





### Why You Should Reseed Your Grass This Autumn



After a slow start to the season this year when it was cold, with very little grass or growth we have had a fantastic year for grass growth with most people having plenty of silage stocks (but maybe down on quality) for the coming winter, and with grass still available to graze.

With such a great grass growing season you may be tempted to think about not reseeding this autumn because why would you need to with so much around, and with the great growth we've had this year? **Read more** 

### **Feed Benefits of Apple Cider Vinegar**

Most farmers aim to improve their forage use efficiency in their dairy diets, but many don't have a specific plan. Any plan to increase milk from forage has to begin with renewing worn or older, poorer performing grass leys to improve quantity and quality forage as basis



of the cow diet. Never has it been more important to grow and use more forage with current high concentrate prices.

With a plentiful grass supply and a wet first half of August forecast, this is the ideal autumn to reseed surplus grazing and silage areas with newer leys. **Read more** 

#### Milk Powders

I recently saw the notes from a discussion group that read, "When selecting milk powder go for the highest oil and protein you can get as these will help to increase growth rates...". While some of this statement is true, not all of it is.

Let's start with the protein content of a milk powder. Being blunt you don't want to be feeding the highest crude protein milk powder you can find because this will not get the best growth rates for your calves. **Read more** 



## IS Everything In Focus?

At our recent online Lean discussion group meeting we looked at what makes a Lean business. It's nothing to do with joining Weight Watchers or Slimming World, but about where your focus is.

Many people say, "I'm too busy to do this" or "I don't have time to stop". Read more

# Commodities Update (3rd September)

Over the last month the pound has weakened overall by about half a cent, recovering from a two cent drop earlier in the month, against the dollar and has fallen about half a cent against the euro, after initially strengthening.

After a fall by \$5/barrel in mid-August (Afghanistan?) oil prices have recovered to be similar to this time last month, with prices around \$73-74/barrel. Gas prices continue to firm. **Read more** 



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