

Focus

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Main Story

It's a Hat Trick: Scotmin Nutrition are Proud to Sponsor SAYFC

For a third year running Scotmin Nutrition are proud to support SAYFC with sponsorship of East Cabaret and West Region Talent Spot.

Bell Baxter were crowned winners of East Cabaret at Perth Concert hall on Saturday 8th February after beating off stiff competition from five other clubs, with their Performance of "Fife Up Your Life".

Qualifying for the Talent Spot final began on Saturday 29th February at Motherwell Civic Theatre with the final scheduled to take place on Saturday 21st March at the SECC Hydro.

For a chance to win tickets to the West Talent Spot final, then head on over to our social media pages where two pairs of tickets will be up for grabs. ■

NEW Product Alert: ProActive Feed Block

Stress in livestock is difficult to define, but it is widely accepted that it can have a detrimental effect on immunity.

Livestock can become stressed for all manner of reasons, such as transportation, introduction into a new herd or group, competition for insufficient feed, overcrowding or even management changes which cause serious disturbance.

ProActive is a new feed block designed to boost gut health and support the immune system of cattle and sheep. The unique formulation of ProActive includes four ingredients specifically chosen for their gut boosting properties: oregano oil, garlic, Biosprint Live Yeast and MOS (mannan oligosaccharides). Vitamins, minerals and trace elements are included to support the developing immune system, with high quality protein and energy being incorporated to promote growth rates in young animals. ProActive is available in 20Kg tubs.

Speak to your Scotmin representative today to find out how ProActive can work for you, or email info@scotmin.com to find out more. ■



Scotmin's Richard Hortin presenting SAYFC 1st place trophy to Bell Baxter



They See Me Rollin: Newest Addition to the Scotmin Fleet

On Monday 3rd February the newest edition to the Scotmin haulage fleet was unveiled.

The state-of-the-art Scania G410 has been awarded best in its class for its fuel-efficient engine and picked up the "Green Truck Award" in 2019.

In a rare interview Scotmin Nutrition driver Gary McQuade gave his thoughts on the exciting unveiling:



"It's pink and purple! Whatever happened to just plain old blue... You know the team in the office are already calling me the Pink Panther"

The Scotmin team are looking to name the new lorry with suggestions of "Trucky McTrucky Face" and "Hugh Lorry" already in the running.

Join the conversation on our social media channel and have your chance to name the lorry. ■

Come Join Us @

- **Ayr Show** - Ayr Racecourse (Saturday 9th May)
- **NSA Scotsheep** - Over Finlurg Farm (3rd June)
- **Border Union Show** - Springwood Park (24th - 25th July)
- **Dumfries Show** - The Show Field (1st August)
- **Kelso Ram Sale** - Springwood Park (11th September)
- **Agriscot** - Royal Highland Centre (18th November)



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Reduce the Risk of Spring Staggers

Grass staggers, tetany, hypomagnesaemia, call it what you like but spring magnesium deficiency in ruminants can be both expensive and fatal.

Fast-growing spring pasture is low in magnesium and high in moisture. This, together with less supplementary feed used at grass means that magnesium intake is reduced. To make matters worse, magnesium absorption in the animal's gut can be compromised by high fertiliser use, particularly when potassium is added to the pasture. If the challenge of low magnesium supply is not enough, stress can

also reduce blood magnesium levels making a dangerous situation critical.

The problem of staggers is mainly seen in but not confined to lactating livestock during the spring grazing period with the risk period lasting anywhere between three and ten weeks. Classic symptoms to look out for include reduced milk yields, nervousness, twitching, stiffness, staggering and collapsed animals.

There are several options available to tackle grass staggers:

1. Add Cal Mag to any buffer feed (minimum 50gms/head/day)
2. Increase Mag level in your mineral
3. Place high magnesium tubs out in the field
4. Add Mag chloride flakes to water supply

MEGALIX Quattro Mag was the UK's first high magnesium tub that offers four sources of

magnesium, containing two slow releasing and two fast releasing magnesium sources offering ultimate protection against staggers. ■

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