

Focus

Our Informative Quarterly Newsletter
Issue 18 **Summer 2022**

Izy Young

Main Story



Young Family Raise Over £60,000 for RSABI & Camphill Blair Drummond

It is with great pleasure that the team at Scotmin were able to support Drew & Ann Young as they raised funds for both RSABI & Camphill Blair Drummond as part of their Ruby wedding anniversary celebrations.

The Youngs of Curragh Farm (Formerly Girvan Mains) set out to achieve the ambitious target of £20,000, however were overwhelmed by the generosity of family and friends as they smashed through their target achieving over £60,000.

The team at Scotmin donated 1 Tonne of MEGALIX Quattro Mag to the charity auction which fetched £1,150 through the silent auction. Izy Young (Drew & Ann's daughter) has worked with Scotmin for over 15 years and commented "We were blown away with the success of the event, both RSABI and Camphill Blair Drummond are extremely close to the hearts of all our family and we would like to thank each and everyone for the support they have shown us". ■

Improve Lamb Growth Rates by Up To 33%

MEGASTART Ewe and Lamb has already proven it's self as one of the UK leading pre-laming tubs, and now research confirms that feeding MEGASTART Ewe and Lamb to lambs at grass can improve growth rates by up to 33%.

Research undertaken at Myerscough College showed a significant increase in daily live weight gain when lambs had access to MEGASTART Ewe & Lamb during late summer grazing. Dr Anya Westland (lead researcher at Myerscough) confirmed that even once the cost of the

product was taken into account, supplementation of MEGASTART Ewe & Lamb is a cost effective method of enhancing the fattening process and making lambs a more profitable enterprise for farmers.

With a balanced source of minerals, protein and vitamins, Megastart Ewe & Lamb also provides lambs with an excellent source of energy from sugars, starch and protected fat to achieve a quicker finish at grass allowing for a reduction in feed costs and a sharper turn around on finished stock. ■





Dale's Diary

High milk, beef, lamb prices and high input prices, who would have predicted that!?

This year is proving difficult to forecast with input cost volatility continuing to effect farmers across the globe. The temptation to hold off until things settle down is strong but my advice would be to take some cover at least.

At Scotmin we continue to try and keep costs down but like everyone else we suffer from rising raw material prices, fuel prices, transport prices and packaging prices.

It is now more important than ever to make sure that every penny spent is working as efficiently as it can. Working in conjunction with your Scotmin sales representative and utilising the resources of the Scotmin Technical team can lead to significant improved efficiencies.

The team can help by:

- Checking all inputs to make sure that balances are correct

- Managing forage quality to ensure it is as good as possible (Bon Silage additives can help with Bon Silage Fit being proven to improved feed value significantly on many units)
- Check mineral balances on forage, milk, hair and rations
- Use observation of animals to check any issues (Scotmin Sales and Technical teams are trained to assess animal health and identify any potential issues)

In essence attention to detail is critical and Scotmin are there to help wherever possible. Cutting corners may be very tempting when input costs are high but fatal longer term issues such as poor fertility could be just around the corner if stock are not managed at the same high level.

Now there's something to think about! ■



Its Show Time!!

We would love to see friends and customers both old and new as we take part in the following events.

- **Dumfries Show**
Saturday 6th August, The Show Field, Park Farm, Dumfries
- **Kelso Top Sale**
Friday 9th September, Springwood Park, Kelso
- **Agriscot**
Wednesday 16th November, Royal Highland Centre
- **Livescot**
25th – 26th November, Lanark Market

Protect Livestock from Insect Bites

Megalix Garlic Grazer is a natural way of dealing with flies, midges and other biting insects this summer.

- Iodine and zinc included to help maintain hoof and skin condition
- Generous levels of selenium to support immune function
- Includes a concentrated source of garlic to discourage fly strikes and other biting insects.



Experts in
Livestock Nutrition



www.scotmin.com

