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Chairman's letter

Anyone who has been in hiding over recent weeks for fear of Election saturation can now come out and greet the world, safe in the knowledge that the result has panned out just as everyone expected. Well, maybe not! It really goes to show that even the most seasoned analyst/political commentator didn't call this one. We had countless inches of newspaper column and hour upon hour of radio and TV discussion and deliberation about how the new coalition government would be formed after taking days of negotiation and political gesturing. Personally I couldn't envisage a different outcome to the one which occurred, but I'm not suggesting for a minute that this was my prediction either, that would seem complacent at this stage.

The positive from an Agriculture/Countryside perspective is that it seems likely that the same Minister will be in position, rather than the usual merry go round of ministerial appointments which surround agriculture and plague other lower ranking offices, as would certainly have happened had there been a change of Government. The coming months will prove to be extremely exciting, challenging, and interesting: a new Government to bed in, trying to command some authority to drive through the necessary changes, while agriculture is currently experiencing significant challenges of its own. Collectively, virtually every sector in agriculture is being threatened by low livestock/produce values, partly influenced by currency, to an extent which has not been experienced for some time. Usually there is at least one section of the industry which is making good progress, but there seems to be none just now. Finished lamb and beef seem hard to place, cereal markets continue to decline or flat line, dairy may well see more price cuts before another increase, pork and potatoes are tough too, need I go on?

For me, far more uplifting than all of this, I was recently asked along with another local farmer to South Dartmoor Community College, Ashburton to judge/comment on a small project. A group of about forty, year eight children, working in small teams (generally two to four members in each) have been involved in this, which was a mixture of inputs from the STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths) subjects in mixed ability groups. The

title of the project "farming for the future" was looking at food production, farming, food miles, the environment, energy, renewables and so on.

The quality and level of preparation and presentation varied from group to group, all building small models, posters and boards to sell their story. Common themes were the understanding and analysis of food miles, acceptance and recognition that both wind and solar power were not only integral but a natural consequence of today's needs. There was also a striking demonstration by some teams that animals are born, looked after, reared and then eaten or used as breeding stock. The understanding was made that if not required for breeding stock, beef, pork, lamb, and poultry all should have a good life which ends humanely for the purpose of creating a nice meal, even to the extent that one team had included a small abattoir in part of their project design. Water storage and re-usage for basic needs also featured highly, calculating annual rainfall collection off the sports hall roof for example, and how large a contribution that would make to daily requirements at school.

The really fulfilling part of this was that each team were fully engaged and keen to communicate, albeit some more confident than others, but nonetheless proud of their research and every team enjoyed their experience and there was not one example where they disliked any part of the project. There was an example where the makeup of a lunch box could vary enormously, when measuring food miles. Some fruit coming from Brazil, which was one item that created significant debate, which is 7000 plus miles. Others had specifically tried to source food locally purely for the purpose of reducing the food miles of their lunch. What this certainly demonstrated was that, firstly these 12-13 years olds (accepting this is a generally rural area on the edge of Dartmoor) had no issues engaging and understanding the different elements of the project and clearly this had inspired and been taught well. The opportunity to encourage young people into industry, whether that is agriculture or any other industry can be relatively easy if the subject matter is viewed as relevant. So much about learning revolves around relevance, interest and fascination.



Graeme Cock
Chairman

Despite, as I mentioned earlier, things are currently looking tough, the need to encourage new blood into agriculture is an absolute must if we are to invigorate, invest, stimulate and innovate. The diversity that now exists in all aspects of our industry creates so many opportunities, which, can be sold as a great career opportunity, rather than a dumping ground for underachievers which I'm sure some parts of the education and careers teams have perceived as the correct route for such individuals in the past. If you break down all the elements of any industry, many key areas of specialism are required. Agriculture needs those who understand food production, hygiene, nutrition, finance, marketing, product development, environment, business planning/management, communication and training, to list just a few elements of what many of us do. Précised down, the array of skills required offer many opportunities for potential new recruits.

The show season is now well under way and by now Devon County will have taken place and hopefully had a drier experience than in 2014. The agricultural show is a great opportunity for the industry to promote itself, and is a potential marketing opportunity for what it has to offer, not only in terms of produce and production systems but the livestock too, which are keenly and proudly presented. The cattle lines and stock classes are always equally keenly observed by members of the public who are our customers. This can also be an ideal chance to engage with the young people which attend many of the shows to encourage and inspire them to feeling that this is an industry which they may choose to be part of, even as Minister of Agriculture, should one still exist.

Graeme Cock

Fertility at grass



Article by Tony O'Loughlin, Clinical Director at Molecare Veterinary Services and Tom Hough, Head of Nutrition at Mole Valley Feed Solutions

When speaking to farmers about areas they would like to improve on farm, fertility is usually at the top of the list. Consistent fertility performance can become even more of a challenge when cows are turned out to grass with farmers having to contend with fluctuating weather conditions, less opportunity for heat observation and varying dry matter intakes.

Challenges

"The difficulty with fertility is that it's a multi-factorial issue where it is very difficult to pin-point the exact cause of any positive or negative effects", claims Tom Hough Head of Nutrition for Mole Valley Feed Solutions. "Often the effect we are seeing has been produced by factors affecting the cow several months before".

"As vets we see big differences in fertility with our dairy herds over the summer", said Tony O'Loughlin, Clinical Director at Molecare Veterinary Services. "As Tom said there are many factors involved in this but fertility efficiency is one area that can suffer when the cows are turned out and field work gets busy."

Nutrition - Tom Hough

If possible, introduce cows to grazing gradually allowing cows to maintain dry matter intakes, helping to avoid energy deficits, and minimising body condition losses. Farmers need to be realistic about what they can expect to take from grass and make sure adequate levels of buffer is supplied, when it is needed. This is particularly important in wet weather when the dry matter of grass can quickly drop to below 18%, meaning a cow would have to eat over 72kg of fresh weight in order to consume enough energy to support maintenance plus 15 litres of milk. Think of providing buffer to balance spring grass rather than replace it, improving energy density without compromising rumen health and a way of supplying raw materials high in digestible fibre such as sugar beet and soya hulls.

Spring grass is high in crude protein with early results from Trouw Nutrition's Grass Watch giving an average figure for the end of April 2015 of 23.56%. Excess protein in diets can have a negative effect in early pregnancy and has been linked to embryo loss.

Particular attention should be given to transition cows at this time. More and more people are opting to bringing the dry cows in for at least the last 3 weeks of the dry period to ensure dry matter intakes are maximised (whilst providing the correct level of nutrients), then for high yielding herds the fresh cows may well be kept inside to more easily match the

dietary needs of these cows to inputs. No one solution will ever fit all farm scenarios, so discussions will be needed on each farm to find the best solution through discussions, both with the vet and the feed advisor.

Over the last couple of years, heat stress has been a topical issue on many farms. Farm trials have shown that the impact on fertility may occur at lower temperatures than the effect seen on milk yield. Heat stress on cows in late lactation can compromise placental development and foetal growth and can also have a negative effect on the immune system of the calf.

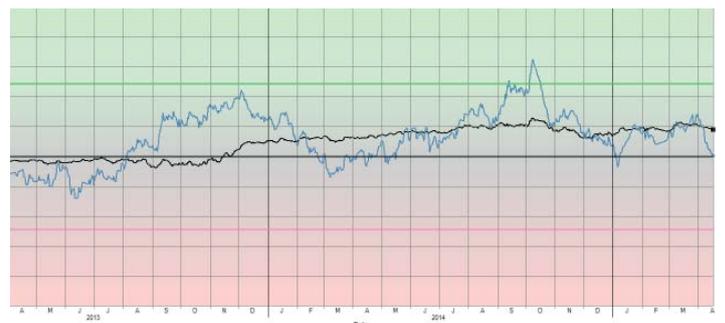
Fertility Efficiency - Tony O'Loughlin

The NZ style grass based herds are an example of what can be achieved with fertility efficiency. Submission rates of 95% are achieved and 65% of the herd will calve in the first 6 weeks of the block. A lot of work goes into heat detection, AI services and ensuring they have fertile bulls for the post AI period. Yes, we can argue that the lower litres may enable better conception, BUT this is no good without excellent fertility efficiency.

Where we have all year round calving herds that graze over the summer, we can see a fall in fertility. This can be down to many factors, but nutrition and poorer fertility efficiency are usually the main culprits.

Two measures of fertility efficiency we use on InterHerd+ are - % cows eligible for service served - submission rate - and % intervals 18-24 days - heat detection.

Submission rate

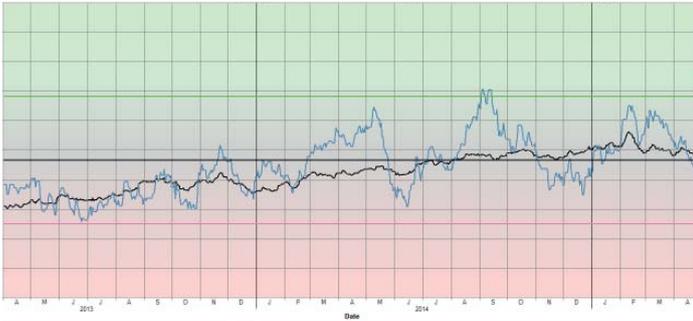


The graph shows the % cows eligible to be served that have been served. The black line is the 12 month rolling mean – long term trend - and the blue is the 3 month rolling mean – shorter term trends.

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In this herd of 10,000L Holsteins – the submission rate was poor in summer 2013. It improved with buffer feeding from late summer and then held over the winter, but fell in early 2014 as forage quality fell away. But in summer 2014 they managed to improve submission rates and they have been steady since. A large part of the improvement has been more focused observation. But the early 2014 decline was down to poor forage, thus less expression of heat behaviour.

Heat detection



The graph shows the % service intervals 18-21 days, thus this measures the efficiency of detecting first returns.

In this herd – 8,000L, all year round calving - the heat detection was low through 2013. In winter 13/14 the farm invested in a pedometer system and there was an improvement in efficiency. But there is still not consistently good heat detection efficiency – there are dramatic falls after turnout and in the autumn. These falls are down to less observation in the summer and late summer grazing with insufficient buffer feeding.

The good record keeping on both farms enabled us to analyse the performance using InterHerd+. We can then identify areas where we can target action to get an improvement. A regular review of the records with the farm team is essential to help assess performance.

Monitoring Tools - Tom Hough

As a qualified Cow Signals trainer, I suggest using body condition scoring throughout lactation to monitor cow weight loss or gain. It is false economy to try and take too much from grass during the later summer phase as cows will inevitably lose condition to support yields, which then has to be replenished, often when cows come back inside for the winter. The table below shows the potential yield reduction in autumn / winter from cows putting back on BCS. For example, if a herd of cows come inside after the summer / autumn grazing period 0.5 units of BCS lower than target, due to energy intake being compromised from an over expectation of yield from grazing, then if we replace this BCS over 3 months, this takes the equivalent daily energy utilisation of 1.9 litres per cow. Extra to this is the fact that if we have poor energy intakes, then we are at risk of poor bulling behaviour and oocyte development. All will have obvious negative impacts on fertility.

Table adapted from Trow Nutrition	Month			
	1	2	3	4
BCS Regain	1	2	3	4
0.25	2.9	1.4	1.0	0.7
0.50	5.7	2.9	1.9	1.4
0.75	8.6	4.3	2.8	2.2
1.00	11.5	5.7	3.8	2.9

To monitor if cows are suffering from heat stress, watch for cows panting, or breath rates greater than 40 per minute, dry matter intake drops, yield loss, milk fat drops, acidosis, mastitis and poor fertility rates (but by the time you see poor fertility rates the damage has already been done).

Heat stress risks come from a combination of temperature and relative humidity. Temperature and humidity monitors can be purchased very

cost effectively, and can also help to get a feel for when cows are at risk. Solutions to the problem start with recognising it, then ensuring water availability and quality is excellent, provide shade, don't overcrowd your cows and provide dietary effective fibre, considering the use of buffers, yeasts and protected fats. For detailed feeding advice, contact your Mole Valley feed adviser.

Temp. °C	Relative Humidity															
	15	20	25	30	35	40	45	50	55	60	65	70	75	80	85	90
22.0	65	66	66	67	67	67	68	68	69	69	69	70	70	70	71	71
23.0	66	66	67	67	68	68	68	69	69	70	70	71	71	71	72	72
23.5	67	67	67	68	68	69	69	70	70	70	71	71	72	72	73	73
24.0	67	68	68	68	69	69	70	70	71	71	72	72	73	73	74	74
24.5	68	68	69	69	70	70	71	71	72	72	73	73	74	74	75	75
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25.5	69	69	70	70	71	71	72	73	73	74	74	75	75	76	76	77
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26.5	70	70	71	72	72	73	73	74	75	75	76	76	77	78	78	79
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28.5	71	72	73	73	74	75	75	76	77	78	78	79	80	81	82	82
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31.0	74	75	76	76	77	78	79	80	81	81	82	83	84	85	86	86

Infrastructure - Tony O'Loughlin

When looking to utilise grass ensure the infrastructure is suitable to get the cows to the grass quickly and efficiently. More farms are using cow tracks that enable the cows to travel efficiently between the parlour and the paddock. Compared to cows travelling on wet fields or old rutted tracks, purpose built tracks will allow the cows to travel faster and reduce lameness. The outcome is better DMI and thus better production.

Water supply is another essential – a Holstein may drink up to 200L on a hot day. Each paddock must have a good water trough – one that is clean, has good water pressure to refill quickly and enough space for 10% of the herd to drink at once. Lack of water access will limit DMI and thus production. All troughs must be maintained and cleaned regularly – would you drink the water from all your troughs?

Minerals

Tom - Minerals are another area that should not be over looked. Grass is a poor source of minerals, late lactation cows out at grass are likely to be on low levels of mineralised compound.

Tony – It is always worth checking mineral levels when reviewing performance issues. We blood sample cows to review levels and then advise on supplementation. More clients are supplementing using boluses or water systems.

Summary

The key to fertility success whilst at grass is a realistic understanding of the pressures involved at this time. Having a realistic and planned approach to what grass can really deliver on your farm. Being flexible to ensure you can quickly adapt to unforeseen weather or other circumstances. Measuring factors that will affect fertility as described above.

And finally, through regular and effective communication with stakeholders within the business, from the full farm support team (the farmer, vet and feed adviser and, of course, the farm staff).

To discuss these issues further, contact your Mole Valley Feed Solutions nutritionist, MoleCare vet, or call the FeedLine on 01278 444829

By the Editor

After an election campaign which seemed to go on forever, the aftermath following the shock result has left David Cameron with a very long list of promises which he has to deliver.

With a majority Conservative government now in situ for the next five years, let's hope that it can achieve much of what was laid out in its manifesto. There are some key issues that need to be pursued including the roll out of a comprehensive food strategy for British food, further simplification of the CAP and its roll out, continued commitment and development of a long term plan to eradicate bovine TB and the absolute must have 'to genuinely reduce red tape'.

The overwhelming swing to the right has left many long-standing Westcountry MPs out of a job. These individuals have worked hard for their constituents and many would argue that they didn't deserve to be hit quite so badly.

It is, therefore, appropriate to thank them for their service to the rural community and wish them success in seeking a new career.

This month's newsletter has a number of articles focusing on the management of forage and diet. Fertility at grass is a real issue, which has been addressed by Tony O'Loughlin, Clinical Director at Molecare Veterinary Services and Tom Hough, Head of Nutrition at Mole Valley Feed Solutions (p4-5), whilst Dr. Chris Bartram reports on an interesting study taking place at SRUC, (p7). John Lawrence focuses on lameness in the dairy herd (p8).

The theme of good grassland management continues with the details of the British Grassland Summer Meeting which takes place in East Cornwall on the 12-15 July, when a packed programme of farm walks gives an example of different types of good practice. The event is entitled 'Meeting and Milking the Cream of Cornish Grassland'.

Our own 'Forage for Profit' initiative which was launched in 2009 has taken a new direction and have identified a number of farmers who are working with us to illustrate areas on their farm which could improve their productivity and profitability. This month, we introduce two of our partners who will be working with us.

There are many other items addressed in this issue, but we also have an article from Robert Forster, in which he talks about the influences which are contributing to the unwelcome downturn of beef prices and what the future months may hold.

Finally, The Royal Cornwall Show is just days away and we look forward to welcoming our members, either in the usual place opposite the cattle shed or the Feed Solutions marquee on stand 716, just across the way.

until next month ...

Phil Darke Memorial Nuffield Farming Scholarship

Phil Darke, a 2011 NSch, was a south Devon farmer who made a huge impact on his local community as demonstrated by the scale of donations made to Nuffield Farming Scholarship Trust following his death.

His family, Sue with children Tom and Rebecca want this money, donated in memory of Phil, to go towards a scholarship for someone similar to him. The parameters/ purpose of the 'Phil Darke Memorial Nuffield Farming Scholarship' are best explained as:

- A younger farmer from the West Country: West Dorset, Somerset, Devon and Cornwall.
- Who demonstrates a commitment to his or her local community and the organizing of its activities and events.
- With the ambition to develop his or her farming enterprise as an example for others to follow.
- But also an individual who has not had the benefit of a full time study to the age of eighteen followed by tertiary education at college or university.

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Readers may remember that the Exe Valley Rotary Club were after an old tractor a while ago to help a local dementia nursing home who wanted one to help mentally stimulate their clients, many of whom would have worked with them in earlier days.

MVF members came up trumps and the home duly took ownership of a tractor. During this appeal the club were also kindly offered the Fergie, above, by Mr and Mrs Harry Parker from Stourton near Warminster, in memory of his father.

This tractor is now being raffled to raise funds for Alzheimers Research UK. The 1952 Ferguson T20 is travelling around local shows and was on our stand at the Devon County Show where the EVRC were selling the raffle tickets.

"While one lucky winner can choose to become the proud owner of this piece of design history, EVRC will also be offering an alternative cash prize of £1000. The final draw will take place on our show stand at the Mid Devon Town and Country Show, to be held at the new venue of Knightshayes, Tiverton, on Saturday 25 July 2015 so do come and join us!" commented Nigel Bond, Shows and Events manager at Mole Valley Farmers.

Tickets to win this Ferguson T20 and help raise funds for Alzheimers Research UK are available at MVF branches.



Dairy update

June 2015



Dr Chris Bartram, Head of Nutrition



This month's dairy focus includes an extract from an interesting report written by Dr Mark Lee (a researcher at Scotland's Rural College (SRUC)). It outlines a recent trial, conducted on behalf of DairyCo, to investigate the effects of grass in the diets of high yielding dairy cows. Also included, are the headlines from a recent DairyCo funded study, by Dr Alana Boulton (from the Royal Veterinary College), that provides a new, very timely, perspective on the total cost of heifer rearing.

SRUC Grass System Study

The SRUC study investigated the effects (via a cut and carry approach) of increasing the proportion of grass in the diets of high yielding dairy cows.

Cut and carry is a dairy farming system in which grass is cut daily in the field and delivered to permanently housed cows. There are potential benefits in using cut and carry systems because grass is cheaper to produce than a total mixed ration (TMR) and grass is not subject to fluctuations in the cost of production caused by international markets.

The majority of farms within Great Britain are located in areas with potential for high herbage production. Utilising this potential and increasing the amount of grass fed to cows can reduce feed costs, reducing the influence of external markets and increasing profitability. There is uncertainty associated with the implementation of cut and carry systems because the optimum rate of inclusion has not been determined and the impact of this on animal performance remains unclear.

The aim of this study was to provide information which can assist with this decision making, by testing the effects of adding fresh grass to the diets of high yielding dairy cows and monitoring changes to milk productivity, milk quality and profitability. Three diets were provided to three groups of 16 cows for 16 weeks. These diets were TMR-only (100% TMR), 25% grass (75% TMR) and 50% grass (50% TMR), balanced by dry matter content. Grass was cut every morning, mixed with TMR and delivered to cows. A summary of the results are included in Table 1.

Table 1. The effect of the substitution of TMR with fresh grass on milk production and dry matter intake.

	100% TMR	25% Grass	50% Grass
Milk yield (kg/cow/day)	35.7	30.2	31.4
Milk fat (%)	3.34	3.51	3.40
Milk protein (%)	3.00	2.98	2.89
DM intake (kg/day)	20.1	19.3	18.0

Key points:

1. Dairy cows fed 25% or 50% of their diet as freshly cut grass produced approximately 5kg per day less milk than those fed 100% TMR.
2. The average milk yield of cows fed 25% grass and 50% grass was similar.
3. There were no consistent differences in milk quality, cow condition or liveweight between the three groups.
4. Grass-fed cows spent less time ruminating than 100% TMR-fed cows.
5. The TMR-only fed group delivered a higher economic surplus than both grass-fed groups under a number of economic conditions.
6. Under all economic scenarios the 25% grass-fed group delivered the lowest economic surplus.
7. Cows fed 50% of their diet as grass delivered the highest economic surplus under certain economic conditions.
8. The decision for a farm to adopt a cut and carry system will depend on an evaluation of the current relative costs of all feed inputs, the milk price and an allowance for the potential significant reduction in milk yield. The long term impact must also be considered.

For further information and to help evaluate the options for an individual farm under latest market conditions (milk price, feed price etc.) please do not hesitate to contact me on 07831 328350.

Importance of heifer rearing

The recent study has looked at the economics of heifer rearing practices across over 100 farms. The cost of heifer rearing averaged approximately £1800 (with a range from £1100 to £3100). This is considerably more than previous estimates. Management decisions on reproduction and grazing policy are significant factors.

Further information and new latest heifer rearing management guidelines from Mole Valley Feed Solutions on forage, feed and animal health will follow in future newsletters.

Lameness in the dairy herd

John Lawrence, Senior Mineral Supplements Technical Manager

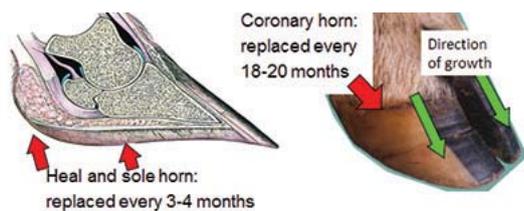


Lameness is, without doubt, one of the most significant factors affecting dairy herd profitability today.

To be blunt, if she can't walk or is uncomfortable standing, her access to food and feeding time will be reduced and it's only a matter of time before things go from bad to worse. To be able to counter this problem, it is essential that we understand the way that the cow maintains her hoof tissue.

The cow replaces the sole and heel horn every 3-4 months. The coronary horn however, grows down from the top towards the sole and is only replaced every 18-20 months, so almost a 2 year cycle. Any reduction in the supplementation of the key elements involved in the formation and replenishment of hoof tissue within this period can easily lead to areas of weakness in the hoof.

For example, if key trace elements, in particular zinc, copper and manganese, are not supplied to optimal levels during the dry period, it is likely that 2 weak bands will occur in the depth of the hoof, as potentially there will be two dry periods in the time it takes for the coronary horn to be replenished. It is important, therefore, to ensure that correct supplementation is available throughout the lactation cycle.



We are working with Zinpro to help provide you with relevant, useful and topical information backed up by products that could be of benefit to you. The following article is the second in a series that I hope you will find informative and beneficial.

Thank you to Arturo Gomez and Zinpro for their help in compiling this article.



If you would like more information on how to add Zinpro Performance Minerals to your mineral pack or for advice on other mineral related topics, please contact your local Mole Valley Feed Solutions adviser or the mineral line on 01278 420481 or email minerals@molevalleyfarmers.com

Arturo Gomez, Ph.D, Zinpro Corporation

Today, we recognize trauma as the main driver of lameness problems. Trauma sources are clearly differentiated between confinement and pasture based systems. Cows in confinement are generally exposed to concrete surfaces for many hours a day and they are provided with individual cubicles or loose housed areas to rest.

On the contrary, cows on pasture spend most of the day on soft surfaces while grazing or resting, exclusively using tracks to transition from the paddocks to the milking parlour. Although the same hoof lesion types can be observed in both systems, the incidence rates of infectious and non-infectious lesions are very different between pasture and confinement.

On pasture, white line disease, sole haemorrhages, axial fissures, thin soles (excessive wear) and sole injuries (direct trauma) are the most common lesions identified.

Identifying risk factors

The identification of the main risk factors can help to define the most appropriate measures for controlling and preventing grazing cattle lameness.

Walking surfaces and holding areas

Excessive wear, direct trauma and white line disease, are the main lesions associated with walking back and forth to the milking parlour. Although highly dependent on the size of the herd, appropriate maintenance of the tracks can decrease the incidence of these diseases.

The occurrence of sole ulcers and sole haemorrhages can be exacerbated by excessive time standing in holding areas, particularly a rough concrete surface. This is especially important for first lactation cows given that they are commonly last in the herd hierarchy and around calving, experience their first contact with hard surfaces.

Time budgets

In many grazing situations, seasonal effects can have a big impact on cows' time budgets. Differences as large as 9 hours/day standing can be observed between hot-humid and hot-dry seasons, affecting the time cows allocate for resting (1 to 9 h/day, respectively). In addition, the herd size and other management practices such as feeding, health or reproductive checks can also condition how much the animals are held from returning to their paddocks, affecting the time available for rest.

The role of trace minerals in dairy hoof health

Trace mineral nutrition can have a double positive impact on hoof health in grazing cattle. Firstly, trace minerals play a critical role in building and maintaining strong, healthy feet. For example, zinc and copper are essential nutrients for developing healthy claw horn tissue, while zinc and manganese play a crucial role in wound healing.

Secondly, regulating the inflammatory response derived from the concussion of the feet with non-grass walking and standing surfaces. In this regard, the zinc, manganese and copper have pivotal implications on vascular fragility* and oxidative stress. Research has shown that feeding a combination of trace minerals as found in Zinpro Performance Minerals (ZPM – which include zinc, copper and manganese in a highly available form) helps decrease both the incidence and severity of common claw lesions.

*vascular fragility – decreased resistance of blood vessel walls. Blood capillaries more fragile than normal resulting in bruising.



Moist feeds

Judith Clifford, Senior Alternative Feeds Trader

Using a range of quality co-products from the food industry, we have created a range of moist blends that are suitable for complementing or replacing both conserved and grazed forages and bought in feed products.

Moist feeds are an important part of many buffer feeds and will encourage dry matter intake – provided that the ingredients used are palatable, that is why we only use products that are suitable for use on their own; but these products perform even better when blended together – 1+1+1 really does equal 4!

Mole Golden Beet

Our latest product Mole Golden Beet is an excellent example of this. By blending brewer's grains, dried sugar beet and crimped maize we have a product that has high levels of digestible fibre, slow fermenting starch and 12.5% protein with 48% dry matter. Using Mole Golden Beet as part of the total diet can deliver improved nutrition at a lower cost to traditional diets.

Mole Sweet Grains

The original moist blend Mole Sweet Grains, consisting of brewer's grains, wheatfeed, bread and a molasses blend continues to give excellent results on farm as one of the most prestigious units in the south can confirm. They replaced a moist wheat starch product with Mole Sweet Grains due to concerns over butterfat levels and saw a significant improvement at lower cost.

Mole Pro Grains

We also produce a high protein version – Mole Pro Grains which at 24% protein is a blend of brewers grains, rapemeal, wheatfeed, bread and molasses blend and also a high fibre [60% NDF] product Mole Fibre Grains.

Brewer's grains

Also it is worth considering using brewer's grains during the summer either to complement grazed forages or to clamp for usage during the winter. Brewers grains are high in digestible fibre providing a source of slowly absorbed energy. The good quality protein by-passes the rumen to be digested in the hind gut, leading to better utilisation of the protein for improved milk/liveweight gain. The addition of sugar beet to the clamp will aid retention of the liquids and their nutrients as well as being an excellent palatable feed.

All of these products should be tipped onto concrete, ideally into a clamp made from straw bales, consolidated and covered with a weighted sheet. Once the clamp has been opened the face should be left uncovered.

Members of the Alternative Feeds team will be in the Feed Solutions tent at the Royal Cornwall Show and look forward to meeting up to discuss any of your requirements.

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Success for South Devon family

The Shinner family of Stretchford Farm, Buckfastleigh, had a very successful day at the recent annual spring South Devon Herd Book Society Sale at Exeter Market, achieving Champion Bull with their Stretchford Herman 7, one of the youngest bulls in the catalogue.

The Stretchford herd has a very impressive history – established in 1858, it is one of the oldest South Devon herds in the world. It was also one of the first South Devon

herds to be registered in the original South Devon Herd book back in 1891.

Robert and Elizabeth Shinner farm in partnership with their son James, a fifth generation Shinner. James and Robert, when not busy working on the family farm, are also keen South Devon judges and will be out and about this summer at a number of shows and sales.



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by Peter Hall

Great Tratford is a rural idyll that would warm the cockles of every tourist board executive's heart – and the envy of many a West Country farmer. Perched on a hill overlooking a vast blue expanse of ocean, to the west is the beautiful and tiny village of Lansallos and to the east the picturesque tourist destination of Polperro.

This is the home of Andrew and Hannah Julian and their two sons, Elliott, aged 10, and eight year old Thomas, a homestead nestling into the hill, surrounded by an impressive array of modern farm buildings – indicative of a successful and go-ahead mixed farming family business.

It has been the home of the Julians for generations, Andrew being the fifth. The holding has been gradually increasing in size in recent years, as Andrew and Hannah and their business partners, Andrew's father and mother David and Marilyn, have taken on more land. They now farm 540 acres of magnificent rolling farmland, with some steep valleys leading down towards the sea. While Hannah and Andrew have taken on the farmhouse, his parents still live on the farm, with David still actively involved on a daily basis.



The herd at Great Tratford. The bulk bin is filled with urea treated Alkagrain using the Telehandler. This is one of three feed types supplied to the robot milking system.

Dairying, the production of dairy-beef, arable and a thriving crimping business are the main strands, with sheep grazing the more challenging "hilly bits" explained Andrew.

It was the milk production that saw a major investment in recent years, with the Julians advised all the way by Mole Valley Farmers' Robin Hawkey, assistance they readily acknowledge to have been invaluable.



Robot milker in action



Milking in the new building began in November 2011. "We had reached a point where, if the dairy cows were going to stay, we would need a complete change - and a large investment," Andrew explained. "But the major innovation was going down the milking-robot route, which has made an enormous difference. It means, for example, that Hannah is happy to look after the whole routine, if need be. She rears the calves and helps with the cows . . . and can sort out most things!"

At first there was only going to be one robot, but then the decision was taken to purchase two, after a lot of advice and research, and now there are a pair Lely A4s hard at work at Great Tratford, a success with no real problems after three and a half years. "We had a good look around, saw what some neighbours had achieved with Lely and realised they had a good back-up reputation," he added.

There are currently 130 milkers with around 80 followers. Some Dutch Holsteins arrived with the new milking venture, joining British Friesians and Norwegian Reds, currently averaging just over 9,000 litres. The milk goes to Arla – having always been members of the original cooperative, Milk Link. "Hopefully Arla's global brand presence will bring increased security and opportunities in the future."

The dairy-beef enterprise sees the farm rearing everything they breed, the stores going at 24 months onwards. Up to 50 are finished annually and go to St Merryn Meats. About 40 heifers are kept as replacements.

The Julians' mantra of "making use of what we have" sees the livestock kept on home-grown feed, including the sheep. There are currently 350 Lleyan ewes and a variety of rams, including Suffolks, with the aim of selling at 20kw deadweight to St Merryn at Merthyr.

"Everything we grow is for self-consumption," Andrew explained. "We get as much home-grown into our cows as we can these days, which have certainly reduced what we buy." They grow winter wheat, winter and spring barley and spring beans – and in the past couple of years lucerne.



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Hannah Julian with some of the dairy beef cattle which she has reared from calves.



One of the home bred calves



Andrew Julian inspects the bean crop, home grown for the dairy herd

Caustic treated wheat buffers the silage well and fertility has increased noticeably.

A low-input, low-output herd has changed dramatically in the past four years as a result of the philosophy of: "Doing as much as we can on our own – trying to be as self-sufficient as possible."

Meanwhile Andrew's crimping business, which has 35 customers on the books, sees a "pretty manic" situation from July to September, admitted 41 year old Andrew, who studied agricultural engineering at Camborne College. "It's a lot to juggle."

The Julians, who have one full-time employee, hope their sons will follow in their footsteps. "I want them to want to farm – though I would never try to force them," said Andrew.

But they probably need not worry. Elliott is already very interested and doesn't want to be anywhere else but on the farm, and Thomas is always keen to help with the animals. And, as Hannah explained: "Farming is in both our families – so it may be hard for them to escape!"

Over the last decade, many farms have become more specialised often with benefits of economies of scale and increasing technological investments. But it could be argued that some benefits of 'traditional' mixed farming have been lost. Andrew and Hannah have demonstrated great attention to detail, excellent husbandry and utilised latest technologies including robotic milking, milk pasteurisation for calves and tractor GPS systems to optimise their mixed farm.

Key to Tratford Farm is utilisation of home grown feeds without compromising output. Currently, the dairy herd averages over 9,000 litres with a fed rate of 0.33kg per litre. Of the 0.33kg per litre (or 2.9T/cow), approximately half (1.5T/cow) is provided from home grown feeds, so effectively the feed rate for purchased feed is approximately only 0.17kg per litre. The purchased feeds are bespoke products to balance the home grown products in the ration.

Similarly youngstock rearing is based on home grown feeds, but particular attention to protein and starch levels, as it is important for heifers to optimise lifetime performance. However, younger calves are fed Prestige Calf Crunch to ensure strong early growth rates and rumen development.

Looking to the future, the benefits of mixed enterprises include flexibility, spreading risk and environmental benefits of enhanced nutrient recycling and lowered carbon footprint.



Fly control in organic systems

Nigel Mapstone, Feed Nutritionist

The principal of fly control is to interrupt or disrupt breeding by reducing breeding sites or killing flies to prevent them laying eggs. So whether they are biting flies carrying disease or just nuisance flies, it is important to take steps now to reduce the impact, otherwise the result is reduced animal production.

Typically chemical means of control are used but in an organic situation these must be included in the herd or flock health plan and approved by your certification body. Any meat withdrawal periods will also be increased. However, the Soil Association is sponsoring research into non insecticidal fly prevention. Details of the research being carried out by the Duchy Future Farming Programme are given below.

Herbal repellents tested in trials

Farmers and growers experiment, adapt and solve problems. Through the Duchy Future Farming Programme the Soil Association provides researchers, funding and peer support to find practical, sustainable solutions on farmers' terms.

At the heart of this programme are field labs, where groups of farmers team up to test approaches that are new to them, with help from a researcher.

The use of essential oils to prevent fly strike in sheep

There is increasing interest in the use of botanical alternatives for external parasite control, as parasites become resistant to synthetic insecticides (resistance has been identified in lice and ticks but not yet in flies causing fly strike).

Farmers wanted to test the efficacy of a product, derived from natural plant extracts of Geraniol and Eucalyptus citriodora, as a deterrent against the flies associated with strike on sheep.

Myiasis

Background - Myiasis is the parasitic infestation of the body of a live mammal by fly larvae.

The product used in the trial claims to give protection against fly strike for 5-6 weeks. Any sheep found with strike over the trial were treated immediately with Crovect. A record was kept of treatment dates and sheep treated. All ewes and lambs were crutched over the fly strike season with a record kept of any crutching or dagging.



Learning - Sheep treated with the herbal repellent had only very low rates of fly strike and these were typically on lambs with dirty tails. As the trial started late and finished early the evidence is limited, however, what we discovered suggests there is value in further trials.

Farmer feedback

Pros:

- There is no withdrawal period after using the product.
- No personal protective equipment (PPE) is required when applying the product.
- The sheep seemed to be calm when the product was applied.

Cons

- Sheep need to be restrained in a race rather than batched in pens.
- An applicator gun needs to be used to part the fleece as the product needs to be applied directly to the skin.
- Once applied, the product can hold dirt and look unsightly.
- The product needs applying more regularly than alternatives such as Klik or Klikzin.



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However, recent prices increases in silage plastics and concerns about longer term availability has generated some heated debates, with the impact being felt right across the industry and not just isolated to the Mole Valley Farmers business. At the time of writing, the increased prices are now on a par with the previous year's. The reason for the availability issues and rise in price has been caused by a series of "force majeure" at major polymer plants across Europe. As a result silage film manufacturers throughout Europe have been subjected to unprecedented

raw material shortages and excessive price hikes for the polymers they require.

The shortage of polymers and the rocketing resin prices have caused a number of European manufacturers to stop or limit silage film production. This situation is not forecast to improve in the near future as availability of polymer remains incredibly tight. In mainland Europe the cost of bale wrap film is now at an all time high, with the UK market somewhat protected by the strength of sterling.

As previously mentioned, Mole Valley Farmers has secured substantial stocks of silage sheets and silage wrap products however given the likely continuation of this issue for some time to come, customers are encouraged to speak to their local store or our crop packaging specialists Nigel Cockwill (07786 855223) or Chris Green (07896 134748) for more information.

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A revision of prime cattle market prospects in the UK



by Robert Forster

Most farmers who subscribe to Beef Industry Newsletter have a collective complaint. Many are men of middle age who have lost count of the number of times they have been told farm land is becoming scarcer at the same time as the world population explodes - and have then been advised that they can look forward to a bright business future because they will, at last, be producing food at a time when more people, across the widest ever range of countries, can afford to buy it.

They next point out with frustration and resignation that the price of almost everything they produce, milk, beef, grain, potatoes, and latterly hogget, is on the floor because (so they are told) world demand is weak and supply is plentiful.

I too am struggling to reconcile a virtually worldwide surge in the value of beef with a dramatic April-May plunge in prime cattle prices in the UK and Republic of Ireland (RoI) for the second year in succession. Last year's drop, which bottomed out in June-July, was fuelled by simultaneous oversupply in both countries and the market was expected to recover as soon as cattle numbers returned to more normal levels - as they did over July-December.

This time it is the result of a weak euro, which sucks more beef into the UK at the same time as it is harder to get beef out

So at a time cattle prices in the United States, Australia and China have hit record levels, breeders and feeders are gloomy because they suspect that the price lift they continue to wait for will be stalled, yet again, as more unforeseen pressure on the prime cattle market emerges next year or the year after.

There can be no doubting the buoyancy in the US where prices approach 390p and the unusually heavy commercial cattle they kill regularly make £1,500-£1,800 a head. Or that Australian breeders, who expect to sell stores at half the price we do, are currently trading weaned calves at similar, if not higher, prices

than our own, because so much of their beef is being exported to the United States or equally high priced China.

Beef cattle sold within the UK may be the highest priced in Europe - but perhaps that is not as big a prize as it seems because the EU economy is depressed and massive contrasts between living standards means relatively small numbers of dairy beef cattle in Poland, which average 240p-250p a dwkg in sterling terms, set the discount benchmark for second tier beef and beef cattle offered at secondary wholesale level.

At the same time struggling and/or super-competitive supermarkets are unwilling to lift shop prices so retailers, processors and farmers can each secure a bigger slice of income, cut from a bigger cake. And then there is the UK's proximity to the RoI - a country which exports more than 90 per cent of its production, sees the UK market as its backyard, and produces cattle that even after the recent price slump cost 45p-50p a dwkg less than our own.

This suggests that beef cattle prices in the UK (and the RoI) will be locked down until the rising tide of the world beef market overcomes domestic retail insistence that no mainstream supermarket can sell its beef at higher prices than another - or beef from the UK and RoI can be sold at high prices into the US and China.

If the latter proves to be the route to financial security the RoI has a head start. Its government has secured unilateral agreements with both the US and China which, towards the end of this year could see Irish manufacturing beef currently valued at around 260p/kg being sold into the US where it could earn 364p. And then in 2016, after official abattoir inspections this autumn, the RoI's three biggest processors could be selling beef directly to Chinese distributors.

One can only hope that this will give prime cattle prices in the RoI a progressive lift



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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through to 2020 and beyond - and at the same time the beef that will still be exported to the UK is offered in lower volumes and higher prices.

UK deliveries to the US will have to wait until all-EU agreement is secured through the TTIP (Transatlantic Trade and Investment Partnership) which is currently being negotiated. Sales to China will depend on the UK government concluding bilateral negotiations with Beijing.

Wider sales to a raft of countries may have to wait until eleven years after our last BSE case was recorded - which will be 2025 at the earliest because a single case was confirmed last year - or until the long prophesied, consumption driven, world shortage of beef takes hold, and governments which might otherwise have been pernickety become more than ready to accept beef from the UK.

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Calves

Feed them right

Feeding your heifer calves sufficient energy and protein during the milk feeding period will help ensure they have adequate body size at first breeding, and have a better chance of calving at 24 months. Young calves have a great opportunity to grow during the milk feeding stage and this is a key time to invest in these valuable herd replacements.

Give priority to investing in a good quality milk replacer based on milk proteins (protein 20% to 26%; fat 16% to 20%; ash less than 9%) to allow calves have the best possible start. If



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Calf dry feed

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Whilst compound feeds in 3mm pellet form are the most common calf concentrates, new specialist products in 5mm nut form are becoming increasingly popular and provide simple, cost effective 'single feed' systems for calves and growing cattle beyond twelve weeks.

Top tips for dry feeding

- Offer feed higher than floor level
- Fresh feed must be provided daily
- Clean water must be available at all times
- Wean when eating at least 1kg per day for three consecutive days
- Typical intake is 150kg/calf up to 12 weeks

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Options on cereal preservation

Graham Ragg, MVF Senior Agronomist and Product Manager



Which of the various techniques for cereal and straw processing best suits your farming system?

Cereal preservation options

Crimping

Crimping is one method of getting the best results from home-grown grain. The process ensures grain is stored with the maximum retention of nutrients without the need for expensive drying of grain or the time consuming and dusty process of home milling dry grain every day. The other advantages of crimping include

- Earlier harvesting when grain is ideally 30 to 45% moisture (can be processed down to 15% moisture)
- Allows earlier drilling of subsequent crops
- Reduces shedding losses of grain in the field
- Produces a quality feed, which is digestible and palatable, reducing dependence of bought in feed
- Straw is still available for feeding or bedding

Product - Crimp Preserver

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Wholecrop can be used as part of the diet with grass or maize silage. There is normally a benefit on forage intakes and performance from feeding more than one type of forage. The cereals are harvested early through a forage harvester at between 20% to 35% moisture. The crop can be either ensiled in a clamp or big baled. A quality additive such as Mole-Dominator Plus is recommended to maximise feed value and keep the silage stable when opened.

Product - Mole-Dominator Plus

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For many years, the regular big bale twine, has been labelled '7200', and it was assumed there was 7,200 feet of twine in a 2-spool pack. However, manufacturers have been forced to make the twine slightly heavier in construction to ensure the required strength is achieved, which then reduces the length available within the required pack size and weight.

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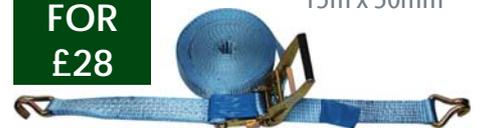


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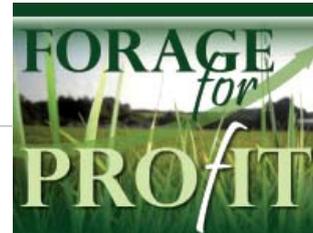
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Forage for Profit - Focus Farms

Julie Edwards, Head of Agri Marketing and Corporate Communications



Forage for Profit is an initiative developed by Mole Valley Farmers in 2009 to encourage farmers to focus on reducing inconsistencies in forage quality and increase productivity and profitability from quality forage. Over the years we have seen some very worthy winners of the Forage for Profit categories.

Like many initiatives, we need to ensure that the original Forage for Profit objectives remain relevant and focused to the needs of the modern agri-business. We have identified a number of dairy, beef and sheep units which will become Forage for Profit Focus Farms over the next two years, where aspects of the business could achieve improved productivity and profitability.

Each Focus Farm, which will be supported over the next 24 months, has demonstrated an interest in developing efficiencies in forage production

and will receive specialist advice and support from our technical teams. They will be regularly featured in our Newsletter, providing progress reports, discussing key issues affecting farming businesses within the relevant sectors and hosting farm walks.

We begin the first in a series with an introduction to two of our focus farms, Riddle Farm, near Barnstaple in Devon and Penllyn Estate Farm near Cowbridge in South Glamorgan.

AMY AND ADRIAN MITCHELL, RIDDLE FARM, BARNSTAPLE



Amy and Adrian Mitchell of Riddle Farm are currently milking 95 cross bred cows, after returning to dairying in 2013, with the intention of increasing the herd to 125 cows. The 220 acre farm is situated on light loam and clay soils.

The Mitchell's key objective is to maximise milk production to achieve 5,500L from grass and concentrate feed. Milk is sold to Arla with payments based on solids (fats and proteins). Recording is achieved with the aid of Agrinet software.

The present sward includes some clover which the Mitchell's are seeking to maintain. Improvement to the pastures is on-going and is monitored by the use of a platometer, once or twice a week. Cows are managed on a 12 hour paddock grazing regime. Improvement work on cow tracks on the lower side of the farm is underway. 50-60 acres of land on top of hill is cut for silage as it is better quality land.

KEY OBJECTIVES

- Improve pasture quality
- Increase herd to 125 cows
- Breed resilient and responsive cattle
- Maximise milk production from forage
- Enhance fat and protein payments
- Improve cow tracks
- Maintain clover in sward

ANDREW SHACKELL, (FARM MANAGER) PENLLYN ESTATE FARM, LLWYNHELIG, COWBRIDGE



The Penllyn, Estate Farm, managed by Andrew Shackell (shown here with Adam May of the Red Meat Team) extends to a total area of 860 hectares, including 78 hectares of woodland.

427ha are dedicated to arable crops and 325ha carry 800 finishing cattle per year with plans to expand this to 1000 cattle. The majority of cattle are finished on TMR mix.

There are 1400 breeding ewes, lambing February to April, and they are looking to expand to 2000 ewes in the near future.

The key objective is to increase home grown protein (in silage and grazed grass) in order to quickly finish lambs and beef animals.

Crops grown include wheat (209ha), OSR (83ha), maize (44.5ha) barley (38ha), beans (38ha) and oats (15ha). 90 acres of grass reseed is carried out per year on rotation with 1-2 year cutting ley. The permanent grassland has not had soil samples taken, however, it receives 40kg nitrogen as and when required.

KEY OBJECTIVES

- Increase home grown protein
- Improve grassland management
- Finish more cattle
- Grow the sheep flock

Arable crops

- Identify greater efficiencies
- Improve soil health
- Target fertiliser application
- Optimise crop yields



For more information on the Forage for Profit initiative, call Julie Edwards on 07817 785618

British Grassland Society Summer Meeting preview

Join the British and Cornwall Grassland Societies for an interesting and varied line-up of technical farm visits for the BGS Summer Meeting 2015.

From 12th–15th July delegates will enjoy experiencing a taste of Cornish Grassland production in “Meating and Milking the Cream of Cornish Grassland”.

Mole Valley Farmers are proud to be major sponsors of this event as we passionately believe in the importance of forage in modern farming. The thriving membership of Grassland societies in Cornwall will ensure that there will be a good attendance over the three days. All of the farmers who are hosting the event are good customers of Mole Valley Farmers and our staff will be on hand to help out where necessary.

Diary of events

Sunday 12th July

Arrive at Lanhydrock Hotel and Gold Club from 3pm for the BGS Annual General Meeting followed by short presentations from each of the four local grassland societies in Cornwall and entertainment from the Launceston Male Voice Choir.

Monday 13th

Hendrawalls Farm, Davidstow; the Risdon family



Farm visits begin with a 270ha (670 acre) extended grazing dairy farm, located on the edge of the iconic Bodmin Moor. The 600 cow herd of New Zealand Friesian x Jerseys is milked once a day. Last year the farm sold 1.9 million litres of milk produced solely from forage on an Arla/Milklink contract.

Rude Farm, Holsworthy; Martyn and Mandy Vanstone

Hosted by the 2014 winners of the Cornwall Silage Competition and South West regional round of the BGS Grassland Farmer of Year competition, Martyn and Mandy Vanstone demonstrate productive management of permanent pasture. 250 Holstein Friesian cows produce over 9,000 litres/cow/year, one-third of which is from forage.

Trepoyle Farm, Tamerton; Bill and Suzanne Harper

Here 180 South Devon and Limousin suckler cows plus calves are rotationally grazed between April and November over long term leys of seasonally available river meadows. Oats and barley are also grown. Calving is in spring and autumn blocks. Bulls finish as 14–15 months and heifers at 20–24 months. 200 Llyn and Texel x ewes are also kept.

Trepoyle will also host the evening's supper and entertainment from The Boscastle Boys.

Tuesday 14th

Duchy College, Stoke Climsland

Home Farm at Duchy College operates as a commercial unit for the benefit of education, research and the wider industry. Cropping is composed of permanent and temporary grassland, maize, winter and spring barley. Management philosophy is to produce milk from home-grown feed and support the cow to maintain condition. The visit will include the 'future farm' Dairy Unit providing applied research and teaching and incorporating new technologies from around the world.



Host farmers and sponsors gather at the launch event for the BGS Summer Meeting

Tresallick Farm, Stoke Climsland; the Barrett family

An example of the high-yielding herd with all year round calving, where continuous housing and zero grazing contribute to the management system that supports the 400 cow milking herd and 500 youngstock. Maize is grown, along with winter wheat and a mix of intensively and extensively managed grassland. Low yielders and youngstock graze from May to September. Some maize is established under plastic.

Trebartha Barton, Liskeard; Jono Cole

This holding has been managed organically since 2005, where the main enterprise is a herd of Stabiliser suckler cows. Cereals, forage rape/kale and wholecrop are grown as well as 91ha (225 acres) in permanent pasture and 18.6ha (46 acres) of herbal leys. The farm has been involved with the research into legumes, trailing lucerne, red clovers, forage vetches and black medic.



Jono with Stabilisers outwintered on Swift rape

Wednesday 15th

Treveglos Farm, Wadebridge; the Kellow family

Here the dairy business has gone through a period of consolidation, since acquiring Treveglos 17 years ago and starting with a herd of 70 cows. With a young son now keen to go into the business, 'sustainability' is a current focus. 490 cows are kept on the dairy platform at Treveglos, calving from September to April. Average production per cow is 8,000 litres, 2,420 from forage. One aim is to push production without increasing bought-in feed costs.

Treswarrow Farm, St Minver; Parnell and Kent

Overlooking the bay at Polzeath, sheep and beef enterprises are run by Mike and Clare Parnell and their nephew Phillip Kent. 750 polled Dorset X Romney ewes lamb from late January, ewe-lambs lamb from mid-March. British Blue and Friesian X calves are also bought-in and sold at 18 to 22 months. Being a naturally dry farm, an emphasis is on improving grass choice and the use of early grass. Deep rooting chicory has been successful and festuloiiums are being tried.

Tickets are available now. Contact the BGS at britishgrassland.com or call Charlotte Evans on 07960 007649



To find out how Mole Valley Farmers can help with grassland issues,
call our Forage HelpLine on 01769 576405

Maximising grass quality to finish lambs

Kathryn Walker, Forage Specialist, Mole Valley Forage Services



Improving new season lambs

A successful lambing season for most, blessed with kind weather, has seen lamb crops thriving across the country. And with weaning next on the agenda, producer attention now turns to pushing lamb growth rates and getting them off the farm. However, with a far from settled start to 'new season' lamb sales, establishing the best and most cost effective way to achieve this is on the minds of many producers.

Reducing costs

But finishing lambs does not have to mean reaching for the feed bag. Grazed grass is the cheapest available feed on farm and with careful planning and management can be the main driver in lamb growth and finishing to provide the largest profit margins.

PRG at 73+D-value

Pasture selection for grazing lambs is an essential part of influencing lamb performance. When comparing young grass leys containing a high proportion of ryegrass with permanent pastures predominantly made up of weed grasses, the nutritional value of grazed grass differs significantly. Favourable perennial ryegrass on average provides 11.7MJ/ME/kgDM at 73% D-value, whereas common meadow grass varieties commonly found in permanent pasture only provide 9.8MJ/ME/kgDM at 61% D-value. In practical terms, lamb performance on permanent pastures could be up to 50% lower than on new grass leys.

In rotational grazing systems and where silage aftermath is being utilised to finish lambs, grass quality and dry matter reaches its optimum balance 18-25 days following the last grazing or cut. At this point, sward height should be 6-8cm to ensure adequate grass supply and maximise utilisation by the grazing lamb.

Clover and protein



30% clover sward

Protein is the major driver in lamb growth. Providing sufficient clover in the grazing sward will not only offer a boost to lamb performance, but also sustain grazing supply through mid to late season when grass growth begins to slow down and provide a higher level of minerals and trace elements than grass alone. Establishing mixed swards with 30% white clover can improve grazing intakes by 20-30% which combined with higher levels of protein can improve lamb growth rates by over 50g/head/day and

	White clover	Perennial ryegrass
D-value %	75-82	65-75
ME (MJ/kgDM)	12.6	11.2
Crude Protein (%)	27	17
Dry Matter intake by sheep (kg/day)	1.9	1.4
Calcium content (%)	1.6	0.6
Magnesium content (%)	0.18	0.16
Phosphorous (%)	0.6	0.3
Copper (parts/million)	10.0	6.5
Selenium (parts/100million)	0.6	0.2

consistently provide quality grazing throughout the season. With 30% clover grass swards fixing up to 100-150kgN/ha/year (80-120unitsN/ac/year), the opportunity to sustain grass growth throughout the season without the need for intensive fertiliser applications also highlights the benefits of clover in the sward and selecting small and medium sized white clovers will ensure persistency despite hard sheep grazing.

In systems choosing to adopt creep feeding alongside grazing, providing quality grazing is equally as important to ensure that the grass alone meets the maintenance requirement of the lamb. This will ensure that creep intake is directed towards maximising weight gain. Ensuring a quality palatable sward will also prevent lambs 'gorging' on concentrates and instead regulating their intakes to be a supplement to the grazed grass diet.

Increased profitability

By far the biggest influence we can have upon the profitability of this year's lamb crop is to focus our attention on getting grass quality right. Through careful management of grass growth and particular attention to inclusion of clover in the sward, it is possible to finish a high proportion of lambs off grass before resorting to concentrate supplementation, therefore maximising financial return from the lamb crop.



Speak to your MVF agronomist or crop nutritionist about grass and clover leys together with soil conditioners and nutrients to achieve best outcomes.

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Missed the spring window? Spraying between cuts is still a possibility

Mark Shaw, Grassland Agronomy

Sometimes the practicalities of farming or the British weather can put a spanner in the best of works or plans, but if you missed spraying your grass crop in the spring growing window, it's not too late. However, don't be tempted to grab the nearest can of herbicide once the forager has been through or the bales collected.

As with all weed control, its imperative we target them at the correct growth stage. 20 days is usually sufficient to allow enough weed regrowth for effective herbicide application, but be mindful of cutting intervals if you are planning on taking further cuts, as many can be upwards of 20 days. It's therefore vital to plan ahead for your mid-season weed control and a Mole Valley Grassland Agronomist can help you with this.

By identifying the weeds present in the grass crop before cutting or after a period of regrowth we can ensure that you have the correct chemicals ready and waiting for what could be a very short application window in which a day or two's movement could make all the difference. However, if you are only taking the one cut then turning the land over to grazing it is still essential to allow the weeds time to regrow before applying your chemicals.

Don't forget that a 10% weed infestation causes a direct 10% drop in forage yields and will in all likelihood worsen year by year. So to maximise the potential of your grass crop, remember to plan ahead, know your target weeds and have the correct chemicals waiting to take advantage of mid-season control.

For more help and advice call one of our agronomists or the agronomy HelpLine on 01769 576297.



Weeds in unusual or new places on farm

We have received many enquiries this year about weeds such as cows parsley and hog weed colonising entire fields where they haven't until now been present, or at most were confined to the margins.

The mild winter maybe one cause of this, Mole Valley Forage Services grassland and forage agronomy team would be very interested to hear of

any unusual or out of character weed infestations you have experienced on farm this year. If you have any such instances please email details and photos if possible to grassland@mvfs.co.uk. Or speak to one of our qualified agronomists.



Mark Shaw
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Spray HelpLine 01769 576297

Fertiliser market report

Paul Longman, Fertiliser Trading Manager



At the time of writing, the markets are awaiting new season prices. The European reset usually commences in June. In the meantime, buyers remain risk-averse and buy hand-to-mouth. Prices continued to slide in May as blenders and manufacturers destocked.

Imported A.N suppliers were first out of the blocks with aggressive early season deals, indicating values £40 / tonne below recent spring pricing highs. My crystal ball remains very cloudy when it comes to reading the forward urea market. Many factors have come to bear and this increase in uncertainty could drive the market either way. Egyptian production, which has featured heavily in the UK market in recent years, ran into production problems this spring. The gas supply infrastructure within the country is in dire need of investment and the unstable political situation is not helping. The news in North Africa and Arabian Gulf is not all bad, as the trade are expecting new urea production facilities to come on line later this year and will counterbalance the lack of Egyptian product.

Another powerful factor is the current standoff between China and India. India has been unable to force Chinese producers to offer urea at levels they consider attractive. Hence, for the time being, the market remains firm.

All forms of urea will continue to feature quite heavily in the UK market going forward, purely because of cost per unit compared with A.N. But there is a finite amount of urea that can reach our shores, as there are insufficient deep water ports to handle any major increase in demand, particularly in a tight time frame.

However, urea and urea based products are not for everyone. As indicated above, European imported A.N is on offer for June at a relatively low differential on a cost per unit basis compared to urea. Growhow and Yara have yet to show their intentions.

Poor crop returns and squeezed customer incomes will postpone fertiliser investment for a great number of farmers and this situation will be widespread throughout Europe. Such unpredictability will cause an enormous amount of market volatility. For those customers with sufficient cash flow who have large fertiliser purchases to make, it may well be prudent to spread purchases out throughout the year to reduce the risk. The greater the volume of fertiliser purchases left until the end of the year, the greater the rise in prices as sellers will become emboldened in their pricing aspirations as spring 2016 approaches.



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This year's North Devon Show promises a great day for all the family. The largest one day show in our area the popularity of the show continues to grow with visitor numbers around 25,000.

The Mole Valley Farmers sponsored Main Ring attraction is the Rockwood Dog Agility show highlighting the skills and intelligence of several breeds with a bit of fun as well.

Our celebrity guest will be Adam Henson from BBC's Country File who will be judging, presenting the Long Service Awards and who will be doing a book signing.



Four local chefs Mark Dodson of the Masons Arms, Thomas Hine of Michael Caine's The Coach House Restaurant at Kentisbury Grange, Dez Turland development chef at Brend Hotels and Dan Tugwell of Yeolden House Northam - all will be doing cookery demonstrations throughout the day. All have worked with some of the most renowned chefs and restaurants in the UK.

There will be all the usual summer show treats, livestock, crafts, local food and a lot more!

Nominees wanted for Long Service Award

This year, the North Devon Show is offering a Long Service Award for people who have completed 30 years' service with the same employer or at the same holding / company working in agriculture or horticulture. If you know of anyone who you think should be nominated, please contact the Secretary for further details www.northdevonshow.com 01769 573852. Closing date is Friay 3rd July and prizes will be presented by Adam Henson.

Sheep South West



16 June
Higher Nichols
Nymet Farm,
North Tawton



Sheep South West organised by the National Sheep Association's (NSA's) south west region, is preparing for a record turnout at its 25th biannual event on Tuesday 16 June at Higher Nichols Nymet Farm, North Tawton, Devon, by kind permission of E W Quick & Sons.

New this year is the Auctioneer's Competition, sponsored by Kivells. Divided into two classes (Age 26; under and over) each winner will receive a gavel and £100. The runner-up wins £50 in both classes.

Following on from its success, the Young Shepherd's Competition is all set to return. This is divided into an open section, sponsored by Mole Valley Farmers, and the student class supported by EBLEX.



Further details and entry forms available at sheepsouthwest.org.uk

The problem with fleas in summer

Fleas are a problem throughout the year: microclimates in homes, gardens and parks allow their survival during the coldest winters. However, fleas are a bigger problem in summer as warmth and humidity speed up the life cycle. An abundance of wildlife also contributes to the flea population your pets are exposed to outdoors.

Identify the different types of flea

It's important to know the difference between 'hitch-hiker' fleas and a home infestation. The adult fleas seen on pets come directly from the environment – an infested home, garden or park. They hatch from cocoons hidden in the environment and jump straight onto your pet. If these cocoons are from an external source, then the fleas seen on your pet are 'hitch-hikers' - provided you are treating all pets in your home throughout the year, hitch-hikers will be killed before they lay eggs that could contaminate your home. However, if the fleas are coming from cocoons hidden within your home, then you have a home infestation.

The flea lifecycle

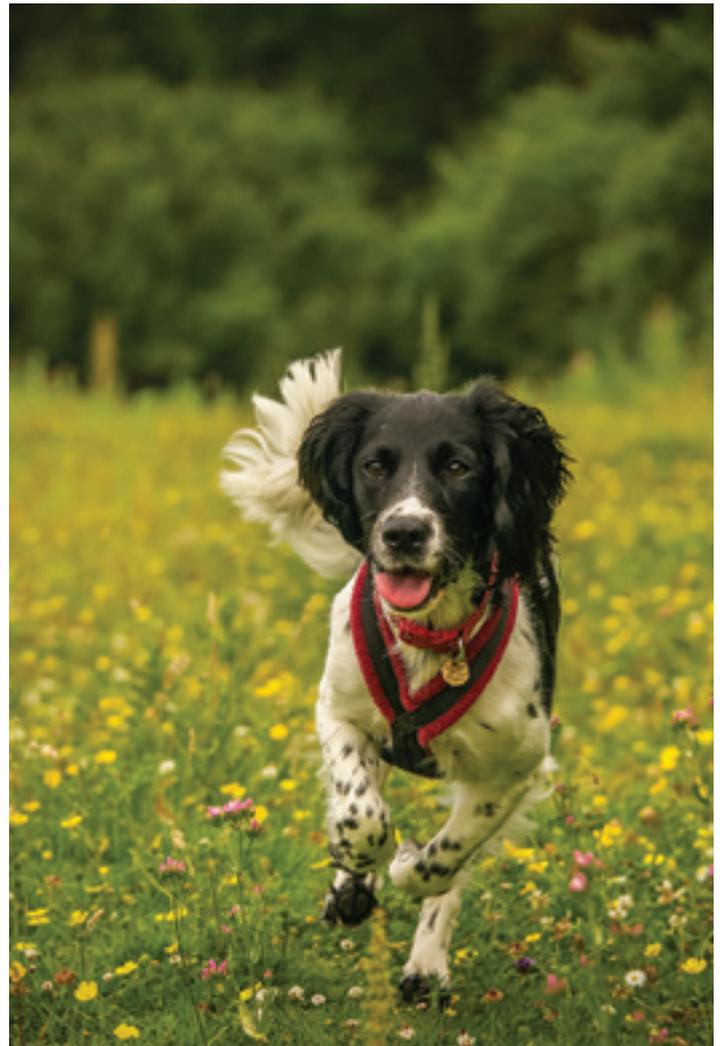
The flea life cycle happens much faster during summer; if you're not treating all pets regularly, hitch-hikers from external infestations will survive on pets and start laying hundreds of eggs. These eggs are not sticky and fall out of the fur wherever your pet wanders. The eggs hatch into tiny larvae that crawl away from light, deep into carpets, between floorboards and underneath furniture. Larvae spin cocoons and begin transforming into adult fleas. Cocoons hatch within seconds when stimulated by vibration and fleas jump directly onto the new host from the environment.

Home infestations

Home infestations can occur regardless of how clean your home is. The only way to prevent a home infestation is to treat all pets throughout the year at suitable intervals. Breaks in protection (even during winter) allow hitch-hikers to survive and contaminate your home with eggs.

To treat a home infestation takes time. All pets need to be treated monthly for a minimum of 3 months; however it can take longer in some cases. Topical flea treatments are designed to kill fleas that jump onto your pet within 24 hours and so prevent eggs being laid. These treatments don't stop fleas jumping on to your pet and they cannot have any effect on the cocoons already within the home, if there was a gap in treatment. If you think you have a flea infestation in your home then immediate action should be taken. Combined use of a household flea product such as Bimeda 'Flee' Spray or Indorex Household Flea Spray and a topical flea treatment such as FRONTLINE® Spot On will actively reduce the flea infestation in your house. The Spot On product will work by killing all fleas on your pet whilst the household spray will kill the fleas in the environment. Bimeda Flee Spray has a unique formula unlike any other household flea product which not only kills the fleas, eggs and larvae in the environment but it actually prevents the cocoons from hatching, thus having a greater effect on a flea infestation when used in conjunction with a product such as Frontline Spot On.

For further advice on fleas and treatment, ask at the Animal Medicine counter where our qualified staff members will be happy to help.



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	3	£19.86	32454B
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	3	£21.60	32452B
40-60kg xlarge dog	6	£41.10	32837B
	3	£25.26	32836B
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1079176		51mm			£5.00
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1079179		19mm			£2.00
1079181		25mm			£2.70

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Training

Do you own a chainsaw? Have you been trained in the essential maintenance and use of this equipment?

If handled correctly, chainsaws and allied cutting equipment are very versatile tools with a variety of uses. They are frequently used by those working in forestry or arboriculture, however, they are also used by individuals in their gardens or on farms.

Accidents can occur due to improper training, no training or because operators have not kept their skills up-to-date.

Also, the Provision and Use of Work Equipment Regulations 1998 (PUWER) require employers to provide adequate training and to ensure that chainsaws and related equipment are operated only by employees who have received appropriate training.

Anyone working in or on trees is expected to have a recognised Qualification and Credit Framework (QCF) qualification or certificate of competence. Employers are legally required to provide training and those who are self-employed are expected to be trained too.

There are several distinct areas on which training should be received if carrying out certain activities;



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To find out more about these training courses held in the south west, contact Mole Plus on 01769 576201

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New partnership with Suzuki

Mole Plus announce a new supplier



Trevor Dunn of Mole Valley Forage Services and his new Suzuki SX4 S-Cross

Mole Valley Forage Services Crop Nutritionist, Trevor Dunn, has had his Suzuki SX4 S-Cross diesel hatchback 1.6 DDIS SZ-T 5 dr for a few weeks now and is very pleased with the vehicle. Trevor said "the first thing that struck me was the comfort, because the vehicle is slightly higher off the ground than a normal saloon car it was easy to get into and supported my back well. All the controls are at your fingertips on the steering wheel and it drives very well".

Trevor chose some extras for his vehicle including sat.nav and a DAB radio. He's visited some farms and has taken his Suzuki off road, where it performed well along bumpy tracks, the higher ground clearance helps a lot in this respect. The rear windows have privacy glass which is good for security reasons and Trevor's grandchildren love the view from the windows as the seats are again higher than standard saloon vehicles. The boot is very spacious, more than holding all Trevor's work equipment including his wellington boots! The S-Cross's fuel economy is excellent as well.

The Suzuki range of fuel efficient 4X4s

Suzuki has 4x4 capability available across four of its model ranges for 2015, these include Swift, S-Cross, Vitara and Jimny. The latest addition to the range is the new Vitara and the ALLGRIP DDIS model is the cleanest non-hybrid 4x4 on the market. CO2 emissions are just 111g/km for the 1.6-litre DDIS SZ5 ALLGRIP model with an EC combined fuel consumption figure of 67.2mpg.

Its not just in the 4x4 SUV segment that Suzuki excels either, as the Swift 4x4 Dualjet model also emits 111g/km and, in the Crossover segment, the S-Cross 1.6DDiS SZ-T is only slightly higher at 114g/km.

Suzuki offers three low CO2 emission (below 120g/km) 4x4 models from its full range of cars and these are all within the top four most fuel efficient 4x4s on the market. At a full retail price of £21,299 for the Vitara SZ5 DDIS ALLGRIP, buyers would need to spend

almost £6,000 more to gain any advantage in emissions by moving to a competitor model that utilises a hybrid drive system.

Four-wheel drive is typically seen as detrimental to fuel economy and emissions performance. By contrast, Suzuki's ALLGRIP system enables CO2 emissions that are remarkably low for a four-wheel drive petrol powered SUV as well with figures of 130g/km with five-speed manual transmission and 131g/km with optional six-speed automatic transmission that will be available in the Summer.

To get your Member discount*, just pop along to any Suzuki franchise and quote your membership number and some ID and enjoy the benefits of being a member of Mole Valley Farmers.

*Please note, you need to have held a valid credit account with Mole Valley Farmers for six months to take advantage of this offer from Suzuki.



Tyre support with ATS

Mole Valley Farmers' members are able to access ATS's mobile tyre support - one call gets you the support you need, even if you're in the middle of a field. They provide agricultural mobile fitting, whether you need tyres on-site or in the field, you can be sure of a response. A 24/7 rapid response support fleet can carry tyres of up to 42", as well as fixing puncture repairs whilst you wait.

However, you don't need to be in distress to make the most of ATS Euromaster agricultural services. Their mobile service can be used to fit tyres, replace tyre rims, carry out changeovers and wheel swapping, as well as our other plant and agricultural services. With centres nationwide, you won't be waiting very long for an ATS technician to be with you. The mobile fitting service covers quads, cars, vans, 4x4s and trucks – everything you might be driving in relation to your farm.

Mole Valley Farmers members are eligible to access special discounted rates across all of the services available at ATS Euromaster centres. Simply visit your local ATS, give your Mole Valley membership number and ask to book your invoice to your MVF account.

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FREE Renewable Energy Seminars

Moleenergy will be a part of a series of seminars being organised by Thomas Westcott, Chartered Accountants, in various locations throughout the South West, during the month of June. Members are invited to book places at the events which are aimed at offering advice on solar PV and why now is a good time to invest.

Representatives from NatWest, Stags Land Agents and our own green energy champion, Steve Edmunds will also be available to help, inform and advise.

All events are 7.00pm for 7.30pm

Dates and venues

- 16 June Livestock Market, New Market Road, Holsworthy EX22 7FA
- 17 June Ridgeway Country Hotel, Smallridge Road, Axminster EX13 7JJ
- 18 June Best Western Hotel Tiverton, Blundells Road, Tiverton EX16 4DB
- 22 June Best Western Passage House Hotel, Kingsteignton TQ12 3QH
- 23 June Barnstaple Hotel, Braunton Road, Barnstaple EX31 1LE

This event is free to MVF members and there will be a light buffet provided. Booking is essential. Please contact Olivia Burls at Thomas Westcott on 01392 288555 or to secure your place, email: events@thomaswestcott.co.uk.

Domestic solar PV- The future is bright

With rising electricity costs and ever increasing negative impacts to the environment, domestic solar PV provides an obvious solution enabling a majority of home owners to overcome these issues.

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Costs of panels have decreased

Yes, feed-in tariff rates have decreased over the years but so have the costs of panels and installations of a solar PV system, thus making a solar PV project as financially attractive as ever. The feed-in tariff provides a tax free income every 3 months guaranteed for 20 years whilst offering significant savings in your energy bills due to self-consumption of freely generated electricity. The cost for installing a typical 4kW domestic system has halved since 2011 and many of our customers are now producing free hot water via their immersion heaters in the summer months thanks to affordable and simple solutions powered by solar PV.

Domestic properties benefit

The great news is that every domestic property is entitled to a 4kW photovoltaic array, as long as the roof face is within 90 degrees of south. Overall values from a PV system average around £1000 per annum with up to a tonne of CO₂ savings every year!



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Domestic solar PV does not have to be installed to the property roof. Many MVF members have their solar systems on outbuildings or ground mounted then wired back into the house.



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Equine summer essentials

Cathy Wood, Product Manager

When our Editor asked me for a piece on summer essentials from Mole Valley, my list was headed with a Dream Chair and Pimms – possibly not what he had in mind but important nevertheless for a restful and relaxing season... and both available at Mole Valley Farmers!

Summer is both a blessing and a curse to horse and rider. For me the biggest challenges come from four specific areas; hard ground, flies, pasture management and preparing for shows.

At least with the first I can find some benefits..... lack of rain and no mud to brush off.

However, try as I might when comes to flies I cannot find any positives whatsoever – vile creatures!

As I write, they have appeared in their droves annoying both horses and riders alike. At our branches we carry an array of products which include the complete NAF range through to the newly relaunched Coopers (which also treats lice and sweet itch) and my personal favourite – Deosect. This is a Cypermethrin spray concentrate for the control of flies and lice on horses. It is diluted at a rate of 10ml per 500ml of water. It can be applied with a sponge although I use a handheld sprayer with great results.

Do remember Deosect is a licensed medicine and will require a prescription from one of the SQPs (Suitably Qualified Person) at your local branch of MVF or alternatively can be prescribed online. This is a great opportunity to talk to an SQP regarding your worming plan and perhaps organise a faecal egg count at this key time of year.

Superflex

For those competing their horses or ponies on hard ground Superflex can offer joint



support when concussion is at it's worst. It is a scientifically balanced ratio of readily absorbed glucosamine and chondroitin, the highest quality MSM plus the added benefits of a powerful anti-oxidant formula. Used by many 'Team GBR riders' is has been extensively trialled with fantastic success. My personal preference is to buy the liquid but this product is popular in powder form too.

No mucking out but instead.....

During the summer months horses are more exposed to parasite burdens with extended grazing time and, as a result - come under increased challenges from infected pastures.

The worm egg count test done on your horse's dung sample will measure the number of worm eggs in the sample. This then gives us a good indication of how many active egg laying adult worms are in your horse's gut, and let you know if it is necessary to worm your horse.

It is important to worm only when necessary, as using less drugs will slow down the inevitable resistance that develops from overuse of the worming products.

Clearing the pasture of dung also helps to reduce parasite burdens as well as stopping

pasture going sour – it's the worst job going though, and anything that makes the job more bearable is a winner in my book!

Charmingly known as 'Poo Picking', the summer months see most horse owners toiling round the fields with a wheelbarrow cleaning up the pasture. Whilst this job remains on my 'most hated' list, the acquisition of two 'Speed Skips' has been an absolute godsend. Not quite your usual muck rake and stick – this is the best tool for skipping the dung out of the paddocks – it's rake style works brilliantly in longer grass and is fantastic for skipping arenas and boxes too – simply the best tool on the market.

And finally.....

Four new products have transformed my grooming kit. Thanks to NAF for the amazing shampoos and sprays that make up their new 'Fab 4'. Top of my list is the incredible 'Muck Off' blue shampoo – whether you are shampooing blacks or greys or any shade in between this shampoo really makes them gleam. It is complemented with 'Muck Off' a stain remover designed to shift the most stubborn marks off the grubbier ponies, 'Pimp my Pony' an iridescent pink shampoo. Finally 'Shine On' adds the perfect finishing touch.

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1089553	Show off shampoo	£7.50



Molecare equine faecal egg count kit



52709	1-4	£7.50 ea
	5-10	£7.00 ea
	11-30	£6.50 ea
	31+	£6.30 ea

Prices include VAT where applicable

Summer healthcare



Flies are a big nuisance to both horses and humans during the summer months and cause a world of irritation and there are several 'types' of fly which can prove a torment. Biting flies can pierce the horse's skin and feed on its blood while nuisance flies lay secretions in and around the horse's eye, mouth, nose and other sensitive areas. Aside from the threat of an allergic reaction and the annoyance, flies can carry diseases, which they can spread from horse to horse.

A very common type of fly is the horsefly (approximately 8-10mm), which typically emerges in June and July, especially around woodlands. They bite the horse's underside, legs, neck and withers and can cause painful lumps. Horse flies will also bite humans. Black flies are another common pest and are small in size (approximately 2-5mm). These breed in

rapidly moving water and are most noticeable at dawn and dusk. These flies commonly feed around the face, particularly inside the ears, where they trigger allergic skin reactions to their saliva - and distract the horse, but also on the horse's neck and underside.

While flies are undoubtedly a nuisance to horses during the summer months, sweet itch can cause absolute misery if not effectively controlled. Summer Seasonal Recurrent Dermatitis (SSRD) or sweet itch, as it is more commonly known, is a condition caused by a reaction to the saliva of biting midges during the months from April to early November. It causes horses to rub their manes, tails and sometimes their undersides too. The severity of the condition varies from horse to horse; some will only rub occasionally, while others will rub themselves bald, causing open sores.

Preventative measures are crucial to avoid the condition and limit the suffering, which can arise from the intense and unrelenting itching.

Control is aimed at minimising exposure to midge bites and often includes some of the following:

- Start control before the midge season - do not wait for your horse to start itching
- Stabling your horse during dawn and dusk when midge activity is greatest
- Turning horses out in fields with lower midge burdens such as breezy pastures, higher ground and away from woodland
- Preventing horses from grazing areas that have ponds nearby as these naturally attract the troublesome midges
- Using an effective fly rug to prevent midge contact with your horse's skin

- Using a long acting product containing Permethrin and Citronellol that is licensed to both kill and repel flies.

Lice can also cause irritation so are another parasite to look out for this summer. They are wingless, flattened insects, usually 2-4 mm long. The claws of the legs are adapted for clinging to and moving among hairs. Lice thrive where they can keep warm and a thick coat or even the mane provide the ideal conditions, so it pays to groom on a regular basis, but especially when your horse is shedding his winter coat. They are often found at roots of the forelock and mane but they can be found anywhere on the body.

The symptoms of a lice infestation include:

- A dull, listless coat
- Patchy hair loss
- Matting of body hairs, mane and tail
- Itching and rubbing against posts and stable walls
- Biting at the skin
- Loss of condition in more severe cases
- If a heavy burden, anaemia may occur due to ongoing blood loss
- Visibility of lice and eggs on the surface of the skin and in the coat

Where one horse in a group has lice, all horses must be treated whether they show signs of infestation or not to break the possibility of lice transmitting from one horse to the next and back again.

When considering products to help your horse, ask for a licensed, long-acting fly control product that both kills and repels flies. Coopers Fly Repellent Plus is the only product in the UK licensed to repel and kill flies, in addition to being licensed to treat biting lice and as an aid to control sweet itch.

Coopers Fly Repellent



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Blades and heads



Stihl cutting lines

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1087042	1.6mm x 20.0m	£3.30
1085798	2.0mm x 15.3m	£3.30
1083123	2.0mm x 62.0m	£8.76
1090010	2.4mm x 86.0m	£12.24
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32048	Stihl PolyCut head 20-3	Universal cutting tool for trimming and working on large areas. With three moving plastic blades	FS55 / FS55R / FS56 R / FS56 / FS90 / FS130 brushcutters only.	£25.68
32047	Stihl PolyCut head 6-3			£13.68
1072984	Stihl DuroCut head 5-2			FS38 / FS40 / FS50C-E grass trimmers only.
1072986	Stihl DuroCut head 20-2	Two or four lines for mowing and thinning work, even on tough grass. Complete with 12 line pieces	FS55 / FS55R / FS56 R / FS56 / FS90 / FS130 brushcutters only.	£28.20

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This month in your garden

June marks the start of the summer and temperatures should now have risen enough for it to be safe for hanging baskets and tubs that have been grown on in greenhouses to be moved outside. However if you haven't already planted up your tubs and baskets, it's still not too late to do so. Remember that summer bedding provides a splash of colour right through into autumn and therefore you will still get full value of anything planted early this month.

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feed and water

Watering is obviously of growing importance as the temperatures increase, especially with tubs and hanging baskets.

It is essential that any newly planted shrubs are given a good soaking at least once a week until they are well established and that any fruit or vegetables are kept well watered.



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Liquid tomato feed with seaweed extract

With bedding plants you should feed regularly through the season using a soluble fertiliser, such as Miracle-Gro or tomato food.



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In the vegetable garden it is time to plant out young tomatoes, marrows, courgettes and sweetcorn that you've been raising in greenhouses or on windowsills. There are a number of vegetable and salad crops that can be sown outside in early June as the soil warms up including peas, mangetout, runner beans, French beans, lettuces, radishes, carrots, spring onions, cauliflowers, spinach, swedes, chives and other herbs.



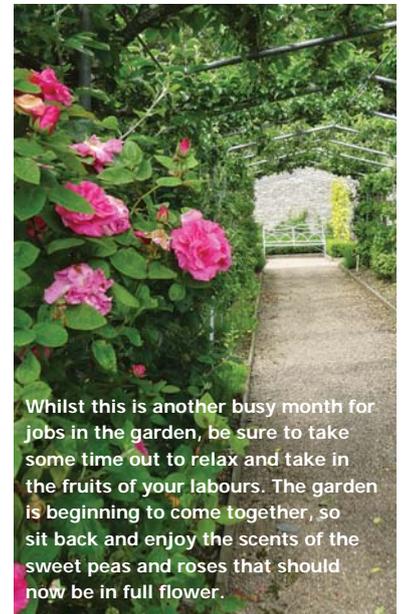
Keep tomatoes and peppers well watered and fed, especially when planted up in growbags as nutrients will leach out due to the constant watering, and irregular watering can cause fruit to split.



Warmer weather means greenfly, blackfly and other pests become more prevalent.

Garden pesticides have two main modes of operation. Firstly contact pesticides such as BugClear Gun, which kill any pests that they actually touch. These tend to be fast acting and in the case of the "BugClear Gun for Fruit & Veg" very good on caterpillars and you can also spray one day and eat the next for the fruit and vegetables listed on the bottle.

The other type of pesticide has a systemic action. The advantage of the systemic pesticide is that the plant takes it up, so that not only will pests that are currently on the plant be killed but any subsequently landing will also be eliminated. Provado Ultimate Bug Killer is the market leading systemic bug killer and this will give up to six weeks protection on many plants.



Whilst this is another busy month for jobs in the garden, be sure to take some time out to relax and take in the fruits of your labours. The garden is beginning to come together, so sit back and enjoy the scents of the sweet peas and roses that should now be in full flower.

HORSE TALES

Cheesy chips get things moving

by Katie Allin

June is the month with the longer days which means more sunshine for us to enjoy. With summer weather and fertile soils, it's a fantastic month to get out and enjoy all that the Great British Countryside can showcase.

We have been doing just that this month. Ruby is coming on superbly in her fittening programme and we are now enjoying some lovely long rides through the woods and open countryside, she has also started gentle schooling and achieving shapes that resemble circles.

Last month the riding club were running a 'Horse Agility' day, something Ruby and I went and tried. Horse agility is very much like dog agility, except the dog is replaced with a horse and you don't throw tennis balls for them! The aim is to get your horse to walk sensibly along your side, whilst passing, going through and over obstacles that you might encounter whilst out riding. For this reason it's a great spook buster if your training or retraining an ex racehorse like Ruby. At the end of the day, we had a competition and Ruby won! My friends always laugh when the word 'competition' is mentioned around me as try as I might as soon as it's mentioned a glaze comes over and I just can't help myself but try and win! The competitive streak has continued with Cherry where we qualified for the South West Hartpury Dressage Championships and won our section in the Dressage League.

William isn't so competitive, especially with showing and is led more by his stomach. At the last show I asked him if he wanted to participate in any classes to which he replied he wasn't that keen. Harriet then told him that at that show they did cheesy chips and if you did well mummy bought them. The response became rather different to the one earlier and I was told to enter him in everything he was eligible, he went in that ring looking and riding a true picture and with a mass haul of blue and red rosettes he was in the championship for all the ridden classes. Needless to say he came out reserve champion and thoroughly enjoyed his cheesy chips!



Harriet is competitive and where Nutmeg and herself are limited in size, they make up for it in drive, commitment and true British spirit. Harriet has been working hard on teaching Nutmeg to 'show jump'. Nutmeg was having none of it to start off with but try telling Harriet that and after much determination Nutmeg can now accomplish a small course. So look out at your local shows you never know you might see them there, do come over and say hello, it's great to hear from folk who enjoy Horse Tales, including The Harriet & Nutmeg Adventures.



Ménage timber kit



June welcomes an offer from Brookridge Timber on their 40m x 20m ménage timber kit including free of charge delivery within the south west and an exclusive brown timber treatment.

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Laundry powders
Ariel, Bold or Fairy 130 wash



£29.95

MVF CODE 1075929-31

All prices include VAT where applicable.

Charity news

Raising funds for Msaada



MoleCare Farm Vet Hannah Davies on her charity run for Msaada in Rwanda

After a few weeks back to the reality of Spring lambing and calving, my visit to Rwanda seems a long time ago. But the memories will stay with me forever.

As I stepped off the plane the 30°C heat was a welcomed change from the chilly winter temperatures at home, but Rwanda gets its fair share of rain, as we found out! The countryside is beautiful; lush and green with dusty red-dirt roads winding through the hilly landscape. Everywhere we were welcomed with smiling faces, a wave of the hand and excited school children - hard to believe that 20 years ago the country was ripped apart by genocide. One million people brutally murdered in 100 days, something I cannot comprehend.

Msaada in Swahili means 'help', and what an appropriate name for this charity. Msaada assists the people of Rwanda to restore their dignity and their livelihoods that were destroyed during the genocide in 1994 by establishing income-generating projects.

I visited the dairy cow project. Msaada fly European Friesian-Holstein in-calf heifers out to Rwanda and donate them to widows of the genocide. Many of the widows were left with nothing after the genocide, their husbands and children were brutally murdered and they were forced to leave their homes. Msaada has provided the means for these women to re-build their lives.

The cow projects are certainly impressive; well set up, well thought out and well supported. The cows are in very good health and well cared for, producing up to 40 litres of milk per day which is collected by bicycle and sold at the local market. Nothing is wasted, manure is collected, fermented and used as a source of biogas for cooking. Rwandans don't want hand outs, they are hard-working people; these cow projects provide an income and the means to work their way out of poverty.

As for the half marathon... it was the hardest thing I have ever done, but I was spurred on by the local Rwandas and children who cheered me on and ran alongside me. It took me 2 hours and 36 minutes! Thanks to everyone who supported and sponsored me, we raised £3000, enough to send a cow and our cow will be flying out to Rwanda in August this year!



Small Ads - June

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With the support of the public, North Devon Animal Ambulance has been caring for North Devon's animals since 2002.

The services they provide include animal welfare, rescue, shelter, rehabilitation, rehoming, adoption and wildlife rescue.

A couple of examples that have taken place recently was saving a fledgling robin from the jaws of a local cat and taking care of some baby owls whose mother had unfortunately died.



To find out more about the North Devon Animal Ambulance or if you'd like to donate to this charity which covers the north Devon area, have a



look at their website at northdevonanimalambulance.co.uk.



House of Dorchester hamper winner congratulations!

House of Dorchester Chocolates hamper competition from the March newsletter has been won by Kay Cradock of Heywood, Wiltshire. Congratulations to Kay and we hope you enjoy(ed) your hamper!



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DIARY DATES

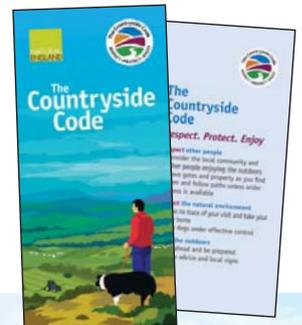
4-6 June	Royal Cornwall Show* , Wadebridge, Cornwall PL27 7JE. We look forward to welcoming you to our marquees at the show!
7 June	Open Farm Sunday - local farms open for you to explore - p12 for more info
10-11 June	TotalDairy Seminar , Tortworth Court Hotel, Wotton-under-Edge two day conference packed with presentations and workshops from internationally renowned dairy experts. Single day £45. Full conference £80 01768 868472 totaldairy.com
11-13 June	South of England Show , Ardingly, W.Sussex RH17 6TL seas.org.uk
16 June	NSA Sheep South West* , Higher Nichols Nymet Farm, North Tawton, Devon kind permission of E W Quick & Sons 9.30am-5.30pm more info sheepsouthwest.org.uk
19 June	Lundy Trip raising funds for RABI, FCN, Addington Fund, £35 call 01297 680218
23 June	River Walk at Tarr Steps . By kind permission of River Barle Fishing Club the Somerset committee of BWCT invites you to a river walk with fishing enthusiasts and experts £15 per person 5pm welcome 7.30pm hot buffet at Tarr Farm Restaurant www.gwct.org.uk/events/events/ or call Philip Hodgkin on 01823 446986
27 June	Royal Isle of Wight County Show , Northwood, PO30 5TP riwas.org.uk
26-28 June	Polo on the Beach at Watergate Bay, Cornwall - go along and cheer on Dan Loe from Mole Valley Forage Services a key polo player! The event aims to give as many as possible a taste of this sport and make it open and accessible to everyone
3 July	Closing date for nominations for North Devon Show Long Service Award - see p22
5 July	Honiton YFC Fun Day raising money for Cancer Research UK and the Devon Air Ambulance. Hog roast, auction, games from 2pm at Upton Ley Farm EX14 3JF
11 July	Liskeard Show at Merryheat PL14 3LE liskeardshow.org
12-15 July	Meating and Milking the Cream of Cornish Grassland . BGS Summer meeting, three days of stimulating and diverse technical tours. More information call BGS office 02476 696600 email bgsoffice@britishgrassland.com britishgrassland.com
13 July	Stithians Show* Stithians, Cornwall TR3 7DP stithiansshow.org.uk
16 July	Beneath our Feet Rothamstead Research event taking place at North Wyke, Okehampton EX20 2SB. Please register with Charlotte Evans at BGS.charlotte.evans@britishgrassland.com or text 07833 437974 quoting Beneath our Feet and state names attendee(s) registering. 10am start, lunch provided. Understanding soil types, soil structure, new grass and clover varieties, profiteering from permanent pasture.

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 *MVF attending

Courtesy in the countryside

With the beautiful countryside and coastline that surrounds us and many people out working in it, or just enjoying what it has to offer, we can help each other with a bit of understanding and courtesy.

We all benefit whether we're farming, living or enjoying a holiday here, so lets Respect, Protect and Enjoy (as the Countryside Code says!)



Vehicles

If you're in a slow moving vehicle such as a caravan or tractor with trailer, and a queue forms behind you, please pull in at intervals to allow faster vehicles to pass. Give a wide berth to horses, walkers and cyclists.

Animals and livestock

Keep dogs on leads when near any stock and where advised to. Be aware that animals, whether sheep or cows or other farm stock, are very protective of their young and will attack if they think you are a threat.

Speed

With the new regulations on speed for farm vehicles coupled with the size of some farming equipment these days, be aware of cyclists, walkers or children. Cyclists, please let others pass, and ride single file in traffic letting others past.

The Countryside

If a gate is shut, keep it that way. Keep to designated footpaths. Take all your litter home with you.