

Focus

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Main Story

7 Years of Support – SAYFC Talentspot 2024

On Saturday 6th April it was once again our pleasure to support SAYFC, as they hosted the West Talent Spot final at the Armadillo in Glasgow. This is the 7th consecutive year that Scotmin Nutrition have supported the event.

As always the night was a hit, with over 1,500 people in attendance and amazing performances from all involved. Taking home the title for the second year in a row was Crossroads Young Farmers, with Lesmahagow

Young Farmers and SSS Young Farmers being placed 2nd and 3rd respectively.

Carrs Agriculture, Head of Marketing, Graeme Warnock commented;

SAYFC continues to grow, inspiring and empowering young people to make a positive impact in the rural community. These values are key to the success of agriculture and Scotmin are delighted to lend their support throughout the year.



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It's Show Time!!



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The summer show season kicked off in style at Ayr Show on Saturday 11th May as we welcomed friends and customers both old and new. Our team managed to capture some of the action from the day which can be seen on our Scotmin YouTube channel or by [scanning the QR code above.](#)

The team will be exhibiting at the upcoming events and would love to welcome you with some Scotmin hospitality.

- **NSA Scotsheep**
Wednesday 5th June
- **Border Union Show**
Friday 26th July – Saturday 27th July
- **Biggarr Show**
Saturday 20th July
- **Stranraer Show**
Wednesday 31st July
- **Wigton Show**
Wednesday 7th August
- **Dumfries Show**
Saturday 13th August
- **Kelso Tup Sale**
Friday 13th September
- **Agriscot**
Wednesday 13th November
- **Livescot**
Friday 22nd – Saturday 23rd November



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Megalix Garlic Grazer, the Natural Way to Keep Biting Insects Away from Livestock

Livestock farmers have limited options to help keep nuisance biting insects away from stock, however Megalix Garlic Grazer offers a natural solution.

Garlic Grazer, as the name suggests includes garlic. The peculiar penetrating odour of garlic is due to high sulphur compounds, which when expelled through the skin in natural body secretions, produces an invisible barrier which flies and other biting insects find repellent.

The minerals, vitamins and trace elements included in Megalix Garlic Grazer balance the recognised deficiencies in summer grass, whereas the included Zinc helps to maintain skin integrity and strength to further guard against biting insects.

For optimal animal performance at grass and to help in the fight against airborne biting insects, ask our team about Megalix Garlic Grazer. [Scan the QR code to see a short video](#)

Megalix Garlic Grazer



Dale's Diary

Summers here at last, well at least it is at the time I penned this diary entry.

The start of summer was less promising with rain, rain and more rain.

Now it seems though there is a window of opportunity for making 1st cut silage. Volumes are reasonable and feed value appear to be better than last year.

What concerns me this year is that some I have spoken to have commented that they will look to avoid using a silage additive, with the rational being that the late turnout has put the squeeze on finances and as such savings need to be identified.

Two points arise from this:

1. If grass quality feed value is good why would you not want to preserve as much of it as possible. Additives are not a panacea for making top quality silage but they will generally preserve more of the feed value than natural fermentation. With increased feed costs and inputs, better quality silage allows us to make savings on bought in feeds.

2. Forage additives will generally add around an extra ½ MJ of energy to feed value compared to natural fermentation. For an average dairy cow, dry matter intake of 10kgs equates to an extra 5MJ or around 1 litre of milk. If we save 0.3kg of feed as a result of this extra silage energy we are saving around 10p/cow/day for a forage additive that costs around 4p/cow/day.

This has to be worth the money and does not even take into account any savings made by having less waste in the clamp.

At Scotmin we continue to try and save customers money wherever possible by ensuring that inputs provide value for money. My message is **don't cut the wrong corners**.

Talk to us about Megasile and Bonsilage Additives and see how they can save you money in the long run.

Now there's something to think about.

Boost Silage Stability and Improve Animal Performance with Megasile

From only £1.05 per treated tonne:

- Faster fermentation (pH drop) - Achieving a stable silage more quickly
- Reduced DM and protein losses - Preserving more nutrition in the silage
- Increased silage energy, digestibility and palatability
- Improved silage intakes for enhanced animal performance



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