

# Focus

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Main Story



## 30% Reduction of Virgin Plastic

**At Scotmin we continually strive to reduce our carbon footprint through research and development of our products, packaging and processes.**

We consider it our social responsibility to strive towards a circular economy where we design out waste and mitigate pollution. In the coming months we will be introducing new mineral bags that are manufactured using at least 30% reclaimed plastic.

This positive step will serve to reduce the amount of plastic that ends up in landfill and help Scotmin to move forward as an increasingly sustainable business. All new packaging is 100% approved for food contact under EEC Directive 2002/17/EC. The composition of the product complies with EEC Commission Directive of 23rd February 1990 relating to Plastic Materials and Articles intended to come into contact with food stuffs. ■

## MEGASTART SPECIAL OFFER:

Scotmin Nutrition are offering **£70 OFF** orders of **MEGASTART Ewe & Lamb** and **£50 OFF** orders of **MEGASTART PRE-Calver**, **MEGASTART Dry Cow Mineral** and **MEGASTART Suckler Cow Mineral** throughout the months of December and January. MEGASTART is the UK's leading range of lambing/calving supplements designed to promote easier lambing/calving.

MEGASTART contains a unique MOS (mannan oligosaccharides) and is research proven at Myerscough College to improve colostrum quality and quantity. ■

## MEGASTART

**The best START  
in life you can give**





## Dale's Diary - Balancing Silage



**This year we were all expecting more from our silage following last year's problems. I have to say it has proved to be more difficult this year to get the balances right, particularly with the first cut.**

The net result is the need to ensure sufficient digestible fibre is available (e.g. sugar beet pulp). Also make sure protein supplies are balanced. On average there is a need for about 1% more degradable protein this year compared to last year. Look out for lethargic cows and intermittent stiff muck and scour. A sure sign that degradable protein is lacking.

Potassium levels are also high in this year's silage which means it is bad news for dry cows.

AVERAGE GRASS SILAGE ANALYSIS 2020					
	DM%	ME MJ/KG	CP%	D Value	NDF%
1ST CUT	35	11.3	14.3	71	45
2ND CUT	34	10.8	14.2	69	47

Make sure there is plenty of magnesium in the dry cow diet. Equally in milking cows keep an eye out for udder oedema as an imbalance between sodium and potassium may cause this problem.

Last but not least high iron levels are causing some lock up problems with copper so watch

out for poor heats in particular as this is often a good indicator of the problem.

Cows showing typical 'bulging eye' can be a sign of excess iron in the diet. Speak to a member of our team to arrange a free silage analysis and custom mineral plan. ■

## Snow Problem!

**At Scotmin we have a wide range of mineral and feed tubs available to supplement livestock throughout the year.**

Our weather resistant formulations allow our products to withstand even the harshest of weather, ensuring there is no waste.

Our tubs offer 24 hour supplementation and include only the finest quality raw materials allowing livestock to perform at their very best. ■



## Christmas 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 Wednesday 23rd December 2020, must be placed by Monday 7th December 2020.
- Orders required for delivery between 4th and 8th January 2021 must be placed by Monday 14th December 2020.
- The office will close on Thursday 24th December 2020 at 12.00 and re-open on Monday 4th of January 2021.

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

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