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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.

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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. With typical required intakes of only 30-50g ProPlus Pre-Tupping costs as little as 4-6p per head/day and is available in 20kg and 80kg sizes. ■



Upcoming Shows

- **Kelso Tup Sale**
Friday 8th September
- **Agriscot**
Wednesday 22nd November
- **Livescot**
Saturday 25th November

Border Union Success!

The Scotmin team were in attendance once again at this years Border Union Show and were delighted to see long-time customers Alistair Warden and team from Skelfhill Farm take home Interbreed Champion and Reserve Champion with their Suffolk Gimmer.

Alistair is customer of Borders Area Manager, Malcolm Robertson and uses a Scotmin custom sheep mineral as well as Megastart Ewe & Lamb as part of his flock's supplementation programme. ■



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Dale's Diary

Floods, war, fires, fluctuating raw material prices and a stream of anti—farming stories makes me both sad and a little angry at times. Some of those not involved in agriculture often can't see the wood for the trees when it comes to producing the world's food. However, despite the negativity those of us who are committed to farming understand the importance of what we do and how vital it is to provide high quality produce.

I for one continue to be proud of our industry and strive along with the rest of our team to ensure our customers receive the right advice to help keep farming businesses operating efficiently and profitably.

With fluctuating input prices and falling livestock and arable prices it can be difficult to

keep a step ahead of the game when nutrition is concerned. At Scotmin our team of buyers and nutritionists do an incredible job when purchasing the highest quality raw materials enabling them to produce some of the best quality products on the market. This however is only half the battle as I have seen in the past. Farms can often offer great products, but if they are not tailored to the unique situation of the individual farm, the benefits sought can often not be seen. It's for this reason that I encourage all of our customers to take a detailed look at the variables at play on their farms.

Key steps to improving efficiency and profitability:

- Carrying out a detailed forage analysis for both nutritional and mineral content
- Ensure a bespoke ration balance is available

- Balance products to match and complement the ration (this is not simply by adding vitamins and minerals, it can often be taking them out due to over supplementation, therefore saving money on something that's not needed).
- Follow up checks including farm visits, milk sampling etc., to ensure balances are working accordingly

It's not about providing a "good product" it's about providing the "right product" through analysis, discussion and advice.

Talk to us about your system and let us provide solutions that work for you! ■

RHET Chairman's Cycle Challenge Raises Over £22,000



Scotmin Nutrition were delighted to sponsor long-time customer of the business and Chairman of RHET, Alistair Marshall as he and his team embarked on a gruelling cycle across Scotland in aid of The Royal Highland Education Trust.

Riding an average of 30 miles per day, the challenge started in the Lothians, with Alistair and the team cycling to schools in Gorebridge, Innerleithen, Moniaive, Dalmellington, Isle of Bute, Inverclyde, Falkirk, Airdrie, Nairn, Forres,

Arbroath, Errol, Glenrothes, before finishing at the Royal Highland Show

Since 1999, the Royal Highland Education Trust has been providing free, impactful experiences relating to the environment, economic and social realities of rural Scotland.

Through a programme of visits, RHET provides the opportunity to meet those responsible for rearing and growing our food. In doing so, combining unbiased and engaging information with a hands-on lifelong learning experience.

The team at Scotmin would like to thank Alistair and his team at RHET for all the work they do, engaging and educating others about the industry we value so dearly.

If you would like to donate to RHET Chairmans Cycle then please visit:

<https://justgiving.com/campaign/RHET-ChairmansCycleChallenge> ■

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