

Mentor Programmes

MineralMentor Ovine

OVERVIEW

Trace element deficiency can result in many problems on farm, e.g. reduced growth rates, lack of thrive, sub fertility, anaemia, poor coat quality and many other syndromes. All of these reduce profitability on farm.

XLVets Skillnet's MineralMentor Ovine programme aims to educate farmers on the importance of their trace element status and to provide scientific advice on the level of supplementation that may be required in a flock.

it is most important for each farmer to be aware of their own farm's trace element status. Supplements are often used without checking out the farm's trace element status first, meaning a toxicity issue may ensue. This can result in reduced production and even death.

The MineralMentor Ovine will help farmers;

- Gain a clearer understanding of deficiencies on your farm, if they exist
- Avoid unnecessary routine supplementation which will reduce the bottom line
- Improve performance, fertility and profitability



ANALYSIS

5 blood samples are taken from flock and test for Copper, Iodine, Selenium. A pooled sample is sent for Cobalt status. This analysis can be completed at any time of the year

FARMER BENEFIT

Knowledge of the trace element status of a flock will allow for a more tailored programme of supplementation on farm. So rather than supplementing with all trace elements, the farmer can concentrate on the ones that are deficient in the flock, with obvious cost savings. If there are no deficiencies on farm, then supplementation is not required.

Once the bloods analyses is complete, the vets engages in a one to one discussion with the farmer to help them understand the important role that trace elements play in flock health and farm profitability.



Farmer Fee

€120

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