

INCREASING LAMB SURVIVAL WITH DIGESTIBLE UNDEGRADABLE PROTEIN

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Due to genetic improvement and increased lamb birth weight most ration calculation tables are out of date and under feed protein by up to 30 %. A rough approximation is that rumen bugs can only turn around 1% of CP into microbial protein per MJ of ME in the diet: Check your silage analysis –most silages have more protein than the bugs can handle. The excess is excreted at an energy cost, winter and spring grown grass is similarly unbalanced.

Here the new Rumevite Graze DUP feed block is a forward step in sheep feeding. With all of its protein as DUP, sourced from rumen protected soya, it allows supplementation of silages and grass without wastage. It provides a unique solution to the problem of maintaining DUP intake when ewes go

out to grass and still require high levels of protein for efficient milk production.

In SAC trials it has also been effective at "topping up" the requirements of housed triplets pre-lambing when intakes of 200g/day were achieved. Effective feeding is about meeting identified dietary deficits with least cost products, with its unique protein makeup and convenience feeding the Graze DUP block is a welcome addition to the range of products available.

Ideal for ewes and lambs immediately after lambing and turned out to suitable pasture or as a "follow-on" supplement to LIFELINE lamb & ewe.

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Rumevite block containers and spike feeders are recommended to optimise performance and intakes will vary depending on grass availability and nutritional quality.

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A brand new block for lamb & ewes

Based on soya by-pass protein (DUP) to balance forages and spring grass

Contains rumen protected methionine, first limiting amino acid to milk production

Palatable supplement even with plentiful grazing, to replace concentrate feeding

Also supplies minerals, trace elements and vitamins to balance grass

