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Why you should be using a maize starter fertiliser this spring

Are you planning to plant maize this spring? Do you usually use a starter fertiliser? Is that starter fertiliser usually DAP? If your answer to all three questions is, "Yes", then why don't you look at a cheaper alternative?

When planted down the spout with maize, DAP fertiliser is usually sown at a rate of 50kg/ac. DAP is currently (Dec 2021) pushing £700/t (and rising), based on a full artic load, and I don't see this coming down at any time soon. Therefore, at 50kg/ac this works out at £35.00/ac. [Read more](#)



Introducing John Hunt - Environmental Consultant



John is an Environmental Consultant experienced in providing farm and environmental advice, including Countryside Stewardship, the Environmental Land Management Schemes (ELMS), the Sustainable Farm Incentive (SFI) and woodland grants. As a FACTS qualified advisor, John specialises in nutrient management planning, Nitrate Vulnerable Zones, soil health, and maximising the efficient use of fertilisers, livestock manures and slurries. John also holds a BASIS Certificate in Crop Protection covering grassland and forage crops and is a member of the BASIS Professional Register. [Read more](#)

Don't Assume....

Following on from last month's article on 'Looking in the Mirror', I challenge you to ask your employees for their views of you and your business as an employer. You need to ask the same questions to all team members. They need to be open questions (i.e., starting with **what, why, where, how** etc.) Ideally the answers should be scored e.g., 1-5 and have ten questions maximum. [Read more](#)

Are you still feeding C16s this winter?

Are you still feeding C16s this winter? If so, why?

With C16 in short supply and costs nearing £1400/t on farm (Dec 2021) is it really worth feeding? Are you really getting any benefits on farm?

Feeding straight C16 will only affect around 40% of the cow's actual butterfat production, so will only increase your butterfats by 0.2% at a maximum. [Read more](#)



Winter weather is coming

With the forecast of colder weather to come, have you made sure you have everything you need to keep both you and your animals warm? [Read more](#)



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