



Focus

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Seasons Greetings
from all the Staff
at Scotmin Nutrition



Main Story



Introducing Megastart Hydro Boost: New Product from Scotmin Nutrition

Calving is a stressful period for any cow due to the large physiological demands placed upon her body. Prior to calving both appetite and thirst tend to be reduced leading to hunger and some degree of dehydration post calving.

Once calved, there is a new demand on the cow's body which is the production of milk. It is at this time the cow is at greatest risk of milk fever. In a well-managed dry cow ration, such as incorporating Megastart Dry Cow Mineral or

Megastart Pre-Calver tubs, dietary calcium is low, and magnesium is high helping prime the cow's body for the mobilisation of calcium from the body reserves. However, post calving it is essential to get the cow consuming sufficient supplemental calcium to maintain normal serum calcium levels. The most effective way of delivering supplementary calcium is via its inclusion in a post calving drink which not only provides the additional calcium but provides rehydration and additional electrolytes to the

cow. Megastart Hydro Boost is a new innovation from Scotmin Nutrition which goes further than other rehydration drinks by supplying more calcium in a readily soluble form along with a larger energy contribution to give the cow more get up and go.

In addition, Megastart Hydro Boost contains Biosprint, a live yeast, designed to help during dietary transition from a low energy fibrous diet to a high quality, potentially starchy, milking ration. ■





MEGALIX Menthol

Respiratory related illnesses in livestock can have a significant financial impact on farm profitability.

The estimated cost to the UK cattle industry alone is thought to be upwards of £80 million annually, with costs ranging from £30 for mild cases to £500 for cases such as pneumonia resulting in death. (source nadis.org.uk)

Respiratory related illnesses are most prevalent during the Autumn and Winter months when cattle and sheep are housed. Much like humans, the damp cold conditions can have a detrimental effect on the animal's overall health and wellbeing. Young animals are especially susceptible to respiratory related illnesses as

they have not yet developed a natural immunity to infectious organisms.

Containing a combination of menthol oil, eucalyptus oil, aniseed and garlic, MEGALIX Menthol offer a natural solution to tackling respiratory related illnesses. With a full complement of vitamins, minerals and trace elements MEGALIX menthol is perfectly formulated to supplement housed livestock during the Autumn and Winter months.

The low required intakes 5-20g lambs/ewes and 30g-50g calves, means MEGALIX Menthol is extremely cost effective to feed. Costing only 1-3p head/day for lambs and ewes and 4-7p head/day for calves. ■

Superfeed Protein Balancers

Scotmin's range of protein balancers suit every production system, from growing youngstock to intensive finishing beef or sheep.

Take advantage of the low barley price this winter and incorporate one of our balancers to your ration.

Superfeed balancers are formulated to include high quality ingredients such as Hi-Pro Soya Bean Meal, Prairie Meal, Rapeseed Meal and Urea*1. These are combined with a blend of major and trace elements to create

a well-rounded supplement that compliments a wide range of diets. Biosprint live yeast is included as part of the Superfeed range, research proven to improve DLWG by up to 11%, improve carcass confirmation and improve feed conversion efficiencies.

Speak to our technical team today to find out how Superfeed can be incorporated into your feeding system. ■

*1 Superfeed 60 excludes Urea

*2 Superfeed Supercod excludes Biosprint

Festive Orders and Opening Hours

As is tradition Scotmin Nutrition will be closed over the festive period. In order to cause as little disruption as possible the team advise the following with regards to order placement.

Orders to be delivered no later than Monday 23rd December 2019, must be placed by Friday 6th December 2019.

Orders required for delivery between 2nd and 8th January 2020 must be placed by Friday 13th December 2019.

The office will close on Tuesday 24th December 2019 at 12:00 and re-open on Thursday 2nd January 2020 at 08:00.

May we take this opportunity to wish you and your families a wonderful Christmas and happiness throughout the coming year. ■



Scotmin Throwback

As we look forward to the festive period, we take a throwback to Christmas 1998.

Pictured is Operations Manager Neil MacCormick (left) and Technical Manager Alan Richmond (right). Between them they have been working at Scotmin for 59 years! ■

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