

April 24

Minerals, Market Overview and Milk Powder

With an early Easter this year, quarter 2 seems to have come around quickly! Not only does this present a good opportunity to review minerals (specifications and prices) but it is also nearly time to leave the coat at home, and start planning the 2024 silage season; when it does eventually stop raining!

With everything crossed and increased temperatures predicted in the next fortnight or so, we should see increased growth rates and hopefully some suitable environment to turn cows out and cutting!

Quarter 2 prices and market overview:

Minerals:

In March, there was grumblings of increased mineral prices into quarter 2, predominantly due to freight charges and raw material supplies coming from the East.

The reality is that depending on the mineral specification and how well the manufacture has bought are the largest influencers in the prices. Generally, we have seen small increases on the quarter.

Fats:

In the middle of March, palm oil prices rose to a 12 month high due to weather concerns which have led to lower palm yields as well as higher prices of alternative oils have driven palm oil prices. Malaysia's palm oil stock were also at their lowest in 7 months.

Molasses:

Demand over the winter has been strong as many farmers have sought to get the most from poor quality silage and adapt rations to improve margins on the back of the milk price falling. Molasses prices for the summer remain firm for a number of reasons:

- Currency
- Ocean freight is very volatile (increase time, more fuel, risk premiums)
- Global demand remains strong- export tariff in India on ethanol production and liquid co-products (AD and fertiliser) are more expensive and limited supply
- Global Weather issues- El Niño, which is likely to impact global crop production



Water Softening Tablets

Water softening tablets, they do what they say on the tin! If you are using softening tablets, get in touch for prices!

Call: 01270 295025

Email: info@rumensupplies.com



Dairy Chemicals

Did you know we supply a range of dairy chemicals, gloves and paper towels? From tank cleaners, to milk stone removers and teat dips, we are sure to have something which suits you!

Get in touch to see if we can save you some pennies, don't forget to ask us about our gloves and paper towels!

****NEW PRODUCT****



RS Energy Advance Calf Milk Replacer

RS Energy Advance is a British skim-based milk replacer. It contains 50% skim (plus whole milk) making it a highly digestible milk replacer, suitable for replacement heifers and beef calves. It is formulated keeping whole milk and the osmolality in mind, to support and promote healthy, productive calves.

Protein	23.0%
Fat	25.0%
Fibre	0.0%
Ash	7.0%



Get in touch to see how we can support you and your youngstock!

Email: info@rumensupplies.com | Call: 01270 295025

