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## Chairman's letter

We are now in a situation where the general election campaign is under way in earnest (we could be forgiven for thinking this started on New Year's Day). There is potentially as much debate about the Televised Party Leader debate going ahead, or not as the case may be, than there is about the manifestos themselves. The golden rule with this type of column is, politics and religion are avoided like the plague. So currently there seems to be little else ... well, perhaps the Grand National, the Premier League title race, Six nations, Top Gear, 30 years of Eastenders or even maybe the small matter that perhaps dairy products might actually be good for us, despite being told quite the opposite for so many years, may provide a paragraph or two.

One local and established agricultural columnist has decided to lock his pen in the drawer for good following 20 years of writing for The Western Daily Press and most recently the Western Morning News. Included in his career in writing and two spells with the NFU, Anthony Gibson has reported on many events including NFU conferences, debates, current affairs, pure agriculture and probably most memorably, his daily TV appearances while Regional NFU Director during the Foot and Mouth crisis of 2001. An established figure who has always provoked thought, reaction and some amusing reports on the many different facets which contribute to this complex and diverse industry, along with all the characters within it.

One thing for sure which has covered many column inches during Anthony's tenure would be TB in all its guises. Still today, despite some positive early bird conclusions from the culling trial in Gloucestershire, TB is being used in this general election campaign as a political football, which really reflects how, despite everything, it is viewed by some elements of the political spectrum: a game. Many things which influence this industry are commercially driven as various elements of farming fortunes are a consequence of market conditions, or the vagaries of currency fluctuation. TB is not one of them. This is as a result of a generation of weak governance and political incompetence and also giving 'Protection Status', to certain species which has allowed this problem to be as pronounced and protracted as it is. Let's hope the early positive signs which are emerging in Gloucester are vindicated as a big step forward; when a farming business, of some scale, goes clear of TB for the first time in 12 years, positives are very likely to be drawn from such a situation. Speaking

with one Devon farmer recently who has encountered a relatively small and brief brush with a TB breakdown indicated, when all things were taken into consideration, it cost his business something approaching £50k last year. How much has someone who has been under TB restriction for twelve years forgone in cost savings or profitability? A massive sum I would suggest. From personal experience I can subscribe to this view.

We continue to look for the positives as we move in to the main growing season, wondering whether it will prove to be a fantastic year as it was last year or a 'mare' as it was in 2012. Maybe we will get a normal year. What is a normal year? April showers, a nice May, warm showery June, pleasantly hot and dry July and August followed by autumn. Perfect.

In the UK we enter a new era in agriculture from 1st April as the next phase of CAP changes come into force. One significant change as a result of the new Basic Payment Scheme (BPS) is the new cropping rules. One recent presentation I listened to, the farmer speaker actually welcomes the change in cropping rules. The change to three crops on larger arable areas requires some spring cropping. In instances where the very well documented Blackgrass issues are already being addressed, spring cropping will help significantly in seed bed management and burden control. The view was that some of the current issues are self-inflicted and as a result of poor practise and a very basic but unsustainable crop rotation, for example winter oilseed rape and winter wheat. Other crops are very likely to enjoy increased areas. Winter barley extends the harvest windows which not only reduces CapEx/combine capacity, but also allows a greater post-harvest window for stale seed bed preparation. A range of spring crops will fill the void necessitated by the new BPS cropping requirements.

The other impactful change as a result of the new CAP will be the removal of milk quotas across Europe. Many, but not all, countries throughout the world have different means of controlling production and in Europe since 1983 milk quotas have been in place. Here in the UK we have failed to fill our national quota for a number of years but in most other European countries, quotas still impact on production significantly. The Irish, as an example, are all set to increase production by up to 50% as a strong strategy for growth in agriculture has commercial and political



Graeme Cock  
Chairman

support. Milk production with the robust, low cost, research supported production model is well placed to lift output from the current 7 billion litres. However, to put this growth into context, the Americans would only need to increase production by 2-3% to achieve the same volume.

Perhaps, if we in the UK had a more visionary approach where a single body with strong cohesive political influence, could or should set a strategy which drove growth and competitive advantage, this, hand in hand with comprehensive and suitable research, coupled with commercial development would lead us to sell agriculture as not only a credible industry, but also a viable and positive career opportunity. We should look to shift the stigma of low self-sufficiency in food production, and uncompetitive production models in some sectors. Some of which are self-inflicted, while others are the result of weak political direction and understanding, allowing our mantle as a top producing nation to be eclipsed by others. It could be that, following 7th May yet another Defra Secretary will be appointed, irrespective of the result, leaving this industry to yet again build new relationships with Government.

*Graeme Cock*

# A cow's transition is important in management success

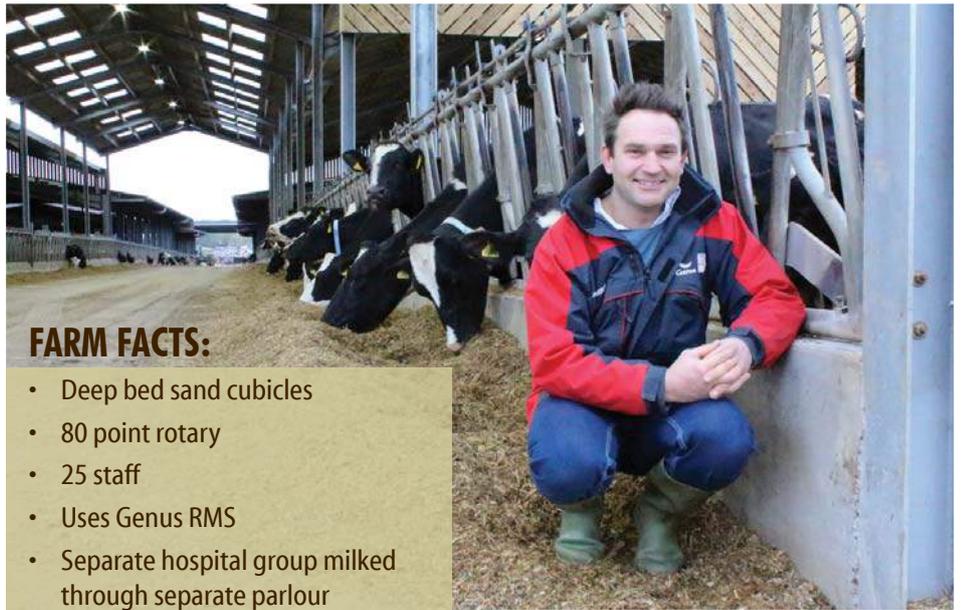
Somerset dairy farmer, Neil Baker believes how a cow transitions from calving into lactation will determine her subsequent performance and is one of the most important indicators of management success. Such is his belief that he has designed his own key performance indicator (KPI) to track performance in his 1,500 cow herd. The Transition Success Score (TSS) takes into account any health issues experienced by a cow or heifer in the first 30 days post calving, with an animal either passing or failing.

This is just one of a number of KPIs used as means of making informed management and investment decisions at his farm and it's this attitude that helped him secure the title of, "2014 Farm Business of the Year" in the Farm Business magazine awards.

Mole Valley Farmers shareholders, 'Bakers of Haselbury Plucknett' run 1,500 pedigree Holstein cows which are milked three times a day. The farm has evolved markedly since Neil's parents took it on in the sixties with 60 cows. Expansion has generally occurred year on year with yields increasing to the current 11,200 litres/cow/year.

Having originally produced their own farmhouse cheddar cheese, production ceased in 2012 in response to falling profits. This has allowed Neil to focus more on cow management and in recent months, a new extension has been added to an existing shed to house an additional 250 cows.

To achieve high yields as efficiently as possible, Neil believes maximising cow health, and in particular, fertility is key. "Milk yields reflect fertility, fertility reflects transition management and transition reflects feeding," he says. "The TSS acts as a useful gauge of how well the dry cow ration is working and can be used to make immediate tweaks to management. It is a very good, quick monthly check to show if the September calving cows, for example are calving better or not. You can then change the dry cow ration straight away. In the best month, the farm achieved a TSS of 87% which shows nearly 9 out of every 10 cows transitioned with no health problems," says Neil.



## FARM FACTS:

- Deep bed sand cubicles
- 80 point rotary
- 25 staff
- Uses Genus RMS
- Separate hospital group milked through separate parlour
- Rear own replacements
- Rubber mats in most feed passageways to promote foot health and intakes
- 1 hour's maximum wait time per milking

To improve efficiencies, Neil has departmentalised management and now employs a specific health manager and equipment manager and focuses on fertility, feeding and overall management himself. Health manager, Richard Goodwin is in charge of recording the health parameters for the TSS in fresh calved cows. Dry cows are kept separately, with fresh calved cows milked through a portable milking bale within 2 hours of calving. They will then move into the main milking sheds where they will remain in a fresh cow group for 17 days. Neil believes achieving good dry matter intakes in the dry period helps drive intakes in lactation and housing dry cows provides the greatest control over nutrition and health. Feed refusals are weighed daily to monitor dry matter intakes in both milking and dry cow groups.



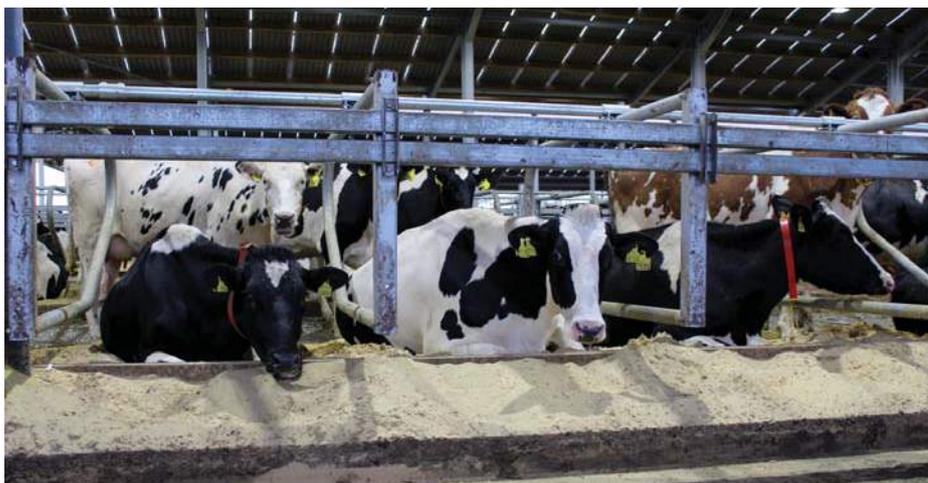
"We aim for average feed intakes of 11-12kg DM/head/day in the dry cows and 26.3kgDM/head/day in the milking cows with the high group achieving 30kg," explains Neil. "We test our forages at least monthly because if you don't know what you're feeding you can't work out dry matter intakes."

The farm runs across 1,600 acres with 150 acres of lucerne grown for dry cow feeding. The remaining land is split 50:50 between grass and maize. Maize makes up two thirds of the forage component of the milking ration, with the aim for forage to make up 50% of the overall diet. With such a high reliance on maize silage, maximising crop performance is crucial. As a result, Neil works with Mole Valley Forage Services' Graham Ragg.

"I value Graham's advice highly. He helps in the smoothness and implementation of decision making, like sprayer recommendations. He speaks to the contractor and gets the maize sprayed at the right time ... We've seen higher maize yields and Graham has helped with that," says Neil.

Neil also uses the Mole Valley Farmers Yeovil branch for farm sundries and also buys a range of feed inputs from Mole Valley Farmers, including molasses, maize distillers, bespoke minerals and calf milk powder.

For more about the business, Bakers of Haselbury Plucknett, go to [bakerscheddar.co.uk](http://bakerscheddar.co.uk)



# Protein nutrition - when less is more

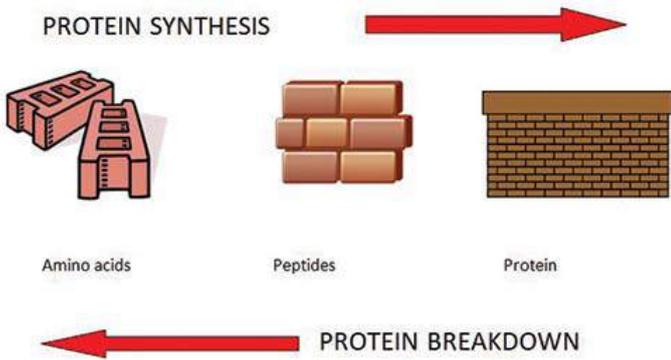
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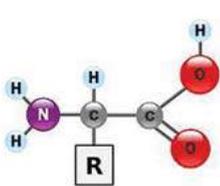
Protein is key in livestock nutrition and an adequate, balanced supply is required to ensure good health and efficient production. Protein deficiency will not only result in lost performance, but potentially cause serious health implications. Excess protein is also detrimental with several potential consequences including poor utilisation, increased protein breakdown with a negative impact on liver function and of course increase cost; excess protein normally has only a marginal increase in production.

## Protein structure

Proteins are made up of chains of 'building blocks' called amino acids.



There are about twenty amino acids which are quite similar, but they have slightly different 'R' side groups which make them individual. It's the sequence of these amino acids in a protein which largely determines its quality, the type of protein and its digestibility. Some proteins are more rumen degradable (grazing protein, rapeseed) whereas others, such as soya, bypass the rumen and are digested in the lower digestive tract.



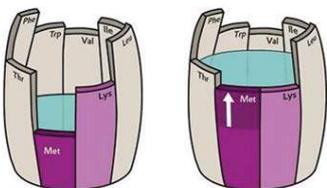
Proteins (from their amino acid content) contain approximately 16% nitrogen. Ruminant protein production is relatively inefficient and excess protein is excreted as nitrogenous waste, largely from urinary and gaseous losses, with environmental as well as financial consequences.

## Protein and amino acid balance

As well as the amount and type of protein, nutritional balances are crucial to optimise protein utilisation. Firstly, ENERGY must not be limiting, otherwise protein synthesis will be inhibited and protein itself will be broken down to provide energy. Rationing programmes should predict this balance, milk urea levels and body condition scoring can also provide indicators.

Rations, depending on level of required performance, also need a balance between rumen degradable protein (RDP) and bypass protein DUP (digestible, rumen undegradable protein). Most rationing systems determine the metabolisable protein requirement, which is a combination of rumen microbial protein (RDP and rumen fermentable energy driven) and DUP.

Finally, the balance of the correct amino acids is required. Of the twenty amino acids, ten are essential (EAA). The overall protein quality is only as good as the first limiting amino acid, which, in ruminants, is normally methionine and lysine, which themselves need to be provided in a ration of approximately 1:3.

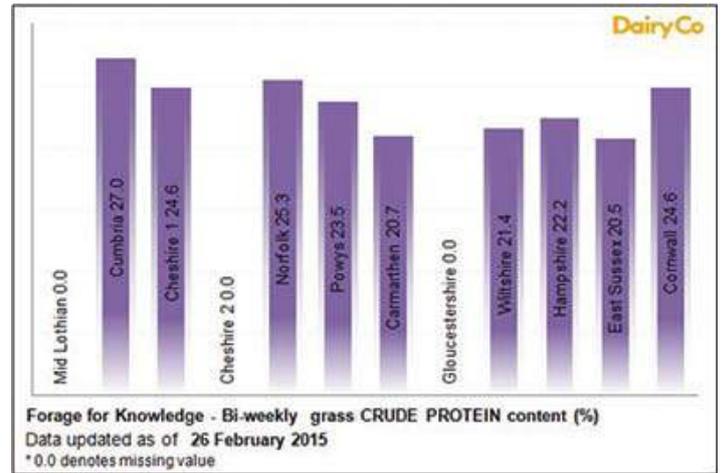


\*Liebig buckets\*

Supplementing a diet with methionine and lysine will increase the protein quality, and hence the utilisation of the protein, so effectively less protein has to be fed. Several recent

papers have also suggested health benefits of additional methionine in rations. Osorio et al (2013) commented on improved immune and lymphocyte responses to methionine, whilst Luchini and Looor (2014) also noted immune responses as well as benefits to liver function. Beneficial effects of methionine on embryo survival were reported by Willbank et al (2014), reflecting a crucial metabolic role of methionine. Mole Valley Feed Solutions are actively involved in research in this area.

## Protein levels at grass



Grass protein diagram courtesy of DairyCo

With grass silage normally containing 12-16% crude protein, grazing (especially early season) often contains 20-25% protein, sometimes 30%. This protein though is very much rumen degradable and must be balanced accordingly in terms of appropriate fermentable energy, adequate fibre and bypass (DUP) protein so the cow's metabolisable protein requirements for production is achieved.

It has been accepted for many years that excess protein fed to cows at grass will have a detrimental impact, both financially and environmentally, but will also have a negative impact on liver function removing (deaminating) excess amino acids.

Protein levels and amino acid balance should be monitored using computer rationing programs, but protein levels, in part, can be simply assessed by faecal scoring and monitoring milk urea levels.

Depending on circumstances, feeding less of a more balanced protein can reduce cost, lower nitrogen excretion and increase overall efficiency. However, ration accuracy, specifically supplying adequate energy, is paramount.



For nutritional advice, please call one of our technical specialists (listed in Newsletter 609 p2) or call the FeedLine on 01278 444829

Mole Valley Farmers supplies a comprehensive range of compound feeds for ruminants, delivered direct to farm. Selected products are available from your local branch

## By the Editor

April is always a month to look forward to. With the daylight hours getting longer, grass beginning to shoot away and even the trees are starting to display their leaves. At the time of writing (12 March) there are already some cattle in the fields enjoying the freedom and a little fresh grass. Judging by the number of lambs which can be seen out with their mothers, it looks like there has been a good increase this year, although there won't be too many ready to go in time for the early Easter.

Just like the green shoots of spring, there are some signs of the milk price at least levelling out which could lead to good finished prices later in the year, but the testing time will be how much volumes will rise with the spring flush.

Dairy cow sale prices are holding up well, despite greater numbers on the market and store beef cattle values would appear to indicate that there are high expectations of a rise in finished prices later in the year.

Possibly a signal of the way the market is developing are the measures which Dairy Crest (Davidstow) have introduced to facilitate a new market for 'formula milk powder' in China (see page 9). It is unlikely that this will be the only example of processors having to comply with customer's demands for ever increasing traceability, but if these result in higher farm gate prices and a more assured market, then it should be in farmers own interests to work with the processors to exploit new opportunities.

We understand that the RPA is pleased with the number of farmers who have registered for the new BPS. Many have remarked how useful the people who have been manning the helplines at the RPA and NFU have been by helping them through the process. However, the cut-off date for downloading information from the SPS site does seem to be a little quick, but I'm sure most will have completed the process by 1st April!

One negative aspect through recent months has been how the major fertiliser manufacturers have not been able to reduce the price of their products. It is understandable that many arable and grassland farmers have held off replenishing their stores with NPK due to the depressed farm gate prices and poor cash flow. Many could have been forgiven for thinking the price of fertiliser should fall, reflecting the drop in crude oil, but the manufacturers have had to deal with rising ingredient costs, which are traded in dollars which has been particularly strong against the pound sterling. However, there is a shortage of product available for delivery, which could well mean some farmers will not be able to buy on time this spring, whatever the price.

*until next month ...*

Please note: our Sunday opening branches, Cullompton, Newton Abbot, South Molton and Yeovil, will be closed on Easter Sunday 5th April

## The Cornwall Farm Business Awards for 2015



Farmers and food producers from across Cornwall gathered at The Pavilion Centre, Royal Cornwall Showground on Thursday 26th February for The Cornwall Farm Business Awards which is organised by the Addington Fund and now in its sixth year.

The primary objective of the awards is to highlight innovation and vibrant farming in Cornwall, and to identify industry leaders who can serve as role models for other farmers to emulate in taking the industry forward. The priority of reducing production costs is achieved through their business skills.

The winners of the categories were (from left to right):

- Matthew Rowe, Best Dairy Farmer and Farmer of the Year**
- Richard Banbury, Best Commercial Farmer**
- Claire Worden, Best Woman in Farming**
- Peter Cox, Best Young Farmer**
- Mike Hambly, Farming Champion**
- Toby Roskilly, Best Farm Processor**
- Tim Blackshire, Best Farming Innovation** (Tim Blackshire not in photo).

We offer our congratulations to all winners and their inspirational business models.

## DEFRA Minister visits the westcountry



### Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, Liz Truss meets with north Devon farmers

With the election only a few weeks away, politicians have begun the process of electioneering around the country. The Rt. Hon. Elizabeth Truss MP, Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs recently visited the westcountry and called in at our South Molton store where she talked to staff and customers.

Local farmers took the opportunity to debate with the Minister on a number of issues affecting the agricultural sector. Topics included volatility in the dairy sector, supply chain transparency, integration, red tape, legislation and the ongoing challenges of bTB, and discussions showed her clear understanding of the industry, its challenges and opportunities.

The Basic Payment Scheme is planned to come into effect on 15 May and issues with this alongside lack of rural broadband of any decent speed was debated by those present.

Ms Truss met with Bill Geen, Robin Milton, Bruce Pickard and David Verney who were all welcomed by Keith Ockenden, Brian Jennings and Rob Connell of Mole Valley Farmers.

# Trace minerals: Small amount big impact



John Lawrence, Mineral Supplements Technical Manager

Not surprisingly, the current position regarding milk prices is a common focus on many farms at the moment. It is important to seek all the advice you can from your nutritionist, vet and other advisors to help you to focus on the attention to detail on areas that can make a difference, for example addressing somatic cell count issues could help to improve your milk price.

In recent editions of the Newsletter, I have mentioned that we are now 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 first in a series that I will be including periodically on this page going forward that I hope you will find informative and beneficial.



## Arturo Gomez, PhD, Zinpro Corporation

As dairy profitability is closely tied to cow productivity, there is a continual desire for cows to produce more milk. However, the road to sustained productivity becomes more and more challenging, as many pitfalls, such as infertility, mastitis, lameness and metabolic disorders need constant attention.

To make matters worse, each of these pitfalls has numerous 'domino' effects, resulting in increased culling rates, veterinary and labour costs as well as reduced milk production and fertility. They are certainly a drain on profitability and peace of mind.

While we may not be able to completely eliminate these pitfalls, we can try to minimize the negative impact they have on our cows when they occur. Can trace mineral nutrition alleviate or reduce the impact of these stressors and diseases? Over the past few years, there has been some interesting research showing that cows fed Zinpro Performance Minerals (ZPM) have a big advantage in calming these storms, versus cows being fed with exclusively inorganic mineral sources.

There are several routes on how ZPM minerals help improve productivity and performance:

**1. Directly intervening in immune systems.** Zinc, Manganese and Copper are implicated on the production of different cells of the immune system such as lymphocytes and neutrophils. All of them are part of the first line of defence of the body against infection. The immune system also plays a role on recovery.

**2. Indirectly improving non-specific defence mechanisms such as epithelial integrity.** Among others, Zinc has a fundamental role on the formation of keratin and the preservation of skin cells connections. Manganese is part of the production of cartilages and Copper supports the attachment

of collagen fibres which give skin elasticity. An example of the use of ZPM is the improved skin integrity leading to hoof and udder health.

In addition, the protective effects of the intestinal wall, preventing the passage of toxic components (pro-inflammatory substances, e.g. bacteria) through the intestinal wall into the blood stream. A summary of 14 trials using ZPM minerals from the dry cow period showed a reduction of 30,000 somatic cell count during the subsequent lactation (vs. inorganic trace mineral sources).

**3. Vertical protection.** Through the improvement of the colostrum quality, the progeny benefits from mothers with optimum health. For example, out of 4 studies on ZPM minerals, it has been shown a 23.8% average increase in immunoglobulin G (IgG) content in colostrum in comparison with diets containing only inorganic trace mineral sources. IgG are antibodies that provide an initial protection of the calf that, in combination with adequate feeding and management practices of the calf's environment, can lead to a great start.

Thriving farm operations achieve their success through the implementation of attention to detail of day to day management including the use of modern production tools such as ZPM minerals. Small amount, BIG impact when optimal productivity is the goal!

For more information on how to add Zinpro Performance Minerals to your minerals pack or other mineral related enquiries, please speak to your Mole Valley Feed Solutions advisor or ring the mineral line on 01278 420481 email [minerals@molevalleyfarmers.com](mailto:minerals@molevalleyfarmers.com)

## Staggers alert

- Spring grazing is a major risk time for staggers
- Animals under stress are most susceptible
- Dairy cows need 35g/head/day of magnesium everyday
- They have no capacity to store it
- There is very little warning death soon occurs

## To avoid problems:

- Add 150g/head/day mag chloride to water troughs (must be all troughs animals have access to)
- Or - add 70g/head/day of cal mag to any buffer feed
- Or - feed 6kg/head/day of a 0.6% mag compound feed
- Or - offer free access hi magnesium minerals (not ideal as unsure of intakes)
- Or - free access hi magnesium mineral buckets (not ideal as unsure of intakes)

## Spring Turnout Offer

### Buy 20 Calseablocs and get extra 2 FREE

- Free holder and multi-tool with every order (while stocks last)
- Place your order before the 30 April for delivery direct to farm and pay 3 months following

Delivery Month	Payment Month
April	July
May	August

Product must be delivered (free) to farm before the end of May. Last orders accepted Thursday 30 April

For further details or to request a copy of our new Calseabloc brochure please ask at your local Mole Valley Farmers branch or contact the Buckets and Blocks Line on 01566 780261 or email [altfeeds@molevalleyfarmers.com](mailto:altfeeds@molevalleyfarmers.com)





## Straight feeds through the summer

Judith Clifford  
Senior Alternative Feeds Trader

### Golden Beet

#### New moist feed - Mole Golden Beet

Moist feeds are a crucial ingredient in a range of systems. They are an excellent component of many buffer feeds helping to drive overall dry matter intake. Mole Valley Feed Solutions are able to formulate specific products according to seasonal requirements.

Mole Golden Beet is the latest exciting development. At 48% dry matter, 12.5% protein and with high levels of digestible fibre and slow fermenting starch this unique combination of brewers' grains, sugar beet pulp and crimped maize will provide a cost effective simple feed in many situations.

A recent evaluation (see table) illustrates that the careful use of Moles Golden Beet as a part of the total diet can deliver improved nutrition at a lower total feed cost than a traditional regime. All producers are encouraged to explore this unique option.

#### Diet example - Mole Golden Beet

Diet	Traditional	Golden Beet
Fresh grass (kg)	50	50
Maize silage (kg)	10	10
Compound (kg)	8.5 (standard 18)	5 (GL Formula HDF 16)
Mole Golden Beet	-	5
Crude Protein (%DM)	17.9	16.2
Met. protein (g/day)	1270	1320
Feed cost (p/day)	Base	-15p

### Mole Maxi Starch

With livestock going out onto high sugar, low fibre spring grass, Maxammon treated grain would provide an effective rumen buffer where cereals still need to be fed. Grain treated with Maxammon will counteract the acidity of the grass as well as adding protein to the diet. We manufacture Mole Maxi Starch Maize, Wheat and Barley at our dedicated site in Somerset. Mole Maxi Starch Barley is an excellent feed for intensive beef finishing diets. Its increased protein level means it can be fed as the sole feed with mineral supplementation. Mole Maxi Starch Wheat is a ready-made alternative to farm treated soda wheat or rolled wheat and Mole Maxi Starch Maize can be fed as the sole starch source or as a replacement for part of the wheat in the diet.

### Straights

Soya Hulls are currently trading at their lowest prices for five years. They are the outer coating of soya beans which are de-hulled prior to oil extraction, usually pelleted. They have an 11.9 Mj/kg/DM ME which is largely from digestible fibre and are suitable for a wide range of livestock. Prices for imported sugar beet have also come back to five year lows for those who value the benefits.

### Ports

Falmouth Docks are proving very useful for customers in West Cornwall. They currently stock hipro soya, rapemeal, imported sugarbeet, soya hulls and maize distillers which is a good saving on haulage costs. Portland now has a wide range of commodities in stock including Milurex BE, a wheat gluten pellet consisting of a dried mixture of wheatfeed and a liquid product from the bioethanol industry. It provides a balanced source of protein, starch and digestible fibre and the unique yeast products support good rumen function and feed efficiency. If you are in Cornwall or Dorset please call in to see if we can save you money on your straights prices through cheaper haulage.

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### HAVE YOU CHECKED YOURS YET?

Checking and changing bulbs in electronic fly control systems should ideally be done on an annual basis. April is a good time to do this task.



## TotalDairy Seminar

10-11 June 2015

Tortworth Court Four Pillars Hotel, Wotton-under-Edge

### Practical advice to help dairy farmers improve efficiencies

This year's renamed 'TotalDairy Seminar' (previously The Large Herd Seminar) will be offering practical advice to help dairy farmers improve efficiencies during periods of low milk price. Sponsored by Genus and Zinpro, the seminar offers the latest technical thinking relevant to all dairy farms, regardless of herd size. As usual, the event will include presentations from a top lineup of global dairy experts. In order to make best use of time away from the farm, the event has been condensed into two days. A full run down of the seminar can be found on the new website, [www.totaldairy.com](http://www.totaldairy.com)

The Seminar has been geared towards helping farmers during these challenging market times. Whether talking about finances, calf rearing, nutrition, animal health or fertility, all of the talks will be aimed at providing practical take home messages to help herds maximise efficiencies. There will be something for everyone, whether you're a farm worker, manager, owner or advisor.

Leading experts from the USA, Europe and the UK will be drawing on their experience on coping with challenging milk prices, They will be talking about KPIs and controlling costs in areas which can make an impact during difficult economic times.



Following their success last year, the event will again include a number of smaller group workshops for delegates to choose from. These interactive workshops link with topics being covered in the main seminar room and provide delegates with the opportunity to discuss ideas.

Tickets for the TotalDairy Seminar can be purchased from [totaldairy.com](http://totaldairy.com) or call 01768 868472





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# Planning for healthy pasture and healthy stock

*Nigel Mapstone, Feed Nutritionist (Organics)*

Following another mild winter, it's time to take stock of field and pasture conditions. Some older stock may already be grazing and, in some cases have also caused some damage. It is important to walk and assess your swards and as soon as possible get out with light harrows to pull out the dead material and use a slitter or similar machine to let oxygen down into the soil.

Make some assessments of grass cover to plan a grazing rotation which allows the sward to recover from each grazing and have the right amount of growth on the return visit.

If the weather is good after the first grazing, it may be possible to top dress with some patching grass seed, it can also be a good time to add some clover seed.

The first grazing round will include a lot of over wintered grass with higher dry matters and fibre levels, but the second round will have shorter young grass with lower dry matter fibre levels and high sugars which can cause mild acidosis (SARA), so it is good to offer some dry fibrous forage.

Normally, grass staggers is not a big problem for organic cattle as the grass will not have received spring applications of potassium fertiliser which can reduce sodium uptake of fast growing grass. Sodium (salt) is essential for the magnesium absorption across the rumen wall. The most dangerous time for lactating cows will be the second grazing round when grass growth is the fastest, so make sure salt is available and there is magnesium in the dairy compound.

Another important consideration for the health of your livestock is disease control. A good rotation will reduce the build-up of worm larvae and calf exposure; this should prevent the need for emergency worm treatment. Unlike conventional systems, organic youngstock cannot be given a long term anthelmintic and just turned out to off lying, set stocked land for the summer. Ideally, they need to be paddock grazed and rotationally grazed, at least monthly, this dilutes worm deposits by lower stocking density, then following on with older cattle or sheep, which clears up the sward. Worm eggs start hatching in spring, through to mid-June. If the weather and pasture is dry these larvae will die, if not, ingested eggs excreted after this may hatch or lie dormant over winter.



Research has shown that animals in their first grazing year have little immunity, suffer disease and shed lots of eggs back onto the pasture. Second year grazers have good immunity, but still produce eggs, while third year grazers have a high immunity and can be used for cleaning up pasture and excrete much fewer eggs. These facts are the basis on which safe grazing rotations can be planned for youngstock and included in your herd or flock health plans.

Regularly monitor faecal egg counts through the season, especially in first and second season grazing animals. In the case of parasitic gastroenteritis, the animals will have to be drenched with an anthelmintic, but only on the advice of a named veterinary surgeon.

**If you would like a copy of our Forage Seeds booklet speak to your Farm Sales Co-ordinator, or call the SeedLine on 01769 576232.**

## Dairy hygiene technical update

As we reported in last month's newsletter, Dairy Crest (Davidstow) have prohibited the use of certain dairy hygiene products on all their supplying farms.

Having secured a contract to supply China with whey based goods, the factory will be producing milk for the Chinese infant baby formula market. The Chinese authorities are meticulous about the standards due to contamination problems suffered in the past.

The products affected are those containing Cyanuric Acids or QACs (Quaternary Ammonium Compounds), commonly used in dairies, parlours and footbaths. The prohibited products will have to be completely removed from the farm and alternative, 'approved' products used. Affected dairy farmers will have already received notices from Dairy Crest with specific details of the new standards.

Mole Valley Farmers offer an extensive



number of products suitable for those businesses affected, either in our own range or from Deosan.

Now is a great time to review your products and hygiene levels on farm. Our dairy hygiene specialists are always available to review the products used on the farm. The team is passionate about performance and enhancing profits.

### Deosan Diamond

Deosan Diamond, one of the products suitable for Davidstow contracts, is a liquid circulation cleaner for milking machines and enclosed bulk milk tanks.

It is specifically designed to replace a powder with the flexibility of a liquid. It also delivers an improved cleaning action with lower chlorine levels and offers a most efficient, cost effective clean.

Available in 20L (1090453) and 200L drums (1090454)

**Call your local branch for more information on our dairy hygiene range and to arrange a visit from our dairy hygiene specialists**





# BVD - Diagnosis



Becca Vallis BVetMed, MRCVS Molecare FarmVets

Our last article discussed BVD and its effect on cattle. Here we will focus on testing for the virus and the next steps required for eradication of disease.

As with managing any disease on farm, it is vital to seek veterinary input. Working together with a vet, a control programme can be tailored to an individual herd; which is an important part of any herd health plan. Every farm is different, and a testing regime that may work for one farm may not be viable on another.

However, the steps for diagnosing and eradicating BVD holds true on all farms.

1. Establish the herd's status
2. Test for and remove all persistently infected animals
3. Implement a biosecurity plan +/- vaccination to maintain freedom from disease
4. Regular surveillance testing

## Establishing the herd's BVD status

This initial step confirms whether or not BVD is likely to be present in the herd by looking for the BVD antibody. The antibody is produced by the animal's immune system in response to exposure to the disease. Often antibody will remain circulating in the animal's blood and milk for several months/years after initial exposure. Although it is difficult to tell how long ago animals were exposed to the virus, presence of antibody in an unvaccinated herd indicates the need for further BVD investigations.

On a dairy farm, antibody testing can be carried out on a bulk milk sample. For dairy youngstock and on beef or calf rearing units, blood samples can be taken.

## Testing for Persistently Infected (P.I.) animals

If the initial testing indicates that a P.I. is likely to be present in the herd, all individual animals must be tested for presence of the virus (antigen). An animal will have antigen present in its blood, milk and tissue if it has either a) been recently infected with the virus ('transiently infected'), or is b) a permanent carrier of the virus ('Persistently Infected' - P.I). See article in February issue 609 for how these states can occur.

Testing for antigen can be done through blood or tissue samples. Blood samples are taken by the vet and sent to a laboratory for analysis. Tissue samples can be taken using 'Tag and Test' ear tags, which take a sample of tissue as the eartag is inserted. The tissue sample is collected into

a small container which is then posted directly to the laboratory from the farm. 'Tag and Test' can be used on any age animal and is a simple procedure with quick results.

Remember, if we do not identify and cull every P.I. on the farm, control of the disease will be considerably more difficult and eradication will be unlikely.

## Implementing a biosecurity plan to reduce future exposure to the disease

It is vital that all incoming animals are proven to be free from BVD prior to entering the herd. Ideally incoming stock should be bought from herds accredited as BVD free. If there is any doubt about the animal's status it should be tested before coming into contact with any other cattle on the farm. This is also the ideal time to check the status of IBR, Johne's and Lepto.

Cattle should also be prevented from coming in to contact with neighbouring animals which may be carrying disease. Farm boundaries should prevent 'nose to nose' contact with other stock and minimise the risk of stock breaking out.

Several other factors must be taken into account when implementing a biosecurity plan, including vaccination. This should again be discussed with a vet to ensure an appropriate vaccination plan is adopted for the individual farm.

## Regular surveillance testing

Once a herd has had BVD eradicated, it is important to keep it free from the disease. Regular 'screening' tests will detect whether the herd has had further exposure to the virus and steps can be taken to prevent the spread and contain the outbreak as quickly as possible. This can be carried out in the form of quarterly bulk milk samples in milking cows and/or blood sampling specified groups every 6-12 months.

Some herds may decide to use 'Tag and Test' for surveillance. By testing every calf born or brought onto a farm, any P.I.s can be quickly identified and removed before they have had a chance to mix with the rest of the herd.

Controlling and eradicating BVD can be a complicated process, however as discussed in last month's article, benefits to our cattle's welfare, health and productivity are vast and beyond measure. In future issues we will look at some real life success stories that illustrate the positive impact eradication has on farm.

## Farm offers for April

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## Managing your cattle at turnout

*James Jackson, Red Meat Team*

When spring finally arrives it signifies the end of bedding up and cutting the wet plastic off the round bales on a dark wet evening for yet another year! Not just a benefit to you, but also a significant benefit to the cattle.

Early spring turnout is something that needs careful consideration as at times this can be a notoriously difficult task. Ultimately the decision to turnout depends on whether grass is plentiful, how the land was grazed in the previous season and soil temperature. Grassland management is critical to ensure the animals perform well by taking factors into account such as grazing pressure, coordinated grass cutting, measurement of sward height and stocking rates to make optimum use of grazed grass by enhancing intakes and overall condition of your animals. Depending on ground conditions and available space at the point of turning cattle out, perhaps you should consider giving youngstock priority, due to their high feed conversion rate and overall size, followed by growing cattle, cows and calves.

From 3-4 months of age, youngstock, particularly suckled calves are the most efficient converters, at approximately 4:1. Therefore, creep feeding 4kg DM at grass will provide one kilo of liveweight gain making these animals the most economically efficient. Creep feeding calves add as much as 30-40kg at weaning, producing a heavier animal that will be more valuable at the autumn sales and ultimately finish faster.

Other advantages of early turnout appear in the form of significantly reduced costs e.g. compound feed, silage, straw, water and electricity; another positive is the added benefit of increased liveweight gains at grass. It is widely known that finishing cattle at grass can be up to 50% cheaper than finishing housed cattle. On the basis that cattle aren't too fit

or too fat when they are turned out, twinned with the right weather conditions to produce sufficient amounts of good quality spring grass, can maintain a growth rate of 1.0kg per day and in some cases more.

With the current low feed prices, it is an ideal time to consider finishing at grass before the winter starts. Now would be the right time to start feeding a small amount of concentrate to maximise DLG. However, where good grass is available, look to supplement the diet after the grass quality has tailed off, probably from June onwards. If your intention is to finish animals from grass, look to feed a high starch diet (around 35% plus starch) as this is required to achieve a satisfactory killing out percentage without making the animal too fat.

Supplementary feed is focused purely on liveweight gain as it is essential to maintain a good growth rate of at least 1.0kg per day in order to finish your animals before housing next autumn.

Another factor to consider when spring turnout arrives is that cattle are creatures of habit and we all know that dietary changes can be somewhat disruptive at the best of times. Therefore, switching cattle from winter forage to spring grass can present considerable threats to health. However, if you ensure careful feeding and observation of animal condition, these risks can be significantly reduced. The burst of spring grass has a particularly low magnesium content which can result in staggers (hypomagnesaemia), particularly in adult animals, this is a devastating condition that is a result of a magnesium deficiency, often showing no other symptoms than a dead cow. Cattle don't have the ability to store magnesium and it is therefore essential that they have access to magnesium in their diet via some form of supplement.



**For more information, call James Jackson on 07581 499024  
or the FeedLine on 01278 444829**



## Breeding more efficient beef cattle

A major new project worth £1.75 million aimed at improving the efficiency of beef production in the UK has been funded by DEFRA and the Agriculture and Horticulture Development Board (AHDB, through EBLEX, the beef and sheep division). The project will aim to establish feed intake recording on commercial beef farms, in order to feed data back to pedigree breeders.

EBLEX and the SRUC have won the tender issued by DEFRA, but to deliver the project, a consortium of industry partners have been assembled representing the entire supply chain.

Recording feed intake to enable feed efficiency to be included in selection indices is expected to increase the realised benefits in farm level profit by around 39% and in GHG reduction by around 22%.

Genetic improvement will play a pivotal role in developing sustainable beef production systems. It is particularly cost-effective, producing permanent and cumulative changes in performance. In addition, livestock breeding is recognised in the UK Low Carbon Transition Plan as a key, cost effective, tool to help UK farmers achieve target reductions in greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions of 6% by 2020. Improving adoption, and continued development of genetic improvement tools will help farmers be more efficient and profitable, while reducing the impact of beef production on the environment.

This project is aimed at delivering a lasting infrastructure for the measurement of feed efficiency in beef cattle and its incorporation into breed improvement programmes. The project will thus leave a legacy of the tools required for the whole UK beef industry to adopt breeding for feed efficiency. This will initially be by a continued flow of animals through the facilities installed during the project, but the business models will explore means of enabling new facilities to be installed on a financially viable basis, accelerating the improvement in feed efficiency of beef cattle across the UK industry. It is expected that the project team will be looking for a small number of commercial farms to install the unit on in the next few months through a competitive process.

Anyone interested should contact Kim Matthews at Eblex, email [kim.matthews@eblex.ahdb.org.uk](mailto:kim.matthews@eblex.ahdb.org.uk)



## Farming with worm resistance

*Peter Delbridge, sheep farmer and MVF Director*



Ask any sheep farmer what were his or her concerns for the future and worm resistance would rank pretty near the top of the list. With many flocks exhibiting resistance to one or more of the long established drench groups, and a surprising number with worms present resistant to all three, the problem is not going away.

The much heralded arrival of the monepantel wormer a few years ago will not provide future protection if we use and abuse it in the same manner as we have the other groups of wormers in the past. Indeed there is some anecdotal evidence to suggest this has already happened in a few isolated cases.

It is, therefore, obvious if we want to continue to keep sheep, especially on land where there are few alternatives, we will have to think outside the box and become smarter on how we run our flocks.

With this in mind, two of our 'Exlana' breeding group members have been participating in a trial, supported by Sainsbury's, to ascertain if some ewes are more resistant than others to internal worms. The Exlana being a wool shedding maternal sheep whose selection is based on performance recording of many traits including, daily liveweight gain, muscle depth, maternal ability, dagg scoring, wool shedding and worm resistance. It would then be reasonable to assume that these ewes would shed less worm eggs onto the pasture, allowing their lambs to not only have a better start but also to have that resistance passed on to them from their mothers.

Breeding for worm resistance is achieved by measuring faecal worm counts of individual lambs when they are between 7 and 10 months old and ranking these counts into EBVs using relevant counts from an individual's ancestors, siblings and contemporaries. Over 900 individual samples are collected every year.

This information is then used to select breeding animals.

Last year the Sainsbury's grant helped to set up a trial to study the effectiveness of these FEC EBVs. You can find a link to the full study results at

[provensheddingsheep.co.uk/news](http://provensheddingsheep.co.uk/news)

[provensheddingsheep.co.uk/docs/EweEBVPPRreport\\_25Oct14.pdf](http://provensheddingsheep.co.uk/docs/EweEBVPPRreport_25Oct14.pdf)

The trial used a total of 160 ewes on two farms, with a group of 80 ewes on each unit containing 40 with good worm resistance EBVs and 40 with poor worm resistance EBVs. Individual FECs were collected just before lambing and then again every 10-14 days through lactation.

The results were analysed by Dr. E. Morgan at Bristol University, and showed that the ewes with good worm resistance EBVs shed 30% less worm eggs over the peri-parturient period than ewes with poor worm resistance EBVs. This actually increased to 50% at peak times and led to reduced pasture egg counts and reduced worm burdens for young vulnerable lambs. This is a very useful tool to be used against internal sheep parasites and will undoubtedly become more important as worm populations develop greater anthelmintic resistance.



*Exlanas, wool shedding maternal sheep*

## Farm plastic recycling scheme 2015



### Voluntary scheme allowing farmers to comply with agricultural waste regulations

FWAG SW are again running their Farm Plastic Recycling Scheme throughout Devon, Somerset and Dorset and are accepting silage wrap, clamp sheets, fertiliser bags, string, net, mineral buckets and other forms of plastic. (Check with FWAG for exact details)

#### SOME POINTS TO BE AWARE OF:

- Delivery to one of 15 specific sites.
- Strictly separated, bagged plastic only.
- Label each bag and sign a disclaimer stating that no other plastics or wastes are present.
- £150/tonne +VAT (minimum charge £45 +VAT). Pay on the day. No extra charges. Operating on a first come, first served basis.
- You will be given an allocated hourly slot.
- **Cut off booking date 7th April - late bookings may not be accepted after this date**

CALL FWAG SW on 01823 320475 or 01823 320472 FOR FULL DETAILS

## CORNISH HOLSTEIN CLUB NEWS



At the Cornish Holstein Club AGM, MVF'S David Higman was presented life time membership for his long serving and continued support he has given the club. Our picture shows David (right) with Roger Laity who was presented with a decanter for all his work representing the South West on the board of directors at Holstein UK.

# Lamb health



## Colostrum - the fuel for life

Colostrum is the first feed for the newborn lamb and the key to survival. It's a highly nutritious energy source which helps the lamb to maintain body temperature and thrive; it also contains antibodies which are vital to help protect the newborn lamb against disease. Feeding sufficient good quality colostrum immediately after birth will reduce losses from both hypothermia and disease. Remember the 3Q rule:

### Quickly

- Feed colostrum within the first six hours from birth, when the gut wall is most permeable, allowing the large antibody molecules to be absorbed directly into the bloodstream.
- Top up with small frequent feeds during the first 24 hours

## Molecare Lamb Colostrum



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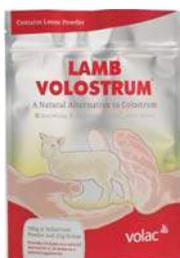
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## Volostrum

Volostrum is made from high quality whey proteins which have been carefully processed to retain protein quality.



### Quantity

- 50ml/kg live weight per feed
- Minimum 210ml/kg live weight within the first 24 hours

### Daily intake

- 3kg lamb = 1.1 pints (630ml)
- 4kg lamb = 1.5 pints (840ml)
- 5kg lamb = 1.8 pints (1050ml)

For lambs born and raised outdoors, increase the colostrum allowance by 15% to 20%.

### Quality

While mothers' colostrum is preferable, if ewe colostrum is unavailable, in short supply or of poor quality, colostrum must be fed quickly from another source. Options include fresh or frozen colostrum from another ewe, bovine colostrum or a product such as MoleCare Lamb Colostrum or Volac Lamb Volostrum.

Colostrum should be fed warm - 39°C. Stand in a bowl of warm water; do not microwave colostrum or heat it directly. Temperatures above 45°C can damage the sensitive proteins within colostrum.

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## MoleTag for sheep

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### MoleTag for sheep

Moletag for sheep has exactly the same qualities as the current market leading tag, with proven retention shown over 15 years in manufacture and the most competitive pricing structure available in the market today.

### Tag performance

- A durable one-piece, single loop tag
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- Size open: H= 9mm x L= 74mm
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# Forage crops



Reducing the cost of production can make a big improvement to your bottom line, grazed grass has always been one of the most economical ways to feed livestock, but grass does not grow 12 months of the year in the UK. To help supplement feeding grass there's no better strategy than introducing some other forages that can help reduce your costs of production. Some of these crops will allow you to get back into an autumn cereal rotation or follow on with an autumn reseed.

There are many different types of forage crops to consider from fast growing brassicas like stubble turnips and forage rape which are ideal when additional feed is needed quickly, to kale and hybrid rapes which provide an alternative feed in the autumn or early winter.

## Kale

Kale has a reputation as a reliable forage with excellent winter hardiness. It has proved popular with dairy farmers using their crops as a late summer buffer feed when grass yields and quality often dip. Utilising the crop when the plants are very leafy and high in crude protein can provide an extra boost to milk yields.

## Stubble turnips

Although they are generally associated with after cereal harvest sowing, stubble turnips can

be drilled from mid-April and grazed in July/August. The big benefit with a spring sowing is that you utilise the crop in a short period of time and then get back to an autumn grass reseed or a winter cereal rotation.

## Forage rape

Forage rape is a great option for use as a catch crop, following first or second cut silage, it can generate a useful amount of feed in a short period of time.

## Swedes

Swedes can yield 70-90 tonnes per hectare and with very high metabolisable energy which makes them ideal for late autumn and winter feed which can be used for finishing or winter maintenance.

## Swift/Redstart

Swift and Redstart are hybrid brassicas that offer the highly beneficial combination of rapid growth and good winter hardiness. Both have the added versatility of regrowth, with Redstart being higher quality and Swift higher yielding.

Mole Valley Farmers can supply all the inputs and advice to grow and utilise cost effective root and forage crops.

## Game cover crops

2014 was a much kinder year for establishment and growth with crops producing bumper yields. Cover crops especially have excelled compared to the previous two more challenging years. In anticipation of another good growing season, we have been working closely with our suppliers to offer customers the best possible product portfolio including new recipes for this season for Ambush Millet Mix, WBS 1 and WBS 3.

## Special offer

For this season we have a special offer for all customers

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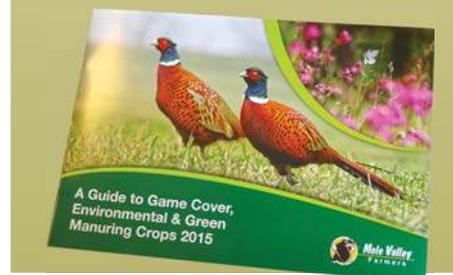
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Our 2015 Guide to Game Cover, Environmental and Manuring Crops is now available. Ask for a copy today.



## Yield and feed quality summary

	Average Dry Matter Yield t/ha	Average Fresh Yield t/ha	Dry Matter Content %	Crude Protein %	Digestibility Value	Crude Met Energy MJ/kg
Forage rape	3.5-4	24-35	11-12	19-20	65D	10-11
Kale	8-10	60-65	14-16	16-17	68D	10-11
Stubble turnips	3.5-5	38-45	8-9	17-18 (mainly leaves)	68-70D	11
Swift/Redstart	10.5	83	12-14	18-19	75D	12
Swedes	7-10	70-90	10-13	10-11	80-82D	12.8-13.1





## Forward thinking Maize Growers Association Annual Conference

Graham Ragg  
Senior Agronomist & Product Manager



26th February 2015

East of England Showground, Peterborough

First of all, thanks must go to the MGA for organising a quality array of speakers, who shared their wealth of experience on maize growing, at the well-attended Annual Conference.

Professor Mike Wilkinson from Nottingham University outlined the characteristics of maize needed for bio digesters and cows. The conclusion was that highly digestible, high starch, high yielding varieties were desirable for both. Keeping the digester or rumen pH at around 6.0 was critical in digestion efficiency.

Mark Wells, farms director for G.E. Gittus and Sons Ltd, farming over 5,000 acres of heavy soils in Suffolk, focused on the need to go back to sustainable rotations. Controlling the scourge of blackgrass was key to supplying enough quality feedstock for their 1.4 megawatt A.D. plant. As well as maize, hybrid rye, energy beet, 2-3 year old grass leys and even Lucerne were being considered as viable feedstock crops.

Hans Spelling Ostergaard from Denmark spoke about the law in Denmark to grow up to 14% of the farm area to cover crops where maize was grown, where more than 80kg/ha of nitrogen was applied as animal manures.

The conclusions so far show that slow growing grasses such as tall fescue could be sown with early drilled crops and quicker growing perennial rye grass for late sown crops. Sowing the seed when the maize was at 7 to 8 leaves after weed control had been made to the crop was essential to reduce early competition to the maize, otherwise maize yield would be reduced. Simon Draper, MGA agronomist later pointed out that most of the herbicides used to control weeds in maize reduce the establishment of sown grasses immediately afterwards. Fine tuning of any recommendations for UK conditions to control nitrogen leaching from the soils by cover crops is needed.

Jane Thomas from N.I.A.B. gave a presentation of the new scoring system on maize eyespot resistance between varieties. Eyespot can cause significant yield and quality losses. The scale ranges from 1, which means the variety is very susceptible, to 9 which means the variety is unlikely to become severely infected but not totally immune. Both B.A.S.F. and

Syngenta promoted relatively new fungicides to prevent eyespot damage and improve drought stress.

James Bell of Rothamsted Research Station presented on the worrying prospect of European Corn Borer and Western Corn Rootworm taking hold in the UK. To date there has only been a few reports of these pests as a problem in the UK but the potential for damage experienced in other parts of the world are concerning.

James outlined the importance of growers being vigilant and reporting suspected attacks to Rothamsted for confirmation. Infected plants suffer from a bore hole usually in the stem, with the larvae causing 'goose necking' of the plant and eventually lodging.

Simon Draper outlined work done on herbicide strategies and came out firmly in favour of a 'two pronged' approach of using pre and post emergence herbicide programmes for best weed control and maximum crop yield.

Neil Groom (member of the MGA Council) outlined results of three maize trials in 2014, done with maize under plastic on marginal sites, completed with the help of SAMCO. Yields in all cases were 20 tonnes plus per acre. It seems some of the early flaws of this system are being ironed out, as plastic technology and operator knowledge has improved. However in the trials there was no control area for maize not grown under plastic so a comparison could not be made to the financial benefits.

In the popular quick fire conclusion at the end of the conference a number of commercial companies are given 5 minutes to promote their products. A presentation on the use of inhibited nitrogen later in the season from July to September, claimed yield benefits of up to 20%. This will be another area where further work is needed to fully realise the potential of maize.

Well done to the MGA for an informative and successful conference.

**For more information on the conference or to join the MGA, call the MGA on 01363 775 040 or [maizegrowersassociation.co.uk](http://maizegrowersassociation.co.uk)  
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# NEW Mole-Dominator Plus Additive for modern wilted grass silages

**NEW**  
EXCLUSIVE TO  
MOLE VALLEY  
FARMERS



Graham Ragg,  
Senior Agronomist & Product Manager

Many additives currently on the market have not changed in the last 35 years, whilst grass varieties and silage making techniques have changed beyond recognition.

## Changes in silage processes

### 35 years ago

Direct cut with no wilting - Effluent pollution - Low sugar grasses - High fibre late cut grass - Low output harvesters - Basic silage sheets - Acid additives - Molasses or simple inoculant and often no additive at all.

### Today

Typical wilt of 24 hours - High sugar grasses - Cut earlier for higher energy silage - Very high output precision chop harvesters - Cling film - Quality sheets - NoTyreTex - Mole-Dominator Plus rapid pH reduction and mould and yeast inhibitors

One of the biggest differences is that virtually all crops are wilted today. The graph below shows when grass is not wilted, natural bacterial populations, beneficial and non-beneficial are about 100,000 cfu/g of forage, so applying a 'Traditional' additive with 250,000-1,000,000 cfu/g of 'good bacteria' would be sufficient to out compete the natural population of bacteria in order to obtain an efficient lactic fermentation.

Table below shows wilting for increased dry matter causes a massive increase in spoilage organisms.

- Increased spoilage organisms
- Increased nutrient breakdown
- Bacteria and yeasts
- Plant enzymes



Today's grass silage is challenged by 10 times more potential spoilage organisms (1 million cfu/g of forage) after 24 hours wilting than direct cut grass. The challenge rises to 35 times higher with a 36 hours wilt.

So a new additive approach is needed for today's silage. Mole-Dominator Plus has been specifically formulated by scientists at Volac International's state of the art factory in Port Talbot to meet the increased challenge of potential spoilage organisms.

Mole-Dominator Plus contains 2 million lactobacillus plantarum cfu/g of forage (at least twice the amount of traditional silage additives). The increased numbers of beneficial bacteria help to dominate the increased number of potential spoilage organisms in wilted silage. This highly concentrated formulation gives a quicker reduction to 4.0 pH (stable silage) so decreasing losses in feed value during the fermentation process by taking more control of the bacterial activity.



Mole-Dominator Plus also contains lactobacillus brevis which produces acetic acid to inhibit yeasts and moulds through the ensiling process. Together with the natural garlic extract alliin which also inhibits yeast and mould activity in the early stages of the fermentation, we are able to offer this dual action product for efficient waste control during the ensiling process and at feed out.

## Mole-Dominator Plus

- Designed for modern silage grasses and techniques
- The most concentrated formulation of lactobacillus plantarum on the market
- Reduced feed value losses in the fermentation process
- Dual action approach to reducing wastage at feed out
- Improved voluntary intake
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- Improved animal performance

**MOLE-Dominator Plus Additive**  
Delivering 2 million bacteria per gram of forage.



**Traditional additive**  
Delivering 1 million bacteria per gram of forage.



The above chart shows how Mole-Dominator Plus takes greater control of potential spoilage organisms after only 17 hours in the clamp, demonstrating the benefit of applying the higher level of beneficial bacteria at the outset.

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Good strength and competitive pricing are just some of the reasons Darren Martyn has chosen to use Mole Valley Farmer's Performance HD net wrap throughout his round bale contracting business.

Darren runs an agricultural contracting business in North Devon. He also produces hay and haylage for the equestrian market and big baled silage off 400-500 acres of rented and owned land.

"We started using Performance HD last year and it performed excellently. We are completely happy with it and will continue to use it this year," says Darren "We use Performance HD on all the round baled forage we produce because it leaves a neat, tight bale which holds its shape. The net has also performed equally as well on chopped silage bales."

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<b>Roll width</b>	123cm
<b>Max. roll diameter</b>	29cm
<b>Strength</b>	Max. 285kg
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Graham Walker, North Yorkshire contractor.

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## A 'grassroots' view of good forage and the SUREROOT perspective.

*Hugh Frost, Product and Technical Manager*



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The adage 'Out of sight, out of mind' is all-too-true for the roots of many plants we grow and grass is one of these. Unsurprisingly, assessments are often only made on the visible parts, yet the roots are predominantly responsible for the condition of the vegetation.

As well as providing plant anchorage and accessing water and nutrients from the soil profile, roots provide several other important roles that improve soil condition.

"More from forage" is a common objective and grassland practices need reviewing to assess their effect on grass roots, as these are multifunctional for the grassland farmer.

### Nutritional reserves

The quantity and quality of dry matter yields of the green grass, i.e. the harvestable component, is of primary concern, but this has to come from somewhere. When a grass plant starts to grow in spring warmth, it draws upon its nutritional reserves stored below ground in roots and tillers. Therefore, roots that are replenished in late summer and maintained in winter, enable the grass to put on fresh growth faster in spring.

### Organic matter and aeration

Whilst trying to maximise root volume, the growth of roots is seasonal and like grass

leaves, they increase in quantity, then naturally die back later when the plant is not able to actively grow. This process of root 'senescence' contributes to the organic matter reserves in the soil enriching it and improving its structure. Additionally, as grass roots die back the space they leave is filled with air, thereby providing soil aeration.

### Communication with the soil

It is known that plants interact with their immediate environment above ground in several ways. This is also the case with roots which produce chemicals ('exudates') that signal to the surrounding rhizosphere, allowing them to interact with soil life. The benefit to the grass plant is that these 'exudates' influence bacteria which break down organic matter to release nutrients, as well as linking up with symbiotic fungi (mycorrhiza) that increases nutrient absorption. Generally speaking, soil is conditioned by root exudates, making it more aggregated and crumbly in nature, improving its structure.

### Soil water control

Obviously, the greater the volume of roots, the greater need to access water and soil nutrients. Also, the deeper the roots, the greater the resilience of grass plants in drought periods, so



that deeper moisture depth can be transported to the leaves to sustain vegetative growth. Additionally, grass root depth also plays another important role in water control, both through moisture retention and by improved drainage by opening up soils.

Meanwhile, research is underway to find new approaches to grass root growth to improving grass production.

## SUREROOT research project

Mole Valley Farmers is one of the partners involved in a research project titled 'SUREROOT' that commenced in 2014 and runs for 5 years. It is a collaboration between Aberystwyth University, Rothamsted Research and grassland-based UK industries, match-funded through the BBSRC Stand Alone Link scheme and is seeking to improve the root systems of grasses and clovers for improved resilience to droughts and to provide soil structures that reduce incidents of flooding.

The SUREROOT project builds on earlier BBSRC-funded research which reported that a forage grass hybrid known as 'Festulolium' designed originally for livestock agriculture, also held a hidden underground and previously unknown property. Dr. Mike Humphreys of IBERS is leading the

project and said "Festulolium, which are defined as natural hybrids between ryegrass and fescue species, are very much the grasses for the future. They are the way ahead for sustainable livestock agricultural practices.

The objectives are to determine whether:

- Variations found in certain grass and clover root growth and design may be replicated in crops when grown under field conditions.
- Specific grass or clover root growth and turnover can benefit soil structure and assist in water, carbon, and nutrient retention.
- Festulolium grass and clover grown together as mixtures can enhance soil water, carbon, and nutrient retention in soils.
- Modified grass and clover root growth and design aimed at improved drought resistance and/or as an aid to flood mitigation is achievable without compromise to crop performance.

Further details may be found at [www.surerooroot.uk](http://www.surerooroot.uk) and project findings will be reported here in the future.



### Aberystwyth Research Centre



# Fields of Gold

Make sure your pasture doesn't turn yellow this spring



As we look to the spring months we think of turning out our livestock, applying fertiliser and farm manures and the promise of the year to come. However how many of us start planning to maximise the potential of our grass and really make the most from what we have? Buttercups and dandelions are the first weeds to emerge in the spring and if we want to control them we need to plan ahead as the window of spray application is best if they are targeted before flowering, once you are looking out over golden yellow fields it's too late!

Buttercups love having their feet in damp soil and creeping buttercup spreads rapidly along the ground by rooting runners, quickly suppressing grass growth around it. They are slightly toxic when growing, but rarely eaten by livestock unless there are large populations or grazing is tight.

Dandelion seeds will readily germinate on the surface of exposed soil in swards poached or damaged in last year's wet weather. Unlike buttercups, dandelions contain minerals and vitamins and animals like them. However, as with all perennial weeds, where they grow, grass does not. One weed can take the place of many grass plants. This reduces grass yields at a time when farmers are desperate to replenish silage stocks and optimise milk production from grazing.

Dandelion seeds can be carried by the wind for miles and established plants can survive for many years – so it is essential to control infestations before they get out of hand.

Creeping buttercup and dandelion plants sit flat to the ground so mechanical cutting is not the answer, but a broad-spectrum herbicide will give good control. However, this must be applied much earlier in the spring than sprays

against other common perennial weeds such as docks and thistles.



*Buttercups at correct stage to spray*

It is no good waiting for buttercups and dandelions to flower before spraying, as they will be well past the stage when they are most receptive to herbicide.



*Too late and your yield is lost*

Think back to last year and remember which fields were the most yellow in late spring and summer. Treat these during April, while the weeds are still green and actively growing.

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One solution could be Forefront T which is proven to give good control, but be aware this product does require advice from a BASIS registered agronomist before purchase. It can only be sprayed on fields that are grazed by cattle and sheep, animals must be removed during treatment and for at least seven days after.

It must not be applied to grassland shut up for silage or hay, although it can be used after the final cut has been taken. Other products based on 2,4-D are also worth considering but the spectrum of weed control and their overall effectiveness will be less.

**For more information or help in managing your grass and maximising the benefits to your farm contact Mark or Dan today or our Spray Helpline on 01769 576297**

EQUINE

# Managing your horse paddocks

The importance of looking after your paddock cannot be over emphasized. Key factors for paddock maintenance which will make a big difference to the amount of grazing available for your horses are:

- Test soil for pH which indicates acidity or alkalinity and determine whether lime is needed. Optimum pH for grassland soils is 6-6.5
- Test for P and K indexes, as grass growth improves at indexes of 2. Use P or K to correct the index if required by using straights or appropriate compounds
- If paddocks are badly poached from winter turnout, roll in the spring when the ground is softer.
- It is a good idea to chain harrow in the spring to open up the sward which will improve tillering, also spreading dung pats
- If reseeding or renovating paddocks, remember to select the grass seed mixture that is most suitable for your particular equine enterprise.

High quality, permanent pasture not only provides an excellent and natural source of food



but also provides a safe turnout and exercise area. Avoid overgrazing if you can as sward heights below 4 cm will result in weed and gappy grassland and also avoid undergrazing as sward heights above 8-9 cm will allow a build up of dead grass and poor regrowth. So, to maintain good pasture growth over the season, regular grazing and topping are vital to stimulate further growth and to prevent flowering.

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## Paddock leys availability

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## HORSE TALES

# Sergeant William puts the team through their paces!

by Katie Allin

As the days lengthen and warm, many more plants join the early pioneers and make a beautiful display of life and colour. The vibrant handsome blue flowers of the bluebell are a sure sign that spring has arrived. It is also the birthday month of our handsome little soldier - William. Where has that 10 years gone? Like the bluebell his character is vibrant and he brings colour to any occasion and we wouldn't have it any other way!

William takes great delight in any role that involves leadership. This month it has taken the form as "timing coach" for fittening Ruby the ex racehorse, since her time off from self harming in the field. Fully kitted out with Hy Impact support boots and Pro Over Reach boots, we are now trotting for short bursts after a set time of walk, William has been following on behind us on his New Forest Pony Cherry, complete with stopwatch. At the appropriate moment Ruby and I hear this booming voice (that any sergeant major/headmaster would be proud of) "5, 4, 3, 2, 1 and trot on" then after Sergeant William is happy we get "prepare to walk, and walk on" and maybe a "good work"! I do believe Ruby is now fully voice activated and wonder if it might work out on the cross country course when we get to that point.

Harriet has also been keeping Nutmeg fit, now that she has accomplished 3rd gear, "The Canter". Last week she took her to the woods as Harriet thought it about time Nutmeg learnt to jump. I was instructed to build a course (this sergeant thing must run between brother and sister!), and away they went. After much popping of logs, brush, mini ditches and the all important canter, it was back to the horsebox for hot chocolate and hay for the ponies. Harriet noticed that Nutmeg wasn't chewing her hay properly, so when we got back home we called Gill Spinney the equine dentist.



Nutmeg at the dentist

To the non horsey folk, you may have visions of a rider trying to fit their pony into one of those dentist chairs or even the mind boggles to why would a horse need a dentist. Unlike humans, cats and dogs, horses have very long teeth that continually erupt throughout life, until they wear out at about 30-40 years.

In the ideal horse's mouth, all the teeth would receive wear and the mouth would remain balanced and level with no protuberant teeth. Unfortunately, few horses have this type of mouth and usually the outside edges of the upper teeth and inside edges of the lower teeth are not worn and become sharp. Sharp edges can cause ulceration of the cheeks. If the food is not chewed well enough, not only will the horse get less nutritional value from the food but, in extreme cases, suffer from colic or choke.

Horses are seen every six months to a year depending on the individual horse, by a BEVA qualified Equine Dental Technician or veterinary surgeon. The horse wears a bridle with a special mouth piece to help them "open wide" called a speculum, whilst the dental technician/vet rasps the sharp edges down. In my experience it doesn't take long for the horse to adjust and for the short period of time it takes to carry out, it's worth it for a comfortably mouthed horse. Nutmeg was really good, and after a small protest from the unknown she stood patiently, even though she did look like something out of "Silence of the Lambs" and it didn't help with Julian saying "Hello Clarice"!



William with stopwatch riding Cherry

On the theme of the horse's mouth, this is also the time of year we treat the horses for tapeworm. Today we are inundated with products to choose from and it can be rather confusing, knowing which products to use. Suitably Qualified Persons (SQPs), of which there are a number in Mole Valley Farmers, are trained to advise on the correct medicines. I personally tend to worm count during the summer (more about this later on in the year), this helps the SQP advise the appropriate product.

The start of the eventing season is upon us and next month is Badminton Horse Trials. A three day event consisting of dressage, cross country and show jumping. The cross country day attracts crowds of up to a quarter of a million, which is the largest for any pre paid sport event in the United Kingdom, and the second largest in the world and we will be one of those numbers, very exciting and we look forward to letting you know about the thrills and spills of our visit on our return.



South Molton Assistant Manager and SQP, Martin Headon talking to William and Harriet.

# Flush of spring grass

We are at that time of year again. The grass starting to grow and the animals are itching to get out and start chomping on the abundant green smorgasbord springing up before them. As turnout looms farmers will look to fencing to help maximise forage stocks by controlling the festival of gluttony rapidly emerging in the fields.

The use of electric fencing has long been an effective method of encouraging animals to feed on pasture at the rate which balances day to day need and future requirement. Many will be looking at the electric fencing gathering dust in the barn since last season and preparing it for active service. Inevitably some fencers will not be up to another tour in the field, so why not take advantage of a great offer on a great electric fence energiser. The 12v Hotline Falcon has been a favourite for over 40 years and offers power and reliability in a robust package.

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## PV power peaks

Recently released government data confirms record breaking levels of installations across all renewable energy technologies under the Feed-in Tariff (FIT) scheme. Consequently, digression of Feed-in Tariff rates have been announced for April 2015. However, the one technology scale that will receive no digression is solar installations of 10kW-50kW, comparable to a typical barn-scale solar installation.

10kW-50kW installations represent a large part of the moleenergy solar PV installations and we would urge those members still hesitating over whether this is a worthwhile investment to think no further. The popularity of established technologies such as solar is likely to continue as the returns remain strong. Solar is 65% less expensive now than four years ago, meaning excellent rates of return are still achievable.

The advice from moleenergy would be to act now as April, May and June are the peak power performance months for solar PV.

Renewable energy installations are more popular than ever before and represent viable investment and diversification opportunities for energy intensive industries and farming in particular.



## Renewable Energy Marketplace 21 April, Westpoint, Exeter

On 21 April, Westpoint in Exeter will be hosting the 5th annual Renewable Energy Marketplace event. This is the south west's largest renewable energy event and moleenergy will be exhibiting for their 4th consecutive year. The event which takes place between 10am and 4pm, addresses a range of renewable energy diversification options and sustainable farming resolutions.



**Tickets for the event are available in advance at [renewableenergymarketplace.co.uk](http://renewableenergymarketplace.co.uk) or call 01392 494399**

### MEMBERS DISCOUNT

There is a £5 discount for Mole Valley Farmers members. If you are buying your tickets online, enter 'MVFdiscount'. If you are calling, just mention that you are an MVF member.

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 IMPARTIAL RENEWABLE  
 ENERGY SOLUTIONS**

## Agricultural show dates

Shows are a mainstay of the rural community and act as a shop front for farmers and rural dwellers to display their achievements and quality products. Below are some of the key local events for your diary this year.



Show	Date
North Somerset Show	4 May
NSA Welsh Sheep, Kerry, Powys	19 May
Devon County Show	21-23 May
Royal Bath & West Show	27-30 May
Royal Cornwall Show	4-6 June
NSA Sheep SouthWest	16 June
Liskeard Show	11 July
Stithians Show	13 July
Royal Welsh Show	20-23 July
British Grassland Summer Meeting	24-25 July
Mid Devon Show, Chettiscombe	25 July
Totnes Show	26 July
Woolsery Show	27 July
North Devon Show	5 August
Honiton Agricultural Show	6 August
Camelford Show	12 August
Vale of Glamorgan Show	12 August
Okehampton Show	13 August
Dunster Show	21 August
Pembrokeshire County Show	18-20 August
Gillingham & Shaftesbury Show	19 August
Melplash Show	27 August
Holsworthy & Stratton Show	27 August
Kingsbridge Show	5 September
Dorset County Show	5-6 Sept
Widcombe Fair	8 September
Usk Show	12 September
Frome Cheese Show	12 September
UK Dairy Day	16 September
The Dairy Show, Shepton Mallet	7 October
Welsh Dairy Show	20 October
Beef South West	11 November
South West Winter Fair	30 November
Welsh Winter Fair	30 Nov-1 Dec

Some of these dates are provisional so please check before travelling.

For information on these events, contact the Show Team on 01769 575653 or see the very informative [asao.co.uk](http://asao.co.uk)



## Show season

The summer show season is always busy for us as we try to attend as many events as we can through the summer months. These include the three day events like the Devon County and Royal Cornwall Shows and the dozens of one day events across the region, as well as the various speciality attractions such as NSA Sheep South West and the British Grassland Summer Meeting which takes place in Cornwall in July. You'll find a list of shows on page 24.

We have a dedicated show team who provide all the logistics needed to make our members welcome with light refreshments, and act as support to the agricultural and retail personnel who are also in attendance. Where possible we try to have representation from all aspects of our diverse business on hand, so if you are interested in green energy, ear tags, EID equipment, soil nutrition, fertilisers, feed, or handling equipment, there should be someone who will be able to help you. Our aim is to have a professional but informal atmosphere where visitors can have a chat with our staff, or just sit and relax over a cup of tea with friends.

Our team is prepared and ready to get started, so please call in and see us whenever you are attending a show, we will be pleased to see you.



### SHOW TICKETS

SELECTED MVF BRANCHES WILL BE SELLING SHOW TICKETS FOR BOTH THE BATH AND WEST, AND DEVON COUNTY SHOWS.

Royal Bath and West tickets are available from Yeovil and Bridgwater branches. Members will receive normal cash discounts (3% for Farmer Shareholders and 2% for Country Members), ticket costs are:

**ADULT TICKET £19.00 (16 YEARS & OVER.  
INCLUDES UP TO 2 CHILDREN FREE) MVF CODE 7964**  
**ADDITIONAL CHILD TICKET £5.00 (5-15 YEARS)**  
MVF CODE 61405

**UNDER 5'S ARE FREE**

There are unfortunately no advanced concessions for students, senior citizens, disabled people or carers. Tickets will be sold up to and including all show days, so buy before you travel for these discounts.

The same discounts for MVF members will apply to Devon County Show tickets, details including ticket prices from your local branch nearer the date.



Devon County Show  
21-23 May, Westpoint, Exeter

Preparations are well underway for this year's Devon County Show and we are proud to continue as a main sponsor of this event which is seeing an increasing number of farmers attend and more agricultural businesses vying for a stand.

We are busy planning the agricultural displays and retail shopping area to give visitors to our stand have an interesting and enjoyable experience. Our emphasis this year is to demonstrate the value we can bring to agricultural and rural businesses by providing quality products and services that will enhance and support our customers.

Our extended agricultural area will contain a large marquee displaying a wide range of products and services. Technical specialists from across the business will be on hand to provide advice and guidance. So whether you want to talk business or just enjoy a sit down and some refreshments in our hospitality areas, you are most welcome. Outside you will find a large array of displays from a number of our key suppliers. More details on which supplier and what the displays will be in the May newsletter.

We will also be launching a number of new products and services and some great deals at the show!

Do come and visit our pop-up store in the main pavilion where you will find a selection of clothes, shoes, toys, gardening tools and garden furniture. In addition, our food suppliers will provide a range of delicious foods for you to try.

We have much to be proud of here in the South West and Devon County Show is the ideal event to showcase everything that is great about the region – there is something for everyone. We wish the show organisers every success for this year's event.

[devoncountyshow.co.uk](http://devoncountyshow.co.uk)

# Offers for April

SAVE  
£11



normal price  
£60.95

Draper  
engineers vice,  
150mm  
Quality cast iron body with  
steel screw and handle.  
Hardened carbon steel  
interchangeable jaws.

£49.<sup>95</sup>

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IMPACT  
SOCKET SET

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impact socket set  
worth £34.92



High torque  
wrench with 2  
x 4.0 Ah lithium  
batteries, charger  
and case

£309.<sup>80</sup>

MVF CODE 1082416-7

SAVE  
20%

Irwin jack saw,  
20"  
Triple ground, hard point saw



normal price  
£7.20

£5.<sup>76</sup>

MVF CODE 28791



01769 576201

## Mobile field shelters

SAVE  
£230



A field shelter is a year round investment. In the winter months they allow much needed escape from wind and rain, providing warmth and shelter and allowing stock to spend more time out at grass; whilst in the summer, a field shelter will provide shade from the sun and a welcome escape from flies and other biting insects.

With the option of adding gates or stable doors to the front, a mobile field shelter can also double up as a spare stable, a pen for young stock, small holders lambing area and more.

Mole Valley Plus are offering our members a mobile field shelter with a free of charge upgrade to the fully lined version, giving you an amazing saving of at least £230.

The mobile sectional field shelter has sub-assembled panels for self-assembly and an optional gate or stable front. All timbers are pressure treated with fully galvanised fixings. The bitumen corrugated roof sheets are underlined with OSB board and the shelter comes complete with instruction manual to allow easy self-installation. These shelters are extremely high quality and are built to withstand the winter weather, allowing safe and secure shelter for your animals and giving you year round peace of mind.

For further details on the range of timber building available through Mole Valley Plus, give our team a call on 01769 576201

## £24.99 MOT offer

ATS Euromaster isn't just a place to get new tyres – the vehicle servicing experts also carry out both Class 4 and Class 7 MOTs.

Having invested heavily in growing its MOT expertise, there are now more ATS Euromaster centres nationwide than ever before ready to check your vehicle to ensure it meets roadworthy standards for safe driving. That includes 155 centres for Class 4 MOTs and 57 offering Class 7 MOTs. The network is growing all the time, with the centre in Yeovil recently opening a brand new Class 4 and Class 7 MOT bay.

Mole Valley Farmer members are eligible to access special discounted rates across many of the services available at ATS Euromaster centres, including MOTs, tyres, brakes, exhausts and shocks, scheduled maintenance servicing and computerised wheel alignment – well recommended if you've hit a pothole over the winter.

To find your nearest ATS Euromaster MOT-equipped centre, use the store locator at [www.atseuromaster.co.uk](http://www.atseuromaster.co.uk) or text 'MOT' to 83332.



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- High quality service
- Transparent pricing
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# Meeting new EU standards

## AGRICULTURAL KIT FORM BUILDINGS FROM MOLE VALLEY ENGINEERING DIVISION

Significant changes have been introduced by the EU to the rules that govern frames for farm buildings and this has had an effect on our Witheridge Engineering Division. Knowing in advance that this legislation was coming, Manager Kim Turner took the opportunity to start implementing plans to meet these new standards before they became law. Three main processes have now been completed. They include:

### 1 Factory production control manual

This manual has been completed and contains the procedures and processes by which all the buildings are manufactured. The fabricators, production and administration staff strictly follow these procedures which are auditable internally and externally on a yearly basis.

### 2 Welding standards

All welders had additional training to ensure welding skills conformed to the required EU standards. Test welds were sent to a laboratory for analysis to ensure structural criteria have been met. All welding equipment is tested and certified to the new regulations.

### 3 Design protocol specifications

These now meet and exceed standards for qualification. This was the hardest part of the three but with hard work from the team there are now a set of design protocols.

Now, both site and personnel are fully compliant and can add the CE mark (No1224-CPR-0600) to their engineering work up to Exc 2.

More on our kit form farm buildings coming soon. If you would like to contact the team, call 01884 860478.



Mole Valley Engineering  
01884 860478



## Construction



Mole Valley Farmers member discounts are available on essential products and services needed to complete your spring construction projects.

Mole Valley Plus is able to supply you with all the materials you need to get your buildings and tracks up to scratch this spring, by using our buying power to negotiate discounted member prices.

### Concrete and aggregates

Whatever the scale of your project, contact our dedicated concrete and aggregate Specialists, Martin and Kelly (see Newsletter 610/12) at Mole Valley Plus to discuss your order.

We can source the very best products and the most competitive price available from our network of suppliers in your area.

### Builders' merchants and hire

To help you to complete your project, as a member you are entitled to exclusive member discounts at builders merchants and hire companies, including Travis Perkins, Jewsons, RGB, A Plant, Eagle, Speedy and many more!

For further details of builders' merchants and hire companies affiliated to Mole Valley Plus, to get a quote for concrete or aggregates, or



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to simply find out about other products that we offer which could help you to complete your spring construction project, call our team today.

## First aid at work - it's very important



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Accidents do happen, even within the most diligent farming operations and if the worst happens, would you have the first aid provision and expertise needed?

The Health and Safety (First Aid) Regulations 1981 require employers to provide adequate and appropriate equipment, facilities and personnel to ensure their employees receive immediate attention if they are injured or taken ill at work. These regulations apply to all workplaces including those with less than five employees and to the self-employed.

What is 'adequate and appropriate' will depend on the circumstances in the workplace. This includes whether trained first-aiders are needed, what should be included in a first aid box and if a first aid room is required.

Employers should carry out an assessment of first aid needs to determine what to provide.

Generally, a one day Emergency First Aid at Work course will be adequate to ensure employees are covered under the legislation.

This course covers essential skills such as, cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR), treatment of an unconscious casualty, wounds and bleeding, shock, choking, minor injuries, the use of first aid equipment and record keeping.

Where a larger number of staff are employed or work is particularly dangerous it is wise to have at least one member of staff trained to a higher level. In such circumstances a three day First Aid at Work course is appropriate and will cover all of the topics covered in the Emergency First Aid at Work course plus treatment of injuries such as fractures, sprains, spinal injuries, chest injuries, burns and scalds, eye injuries, poisoning, anaphylaxis, heart attack, stroke, epilepsy, asthma and diabetes.

As with all courses, it is essential to have up to date training. All First Aid certificates expire three years from the date of the course and it is the employers' responsibility to ensure that the necessary staff have current certificates.

Mole Valley Plus now have partnerships with a number of South West based training providers giving you access to a full range of training courses at Mole Valley Farmers member prices.

**If you would like to register your interest in a first aid, or any other training course in Dorset, Devon or Somerset, call Mole Valley Plus on 01769 576201.**

## Top tips for arranging your insurance

**"...the difference in premium might not be as great as you think, but the result of being underinsured could be devastating."**

Arranging your personal insurances may not be the most exciting of tasks, but the importance of getting your cover right is paramount, should you ever need to make a claim. Rest assured that insurance providers are here to help you; we all have to work to guidelines as outlined by the regulator, the Financial Conduct Authority.

### Your renewal

For those with policies covering personal and/or business use such as farms, smallholders, commercial motor or any type of business insurance, you would be deemed a 'Commercial Customer'. The guidelines state; Renewal notices are 'in good time', to make an informed choice, make changes or look for alternative quotes and advice, should you wish. Here at Mole Insurance Services we endeavour to begin our review process 4-6 weeks prior to your renewal date and aim to provide you with your renewal terms approximately 14 days prior. For farms, this often includes a pre-renewal meeting to ensure that your current insurance programme is suited to your current needs.

If you are purchasing insurance to cover you in a private capacity such as your home, car, horse, pet or travel, you are deemed a 'Consumer' and, therefore, should expect to receive your renewal notice from your existing insurer approximately 21 days prior to your renewal date.

### Reviewing your cover

When did you last review your insurance and the limits provided within your policy? For farms in particular, this should be reviewed annually and well in advance of your renewal date, we would recommend at least one month in advance. The review stage of dealing with your insurance

should not be underestimated, as failure to set your cover correctly and prior to your renewal date could impact on any future claims settlement. Unfortunately, there is no grace under an insurance policy, should an incident occur it would be difficult to negotiate terms post renewal.

If, following a claim you are deemed to be underinsured, your insurer may apply the average clause which essentially means that your claim could be reduced by the same percentage as you are underinsured. We all know that our premium reflects the limits we set; our advice is to always set your limits correctly as the difference in premium might not be as great as you think, but the result of being underinsured could be devastating.

### Providing accurate information

It is your responsibility to provide complete and accurate information not only when taking out your insurance policy but throughout the life of the policy. Failure to provide all relevant information could lead to no insurance protection. Insurance companies share information, particularly claims data. If you are ever in doubt, please refer to your insurance adviser.

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# From rookie ... to Eggspert!

Ben Jordan, Retail Buyer

Raising animals has always been an interest of mine, however, apart from keeping a couple of chickens when I was a young boy, I have had no interaction with raising poultry, let alone trying to hatch them from eggs.

I was given a challenge to hatch some chickens so I set myself on the path to becoming an eggspert! Armed with a Mini Advanced Incubator from Brinsea, along with an OvaView (which lets you check the progress of the eggs) a brooder (provides ambient warmth after hatching) and some other equipment, one of the main issues was trying to source some fertilised eggs.



I found a farm in north Devon who could provide them. However they did add the caveat that due to the cold weather in February, the cockerels were not always 'on form'. This turned out to be the case, and only 3 of the 7 eggs actually started to develop!

After setting up the incubator, letting it get to the correct temperature and placing the eggs in their new home, I wondered whether I had the time to take this on. Now the hatching process is finished, I can happily say it was no bother at all.

I spent the first night staring at the eggs turning every 45 minutes worrying if they would make it. Then I realised I only had to top up the water source every couple of days and wait



Rufio, Beefy and Snips have arrived!

for nature to take its course, as the eggs are automatically turned by a plastic hen.

Every couple of days, I would place the eggs in the OvaView to see the development. I can honestly say it was exhilarating watching the embryos developing and actually moving in front of your eyes. Even my dubious partner was hooked in the end.

As per normal, nature caught me out when I was cooking the Sunday roast. All of a sudden, two days early, I heard a distinctive 'cheep' whilst carving the beef. Three little chicks had decided to break free all together and come out before I had bought the sawdust!

The experience has been scary, exciting and rewarding...with a way to go and some extra challenges, I look forward to picking up some fresh eggs from the garden from Beefy, Snips and Rufio. It is a great way for children to learn whilst doing something fun, and a great excuse for the parents to pretend 'they are just helping'.



Rufio sitting on the MVF Newsletter!



Mole Valley Farmers sell a wide range of products for poultry including feeds and feeders, drinkers, chicken coops and runs, electric fencing and animal health.

Visit your local branch for more information or pick up a copy of our Guide to keeping chickens



SAVE 20%

normal price £7.62



Poultry Mite Powder 400g

£6.10

MVF CODE 64692

FREE

OVA VIEW  
CANDLING  
LAMP WORTH  
£22.32

Brinsea Mini Advance  
Incubator



Starter incubator including digital display. Great for introduction into hatching poultry



£131.64

MVF CODE 44729/47654

FREE

OVA VIEW  
CANDLING  
LAMP AND  
SCOPE WORTH  
£35.10

Brinsea Octagon 20  
Advance Incubator



Medium sized incubator including digital display.

£211.20

MVF CODES 38181/1077622



BRITISH HEN WELFARE TRUST  
CELEBRATING 10 YEARS  
SEE PAGE 44 FOR MORE INFO.

Prices include VAT where applicable and offers are for April or whilst stocks last.

# In your garden this April

## Country Garden traditional, stainless steel tools



The Country Garden tool range features a polished stainless steel head with a solid ash wooden handle providing that unique, vintage appeal. The design is proven for use by professionals, productive gardeners and the occasional users for being practical and well made. These tools are stylish, easy to use as well as durable.



Live Simply

for less

Dream Chair

100s of great prizes

FREE scratch card

with every purchase\* this Easter Weekend 3rd - 6th April

Prizes include a Dream Chair, garden benches, gift vouchers and much more!

Plus great offers like:

Buy 1 get 1 FREE

on Multi Purpose compost with added John Innes. SOL. £5.48 each

## Ride-on mowers from Mountfield

If you think your garden is too small for a ride-on mower think again! Lawn Riders can be small enough to drive through a standard garden gate. Do you have a large garden with one or more acres of grass to cut? Then a lawn tractor is what you need.



### Mountfield 1530M lawn tractor

Powered by a 452cc Mountfield OHV engine, this tractor is a strong performer. Suitable for gardens up to 1.5 acres.

**£1599.00**



MVF CODE 1088023

**£50**  
MVF voucher  
(this mower only)

### Mountfield 1636H lawn tractor

The 1636H Lawn Tractor features a 452cc Mountfield engine and hydrostatic transmission. A 92cm cutter deck provides 7 heights of cut from 25-80mm. Features include an audible alarm to indicate when the collector is full and a deck wash facility. Suitable for gardens up to 2 acres.

**£1999.00**

MVF CODE 60953



**Free mulching plug worth £105 and tow bar worth £63 with each lawn tractor above**  
(Offer ends 29th April 2015).

Tow bar  
MVF CODES 1089420/22



Mulching plug  
MVF CODES 1089419/21

### Mountfield 1538M-SD side discharge lawn tractor

This Mountfield 1538M-SD is the perfect solution for those who do not wish to collect grass clippings. Mulching grass is a great feature and saves time as there is no stopping work to dispose of clippings. This tractor features a 452cc Mountfield engine, manual transmission, headlights and option for a tow bar. The 98cm/38" cutter deck provides 7 heights of cut from 25mm to 80mm with side discharge or mulch options. Suitable for gardens up to 2.5 acres.

MVF CODE 60954



**£1399.00**

Offers are for April or whilst stocks last. Prices include VAT where applicable.

# Mountfield Freedom 48 NEW range of Cordless Garden tools

The power of petrol,  
the convenience of cordless

## Princess lawnmower 34cm

Comes complete with battery charger and 48v, 4Ah lithium battery

ARRIVING  
MID APRIL

There's no mains electric cable to drag behind you or get snagged in plants and garden furniture, or worse still get cut by the blade. Just click your battery into place and you're ready to mow.

There is almost an hour's mowing from one charge of the 4Ah battery. It feeds a DigiTorq brushless motor, with intelligent energy-saving technology, to deliver guaranteed power every time.

The mower's integral rear roller gives a striped finish when used on the lower cutting heights. The rear roller also aids control when cutting right up to the edge of the lawn. The underside of the cutting deck features an anti-scalp comb which improves the cutting finish and enhances collection. Cutting heights range from 25-75mm with 6 settings and single point adjustment.

The Princess 34Li is a 3 in 1 mower - it can collect the grass clippings in its 35L capacity collector, rear discharge the grass clippings with the grass deflector flap in position or mulch the clippings using the mulching plug supplied. The collector has a vision window so you can clearly see when your mower needs to be emptied.

With no cable or fuel worries, the virtually silent, stylish and easy to use Princess 34Li is a natural choice, and a great introduction to a range of superb battery powered garden tools.



Includes 4Ah battery and charger



£279.00

MVF CODE 1088022



## Battery charger

This offers a fast recharge time for the 2Ah and 4Ah batteries, keeping time to a minimum. The 2Ah battery can be fully recharged in just 90 minutes with the 4Ah taking only 120 minutes.

£29.00

MVF CODE 1088204

## 2Ah battery

At the heart of the Freedom 48 range, are 48V Lithium-Ion batteries, with lightweight, high performance cells delivering long running times. They have no memory effect - so the power doesn't fade in use - allowing you to work over long periods. We stock the 2Ah battery which charges in 90 minutes.



The 4Ah which charges in 120 minutes is available to order.

MVF CODE 1090614

£99.00

## Hedgetrimmer



Perfect match for garden hedges, shrubs and general untidy growth. Its 61cm dual action laser-cut blades will slice through foliage up to 20mm in diameter, making easy work of tough trimming jobs. For the

optimum cutting angle and a comfortable grip, simply press a button and rotate the battery pack. It weighs around half that of a petrol model and has a cutting time of up to 70 minutes.



£79.00

MVF CODE 1088201

Excludes battery and charger

## Grass trimmer

Lightweight and ergonomic, with easily adjustable head angle and front handle position. Simple to start, you will get up to 40 minutes trimming time with the 4Ah battery fitted. The auto feed head and line knife keep the working width at a convenient 12 inches. Simply stop and restart the trimmer to automatically feed out more line. For trimming borders and lawn verges, press the button to rotate the head through 45 degrees. The guide wheel will help you achieve a clean cut.

£79.00

MVF CODE 1090613

Excludes battery and charger



## Pole pruner and hedge trimmer

For gardens with difficult to reach bushes, trees and shrubs, the Mountfield MM48Li 48V pole pruner and hedgetrimmer is the answer.

Supplied with a 20cm chainsaw pruning head and a 50cm reciprocating hedge trimming head which will cut growth up to 20mm in diameter, the extension shaft makes it a must for anyone with high hedges or trees to prune.

With a run time of up to 50 minutes from the 4 amp-hour battery, the Mountfield pole pruner is suitable for most difficult to reach pruning jobs.



£139.00

Excludes battery and charger

MVF CODE 1088202

Lawnmower, hedgetrimmer, grass trimmer, pole pruner, charger, 4 Ah battery for less than £600 with no additional petrol or servicing costs!

# Here comes summer...

**SPECIAL PRICE**

Dream chair

Incredibly comfortable, very strong, high tensile steel frame. Will easily hold up to 120kg.

Available in apple green or blue

**£179.99**

MVF CODES  
1084866/60123



We have a wide selection of garden furniture so whichever style you prefer, visit your local branch to browse our range



**SPECIAL PURCHASE**

White metal furniture set

Consisting of a table and six folding chairs



**£199.99**

MVF CODE 1087163

**ZERO MAINTENANCE**

Wood effect all-weather two seater bench



**£199.99**

MVF CODE 1089837

Zero maintenance, this Winawood furniture looks and feels like wood but can be left outside all year without the need to oil, stain or cover. Three seater benches and adirondeck chairs also available

“ Very soon, (if you haven't already) it will be time to light up the barbecue ”

**SAVE £130**

OFF RRP

Stainless steel Hunter 3 burner gas barbecue



RRP £399.99

**£269.99**

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61050

Complete with free propane regulator

Aluminium rocking chair

Folds for easy storage

**BUY 2 FOR £120**



**£69.98**

MVF CODE  
1085722

**SPECIAL PURCHASE**

Veranda furniture set

Italian quality plastic furniture set consisting of a sofa, two chairs and a coffee table



MVF CODE 1086367

**£99.98**

You've done the hard work, now sit back and admire your garden, fire up the barbecue or drink a well earned cup of tea



By April, Spring is in full swing with flowering cherries and fruit trees out in blossom. The garden is bursting into bloom with flowering currants, magnolias and a wide range of bulbs including tulips, daffodils and fritillaria adding to the swathes of colour.

The weather is changing with fresh, sunny days, interspersed with April showers and the occasional short sharp frost. With temperatures rising, plants are bursting into growth, but whilst in most cases this is desirable, we need to keep on top of the weeds through spraying and hoeing.



April is an ideal time to start planting up tubs and hanging baskets, providing you have somewhere, such as a greenhouse, to grow them on before moving them outside in May when the risk of frosts has passed.



Unfortunately, slugs and snails become active about the same time that new perennial shoots start developing. Therefore, it is a good idea to start precautionary measures by using one of the various slug killers that we stock.

Slug Rid is bait which can be used safely around pets, children and wildlife, as it only affects slugs and snails. It is fully biodegradable and suitable for organic gardening. It also lasts longer than traditional pellets after rain and watering, which is a huge advantage at the early part of the season, when April showers can be prevalent.



Spend some time looking after your lawn, after months of neglect! The Westland Lawn Feed, Weed & Moss killer, is a balanced lawn fertiliser, which stimulates growth, controls moss and kills weeds. Rake out the moss and re-seed any bare patches with After Moss Lawn seed.

By now you should be mowing the lawn at least every two weeks, and if it's really mild then it may need to be done weekly.

Elsewhere, round the garden you can be feed roses, borders, trees, shrubs and spring bulbs with a general-purpose fertiliser, such as Growmore.

Spread around any bare soil in beds and lightly fork in. Remember, with bulbs it is important to wait for six weeks after flowering before cutting the foliage down. Tidy up the borders now before herbaceous plants cover the ground completely.



With the long Easter weekend at the beginning of April, it's an ideal time to visit your local branch and stock up with all your requirements for a productive time in your garden!

Please note: Branches are not open on Easter Sunday

There are a number of seeds to be planted outside including beetroot, carrots, Swiss chard, summer cauliflower, kohlrabi, lettuce, leeks, radish, turnip, spring and pickling onions, peas and perpetual spinach in well-prepared soil.



### Seed potatoes

Chit and plant out second early potatoes in the first half of the month and maincrop potatoes in the second half



**Sow** indoors seeds of marrows, courgettes, pumpkins, squash, sweet peppers, tomatoes, cucumbers, aubergines, celery, celeriac, salads and globe artichokes.

**Plant** strawberries, potatoes, Jerusalem artichokes and asparagus crowns.



We've got lots of great gardening offers this month. More details on our leaflet enclosed with your newsletter or available at your local branch

# Equestrian clothing for spring and summer



**Toggi Mara**  
polo shirt

**Clematis**  
Size 10-18

**£26.<sup>99</sup>**

MVF CODES  
1086573-77

Jersey polo shirt with a touch of vintage sporty chic. Classic styling with Toggi crest embroidery at the chest and contrast trims add a touch of femininity.



**Toggi Arabella** jacket

The Toggi Arabella is the perfect ladies jacket to take you from town to country in style. With classic styling and attention to detail this piece is practical, sophisticated and looks good.

A durable water repellent finish means the Arabella jacket stays looking good for longer. Finishing touches include: zipped vents at the cuff, elbow patches, pockets at the waist and belt detail at the back in contrast fabric.

**Night Blue**  
Sizes 10-18

**£82.<sup>99</sup>**

MVF CODES 1086533-7

**Toggi Cassie** gilet

Perfect for keeping warm when the sun goes down and its fitted shape and flattering quilting design will keep you looking good too. The style features front zip fastening and welt pockets with concealed popper fastening. Luxurious contrast colour printed lining and horse embroidery at the chest add the finishing touches.



**Clematis**  
Sizes 10-18

**£52.<sup>99</sup>**

MVF CODES 1086538-42

**Toggi**

**Toggi Olivia** scarf

The classic horse print looks stunning in Clematis and new for this season we have an adorable dog print scarf in classic Navy and Vanilla. This scarf will be perfect for draping around your neck for a sophisticated look, wrap it up tight on those chilly summer nights or even wear it as a sarong.



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One size

**£13.<sup>99</sup>**

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**Toggi Marcia** polo shirt

A classic short sleeved top featuring a simple yet sophisticated stripe. Gold trims and chest embroidery add the finishing touches to this winning piece.

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1086578-82

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Size 10-18



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# Spring clean with Mole Valley Farmers

With the days getting gradually longer, many of us find it to be a good time to have a good sort out and spring clean the house. With the multitude of products and brands available, it can be a little confusing knowing what to choose to best get the job done. Perhaps you choose something with a nice scent or an unbeatable price, but living in the countryside for the last year and a half in a house with a septic tank has taught me that there is more to product selection than just price labels and attractive bottles.

## SEPTIC TANKS NEED LOOKING AFTER

To keep the septic tank healthy and functioning correctly, it is important to use products that don't kill off the natural (and necessary) bacteria. Products such as Ecover work with the bacteria in the septic tank to break down and biodegrade unlike other products which use noxious and toxic chemicals which ultimately can destroy the bacteria in the tank and reduce its effectiveness. The range is made from plant based ingredients that do not harm the environment and are fully degradable. These factors combined with periodic preventive maintenance of your tank will help to ensure that the anaerobic bacterial environment in the tank is not disturbed and sustain the life of the tank. The Ecover range has recently had their packaging redesigned to carry the "suitable for septic tanks" logo.



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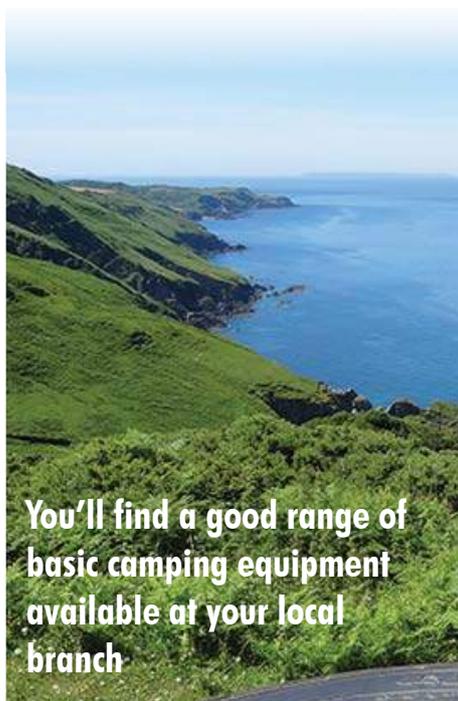


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**Tasty teatime treat**

**The Bay Tree Lemon Curd Roulade**

Mole Valley Farmers

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## The Bay Tree Lemon Curd Roulade

### Ingredients:

- 4 free range egg whites
- 200g caster sugar
- 200g The Bay Tree Lemon Curd (or local alternative)
- 175g double cream, whipped with 25g icing sugar
- Icing sugar, for dusting

### Method:

Preheat the oven to 175°C/GM 3. Grease and line a Swiss roll tin.

Put the egg whites in a bowl and whisk until stiff peaks form when the whisk is lifted out of the mixture.

Slowly whisk in the sugar, one spoonful at a time. Make sure that the previous spoon has fully combined before adding the next one.

Spoon onto the Swiss roll tin, level the mixture and bake for 15 minutes.

Dust a piece of greaseproof paper with icing sugar. Turn the meringue out of the tin and set aside to cool.

Spread the lemon curd over the meringue, followed by the whipped cream.

Whilst holding the greaseproof paper, carefully roll up the meringue lengthways into a roulade shape. Dust with more icing sugar and slice into portions to serve.

**Top Tip:**  
For a tasty twist, try adding seasonal fruit to the lemon curd before you roll the roulade. For example raspberries or even passion fruit seeds!



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Howard 80" rotovator, rebuilt with new blades & resprayed. 01769 580245

Keenan 140 EF, very tidy, £4000.  
 01404 871395

West 1600 2007 c/w extension, £4450 + VAT, gwo. Marshall QM12 silage trailer, 2007, good order, £5950 + VAT. East Devon. 07771 662396 / 01404 891253

JD3765 trailed forage harvester, PUH & side loading chute extensions gwo. Bridgwater. 07764 150720

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Wecan rotovators from 1.5m-6m working width in stock. 01769 580600

High spec galv slurry tanker, 1350 gall, little used, never been on dairy farm £6250 + VAT. 07971 480812

Zweegee haybob, new tyres fitted last season, 1 or 2 tines may need replacing, gwo, no VAT.  
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Vicon Varispreader 1354, good cond, £1150. Also 500 spreader, good cond, £325. 01271 864272 / 07977 284037

Sealey bandsaw SM5 3 sp, £150 ono.  
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Potato planter fixed on Twose cultivator frame with ridgers. 01884 820334

Dowdeswell DP8 4 furrow rev plough, good order, mostly new metal + spares £1100 + VAT. Lemken 4m 1 pass speed harrow, good cond £1800 + VAT.  
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 Nr Seaton 07970 217267

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NH525 forage harvester in gwo £1200 Sturminster Newton. 07974 007042

KRM L1 plus fert spinner exc condition. 2007 £1950. 07966 959758

Shear grab, good cond 54" wide, DB brackets, £650, Flat ring grassland roller, suit smallholder, £250. 01823 601270

3m Lely Roterra power harrow in vgc & working order £850.  
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Binders for spares, Massey Harris PTO, Sunshine PTO & International Land Drive. 01278 783308

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Fransguard RV390 tedder/rake, vgc £1500 + VAT Dorset. 07964 679354

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Turner 4' flail mower, pto drive, new bearings vgw £575 + VAT.  
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Toyota Land Cruiser LC4, 2005, 95k, full leather, climate control, Sat nav, Tow bar, Nice cond, £8750 ono.  
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Land Rover Defender 110 2.4 TDCi dble cab, 2011, 1 owner, as new 26K miles £14950 no VAT. PX LR model range or R terrain compact teleporter or forklift Bristol/Bath area. 07966 130180

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Suzuki grand vitara 3dr 2007 £4000 63k miles. 01548 810079

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Holstein Friesian bulls well grown & ready to work. Jerry Palmer. 07854 810584

GOS weaners, 16wks, outdoor reared, very sturdy, handled daily. 01392 860921 / 07899 783489

Woodington ped Angus. Quality young bulls & females, bred for easy calving & fast growth. Biobest, HiHealth, vac BVD. Closed herd over 20yrs. Mid Devon. 01884 860606

Stabiliser & Gelbvieh bulls in health scheme, very well grown & quiet. Also heifers. 01392 434056

Mallard poult, grass reared, orders now taken for this season. 07967 595666

English Springer Spaniel pups both parents exc workers hunting, dogging in & retrieving L&W, B&W dogs & bitches, previous litter mates can be seen on farm. 01984 667251

Colhayne Aberdeen Angus bulls, easy calving AI sires, Breedplan recorded, very high EBVs, SAC premium health scheme. B.S & V.J Fry, Axminster. 01404 831103 / 07969 604287

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Pheasant poult, quality grass reared ring necks, 7wks old, delivery July / Aug. eve 01363 866181

Huntaway X Collie pups, tri colour, born 21/02/15, working parents. Robins. 01398 341246

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Frenchstone Herefords ped bulls & heifers. All from reserve bull of the year 2012. Exc conformation from clear health tested herd. 01769 579460 / 572294

Bulls ped Simmental bulls galore. Top notch quality. V. good conformation. member of HiHealth scheme. Accredited for BVD & Johnes. Prices to suit all pockets.

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New Zealand Huntaway pups. Good working strain, excellent temps. Chulmleigh. 07779 177485

Miniature Mediterranean donkeys. Show quality but also adorable pets for the family as well as for the holiday trade. More info www.highfield.eu/animals 07963 646402

8yr old grey Dartmoor gelding suitable for tacking & smart 4yr old unbroken filly. 01884 881324

Furzelease ped Aberdeen Angus young bulls. SAC premium cattle health scheme. Ready to work, organic, Tisbury. 01747 870509 / 07899 744764

Day old goslings commercial white. Available from April on. 07590 266902

Hall Game Farm, 7wk old grass reared pheasant poults at £3.25, delivered mid-June. SW. 07725 199747 / 07748 108818

2 outstanding young Devon bulls. Reg. Tested negative & vac BVD. Great depth of pedigree with a lot of exc & v good. john@prideauxoffice.com 07767 447183 / 01643 841327

Simmental bulls, Skylark Herd, ped & non ped, 13mths +, well fed forward animals, ready to work. 01884 855508 / 07866 259995

20 organic ewes with lambs at foot. In Heptavac P system. 01409 211236

Collie pups from good working parents, mother reg ped, bought at Sennybridges, only bitches available £220. Store cattle, suckled calves, cows & calves all types of sheep incl complete flocks wanted. R Helmer. 01548 560191

Small flock of Portland ped sheep for sale Ken Martin, Winscombe. 01934 843376 / 07748 486155

Cornbel ped polled Herefords, bulls & females of all ages for sale. Closed herd, HiHealth scheme, EBVs nr Illminster. 01823 480321 / 07917 583637

Regd Collie pups, world int & nat champs in ped. Sire, multiple trial winner, dam & grand dam can be seen working, Bitches £350, dogs £250. Ex temps, training for dogs/owner available if reqd. David Grant. 01363 877400 / 07970 042560

Free range laying hens approx 1yr old £1.50 ea. 01823 602711 / 07815 059823

2 pure bred Tamworth gilts, 9mths, ready for breeding / pork, £95 ea. 01460 63155

Autumn calving, Lim, Char & S Devon suckler cows with calves at foot, in calf to easy calving Charolais bull, TB free herd, downsizing due to ill health. after 8pm 01647 440315

4 Bleu du Maine ewes born March 2014, reg, Signet recorded. 01823 461249

Severnvalley Herefords, bulls ready to work + ped cows & calves. 01454 632309

Dorset Horn & Poll Dorset Sheep Breeders' Assoc May Fair - 5 & 6 May, 2015. Exeter Livestock Centre. All classes of quality Dorset Horn & Poll Dorset Sheep available. Genetics from the country's top breeders. See Dorset Horn & Poll Dorset website: www.dorsetsheep.org for sale details. Transport back to Northern Ireland can be arranged by prior agreement. 01305 262126 e-mail: dorsetsheep@xlnmail.com or Kivells 01392 251261 www.kivells.com. Catalogue on both websites from 15 April 2015.

Alpacas both male & female, young stock & adults incl breeding females, neutered & entire males, Various colours. Good prices. Brixham area. 01803 845689

Young AA bulls from the Gear Herd. Elite Health status. Good conformation & easy fleshing. Good birth weights. Breedplan recorded. 01736 795471

Free range Utility Rhode Island Red hatching eggs. Can be posted to any UK address. Please call Lansdown Poultry Farm. 01225 334819 / 07592 449826

Suffolks, small flock of 15 ewes, ped & Signet recorded. Due to lamb mid-April. Can deliver. Beaminster. 01308 863054

Heywood ped Simmental bulls, 1 polled, good EBV's Lepto & BVD vac. Herd Sure HiHealth. D Barker Taunton. 01823 432171

Ped top notch Whitefield Orange bred Red Ruby Devon cow, due 2nd calf mid April, halter broken & very quiet. Also yearling Orange heifer by Centurion genuine opportunity as retiring. Lewis Wiveliscombe. 01984 623489

Ped Beef Shorthorns 2 bulling heifers, 1 in calf heifer PD'd 5 mths, 1 second calver due end Feb/ Mar pls leave a message & will return your call. 01300 321180

Stunning Exmoor pony, mare 12yrs shown successfully, in hand & ridden also WHP won several championships good to shoe box & in traffic, lovely kind temp, ridden out by adults & children. 01643 841564

100 well grown Suffolk X mule ewe lambs with Charollais lamb at foot. Vac & electric fence trained. Ready mid Apr onwards. 01769 550312 / 07899 873915

Stockleigh ped Beef Shorthorns, SAC HiHealth scheme, BVD, Lepto, IBR, Johnes, young polled bulls for sale. Call Anthony. 01363 866541 / 07764 354412

Ped Lim bulls, choice of 18mths+, good feet & shape, reasonably priced. Endacott. eves 01409 221858 / 07974 387934

Blonde d'Aquitaine bulls. 01769 580692

Ped Simmental bulls & heifers, recorded, SAC health scheme, sensible price. 01747 861879 / 07974 260579

Ped Beef Shorthorn bulls, 2 at 10 mths very quiet, well grown. 07779 403391

Weaners. Large Black X Saddleback, outdoor reared, wire trained ready early Apr. Gilts £35 boars £30. Fred Wing. Churchstanton TA3. 01823 601271 07815 139739

Blonde bull ready to work. Can deliver, Kingdon, Newquay. 07929 072367 / 01872 510365

Ped reg & recorded Hereford bulls, various ages warranted for all systems. Females usually available. 01460 234394

Ped Aberdeen Angus stock bull, 7yrs easy calving, good size, shape very quiet, easy to handle. eve 01271 831567 / 07761 240048

Donkeys, 3 miniature jennys, 2 geldings, from reg stock. 3 st jennys & 3 jacks, 10mths. 01237 472201 / 07779 488445

Rising 2yr old Dev bull, ped but unreg. Grass fed only. GOS X OSB weaners ready w/e 18 Apr. Soay ram; 3yrs old & fertile. Nr Lifton. Call John 01837 871214

Pure bred Tamworth weaners, boars £35, gilts £40. Chard. 01460 63155

Wanted Silky & Minorca chickens. 07860 423139

Holstein Friesian in calf heifers TB free. East Devon. 07971 821086

Lab/kelpie x collie puppies £175. 01548 810079

15.3hh thoroughbred X chestnut mare. Been hunted, big jump. No rider for 18mths, needs bringing back into work. Must go. Offers. 01566 773962

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Patio set inc. table & 6 armchairs in cast aluminium. need painting £150.

07710 891320

Fast-growing trees & hedging for screens, windbreaks, game cover, coppicing, bank stabilisation, woodland regeneration & more. Producing growth of 6-8' per yr. Prices from £53 for 100 plants. www.bowhayestrees.co.uk

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Telephone poles, full length or cut to order.

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Mixit Stirrers will save you time & diesel. The unique rotating tube with auger & upto 200hp impellers will quickly pulverize any thickness of crust. There are no submerged bearings, so can stir any fibrous crust without failure. Look at www.mixitstirrers.co.uk for full details & video.

01548 550298

Wilja & Desire certified seed potatoes. Taunton area.

01823 253808 / 07966 422641

Low cost polycarbonate panels for conservatories, car ports, canopy roofs, windows, tractors, greenhouses etc. We supply multiwall, corrugated & solid sheet cut to order at competitive prices. Fitting service available. Glazing bars, carports & DIY secondary glazing also available at Omega Plastics. South Molton.

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01769 574426

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07769 703958

Static caravans, ideal self build, farm workers accomm, extra living accomm. Prices to suit all budgets. In-house transport. www.strandcaravans.co.uk email info@strandcaravans.co.uk

01823 672800 / 07970 906156

Cubicle bedding. Crushed husk cubicle bedding, 6-8% moisture content, soft & absorbent, grain size 6mm to dust. Readily available all year round by walking floor lorry. For more info or a sample contact: email: sales@ag-products.co.uk

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01565 722922

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Rayburn, solid fuel model, Regent Royale MF Supreme. Sales, repairs, restorations & new boilers, various colours in stock. For details call

07792 755103

AGA's & Rayburns cleaned & re-enamelled, worn tops a speciality. Solid fuel Rayburns always available. Oil & gas servicing available.

01392 841391

Home Pine Furniture for solid oak, pine & painted furniture, visit show room at Buller Rd, Barnstaple, Devon EX32 8JP Standard ranges + furniture made to any size, sale now on.

01271 323608

Artichoke for game strips. £12/25kg seed. Price reduction for quantity. 01794 322700

The static caravan specialists, ideal accomm for farmworkers, hands & stable staff, even granny. We have over 40 caravans always in stock with immediate delivery. Visit website & come & view. All sizes & budgets to suit, inc some with dble glazing & CH. www.ianjamescaravans.co.uk

01278 780565

Static 24'-28' caravans in good cond, been in regular use but now surplus to requirements, no reasonable offer refused.

01823 253808 / 07966 422641

Stiga Park Pro diesel ride-on mower, Combi Pro 125 cutting deck, serviced, £2500.

07785 767802 / 01458 272637

7 JFC single calf hutches £100ea.

01637 873695

Wanted OOP feeders.

07831 605991

Batemans 8' creep feeder, as new cond. £140. Tavistock.

07860 877240

IAE fully galvd calf pens with front head locking gates, 5' x 3' c/w bucket racks & buckets, comes fully apart for cleaning & storage. Call

01840 212009

Iron cattle crush fit 3pt linkage gwo.

01271 850293

Alfa laval feeders, long stem ACR's & 150 claws Penzance.

01736 810420

Solid oak flooring, wide boards also suitable for underfloor central heating. Green oak framing available at competitive prices.

01392 434056

Link box length 5'6" high 2'6" £100 + VAT

01984 623518

Allen Commander 18hp ride-on mower, 44" cut, renovated last year, to inc new transaxle, battery, belts. Hardly used since, many spares included, £900. Wellington area.

01823 672123

3 Honeywell radiators, pls phone for measurements £25 ea. Shower door 42" wide £25.

01271 863537

Pony trap. Modern construction with suspension. New paint, panels & tyres. Suit 11 to 14.2h £380.

01225 766211

Dutch light greenhouse 30' by 20' seen standing, offers.

01963 220489

Miele S8320 EcoLine cylinder vacuum cleaner, 1200 watt, as new, £120. Countax ride on mower C300M, 30", w/ collector £300. Arc welder 180amps, 1ph gwo, £120, compressor 100l 1ph £100. Log splitter, 3ph 8T, grain store barrel hoover twin power 200L £150. Cattle race, 9-6 bar 10' gates & exit gate £850, cattle trailer feeder needs floor repair £750. Dorchester, Dorset.

Email frankvannes01@gmail.com

White hand basin with taps £25. Small new rectangular hand basin £30. Vintage pink hand basin with taps £25.

01271 863537

Lifan moped 49cc, first reg Jan 13 low mileage vgc £800 ono.

07970 220937 / 01392 861133

lfor William 12' stock trailer with wheels on outside.

01823 432292 / 07977 543576

Factory seconds, concrete pipes 375mm dia £40, 300mm dia £20 Call John Luffman.

07774 136239

Need to equip/refurbish holiday or new home? We have the following items all in exc cond. Settings for 6-8 people Wedgewood white bone china, incl milk jugs & sauce boat. Full set of s/steel cutlery for 8. Glasses - water, wine & tumblers. Serving & flan dishes, glass bowl & small dishes, various kitchen utensils incl bread bin & matching small containers. Wall clock, 2 wall mirrors, china table lamp. Bath & hand towels & 4 pillows. Steam iron & electric blender. A box of various board games. £325 the lot.

01398 323473

400ltr Titan Truckmaster with gauge & elec pump. Nearly new £395 ono no VAT.

01805 804593

Cattle crush, IAE, 2yr old, only used 6 times, access front & sides, back gate & bar, 3 x 10' hurdles, 1x 10' hurdle with gate, 5' hoop & end gate, 3' hoop all pinned. £1500.

01271 883160 / 07970 808862

Original shop scales with pan & weights £50. Go Kart with lawn mower engine £175. Forge electric air blower £50. 2 x 12' wooden field gates good cond £25 ea. Hayter motor mower £40. Cast iron fire basket 17"x12" £90. Old roofing slates offers.

01288 341216

2x 6T intensive beef ad-lib feeders (Simms bins).

01297 678710

12'x12' wooden field shelters, with bitumen roof sheets & wooden skids, from £650 + VAT. Galv skids from £350 + VAT. Other sizes available on request. www.countrysidefencing.com

01460 52709 / 07736 009565

Hayter lawn mower self-propelled rear roller, 19" cut, £195 ono.

01458 241222 / 07765 230727

Pig hoppers, plastic, good cond. £15 + VAT.

07710 891320

3 x Brinsea Hatchmaster incubators. 106 egg capacity, automatic turning. £150 egg .

07889 825796

Lister Liberty cordless clippers good cond £85 + VAT.

07710 891320

Lincu Avitec 500 egg incubator, automatic turning, never been used, comes with 2 300 egg hatcher. £1500. 07889 825796

Plastic folding box crates. 600x400x25. 200 available.

07889 825796

Statics 28x10. 2 available now, both 2 bedrooms exc cond still used as holiday lets £3500 ea ono.

01237 441664 / 07789 756789

lfor Williams 12x6 trailer, drop sides + hay raves. £1200. Frome. 07525 251773

Cell grown trees & shrubs for hedge & woodland. Grown outside on Exmoor to produce strong hardy trees. Comp prices. www.exmoortrees.co.uk

07971 580057

Lamb weigher £165 + VAT. 01884 820334

Free range laying hens approx 1yr £1.50 ea.

01823 602711 / 07815 059823

Approx 70-80 cubic m's of bone dry woodchip for biomass. Stored for poss own use but no longer needed. Cullompton offers.

07768 791084 / 01884 277911

Stanley stove, oil fired, ring for details.

01884 266609

Biro mincer size 32, 1 ph 240 V, 13 amp, good as new, new vac packer & 12" slicer, Cullompton.

07973 362230

Honda roller petrol mower, 19" cut, vgc. New, boxed Draper HD 2 wheel 8" bench grinder c/w light. Twin cyl elect. compressor, pipes, airgun sockets etc. vgc. Winchester 12 bore + 3 gun cabinet.

01237 471657 / 07890 527470

Static caravan, 2004, 3 bedrooms 35 x12 Full winter pack. Private sell. Sited near Bridgwater, transport can be arranged. Phone for info.

07812 563795

Galv cattle feed rings good cond.

01823 601270

Rayburn Esse dark green £520.

01278 641416

Series 1 L R chasis large roller shutter, guillotine lrg qty terracotta stable bricker.

01984 623703

Cattle Code OOPF, 6 nearly new stations 100+ collars complete system or super lot of spares, Fiat 8090 v. tidy. Quicke to Manitou adaptor plate.

01237 451389

Rhododendrons £6+ (bushy too), choice trees, shrubs & hedge, 200 species. Rackenford. goakey101@aol.com

07976 807510 / 01884 881633

Cast aluminium house signs & plaques, manufactured locally for farms, houses, restaurants, hotels etc. www.dorothyfoundry.com

Call 01823 672640

2 blocks of portaloos, offers.

01237 472201 / 07779 488445

2 Emcostar multipurpose wood working machines plain/ban-saw/circular-saw/sander, working cond £50 ea. Burgess Stihl ES40 electric garden leaf blower £40. Newton Abbott.

01626 832601

Ventilation tunnel unused. Motor still in box. £250.10 Calve pens, singles & doubles £350.

07743 655985

Holm & Laue remote control Milk Taxi 150ltrs. Unused, still in original packaging sale due to change in farming policy.

07792 520894

Land Rover Discovery 3 Britpart side runners new not used £195.

01823 421681 / 07860 401407

British made plate racks & drying racks for all range of cookers inc Aga's, Rayburns, Stanleys, Heritage, Esse, Redfire etc. Ideal Gift. www.plateracksanddryingracks.co.uk

01823 672640

Lister Laser clippers mains good condition £125 + VAT.

07710 891320

Breaking for spares, 8 16 milking parlour to inc vacuum pump & motor milk pump, Gascoigne feeder motors + controller Waikito pulsators etc.

01726 890616 / 07706 506662

Woodburners as new clear view pioneer 5Kw m/fuel £450 Hunter hightop m/fuel 5Kw £250 W/Somerset.

07909 697709

DB 1390 4 wh drive, Ford front weights, Kune 2m mower conditioner, Lawrance David round bale wrapper, pallet racking, counter top display chillers, Bomford topper, Quicke bale spike, Bicon acrobat, 70 bird chicken house on skids.

07774 705865

Diesel tank, single skin plastic, nearly new, 1200ltrs, c/w hose, £150. 1000ltr 3pt linkage water bowser, £200. Also various poultry equipment. Torrington.

07530 854662

Transit refrigerated van ideal for storage of fallen stock or any refrigeration, hook up.

01237 451217

Quality poultry houses & pens. All sizes. At reasonable prices & can deliver.

01460 242608 / 07854 128223

AGA cookers, re-enameled any colour, oil, gas or 13amp electric as new, fitted from £2600 no VAT, conversions to 13amp electric £1800 no VAT, call Luke.

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Old granite roller, iron flat roller, hayrake, potato digger, stone grinding wheel, pig troughs (planters).

01984 623703

Cedar greenhouse approx. 8' x10' £350, Ex army trailer £500

01598 710026

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Fodder beet, good quality, delivery can be arranged. 07768 587702 / 07972 009786

Good quality square bale hay, contact Stuart.

07740 399138

Quadrant wheat straw, round & square bale haylage & silage, fodder beet, delivered, Tiverton.

07850 222929

Best quality forage; hay & straw (barley, wheat, oat, rape) & haylage. Any size bale, delivery throughout the South West. Competitive prices & reliable service. Hay wanted. M.R.Horn

01837 861443

07970 600800 / 01404 823333

Top quality small bale hay made in June. Knowstone.

01884 881382

Quality fodder beet, Bridgwater.

07876 528064

Small bale hay, round bale wheat, barley straw & round bale haylage. Newquay, Cornwall. Contact Ben.

01637 860314

Barley & wheat straw & hay for sale, all baled & delivered by us, please ring for a keen price on delivery throughout 2015, we may save you hundreds of pounds on your current suppliers mark up on bought in straw, baling & selling straw for 25yrs. Alexander Mckie.

07836 547930

Horse hay, Yeoford £3.75.

01363 84357

Big bale horse haylage, made June 2014, good small bale hay made in June, Bampton area.

07889 302479 / eve 01398 331443

Good quality barn stored wheat / oat straw Wiveliscombe.

01984 623218

Excellent horse, sheep & calf hay & barley straw, traditional bales. Also square bale & round bale hay.

07977 930045 / 01769 540405

Good quality, small bale hay, £3 per bale. Wellington, can deliver.

07793 983531

Good quality meadow hay from £2.50 a bale.

01749 675551

Quality round baled haylage, hay & straw. Small baled hay & straw, del possible Winleigh.

01837 83381 / 07876 106057

Big bale hay, wheat & barley straw, delivered to all areas, for the best prices. Call Ian Webber. 07831 364644

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Excellent quality small & large bales of hay (£3/£30). Also excellent quality double wrapped large haylage £38. Collect Exford, or delivery anywhere on Exmoor. 07986 936686 / 01643 831521

Wheat straw, mini Hesstons, 4 string, delivered in 72 bale loads or 40 bale loads, priced from £56 per tonne. 07767 656503

Barley & wheat straw + hay & silage in various bales, available at competitive price. Also fodder beet. Wadebridge. Call Alec: 07792 373202 / eves 01208 851786

Round / square bale haylage well-made 2014 Churchinford. 01823 601282

Barley, top quality 15-16% MC, well stored. 01884 855519 / 07871 441892

Quality horse haylage, triple wrapped Choice of: Ryegrass, Timothy & Rye or Meadow. Small bales £5, 3 sizes of large bales from £18. Deliveries in local Wellington area. 01823 663855

Straw & hay bought & sold in any size of bale or load. Also Bedrap, Bedmax & white flake shavings for sale at competitive prices. 01458 447833 / 07889 064294

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Winter barley straw, 120 x 70, quadrant bales, top quality, £60/T. Teignmouth area. Call Matt: 07773 713579

Good quality round bale haylage Barnstaple. 07885 155088 / 01271 321584

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Straw & hay in big square bales. All home grown, barn stored & guaranteed quality. Cut out the middle man & order directly from us for a keen price. Delivered or collected from Saltash. Smeaton Farm. 01579 351833

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Cull cows, ewes & lambs taken. Also casualty cattle with certification for human consumption picked up. Prompt & good rates of pay. 07976 321686 01823 352228 / 01823 283576

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Urgent, high cash price paid for Toyota Hi-lux pick-ups, petrols, 4 or 42 wd. Also Nissan D21 petrols, 4&2wd, any condition taken. 07860 423139

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Beef store cattle & store bulls, for finishing, can take from TB clear or restricted farms.

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Wanted OOP feeders. 07831 605991

Relief milker/pt time farmworker reqd for modern dairy unit. Chulmleigh. 07967 120148

Pig stockman reqd for outdoor unit nr Wellington. Experience an advantage, full licences (tractor) reqd. 01823 672012

Pair of good Ford/Whitloc/Hymac 6 stud rear wheels & tyres. 07989 530109

Claas Markant 55 or 65 conventional baler anything considered. 07976 612075

Subaru 4x4 pickup. 07971 847819

Farm worker reqd, full-time or part-time apprenticeships, beef, sheep, dairy & arable farm. Ilminster. 01460 57597 / 07746 002304

Jack Russell pup smooth haired bitch must be tail docked. Loving farm home awaits. 01984 618200 / 07791 730888

Store cattle, cows & bulls, no pre movement test needed, over 12 mths. Can take TB cattle, top prices paid. J Symons. 01805 603250 / 07801 650401

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Holsworthy market Weds 29 April 2015



## nightwalk

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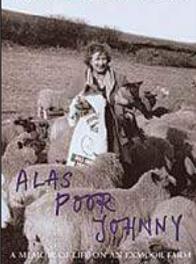
The British Hen Welfare Trust celebrates its 10th anniversary this year.

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Over that time it has found pet homes for over 450,000 commercial laying hens destined for slaughter. The Trust hopes to celebrate its milestone birthday year with the arrival of a very special 500,000th lucky hen called Dee. The Trust needs to find homes for over 50,000 hens this year.

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### Alas poor Johnny

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## DIARY DATES

1 Apr	<b>Can we learn to love the megadairy?</b> Amy Jackson, Oxtale, plus grass silage comp. results. Somerset Grassland Society, Pipers Inn, Ashcott. Clive Bethell 07896 134346
11 Apr	<b>Performance Recorded Centurion Poll Dorset and Dorset Horn Sale</b> , Sedgemoor Auction Centre from 12 noon. Selected rams, ram lambs and females available
13-19 Apr	<b>National Gardening Week</b> <a href="http://nationalgardeningweek.org.uk">nationalgardeningweek.org.uk</a>
17 Apr	<b>National Open Gardens day</b> . Find an open garden near you at <a href="http://nationalgardeningweek.org.uk">nationalgardeningweek.org.uk</a> and click on the "find an event" link
	<b>Closing date</b> for entries to Royal Cornwall Show, Livestock and equine classes
21 Apr	<b>Renewable Energy Marketplace</b> , Westpoint, Exeter 10am-4pm Call 01392 494399 or visit <a href="http://renewableenergymarketplace.co.uk">renewableenergymarketplace.co.uk</a> . £5 discount for MVF members
22 Apr	<b>RIDBA Event</b> at Bristol Uni. School of Vet. Sciences, Langford, BS40 5DU. To include welfare of dairy cows when building new dairy facilities. Afternoon visit to Wyndhurst Farm 200 cow dairy unit. 11am onwards. More info: Ali Dominy 07810 768557, <a href="mailto:alidominy@aol.com">alidominy@aol.com</a> <a href="http://ridbawessex.co.uk">ridbawessex.co.uk</a>
30 Apr	<b>Closing date</b> for applications for the DCBT Educational Bursaries 2015 (see last NL) Also deadline for 1st Stage Applications for Woodland Creation (Woodland Capital Grants)
4 May	<b>North Somerset Show</b> Bathing Pond Fields, Wraxall, BS48 1NE <a href="http://nsas.org.uk">nsas.org.uk</a> . For more show dates in 2015, see page 24 of this newsletter.
5 May	<b>Uplands Grassland Reseeding Event</b> , Kingsett Farms, Horndon, Mary Tavy PL19 9NF. Dartmoor Hill Farm Project. 6pm start (signed from A386). Working demonstrations of Reseeding, followed by discussion and complementary hog roast, Please bring own drinks Contact George Hill 01822 810302 or Marcus Trivett 07812 733258
5-6 May	<b>Dorset Horn and Poll Dorset Sheep Breeders May Fair</b> Exeter Livestock Centre. All classes of quality sheep. Genetics from country's top breeders. 01392 251261 <a href="http://kivells.com">kivells.com</a>
7 May	<b>Grassland event</b> , Bath & West Showground, Shepton Mallet. Stewards are required. If you are interested, contact David Sedman 07860 350382 or Rachel Hann 01749 822215
21 May	<b>Beef Expo</b> , York Auction Centre, Murton YO19 5GF - a festival of British Beef with the very best in commercial and pedigree cattle and much more. <a href="http://nationalbeefassociation.com">nationalbeefassociation.com</a>

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## Clay shoot competition winners

Our competition to win a day of clay shooting tuition with Gold Olympic medallist, Richard Faulds MBE, was won by David Randall, (Dorset), James Pitkeathly (Devon), John Docherty, (Cornwall), Philip Burke, (London), Bill Bailey, (Somerset), Jane Richards, (Cornwall), Cyril Bailey (Somerset), and Clive Kidner, (Somerset).

The competition was generously sponsored by Lyalvale Express one of the leading popular producers of shotgun ammunition in the world.

The amazing day was held at Owls Lodge Shooting School, ([www.owlslodgeshootingschool.co.uk](http://www.owlslodgeshootingschool.co.uk)), Hampshire. Richard runs the facility with wife Tanya, who is also a medal winning shot! The couple have a vast knowledge of all aspects of the sport, having won Olympic Gold, and many European and World titles between them.

## Raising money for aHUSUK

Regular customer of MVF Holsworthy, Kim Balsdon asked for some support for a sponsored walk she was organising recently and the branch were only too pleased to help by supplying some hi-viz vests.

Kim was hoping to raise £500 for aHUSUK (which stands for atypical haemolytic uraemic syndrom - a serious, progressive condition) and Kidney Research UK, but the total came to closer to £3000 which, as Kim says "is obviously amazing!!". Thank you goes to all Kim's supporters and fellow walkers. For more information go to [ahusk.org](http://ahusk.org)

