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## Improve Ewe Performance with ProPlus Pre-Tupping

**ProPlus Pre-Tupping is a high energy feed tub designed specifically to be fed to both ewes and rams throughout the tupping period.**

Getting the right nutritional balance at this time is important as over fat ewes and thin ewes never perform well, with many of them taking longer than expected to come on to heat when rams are turned in. Ideally, ewes should be at 3, and tups should be 3.5 on the body condition scoring scale. Tups will lose some condition during the mating period due to the effort they will be exerting, therefore it is important they carry slightly more condition. One condition

score is equivalent to around 12% of body weight, so a 70 kg ewe scoring a 2.5 would need to gain 8.5 kg of weight.

ProPlus Pre-Tupping includes salmon oil, as a source of Omega-3, to support egg development and lamb vitality, as well as high quality rumen by-pass protein and fat. Generous levels of Phosphorus, Zinc, Selenium, and Vitamin E are incorporated to help support the reproductive system by way of improving ovulation, implantation and lamb survival.

ProPlus Pre-Tupping is ideal to be fed to both hill or lowland ewes, costing 3-5p per head/day and is available in 20kg and 80kg sizes. ■



## Free Grass Silage Analysis

**Over the last few months, the Scotmin technical team have been busy analysing cut grass silage samples from across the country.**

Early indications show that overall, the quality is good with both high Dry Matter and high ME being recorded. The bad news however is that the majority of samples were found to be low in fibre with moderate to high acid load, which means rumen health could be an issue if not managed correctly. These early results are promising, however we would encourage all of our customers to take advantage of our free forage analysis. With individual results from each farm the team at Scotmin can develop a bespoke mineral that perfectly meets the nutritional requirements of your livestock. ■



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## Dale's Diary



# Is your feed a SUPERFEED?

**This year has been difficult in many ways and apart from Covid-19 we have seen difficult growing conditions for cereals in particular.**

However for me cereals remain as one of the best feeds, along with forage, for beef, growing cattle, sheep and even dairy cows.

Unfortunately there is still a requirement for extra protein and trace elements. Over the years I have found that adding good quality protein concentrates to cereals can result in an ideal mix for growing/finishing or indeed milking animals.

The right types of protein and balanced trace elements are critical, that's why I believe the Scotmin Superfeed range of concentrates is second to none. Quality

products do cost a little more however with that we get quality performance which is cost effective.

Adding from 2 to 8, 25kg bags of Superfeed per tonne of cereal can provide (along with forage) everything an animal needs with finished cost per tonne around £170-£220.

If cereal availability is a problem, then I have used some of these products as top dressed on silage, particularly for store or growing cattle, with great success.

Feeding between 200-250g/head/day costs only 20-25p/head/day.

Speak to your Scotmin Sales representative today to find out how Superfeed could work for you. ■

## Superfeed Special Offer!

**The entire SUPERFEED range is now available with 5% EXTRA FREE and includes delayed payment until January 2021.**

This offer is available from 1st September to 30th November 2020, with free product being offered on orders of ½ tonne and above. ■



## There's No Season Like Show Season Scotmin On Tour!

**Covid-19 has had a devastating impact on the agricultural show calendar.**

Attending the likes of Ayr Show, Kelso Tup Sale, NSA Scotsheep have always been something that the Scotmin team look forward to. As we don't have any show highlights for this year, we thought we would take a look back at some of the events from years gone by. Perhaps you will see one or two familiar faces. ■



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