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Frosty feeding time
IT'S BEEN a fairly benign winter so far, but these cattle being fed near Glenhead, in Perthshire, woke up recently to a more wintry scene (Pic: Colin McLeod)

Javid's guarantee
By Gordon Davidson
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