



Farm Snapshot

- W Herefordshire
- 1300 Acres
- Beef Herd
- Mixed Cereals
- Feed supply enterprise



Case Study

This is a 1300 acre mixed Welsh Borders farm with both grassland and cereal production, comprising: WW, OSR, WB, WO, MZ, with some SB, and SO. A new feed supply enterprise has recently been set up using their home-grown cereals.

In order to build up lower soil indices on this family farm in West Herefordshire, the FYM has been utilised plus we started with the introduction of Fibrophos. This was beneficial as it is contractor spread as there was limited time post-harvest. Switching to liquid nitrogen with sulphur has improved the sulphur levels and headland yields.

The farm has a lot of outlying ground and the liquid application makes the application process easier and incredibly accurate with very even crops. The healthy livestock enterprise puts storage space under pressure, liquid has brought about economic savings due to the ability to secure early competitive pricing and store in tanks that have been installed on farm. After a period of soil nutrition building, the soil quality and fertility is much improved and cereals are now managed through MOP where required and DAP via the drill.

The farm has a significant beef herd with grass and silage quality being a high priority. Cobb Agri recommended new leys being cut several times, applying more sulphur and keeping pH levels at 6.5 rather than the traditional 6.1 to enhance the nutrient availability. Saltmix has increase the D value and palatability and reduced expenditure on Potassium.

The permanent pasture grazing ground has Fibrophos Winter applied on a four-year rotation, increasing clover and allowing better purchasing power for early Straight Nitrogen in the Spring keeping overall costs below average.

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