums, can so easily be punctured because wounds, unnecessarily inflicted by short sighted men in suits six or seven months earlier, are clearly a long way from being healed.

The slaughter cattle market will never be entirely stable. It is exposed to so many contradictory factors that weekly adjustments, both up and down, will always be recorded. This means that the trend is the most important thing to identify – and I have no doubt whatsoever that over this year and the ten that will follow, the overall direction of the market will be up.

The most crucial background factor is that world production is falling (it dropped five per cent over 2014) at the same time as hundreds of thousands (perhaps even millions) of new consumers are moving onto the market each year.

So there is no longer a world surplus and one result is that world prices are no longer led by the UK and European Union. The dearest commercial cattle are now in the United States where prices lifted 30 per cent last year, while in Brazil, which enjoyed a 25 per cent hike in value last year, cattle are dearer than in the RoI.

At the same time Australia (the last in this group of the world's three biggest exporters) is beginning to enjoy a long awaited, supply/demand related, surge in its cattle prices too – and China, which has for so long relied on cheap Australian beef will have to pay more for it, or else do without. Indeed, world demand is so intense that more beef from the EU will soon be able to be exported (some of it, no doubt to high paying customers in the US and China) and domestic buyers will have to pay more if they want to keep it on their shelves.

In the meantime, beef cattle in the RoI are in the region of 55p dwkg cheaper than our own – and fears continue that this beef will once again be dragged onto the domestic market by supermarket traders who have developed a reputation for being unable to resist a short term deal. Despite the price difference, a surge in supermarket prime beef purchases from the RoI is unlikely.

Just three multiples, Tesco, Asda and Sainsburys take this beef and they are being careful to buy relatively modest amounts from single suppliers – who only sell beef taken from cattle they have processed themselves. This is because they want to avoid buying horsemeat as well as making sure that Groceries Code Adjudicator, Christine Tacon, is confident that they have fallen in with her Grocery Supply Chain Code of Practice (GSCOP)

If they transgress, she could, in Tesco's case fine it as much as £400 million (one per cent of turnover), and there should be no doubt that each of these companies wants to eliminate as much risk, no matter how small, of that



Robert Forster produces an acclaimed, subscription-only, Beef Industry Newsletter which is widely read by all beef sector participants. Its comprehensive updates include informed analysis of issues affecting the slaughter cattle market as well as a price forecast for the following week.

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happening – which means buying as much beef as they can through the shortest supply chain available to them.

Cheaper beef from the RoI will of course continue to enter the UK. It is impossible to avoid this because domestic production covers only 80 per cent of consumer purchases. However, 85 per cent of it will be distributed through non-supermarket outlets, because consumers using supermarkets have made clear their preference for beef that carries the Red Tractor and Union Jack. Multiple retail concentration on buying UK-origin beef dominates ex-farm prices and has, since November, lifted Northern Ireland's averages, until then habitually lower than England's by 20p-30p, to English levels – and there is no sign of this focus being reduced.

This highly beneficial trend is also being fortified by insistent demands for supermarket specification cattle (UTM steers and heifers weighing less than 380 kilos) which are more difficult to find in the RoI than they are in the UK.

In the meantime, prime cattle supplies in both the UK and RoI are expected to shrink by about five per cent over 2105 – and this should be enough to more than counter the unexpectedly high number of cull cows being turned off dairy farms because there is a world oversupply of milk.



Positive messages from the British Cattle Breeder's Conference

Advice for young farmers and the latest breeding programmes were just some of the topics discussed on the beef day at the recent BCB Conference in Telford. Delivering what the market wants and not putting all your eggs in one basket are all part of the recipe for success for the next generation of beef farmers, according to producer Paul Westaway.

Speaking to a packed conference room, including a large number of young farmers, Paul said the beef industry had a bright future, but to ensure success, youngsters should follow some simple rules.

"Find out what the customer wants and produce it. My objective as a beef producer is simple", he said. "I want to produce a piece of meat on my farm that's mind blowing and is the same next week,"

Having taken on a council farm tenancy with his wife Kirsty in 2006, Paul was quick to recognise the importance of producing a value added product and working with good people. With his 103 acre Gloucestershire farm surrounded by Hereford cattle producers, he decided to differentiate himself by producing Aberdeen Angus. He now runs the 100 cow 'Melview' herd of pedigree Aberdeen Angus and takes 120 Holstein x Aberdeen Angus calves a year on a Blade contract for Mitchells and Butlers. Paul also runs cattle genetics company 'Sterling Sires', as well as his Aberdeen Angus beef and wine box scheme, 'Paul and Kirsty's Perfect Night In'.

"It's important to make sure you have an off farm income and diversify. That way you will grow...We've got a barn that's not big enough for cows so we use it for holiday makers," said Paul. He also recommended new entrants take advantage of a fixed contract similar to his arrangement with Blade. That way they are ensured a steady income. "I'm paid a flat fee as long as they (cattle) are at the right age and weight which is 270kg at 18.5 months of age," explained Paul.

Paul also advised young farmers keep fixed costs to a minimum, grow their own protein to reduce reliance on bought in feeds and use science to become more efficient. "But my big message for young people would be; don't walk away from negative people, run!" he said.



Mowing red clover on the Westaway's farm



Paul and Kirsty Westaway and Goliath

Dr Thierry Pabious, geneticist for ICBF, also presented his paper on a new European wide genetic recording scheme at the conference. Interbeef will help give beef producers greater confidence when selecting bulls based on Estimated Breeding Values (EBVs) and help accelerate genetic progress. The project is a collaborative project between 10 European countries, including Great Britain and is linked with research partner, Scotland's Rural College (SRUC).



Started in 2001, Interbeef collates genetic information from millions of Charolais and Limousin bulls from partner countries in the EU. Increasing the volume of records to incorporate member countries widens the pool of recorded animals from which selection decisions can be made, accelerating the rate of genetic progress breeders can make.

2014 saw the launch of the first Interbeef EBV for weaning weight. This parameter was selected in the first instance as it is most comparable across countries and gives an indication of carcass weight. Thierry explained how all values are corrected to enable direct comparisons to be made between bulls from different countries. "For a given country, figures are all on the same scale, so it gives a prediction of how a French bull will perform in the UK (for example), which will help the guy who imports," he said.

Thierry also explained how the benefits to producers were far reaching. The system enables bulls to be ranked to identify the top bulls available. It also provides extra choice for selection across the 10 member countries. The ability to link data to other bulls in different countries also increases the reliability of the data.

The plan in the future is to increase the number of Interbeef EBVs to include calving traits, carcass and female fertility.

Thierry explained how Interbeef breeding values can be incorporated into individual country national evaluations to improve accuracy. At present the British Limousin Society are the only British partner involved. The Interbeef EBV for 200 day weights will be incorporated into their next round of evaluations in March.

As part of Mole Valley Farmers' sponsorship of BCBC, all of the papers, along with talking slides from the event are now online. You can catch up on all the presentations from the event at www.talkingslides.net/bcbc2015

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Coccidiosis in calves and lambs

Candido Rodriguez-Cruz, BVet Med (Mad), MRCVS

Coccidiosis is a frequently diagnosed, but often misunderstood, cause of scoring and poor growth rates in calves and lambs. Most cattle and sheep are infected with coccidia but in the majority of animals the parasites coexist causing little or no damage. Actually, low levels of challenge are desirable as this will stimulate a protective immune response.

Disease only tends to occur if animals are subjected to heavy infection pressure or if their resistance is lowered by stress, intercurrent disease or poor nutrition. Coccidiosis in ruminants causes intestinal damage, resulting in depressed growth and performance and greater susceptibility to other infections. Coccidiosis is caused when cells in the lining of the animal's large intestine become infected with protozoa parasite called Eimeria. The parasite multiplies in the intestinal wall and this rapidly destroys the lining of the gut.

In cattle and sheep, some species of coccidia are more pathogenic than others. In sheep, Eimeria ovinoidalis is the most pathogenic species while, in cattle, Eimeria bovis and Eimeria Zuernii are considered the main pathogens.

Clinical signs of coccidiosis in lambs and calves

In the UK, coccidiosis is most commonly seen in unweaned lambs aged four to eight weeks on lowland farms where stocking rates are high, and usually affects twin and triplet lambs. Bovine coccidiosis is primarily a disease of young animals, normally occurring in calves between three weeks and six months of age after mixing groups of calves, although it also has been reported in cattle aged one year or more. Main signs of coccidiosis are:

- Dark scour (with or without mucus or blood)
- Inappetence
- Abdominal pain
- Anaemia
- Sub optimal weight gain
- Dry rough coat

Sub-clinical coccidiosis is often an "invisible" disease that can have a serious impact on calf and lamb production. This will present as

suboptimal growth and may not be noticed unless you are measuring performance.

Some calves that survive clinical coccidiosis may never fully recover. They will have permanent gut damage and will never match the performance of their peers.

Diagnosis

Always seek veterinary advice to confirm diagnosis so you get the right treatment, control and advice. Do not forget that there are a number of other conditions in older calves and lambs which can be confused with coccidiosis like Salmonella, Nematodirus infections at pasture or nutrition related conditions like mineral/vitamin deficiencies or poor general nutrition.

Diagnosis of coccidiosis in ruminants is based on the history, clinical and pathological signs, faecal oocyst counts and the species of coccidia present.

Treatment, control and prevention

Only a few licensed products are available for the treatment of coccidiosis; these can be administered either by injection, oral drench or as in-feed medication. It is of paramount importance to work with your vet as part of a team approach to figure out the best and most cost-effective treatment, as well as the optimum time for treatment, in order to reduce infection pressure on your farm. As a part of a comprehensive and cost-effective coccidiosis control plan any factors causing stress or poor hygiene should be effectively addressed:

- Attention to hygiene
- Mixed ages
- Avoidance of overcrowding
- Poor ventilation
- Soiled bedding with warm environment

In order to avoid serious economic impact on calf or lamb production at your farm, it is of paramount importance to spot infection early and to seek veterinary advice to diagnose, treat, control and prevent coccidiosis by adopting a holistic approach to lamb/calves health management. At Molecare Veterinary Services we strive to find the most suitable treatment as part of a practical and cost-effective youngstock disease control plan.

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Mole Valley Farmers are committed to new product development in the sheep sector. The technical team is involved with sheep farmers and research institutes to develop new cost effective practical solutions. An example of the new approach is an alliance with SAC Consulting. It has resulted in the development of new rationing software for sheep and specialist training for the Red Meat Team. This month, John Vipond, senior sheep specialist at SAC, provides some latest thoughts on protein nutrition.

Latest developments in feeding ewes

*John Vipond,
Senior Sheep Specialist, SAC Consulting*

Mole Valley Feed Solutions is increasing the level of DUP in certain products this year - how can this help you?

Modern breeds of sheep need a 20-30% increase in protein supply to produce colostrum and maintain immunity. As the supply of protein from the rumen bugs is limited, supplying extra Digestible Undegraded Protein (DUP) is the easiest way. Soya bean meal (Hipro soya) has a CP of 48%, of which about 45% of the protein content is as DUP. Carefully treating the soya to protect the protein can double this.

An industry wide rule of thumb is to meet DUP requirements of multiple bearing ewes by feeding 100 g daily of soya per lamb carried, from 3 weeks before the first ewes lamb. Typically this is fed in addition to existing compound feed for thin ewes and as a replacement of compound for fat ewes. This is working well in practice. Some compounds now contain considerable amounts of soya and these are very useful where the silage has a quality below an ME of 11. Very high quality silage with an ME of 11+ typically has more protein than the rumen bugs can use, so protected soya products that have double soya's DUP content can be fed as supplements. These and other DUP sources are also now appearing in compound feeds.

There is a window of around a month before lambing when high DUP intake is likely to influence lamb birth weight and survival. However, not all trials have seen expected improvements and it is very likely that if the ewe is in good condition and she has good body reserves of protein to call on, then she may make up for deficiencies in her diet with these. She prioritises for maintenance of her tissues that are needed – liver, udder etc. but reduces the protein supply for maintaining immunity against parasites. Hence we often see a rise in the number of worm eggs in faeces of previously immune ewes around lambing time.

Feeding DUP will reduce this worm egg rise and is an alternative to using drenches. To get the most out of DUP, feed it to thin gimmers with multiples, thin twin bearing ewes and all triplet bearing ewes, particularly if your farm has constant sheep grazing and thus worm challenge.

Four steps to successful lamb rearing

1 Colostrum

Colostrum is the key to reducing losses from hypothermia and disease.

- Feed within 6 hours of birth.
- Feed 50ml per kg liveweight per feed – minimum 210ml/kg bodyweight within first 24 hours.
- Ensure quality is optimum through ewe condition and health.

2 Feeding system

When rearing 50 plus lambs, a Volac Autofeeder is an ideal system to reduce labour time and rear healthy lambs. When rearing smaller numbers of lambs (20-40) the Volac Ewe 2 feeder can be used.

Lambs should consume 12-13kg milk replacer over the rearing period.

Feeding recommendations:

- Start lambs on restricted warm milk (39°C) until trained (1 litre split into 4-5, 200-250ml feeds per day.) Training usually takes 1-3 days.
- Ad-lib access to milk once trained. The temperature of the milk should be reduced to 18-20°C to lower the risk of over consumption.

3 Milk Replacer

Mixing rate :200g powder + 800ml water = 1 litre of mixed milk.

Use Volac Lamlac Freeflow powder in the automatic feeder and Mole Valley Farmers Lamlac in Ewe 2 and bottle systems.

4 Weaning

Wean abruptly when lambs are:

- Minimum 2½ times birth weight (9-10kg).
- Minimum 35 days old.
- Eating 250g of solid feed per day





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Attention to detail at the silage face

A visit to Mr Kenton Bennett's farm and, more importantly, his silage pits, very quickly made me aware of how attention to detail pays dividends!

Chris Woodget, Crop Nutritionist, Mole Valley Forage Services

My first impression of the silage pits was how tidy they were; very few tyres, dry clean concrete pads in front of the pit, very little run off, no sheeting blowing in the wind on or off the pits!



So how does he do it?

I decided to ask Kenton to talk me through the "process" on making a good pit of silage. A quality crop is key and a good starting point. So having well managed grass leys is very important! He is quick to point out that his soil is key to having successful reseeds and clean healthy grass leys.

The next thing Kenton told me was that he "manages the pits" from start to finish.

So starting at the beginning, preparation of the pit is very important; the floors and walls need to be clean and free of debris, no holes in the floor, no broken sides and any damage to roofs need to be dealt with before silage making starts. No point in having a roof on your pit if it lets the rain in!

The sheeting needs to be in place ready to cover the pit. This means a good quality clean sheet for the walls from the floor up and enough to envelop the pit. Also a layer of cling film is used to cover the grass from the outside in. Next a quality sheet that will cover the pit from front to back and side to side with no gaps is put ready to cover the pit once filled.

Filling the pit is so important it can't be rushed or any corners cut, the grass must be rolled "none stop". The layering of older leys and new leys from front to back and floor up ensures that the pit is evenly filled and that the grass silage quality will be the same from front to back, floor to top. The management of which field is cut and picked up is made easier by not being reliant on contractors. Kenton uses silage wagons so he can keep control of which field is

coming into the pit at any one time giving more time to roll and filling in the edges. Edges and shoulders are the biggest areas for waste.

Kenton manages the filling of the pits with an eye to how he is going to feed it to his cows over the winter. So an even mix of older and new grass throughout is important as it makes rationing a little easier as you don't have so many variables in your pit. There is no waste anywhere in the pit so all the silage made is used. This is more cost effective as silage costs money to make in time and inputs such as fertiliser and seed.

When the sheets are on, the pit is covered with mats which, being square, means they cover and weigh the sheet down right up to the edges and into the corners. It is very important to make sure the sheets are down as tight as possible to exclude as much air as possible.

Having a clean area to load and mix feed is very important so there is no contamination from old silage or mud.

All the pits are narrow so the face is not exposed to the air for more than a few hours which keeps the silage fresh and stops secondary fermentation. The cutter is always sharp and the face is cut evenly from top to bottom and side to side. The sheet is rolled back daily so the top never left uncovered.

At first this may seem a lot of work but I have witnessed the operation and with no waste to deal with and being prepared to plan ahead the operation is quick, easy and clean!



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High pressure cleaners rely on three major elements to generate their cleaning power, pump pressure, water volume and water temperature. Any type of soiling is more effectively removed with higher levels of all three elements and silage pit cleaning will definitely benefit. High pressure will blast the debris off the surface being cleaned and a higher water volume will also flood it away. 415 volt (3 phase) and engine driven machines can have up to 19 litres per minute so making the task of cleaning the silage pit before next season quicker and more efficient.

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Control of weeds in grass

Graham Ragg,
Senior Agronomist & Product Manager



Weed control in grassland is important for grazing and silage quality and yield. With the emphasis on producing the lowest cost feed on farm

to feed livestock, attention to solving weed problems in grassland is vital. The main culprits are docks, thistles and nettles, but buttercups, dandelions, daisies and plantains can also form an unwanted part of the sward. A 10 to 20% infestation of a combination of these weeds is not uncommon. This will result in a similar reduction in grass yield and quality. This, in practice might mean a potentially productive ley is no more than 'fill belly', which only serves to maintain the stock, rather than form part of the 'productive ration' so having a weed free ley will make a significant difference to farm profitability.

Walking and assessing weed problems in your grass in March is a good time to plan a weed control programme for the year. Weeds need to be controlled before they use up valuable nutrients and water reserves, before they flower and seed and before the pasture is grazed or cut for silage.

The actual timing of spray applications will depend on the year and location of the grassland, but in the case of docks (usually the biggest problem) early-mid April when the leaves cover roughly the same size as a 'dinner plate' is the best time for control. The choice of a 'grass safe herbicide' is vital, as every blade of grass is precious. Avoid using herbicides with a reputation for being harsh on the grass.



Problem	Solution	Dose	Water volume	Grazing Interval*
Docks and chickweed	Doxstar Pro	2 litres/ha or 1 + 1 litres/ha (split dose)	300-400 litres/ha	7 days
Docks, nettles and thistles	Pastor	4 litres/ha or 2 + 2 litres/ha (split dose)	300-400 litres/ha	7 days
Thistles	Thistlex	1.0 litres/ha	200-400 litres/ha	7 days
Knapsack				
Docks, thistles, nettles, brambles, broom and gorse	Grazon Pro	60ml	10 litres	7 days

Modern translocated herbicides, containing active ingredients such as triclopyr (found in Doxstar Pro and Pastor) are the most reliable solution for controlling broad leaved weeds in grassland. Crucially, they are very safe to grass and will not adversely affect its subsequent growth, ensuring maximum productivity.

If the opportunity to spray in April is missed, then spraying between cuts of silage may be a solution. Normally wait 21 days after a

cut to allow the docks to regrow to rosette stage (approx. 25cm across, the perfect size for spraying and leave about 3 weeks before cutting again. This gives time for the active ingredients to produce a long lasting effect. While this means that first cut yields and quality will be affected by any weeds present, at least subsequent cuts will produce more and better silage, so will help lower feed costs.

Call your local Farm Sales Office for advice on weed control

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Grassland focus

NEW
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service



New grassland-focussed agronomy service from Mole Valley Forage Services

As part of our commitment to farming and support for our members, Mole Valley Forage Services (MVFS) have developed, in conjunction with Dow Agrosiences and Agrovista UK, a grassland and forage agronomy service which will be led by Forage Services' agronomists Mark Shaw and Dan Loe, and supported by senior agronomist, Graham Ragg.

Mark Shaw's background is in livestock farm management and since joining the company in 2013, he has been working as a crop nutritionist. Dan Loe is also a crop nutritionist and has a grassland farming background in New Zealand. He joined the company in 2012. Both Mark and Dan studied for their BASIS qualification at Harper Adams University and in addition have 'in the field' training with Graham and our partners at Agrovista and Dow Agrosiences.



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Grass is our biggest crop yes, crop!

Our favourable weather conditions and fertile soils give us one of UK agriculture's most important assets, grass. With total land area of just over 24m ha., the latest release of Farming Statistics from DEFRA shows that out of the 17.2m ha. of agricultural land, 42% of it is grass – either temporary (<5 years old) or permanent (> 5 years old), making it the biggest single crop in the UK by far.

The UK is already the number one producer of sheep and the third largest producer of cattle in the EU. We, therefore, use this grass to feed 9.8 million cattle and calves and 34 million sheep. Yet only 7% of this vital crop receives agronomic support each year. Most modern farming enterprises would not dream of growing many other crops without providing

the agronomic support vital to maximise the crop's success and unlock the real potential of the farm. We at MVFS aim to change this by providing the support, service and expertise, as well as market leading solutions and new innovations, to maximise the benefits to our farmers. Furthermore, over the coming months we will publish a series of informative articles to begin to engage with the grass producer and promote best practice, with the aim of producing more of this valuable crop from the assets you have without the need to purchase further acreage in order to increase yields. Maximising the potential of our grass crops presents a real opportunity to have a positive impact on the farming enterprise's bottom line.

It is imperative that we look at grass and map how to maximise this valuable asset for the benefit of our customers' businesses.

Grass is the cheapest form of feed, so by maximising its availability and having a plan to optimise its utilisation (two very different objectives) we can grow livestock enterprises without the huge cost of acquiring more land.

In 2012 and 2013, we saw some very difficult and challenging weather patterns which led to extended housing periods and in many cases, real problems with respect to having sufficient forage.

It should be apparent that there is a lot more we should be looking to do with our grass. So, over the next few months, we will hope to help you unlock its productivity and make the most of what you have got.

The grassland agronomy service aims to bring real focus to a potentially overlooked crop - your grass

CALL Mark Shaw (Devon, Somerset, Dorset, Wilts.) or Dan Loe (Cornwall, West Devon) for more information on this service and how Mole Valley Forage Services can help you get the most from your grass

UK Census data 2014 - cropping

Grass under 5 years old	1,396,000
Permanent grass older than 5 years	5,824,000
Rough grazing - common rights	1,199,000
Rough grazing sole rights	3,230,000
Maize	183,000

MVF Premier Leys 2015

Competitive and cost effective milk and meat production relies on the efficient use of home grown forages. Grass has always been the main part of the diet for most ruminants and growing large quantities of high quality material remains critically important to success.

At Mole Valley Farmers we aim to identify products and systems that help our customers to improve their performance. The 2015 Premier Ley catalogue contains well respected mixtures that are updated to incorporate new varieties from the recommended list selected with equal importance for their yield, distribution of seasonal growth, heading date, sward density, forage quality, disease resistance and winter hardiness.

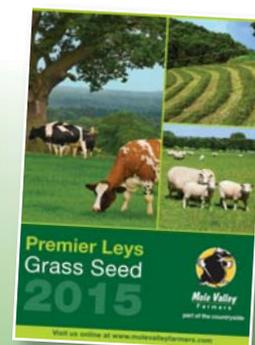
This approach to mixture design allows a mixture to be supplied that meets the exact needs of the individual farm.

We use the England and Wales Recommended List (RL) to select top performing varieties from the elite list.

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- 3 cuts and light grazing
- Cut around 10–24 May when 50% of flowers show red to maximise protein content. Cut approximately 6–7 weeks later for second cut.
- Hi-Pro Booster includes the excellent Aber hybrids and perennials giving better yield, quality and disease resistance.
- Aber High Sugar Grasses will enhance silage fermentation in red clover leys.
- The inclusion of AberClaret red clover enables the ley to last up to 4 years.
- Red clovers will fix approximately 150 units of nitrogen in years 2 and onwards and will improve soil nutrient levels and soil structure.
- The sward will produce 4–5t of dry matter/acre (10–12t/acre)

Variety	Amount
AberEve Tetraploid Hybrid Ryegrass	4.00kg
AberDart Diploid Intermediate PRG	2.00kg
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AberClaret Red Clover	2.00kg
Milvus Red Clover	1.00kg
	12.00kg/acre

New Gold Multi (Conventional and organic) Medium-long term ley for cutting and grazing

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- New Gold Multi has the potential to produce 4-5% higher crude protein and 203 MJ/ME higher than leys over 5 years old, which equates to the production of an extra 500 litres of milk or 50kgs liveweight gain for every 1 tonne of dry matter
- The mix can generate 25-50% more yield per annum (3-4t DM/ha) than a ley older than 5 years
- Includes Seagoe, the variety with the highest conservation yield on the recommended list.
- Includes Clanrye which puts a bottom in the sward with excellent persistency while the inclusion of Comer which is the highest yielding Timothy on the recommended list.

Variety	Amount
Barsilo Tetraploid Hybrid Ryegrass	2.00kg
AberMagic Diploid Intermediate PRG	2.00kg
Seagoe Tetraploid Intermediate PRG	3.00kg
Clanrye Diploid Late PRG	2.00kg
Dundrum Tetraploid Late PRG	2.50kg
Comer Timothy	1.00kg
MVF Dual White Clover Blend	0.75kg
	13.25kg/acre

Selected Premier Leys are available from your local branch in acre packs



Maize nutrition

Hugh Frost, Product and Technical Manager

Maize is a tropical plant that has been bred to grow in the UK's temperate conditions, therefore when temperature levels are sufficient, it will put on rapid growth. Being a 'C4 plant', maize utilises more carbon to produce higher dry matter yields than most UK crops, but this comes with a requirement to fuel the plant growth with a steady supply of nutrients. If there are any significant restrictions or deficits in provision of these nutrients, this will restrict the crop from reaching its genetic and agronomic potential.

Standard figures tell us that the average maize crop yielding 40t/ha removes 160kg N, 55kg P₂O₅ and approximately 175kg K₂O per hectare.

Therefore, maize growers need to ensure that they remove rooting constraints and as far as possible devise a management system that continues to feed the plant throughout its growing stages, as far as is economically possible.

Soil for roots

A maize plant needs to root well, not only to provide support, but to access its nutrients. Now that growers have been producing maize in the UK for several decades, it should go without saying that getting the soil structure right is essential, as soil compaction or any restriction in soil structure will both limit roots and nutrient availability. The application of a soil conditioner that can buffer any soil pH, stimulate organic matter breakdown and nitrogen mineralisation. All fertilisation and nutrient efficiency relies on the soil being at a pH 6.5–7.0, with any recommendations adjusted accordingly if not.

Soil conditioner options:

Humistart @ 250kg/ha (when FYM applied and where P already sufficient)

Growth stages and nutrient applications

Seedbed and germination



As soon as it germinates the maize seedling needs to have unrestricted root growth, in a warm (10°C+), moist soil with available macronutrients (N, P & K).

It is common to incorporate farmyard manure at approximately 25t/ha for sustained nutrient release, or placed nitrogen and phosphate fertiliser in the seedbed, for immediate provision.



Nutrient options in seedbed:

D-Coder @ 125 kg /ha (pH independent), DAP @ 125 kg/ha (needs to be optimum soil pH to be fully effective, otherwise TSP at pH >7), Cropmaster (N, P, K, S) @ 150kg/ha (up to pH 7), Sulfammo (N + S) @ 125 kg/ha, which can be in seedbed or top dressed.

Four to six leaf stage, approximately



By the four leaf stage, the maize plant is likely to have utilised a large proportion of any seedbed placed nitrogen, which is also prone to leaching losses, therefore has to either rely only on incorporated organic manure or requires further nitrogen application as a top dressing. Care should be taken not to scorch young leaves, so band placement is best. Split applications between seedbed and top dressing is recommended to ensure more continuous supply of nitrogen, with 100kg N being the normal maximum applied between the two application timings.



Nutrient options:



Sulfammo or urea (or split with seedbed application) can be applied to make up the difference in required nitrogen.

Foliar applied nutrients together with a bio-stimulant to improve nutrient efficiency and increase stress tolerance can also be applied to improve crop efficiency now.

Beyond eight leaf stage



Research and practical experience has demonstrated that although additional fertiliser and foliar nutrient applications can be applied to the maize plant at this stage to produce more yield, it is not usually economically viable and so is not required. The only instance where foliar nutrients and biostimulants might be applied beyond the 6-8 leaf stage is when it is tank mixed with fungicides, though the late application of nutrients or bio-stimulants is usually only reserved for extreme cases.

General advice

Amounts of N, P and K applied need to be adjusted according to previous crop, soil type, organic manure provided and can be tweaked for crop variety depending on its size and time to maturity. Mole Valley Forage Services Crop Nutritionists will be able to advise on individual requirements.

In NVZ regions the limitations of maximum total nitrogen applied must be adhered to strongly, which means getting application right is very important. If concerned, the Maize Growers Association provide a nitrogen predictor guide to their members. (Contact the MGA on 01363 775040)

Summary

To ensure that maize performs to the best of its ability, ensure that the nutrients are supplied from the outset of growth up to 4-6 leaf stage, with provision for steady release from organic nutrients or steady release granular nutrient application in split doses. Soil conditioning and structure is also paramount.

Call your Crop Nutritionist for advice on growing maize for optimum performance and forage return.

A selection of maize seed varieties are available, more details from your Farm Sales Co-ordinator.



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FARMING IN THE LIMOUSIN

By the time that this appears in print, we will be into March, that means that we will have gotten through February – I always approach February with a degree of trepidation, here it can either be shorts, t-shirt and BBQ weather, or sub-zero arctic conditions – hopefully this year it will have been the former.

March for us, and no doubt many of you, also sees the onset of lambing. I always read with envy articles in the British farming press reporting lambing percentages of 180–200%, something that we can only dream about over here. Most British farmers come over here (us included) thinking that they can replicate productivity figures that they achieved in the UK, most (us included) eventually come to realise that it's not going to happen.



The Greyfaced Dartmoors

There are a number of reasons for this. Firstly the genetic quality within the breeding flock in this part of France in our opinion is poor, largely brought about by years of chasing headage subsidies, which has sidelined the importance of productivity. Secondly, I am rapidly coming to the conclusion that this area marks the limit of profitable, grass-based sheep farming – ewes over here are subject to huge extremes of weather, parasite burden and grass availability over very short timescales, and they struggle to cope compared to Limousin cattle who are much more stable and robust. We have tried everything that we can think of to improve ewe productivity - mineral boluses, drenches, “dairy cow” type nutrition, AI’ing with maternal sires for flock replacements, all to no avail – if we hit the heady heights of 120% lambing percentage we have had a good year, but all too often external factors pull the rug from under our feet.

Since we have been here we have gone through Bluetongue, Schmallenburg and, in 2013, ovine salmonella, which is widespread in this part of France. Salmonella hit us hard in 2013, and the after effects carried through into 2014, with a high percentage of barren

ewes. Just how poorly our flock performed last year was brought into stark focus when Tracey came to fill in our sheep subsidy forms. Under the 2015 CAP reforms to qualify for an extra €6/ewe, you have to sell a minimum of 0.8 lambs/ewe, which, having taken into account replacements @ 20%, requires a lambing percentage of a lowly 100% to qualify. So we were somewhat shocked when we calculated that we had only sold 0.82 lambs/ewe last year. In a slight panic Tracey phoned friends in the next village who are dedicated sheep farmers (unlike us), they were even more concerned as they had only sold 0.76 lambs/ewe - to quote our neighbour “where the hell have they all gone?”. You might think that this is just a symptom of British farmers failing to adapt to French conditions, yet both of our flocks have been awarded the “Best Baronet (quality label) lamb producer” awards in the last 5 years, and our neighbour’s farm is regularly used to demonstrate profitable lamb production. To my mind it merely indicates that we are at the limit of profitable forage based lamb production. It is for that reason that the French government has never decoupled subsidy, and under the latest round of reforms has strengthened the headage aspect of ewe premium to the extent that it is now worth up to €30/head.

Staying with livestock, we have today carried out our annual blood test of the cows (all bovines over 2 years old are tested every year for IBR, Leucosis and Brucellosis, while TB is tested every 4 years). The vet was next to useless, being a locum for our normal practice to see them through the annual blood-testing period. Despite this, we took bloods from 60 cows in 40 minutes, and it highlights to me just how good the system of self-locking yokes is. They are relatively cheap and just about every farm with suckler cows over here has them. Our cows are locked in as part of the daily routine. There is no bullying at the feed area, strawing down is easy as they do not stand in the way, and it is easy to check and treat calves without an irate cow breathing down your neck. When it comes to vet treatments or scanning etc, it is



Steve Hull and his family, who have been MVF members for 20 years and lived on both sides of the Channel, gives us an insight into what farming in France has to offer.

- The farm extends to 335 acres within a ring fence and is approximately 800' - 850' above sea level.
- Annual rainfall is in the region of 40"/year but extremely seasonal.
- Stocking and cropping consists of a flock of 525 Texel/Charollais ewes, a small pedigree flock of Greyface Dartmoors, and 50 Limousin suckler cows. Approximately 10-20 acres of forage maize and 20-30 acres of triticale are grown annually. Approximately 25 acres are down to woodland/ponds/buildings.
- Investment in machinery is kept to a minimum through membership in a CUMA, a farmer owned machinery and labour ring.
- The Hull family can be contacted at steven.hull@wanadoo.fr



Annual blood tests are carried out on all bovines over two years old

quick and stress free – they are a ‘no brainer’ to my mind.

Moving swiftly on, this article absolutely has to be finished tonight so I can watch the first Six Nations match tomorrow with a clear conscience. Round here, French and English alike are strong rugby supporters, with good local rugby at club level, and we have Brive in the Top 14, just an hour down the road. A good friend of ours, who is currently re-roofing buildings here, is a lifelong Gloucester supporter, and spent weeks looking forward to the recent Brive v Gloucester match. He had a gang of mates from Gloucester over for the game and a good time was had by all...However, when asked if he had enjoyed it, he sheepishly admitted that they all drank far too much, couldn't remember the match, and had to look up the result on Google the following day, after paying their €1400 bar and hotel bill – he was relieved though to see that Gloucester had won! We might use the same idea to get us through lambing!!

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- A powerful, rugged 13HP, 4 stroke Hyundai OHV engine
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- Considering this unit weighs in at only 168kg, it makes this unit popular throughout the agricultural, commercial and industrial marketplaces.
- This unit can be used to power welders, power tools and air compressors using the 115V sockets, making it ideal to be transported for mobile field repairs – keeping agricultural equipment going during peak times.
- This unit will happily run on red diesel and can give up to 30 hours of running from a single tank (approx. 50% load).

Visit your local branch for Hyundai generators.

Our staff will be able to offer advice on purchasing the model for your needs.

Future Farming Academy



Claire Flower reports



After six hard, but very rewarding months, my Future Farmers Academy placement has come to an end. Balancing work and industrial experience days around my Foundation Degree has been difficult but I am much better for it! Looking back on the experience, I am amazed how open and honest all of the businesses have been and how willing they were to give me advice and answer my many, many questions. I was made to feel extremely welcome.

I spent three extremely interesting months at Alvis Bros Ltd. going around every part of the business from the farms to the cheese dairy to marketing. I thoroughly enjoyed my time there and I am very grateful to Farm Operations Manager, Nick Green, for his support.

The following three months were split between broiler chicken farmer, Simon Barton and beef farmer, Ed Green. Simon and his wife Karen were very welcoming and friendly and were not fazed at all when I said I knew very little about chickens. Thankfully, I finished my placement knowing a lot more! I was back in my comfort zone working with the cattle at Ed Green's farm and it was great that I was able to be a part of his new online livestock auction business.

I was also invited to industrial experience days by the other companies associated with the Future Farming Group. These days were jam-packed with useful information and often turned out to be more tiring than a day on the farm! My thanks go to Farmvets South West, Elanco Animal Health, Micron Bio-Systems, Müller Wiseman, UNIFORM Agri UK, Coombe Farm, Mole Valley Forage Services, Cricketer Farm, Charlie King Agriculture and Mole Valley Feed Solutions.

I would also like to say a big thank you to Mole Valley Farmers for printing my articles and to Bridgwater College for making this all possible, especially lecturer Richard West who has put many hours into organising this programme.

Ed's comment

We have certainly enjoyed reading your letters over the past six months and are sure you have learned a lot about our diverse industry. We wish you every success in your future career. Thank you for taking the time to write your updates.

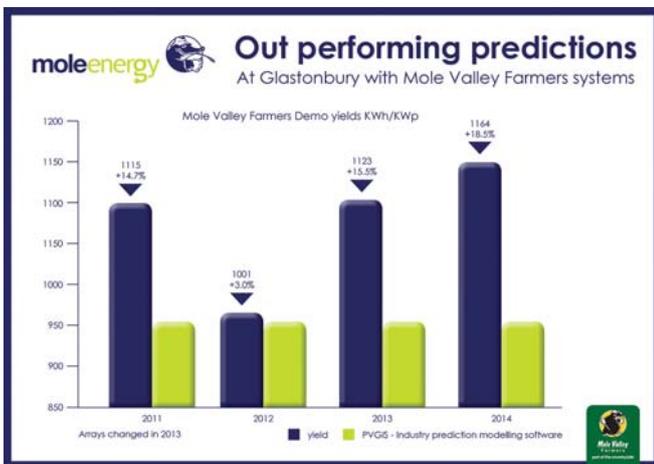


Max out with Solar PV

Mole Valley Farmers renewable energy demonstration site has now enjoyed four years of PV production and the results are proving to be outstanding (and therefore income for members), as can be seen in the table of various arrays.

When compared to the industry standard Photovoltaic Geographical Information System (PVGIS)'s prediction for the site at Ashcott, near Bridgwater, the site has averaged 12% higher (1,100 kWh compared to a prediction of 983 kWh) beating the figure year on year, even with the inclusion of the awful summer of 2012. In fact, without that year the average would have been 15.3%!

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Making an informed choice

Since the introduction of the domestic Renewable Heat Incentive (RHI) for biomass boilers in April 2014, momentum has gathered and more and more people are choosing to replace their existing domestic boilers with this renewable alternative.

Before embarking on this project, several things should be taken into consideration. First and most importantly, make sure you get the right advice. The tariff for domestic biomass is based on a 'deemed' heat calculation and this calculation is taken from your green deal assessment.

The payments are made over a period of 7 years, but it is important to choose a quality boiler which will last for many more years than this, so decision on boiler and the correct fuel type for your individual situation is very important. Buying a cheap boiler may look good on paper but the reality is that some of these boilers require manual cleaning every 70 hours or so, which is a considerable commitment.

moleenergy are on the Biomass Suppliers list, so after installation, we are able to provide EN Plus A1 standard wood heating pellets delivered directly to your door, plus all branches now stock wood heating pellets.

If you are considering installing domestic biomass, we are holding a dedicated domestic biomass information day at Lifton, Devon on Thursday 12 March

To book a place please call the moleenergy team on

01769 575674

providing impartial renewable energy advice

2015 Devon Farm Business Awards

Farmers across Devon are invited to enter this year's Devon Farm Business Awards organised by the Addington Fund, the Devon County Agricultural Association and Stephens Scown Solicitors. The aim of these awards is to highlight what an innovative and vibrant industry farming in Devon is and to identify farmers who can serve as role models to emulate in taking the industry forward.

Entry forms can be downloaded from the Addington Fund website. Nominations close 30 March. The winners will be announced at the Awards' dinner on Wednesday, 20 May.

The eight categories are:

Devon's Best Commercial Farmer, Dairy Farmer or Woman Farmer, The Central Association of Agricultural Valuers' John Neason Diversification Award, Devon's Farming Champion, Devon's Best Young Farmer, Devon's Farmer of the Year and finally the Lifetime Achievement Award



More details and download entry forms can from the Devon County Show website, with the award being presented at the Show, held on 21-23 May. Entries close on 30 March.

www.addingtonfund.org.uk

Rewards for sustainability in Devon

Devon County Agricultural Association (DCAA) is calling for community projects across Devon to enter the Prince of Wales Award which comes with a £1,000 first prize.

The award is given to the project which offers most in terms of reducing the drain on finite resources, improving the quality of life and giving local people the chance to get involved.

DCAA Chief Executive, Richard Maunder, says the award reflects the Prince's personal enthusiasm. "He is deeply concerned for the well-being of the rural areas of the South-West and for the sustainability of people's daily lives.

"From the DCAA's point of view, we are delighted to be playing our part in encouraging and promoting community sustainability. Keeping Devon green, in every sense, is a vital part of our mission.

The Royal Cornwall Show is coming!

Preparations for the 2015 Royal Cornwall Show are well under way.

The showing scene is in a healthy state. In recent years, cattle, sheep, pig and equine entries have been consistently high.

Interest in the cattle section will be further boosted as this year's show has been

selected to host the prestigious Burke Trophy for both beef and dairy. The Royal Cornwall Show will be the first time since the final Royal Show that both awards for dairy and beef have been presented at the same show, and Chris Riddle, Royal Cornwall Association secretary, notes "the Burke Trophy is the ultimate prize for any cattle exhibitor".

Entries are now open for livestock, equine (closing date 17 April) and show jumping (from 1 May). Download schedules on line www.rsentries.co.uk or for a printed copy call 01208 812183



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- No added sugar, artificial colours and no added soya

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- Vegetables for digestive health
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- Prebiotics and yucca extract to aid digestive health and general wellbeing
- Antioxidants, including vitamin E and selenium to support the immune system
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Easter delivery schedules and lead times for feed orders

To ensure that you receive your feed orders when you need them, please make a note of our lead times. Pellet and rolls days subject to change due to Bank Holiday, so please allow extra time.

When ordering compounds and blends contact the FeedLine on 01278 444829. For blown straights, call Straights Team on 01566 780261. Your Nutritionist or Farm Sales Co-ordinator can give you advice and help when planning and booking your deliveries.

Order lead time for bulk compound blends and blown straights	
Order day by 10am	Delivery day
Monday	Wednesday
Tuesday	Thursday
Wednesday	Friday / Saturday
Thursday	Monday
Friday	Tuesday

Easter period delivery lead times	
3 April Good Friday	Limited deliveries
4 April Easter Saturday	Limited deliveries. Orders to be placed by Friday 27 March
5-6 April Easter Sunday/ Monday	No deliveries
7-10 April	Normal deliveries. Orders to be placed by Friday 27 March

Order lead time for bulk pellets and rolls			
Mill (area)	Day of manufacture	Delivery day	Order by 10am
Lifton (Cornwall and Devon)	Pellets - Monday	Tuesday	Thursday
	Rolls - Wednesday	Thursday	Monday
Huntworth (Somerset and Dorset)	Pellets - Wednesday	Thursday	Monday
	Rolls - Monday	Tuesday	Thursday
Calne (Wiltshire, Avon, Gloucestershire, Worcestershire, Hereford, Wales, Kent, Sussex)	Rolls - Tuesday	Wednesday	Monday
	Rolls - Thursday	Friday	Wednesday
	Pellets - Anytime	Any day	72 hours notice

Train your gun dog with help from Mole Valley Farmers



As the game shooting season draws to a close it's the ideal time spend more time outdoors with your dog, either introducing him to training or reinforcing some skills he already has. Regardless of whether you want a working gun-dog or a well behaved pet, all dogs love to please their owners. Teaching your dog a few basic skills brings satisfaction for both of you. You only really need two things to get started, some basic dog training equipment and some time. Oh, you'll also need a dog of course!

So, where to begin?

Firstly think about the equipment needed and where to train. It's advisable to train somewhere away from home, an area your dog is not over familiar with and doesn't associate with play-time. You want him to concentrate, not be off looking for his favourite toy. Try to find somewhere people don't regularly walk their dogs, the more dogs the more doggy scents to distract your faithful friend from the job in hand. Perhaps you know someone with a little land where you can take your dog for training.



Basics begin with sit and stay commands then progress to walking to heel. Choose a good quality rope slip lead so you can easily slip it over your dog's head without fiddling to clip it to a collar. Gun-dogs shouldn't ever be worked in the field with a collar due to the risk of them getting caught up. Acme are the most popular training whistles and are available in different tones, this is useful if you are training more than one dog or want your dog to recognise his whistle when others are also being blown. Mole Valley Farmers stock a range of Acme whistles in a variety of different colours, making it easy for you to identify the correct one for your dog when you are heading out to train him.



Dogs and dummies

Quality canvas dummies are filled to different weights and intended to encourage your dog to seek and find, then pick-up and return an item to you. They are also available in different sizes and a variety of colours. Basic training begins with orange dummies as they are easier for your dog to see. Initially your dog will be retrieving by sight but this will progress to him using his nose to find the scent of the dummy. Progress to green dummies which are far harder for your dog to see and force

him to use his nose. Experienced dog trainers recommend sitting with the dummies under your arm-pits for an evening in front of the TV so they pick up your scent and make it easier for your dog to smell them! DeadFowl Dokken dummies look like the real bird, hard plastic heads and feet and soft bodies encourage your dog to hold them correctly - by the middle, and the loose head discourages shaking.

Bang bang

A blank firing pistol or dummy launcher is ideal for training a gun-dog. They have two main uses, firstly they desensitise your dog to the sound of gun fire and help him get used to unexpected bangs. Secondly they encourage your dog to expect something to happen when they hear gun-shot. Used alongside training dummies they help you to simulate the shooting of a game bird for your dog to retrieve.

There are many excellent dog training books and videos available to complement your training equipment, choose one that's specific to your breed of dog. Get yourself out there and enjoy some one on one time with man's best friend.



COMPETITION TIME!

Courtesy of our friends at Bisley, suppliers of high quality dog training equipment, Mole Valley Farmers are offering one lucky reader the opportunity to win a complete dog training kit.

Consisting of two Acme dog whistles, whistle lanyard, a Bisley Deluxe Slip-lead, two Bisley Dog Dummies in orange or green, a DeadFowl dummy by Dokken, an Olympic 6 blank-firer and 100 blanks, this is a great prize!

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Competition closes 31 March 2015. Post entry to: Charmaine Reed, Mole Valley Farmers, Moorland House, Station Road, South Molton, Devon EX36 3BH. The winner will be notified within 7 days. Competition is not open to Mole Valley Farmers' staff. For full terms and conditions see molevalleyfarmers.com

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Clearing out winter and preparing for summer

by Katie Allin

As I write, the sun is shining and the bright yellow daffodils are flowering, bringing us confirmation that spring is nearly here and the hibernation period has ended. The days are pulling out and as the clocks 'spring forward' at the end of this month to British summer time, we can properly start preparing for the warmer months. March is positive and productive for us as it's Julian's, Harriet's and Ruby the racehorse's birthdays and the month for clearing away from the winter and preparing for the summer.

During the winter months our horses tend to spend most of their time in an all-weather sand turnout paddock as the ground in this area is predominately clay and lies wet. Julian is still a dairy farmer's son at heart and combined with being FACTS qualified, he still gets twitchy about animals being turned out to grass over winter - especially the metal covered hooves variety! On the plus side, we don't have problems with mud fever or poached ground, but it does mean I have to be strict with my riding out and exercise routine. We've had some rough weather this winter and now's the time we check the fences and ground in preparation for longer periods of turnout. This is also the time we chain harrow and roll the areas that got a bit uneven at the end of the autumn and from the occasions when the horses were turned out during the winter (normally when Julian was on shoot days), as I knew he would be away all day and come home full of the tales of the one that got away!



Ponies resting in the all weather turnout area

This year is the fifth year since we had our pH soil levels checked, so we have had them retested at Mole Valley (of course!). I'm lucky to have had good training on pasture management and Julian even more so, so understand the importance of looking after the ground.

Bought feed is one of the most expensive parts of owning horses/livestock and the objective of pH testing is to save you money. Our levels were looking a bit on the low side, so we have used some calcified seaweed. The benefits of using this is it comes in manageable sized bags for small acreages and you do not need to take horses off the grass - although I do, as I rotate paddocks and shut the autumn/winter ones up until later in the year and also at the same time, spread some pony paddock grass seed around the gateways and water trough areas.

As the weather improves, more events start taking place and the local riding club I belong to is offering 'have a go at dressage to music' sessions and I thought Cherry and I could



William and Harriet pH soil testing with Imogen Ward, from Mole Valley Farmers at Holsworthy.

have a try. I wasn't quite sure what it consisted of, but later found out it's rather like Strictly Come Dancing where your partner is the horse rather than Anton du Beke, lycra with sequins are not worn (phew!) and there is a set number of movements that you can combine to the music that most suits your horse's rhythm. You are then judged on style, timing and accuracy of the movements. Sounds good I thought. What I hadn't planned for was getting Cherry used to the large speakers with the music booming out of them and, every so often, you'd get a bit of feedback, giving out a high pitched squeak. This resulted in some very interesting 'moves', luckily not the head banger, very aptly to the tones of Gloria Gaynor 'I will survive'! Needless to say it's work in progress and a fun insight to a different equine discipline.

Harriet has been focusing on the discipline of racing and has been trying hard to get Nutmeg to canter (it is quite difficult for a little pony to go at speed whilst balancing a rider on top). Every weekend we've been getting to our 'canter' spot, a green lane with high hedge sides, a nice climb - similar to a gallops - where much pony club kicking and determination

has been had, but only very fast trots have been achieved (it's very amusing to watch as these little Shetland legs are going nineteen to the dozen with Harriet on top kicking and squeezing with all her seven year old might!).

Well, this weekend they achieved it, to the cheering audience of mummy, watching at the bottom of the lane and my friend as the 'stopper' at the top of the lane. Apparently, she now wants to enter the Shetland Grand National, so keep your eyes peeled on the runners and racers at Aintree next month, you never know there could be a very small but bold entry!



Harriet and Nutmeg after pony racing

For pH tests on your paddocks, speak to the Farm Sales Co-ordinator at your local branch. They can also help with paddock improvement fertilisers and Pony Paddock grass mix which are available at your local branch. If your horse needs a new stable, then contact Mole Valley Plus for quality timber stables 01769 576201 and our branches stock a large range of posts, rails, gates and other stable equipment.

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Joules

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Joules Coast jacket

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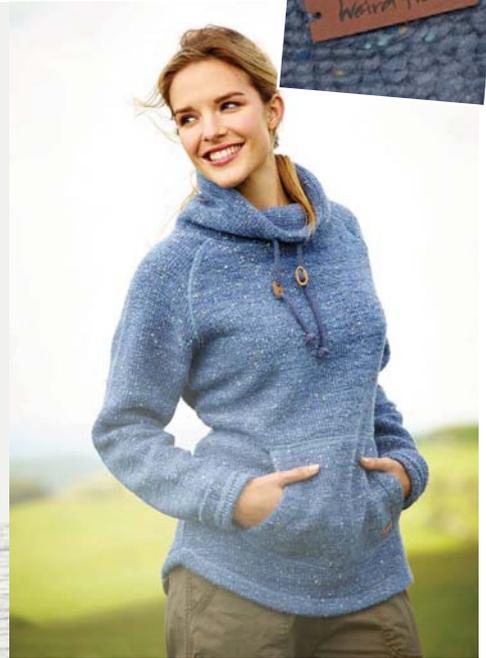
Weird Fish Sweatshirt Guerrero

This warm crosshatch fabric has lovely contrast flecks of coloured woven yarn. Added features of a kangaroo pocket, and a slightly shaped hem make this jumper practical but still feminine.

Petrol blue
Size 10-16

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Weird Fish Lateen top

A loose, flowing, dual fabric T shirt, in a soft viscose jersey. Featuring a striped main body with contrast print shoulders and chest pocket. This super lightweight top is great for summer, and has a small pleat on the back for a subtle drape.



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Feeding wild birds

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Feeding the local birds is accessible to everyone. The benefits are great. It can give a sense of companionship; it can teach young families about wildlife and caring for their environment, all of this whilst supporting the British wildlife population.

We are pleased to offer a high quality, affordable range of Mole Valley Farmers own label seeds, nuts, blends, fats and mealworms. Each month we ensure there are special promotions with multi-buys and money off, so keep a look out for these when you visit.



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1. Provide a varied menu. Different birds eat different feeds. Birds with larger bills such as the green finch and the house sparrow can handle larger seeds, whilst birds with finer bills, for example the Robin, prefer small seeds.
2. Give some thought to your feeding stations. Certain species prefer hanging feeders (e.g. Blue Tit and the Great Spotted Woodpecker), whilst others like to feed off the ground (e.g. Robins and Dunnocks).
3. Make sure there is fresh water available all year round. As a watch out, never give milk to birds, their gut isn't designed to digest milk and it can cause serious stomach upsets.
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Lots of work to do in the spring garden

Spring usually arrives in March, with the longer days and increased sunshine making it the real start of the gardening year. It's my favourite time of the year with so much to do around the garden; from cutting back winter shrubs to preparing seed beds and sowing seed to sorting out the moss and algae on the paths and patios. Daffodils cover the garden with swathes of yellow and previously bare branches slowly come to life with touches of green.



All around everything is starting to grow including the lawns, so now is the time to think about the first cut of the season. For the first cut, set the blades as high as they will go and leave the grass slightly longer than in summer. During the first few cuts, ideally you should use the grassbox even if you don't normally do so, in order to allow the turf to dry out better. Once you have undertaken the first few cuts, you should mow regularly, lowering the blades gradually.



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Unfortunately, as the plants begin to grow, so do the weeds, therefore it's time to go through beds, borders, paths and drives and systematically deal with any weeds, prior to the main season. Fork out weeds wherever possible or use a systemic weedkiller, such as glyphosate, which kills weeds right down to the roots. On paths and drives, or areas that you do not wish for anything to be grown in the near future, use a herbicide, such as Pathclear or Groundclear, which have a residual effect that prevents any further weed growth for 3 to 6 months.

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In the shrub beds, fork out weeds between shrubs and sprinkle round general-purpose fertilisers, such as growmore or chicken manure pellets. March is also a good time for planting pot-grown shrubs, trees, roses and climbers. Again, use a handful of fertiliser, such as Planting Magic in the hole when planting and stir in with the soil to give the plant the best possible start.

Plant and divide perennials during March and prune modern bush roses, vigorous climbing roses, buddleia, dogwoods, willows and eucalyptus. Pick over pansies to prolong flowering and plant gladioli and lilies.



If you have a greenhouse sow tomatoes, chillis, sweet peppers, cucumbers, aubergines and bedding plants in a heated propagator. Also sow hardy annuals, such as sweet peas in pots.

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There are still likely to be a number of hard frosts at night in March and blossom on early flowering fruit trees can devastate any flowers that have already opened. Make sure that you have some frost fleece to throw over any trees if you think that there may be a frost.

Although March is a very busy month, the work that you do now will set you up for a fruitful season ahead.

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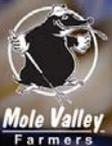
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Simple & satisfying recipe




Lye Cross Farm Cheese Scone

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Lye Cross Farm cheese scones

Ingredients:

- 225g self raising flour
- 150ml milk (plus extra to brush the tops)
- 55g butter
- 100g Lye Cross Farm Red Leicester
- Pinch of salt

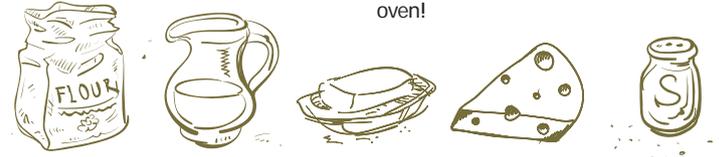
Method:

- Preheat oven to 200 C/GM6. Grease a baking tray and dust with flour to stop the scones from sticking.
- Rub together flour, salt and butter until they become the consistency of fine breadcrumbs.
- Grate the cheese and mix in until evenly distributed throughout the flour mixture.
- Add the milk in four stages. You may not need to use all of it – you want it to be a firm dough.
- Form the dough into a ball and pat into a circle. Roll out to about 2cm thick, then cut out using a round biscuit cutter. Place on your baking tray and brush the tops with milk.
- Place on the top shelf of the oven and bake for 12 minutes or until golden brown. Best eaten fresh from the oven!

Top Tip:

Use to soak up a hearty stew, or instead of a muffin with poached eggs and hollandaise sauce. Or simply toasted with melted butter. Delicious!

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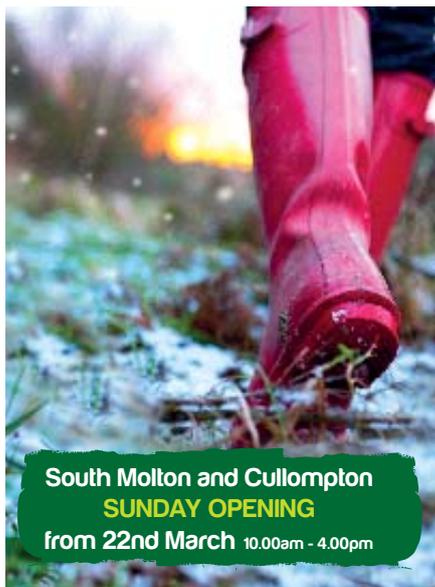
Tiverton Balloon & Music Festival 10-12 July. 40+ Hot air balloons; 40+ bands on 2 stages; Children's entertainment; planetarium; falconry; flying displays; stunning night glows (10th & 11th); Car Boot sale (12th); Food, drink & crafts pavilion; Diverse range of refreshments; bars; camping. Raising funds for Devon Air Ambulance & Children's Hospice S W. For tickets, balloon flights, trade stand applications & information www.tivertonballoonfestival.co.uk or
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The Easter Concert. Brenda Stewart & Steve Bingham, Violins-both acoustic & electric. Weds 1st April 2015 at 7pm, St John the Baptist Parish Church, Witheridge. Tickets £15 reserved, £12 unreserved. Email grallum@networksong.com 01884 860132

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SUNDAY OPENING!

Following successful trials at Newton Abbot and Yeovil, we will be extending Sunday opening at South Molton and Cullompton starting on **Sunday 22nd March**, after customer demand for convenience and ease, choice and flexibility of shopping. Newton Abbot and Yeovil, open on Sundays since May 2014, have proved that the convenience and choice that 7 day opening brings is compelling for our Members with our core agricultural sales categories leading the way! Please note, all branches will be closed on Easter Sunday.



**South Molton and Cullompton
SUNDAY OPENING
from 22nd March 10.00am - 4.00pm**

SAVINGS on fencing and timber

Come along to our Timber Events this March for savings on many products, a selection of which are highlighted on the centre pages.

- 2nd March Frome
- 5th March Yeovil
- 6th March Newton Abbot
- 11th March Liskeard
- 12th March South Molton
- 17th March St Columb
- 20th March Cullompton
- 24th March Bridgwater
- 25th March Holsworthy



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DIARY DATES

7 Mar	Skills of the Hills hedge event - Blackdown Hills Hedge Association (Bhha.info) Hedge laying competition and a lot more! Gorwell Farm, Hemyock, Devon EX14 4SR For more details: George Pidgeon 07970 644631
11 Mar	'Health Benefits of Eggs' West Country Layers Association Spring conference at Exeter Racecourse EX6 7XS 12noon-5.30pm Alison Colville-Hyde 07769 710885
12 Mar	Farmer forum Devon Grassland Society, with Di Wastnage, Celia Diepenbroek and Caroline Spencer. Devon Hotel, Matford, EX2 8XU 8pm Nigel Hester 07799 563847 DCBS Spring Show & Sale ped. regd. Red Ruby Devons. Sedgemoor Auction Centre, Auctioneers Greenslade Taylor Hunt. J24 of M5. Show 10.30, Sale midday All bulls sold BVD clear & vaccinated. Catalogues GTH 01278 410250 or redrubydevon.co.uk
14 Mar	Domestic biomass information day, Lifton Mill, Devon with Moleenergy 01769 575674 Duchy College information event at Stoke Climsland. Find out about courses and qualifications offered 10am-12 noon duchy.ac.uk
19 Mar	N Devon Grassland Society Meeting 'Succession' with Sian Bushell. Cedars, Barnstaple 8pm Contact David Budd 07774 196792 Jess Oates 01392 248919 ext*105 Social Enterprize workshop. From Ideas to Enterprise 1pm-5pm Devon Communities Together, Cranmere Court, Exeter EX2 8PW Soil Focus Day with Gary Zimmer, Wisconsin dairy farmer and pioneer of practical methods to improve soil fertility. Holt Farms Ltd., Blagdon BS40 7SQ E60 01761 461420
22 Mar	Sunday Opening starts at South Molton and Cullompton branches
1 Apr	Can we learn to love the megadairy? Amy Jackson, Oxtale, plus grass silage comp. results. Somerset Grassland Society, Pipers Inn, Ashcott. Clive Bethell 07896 134346
11 Apr	Performance Recorded Centurion Poll Dorset and Dorset Horn Sale , Sedgemoor Auction Centre 12 noon
17 Apr	Closing date for entries to Royal Cornwall Show, Livestock and equine classes
4 May	North Somerset Show - the show season begins in earnest! More next month....

For information on these events, contact the Show Team on 01769 575653 or see www.asao.co.uk (Assoc. of Shows and Agric. Organisations) www.molevalleyfarmers.com/mvf/info/general/Community

Blackacre Farm raise funds for Send a Cow

After re-branding their 10 packs of eggs, Blackacre Farm Eggs customers have funded 1,323 chickens for the Send a Cow charity in the first year of the partnership.

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Priority will be given to supporting First Degree level students, but applications are welcome from those studying on Foundation Degree or Extended Diploma courses. Funds will be allocated to eligible First Degree applicants initially and any surplus thereafter to eligible Foundation Degree and Extended Diploma applicants.

Further details and an Application Form can be obtained from The Trust Secretary, Dartington Cattle Breeding Trust, Hazard Farm, Totnes, Devon TQ9 7LN dartingtoncbt@gmail.com

The closing date for applications is 30th April 2015.

