LIFELINE

For the young as well as the mother



Robert Coburn

Roscrea Co. Tipperary (600 ewes)

"Ewes grazed rape with some haylage and LIFELINE before lambing. No concentrates were fed. All ewes produced thick creamy colostrum".

Average consumption of LIFELINE over the winter was 2.4kg/ewe and cost €2.05/ewe.

Thomas Duane

Holycross, Co. Tipperary (45 dairy cows)

"Great healthy calves and no problem with retained afterbirths compared to other years".



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LIFELINE pre-calver trial work

LIFELINE contains sugars that stimulate the immune system. The trial below was carried out using incalf cows vaccinated against rotavirus 4 weeks before calving.

Rotavirus antibodies

100 miles	Control - no LIFELINE prior to calving (titre levels)	LIFELINE fed to cows for 3 weeks prior to calving (titre levels)
Cows	22345	24381 (+9%)
Calves	6809	12777 (+88%)

LIFELINE lamb & ewe trial work

In an independent trial carried out by Scottish Agricultural College (SAC) 200 twin bearing ewes were fed were fed high quality silage and had free access to feed buckets. Prior to lambing ewes were put out to grass. Both feed buckets were similar in energy and protein content. All ewes were milked after lambing and samples were analysed by Dr Sandy Mc Kenzie at Harpers Adams College.

The results

Treatment	Number of ewes	Average IgG units per ml/colostrum	Difference	Level of significance	Probability of results occurring by chance
Ewes feed silage, grass and LIFELINE feed licks	100	228.5	- 25%	0.007	Less than 1%
Ewes feed silage, grass and standard feed licks	100	182.9			

