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UBRO YELLOW



There will be a break in supply of Ubro Yellow at the end of April. We have lots of tubes with an April expiry date. We have been told that it will be back in stock in June or July and are hopeful that this is just a temporary inconvenience.

Nematodirus in Lambs

Nematodirus is a worm that lives in the intestine and can cause a profuse black scour, poor growth and death of lambs. It can cause losses quickly, without much time to act, and so spotting the early warning signs can be vital



Risk factors to look out for:

- Lambs grazing pasture that was grazed by lambs the year before
- Cold weather followed by a sudden spell of warm weather
- Lambs eating sufficient grass (over 6 weeks old normally)
- Lambs with other challenges, like triplets, fostered lambs or those born to older ewes

Signs of Nematodirus include a sudden onset of black, green or even yellow scour in multiple lambs, and poor growth and/or death follow quickly.

Diagnosis Faecal Egg Counts can confirm the diagnosis but serious damage may occur before eggs are passed.

Prevention and treatment is based on looking out for warning signs and acting quickly. Appropriate worming would be with a white drench (Benzimidazoles e.g. Endospec 2.5% SC) Correct dosing to weight must be ensured. A faecal egg count 7-10 days after treatment to ensure treatment has been fully effective can be important.

Bridgwater Young Farmers 80th Anniversary Dinner Dance

Congratulations to Bridgwater Young Farmers for their very enjoyable 80th Anniversary Dinner Dance at Taunton Cricket Club. It's good to know that we have such a vibrant and enthusiastic club in our area.



Cake is Cake, Right??

When you buy cake these days it tends to have a trade name and protein content on it and that's about it. If you dig a bit further there will be a list of ingredients in descending order of inclusion on the ticket, but so what?

Cake is cake, right? Unfortunately, the answer is no. Even though the protein content is guaranteed, unless you look at the ticket you cannot tell what the protein source is and even then you can't be sure how much of each protein source goes in. For example, an 18% cake could have less useful protein in it than a 16% cake depending on the quality of ingredients.

At least you know the protein content - you have no idea what the energy levels are. How much starch? How much sugar? Unless you contact the company and ask, you can't tell. It's always a good idea to look at the cake ticket. Check the first 5 ingredients, if you see one of the following ingredients it may be OK but if two appear then you may want to reconsider your choice of cake.

Cake A	Cake B
Corn Distillers	Wheatfeed
Wheat	Palm Kernel
Maize	Sunflower Meal
Barley	Oats
Rape Meal	Molasses



Cake A is a high-spec cake, all of the first 5 ingredients are of high quality with by-pass protein to drive yields and starch to drive yield and fertility. The first 3 ingredients of cake B are recognised as poorer quality ingredients, starch levels are lower and the only real by-pass protein is of poor quality and comes from palm kernel extract.

What is really surprising is that Cake A was £40/tonne cheaper than cake B. In summary, it is worth checking your cake ticket, saving £20 per tonne may be a false economy but equally shopping around can lead to a saving and a better quality cake.

Please contact one of our offices if you would like further information or would like to discuss your cake ingredients.

EASTER OFFICE OPENING HOURS



Good Friday: Closed
Saturday: 09:00-13:30 (Bridgwater only)
Easter Sunday: Closed
Easter Monday Closed

