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ELITE BREEDER 14 NUTS

KEY FEATURES

- Our highest energy 14% Nut designed to promote fertility
- Will maximise energy intake in freshly calved cows on high protein, grass based diets
- Contains our top spec Fertility Booster Mineral
- Rumen buffers & yeast as standard to prevent acidosis at grass
- This nut will improve fertility, BCS and milk solids in cows at grass



Reseeding - By Paul Mooney

The full range of Acorn Grass Seed Mixtures are now available. All varieties used are fully recommended by the Department of Agriculture and are among the top varieties on this year's PPI list. Reseeding will pay for itself in less than two years and therefore must be considered as a worthwhile investment. It will improve yield per hectare & improve overall animal performance. A 1% improvement in DMD will give a 5% increase in animal performance. Every extra tonne of grass produced is worth €160. If you are considering reseeded, talk to a member of our sales team to find out which grass seed mix is best suited to your needs.



Earn an extra €3900 from your 100 Cow Dairy Herd

Deciding on what dairy nut to use in the coming months can be major decision for farmers. Farmers must remember, the higher the quality the feedstuff, the more milk your herd will produce. Up to a few years ago, dairy feed was chosen mainly on two factors - percentage protein & price. This is no longer the case, as many farmers are now asking about UFL value of feed. The UFL value is a measure of the energy content of the feed.

Remember: 0.43UFL = 1L of milk

The table to the right compares the difference between feeding a 0.92UFL dairy nut versus a 0.96UFL dairy nut and the subsequent effect on farm profit. By choosing the higher UFL Nut, €3,906 in extra milk value was obtained. Not to mention more valuable long term benefits such as improved fertility, enhanced immunity & longevity. Nugget Elite Breeder 14, Mega Milk 16 & Elite Dairy 18 all have a UFL value of between 0.95-0.97. For more information contact a member of our sales team.

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	Feed A	Feed B
UFL (kg of feed)	0.92UFL	0.96UFL
Feeding Rate/day	4kg	4kg
Total UFL supply/day	3.68UFL	3.84UFL
Difference	-	0.16UFL
Extra milk/cow/day	-	0.372L
Total extra milk produced per day (0.372 x 100 cows)	-	37.20L
Total extra milk per lactation (37.2L x 300days)	-	11,163L
Extra income generated for farmer (extra milk x 0.35c/L)	-	€3,906

A cost of €10/t extra equals €0.04/head at a 4kg feeding rate. The return on investment (ROI) is an extra 0.372L of milk, which equals an €0.13/head/day at 35c/L

Therefore, ROI is 9c/cow which adds up to €2,700 generated income for a 100-cow herd during lactation.

Grass Tetany – By Shane Gonoude

April is a critical month for Grass Tetany. Tetany occurs due to an acute lack of Magnesium (Mg) in the blood. Cows are unable to use stored Mg effectively and therefore, need daily supplementation. There are a number of ways to supplement cows with Mg, using Sweetlics Easy-Mag Bucket or by feeding a ration/nut with Calmag included.

All Nugget Dairy Nuts & Suckler cow nuts contain Calmag for the prevention of Grass Tetany. Each feed has a recommended feeding rate to ensure an animal receives 50-60g of Calmag per day. To enquire about recommended feeding rates, contact a member of our sales team.

There is still time to sow Spring Beans!

- Sow 35-40 seeds/m² at a depth of 5-7cm
Aim: establish 25-30 plants/m².
- Ensure adequate phosphorus and potassium fertiliser, especially in low index soils.

A Protein Payment of €3 million is to be divided by the total eligible area of beans/peas. Contact a member of our Technical Team for more information.

On Saturday 31st March our Moyvore Branch manager, James Hegarty, moved on to pastures new. James has held the role of Branch Manager for over 5 years having worked with Brendan & Kathleen Pender for 12 years previous. Over this period James developed excellent relationships with both his colleagues & his large customer base. James' presence will be greatly missed in the Moyvore branch. We wish James every success in the future and sincerely thank him for all his service over the years.



Fodder Crisis

Needless to say, many farmers are currently struggling with fodder supply & the situation is getting worse by the day. This is highly stressful for all concerned.

If you are running low on fodder, NOW is the time to act, NOT when it has run out completely. Restricted levels of forage are far better for your animals than no forage. J. Grennan & Sons have specifically formulated a Fodder Stretcher Ration, available during April at reduced prices.

We are here to help, please feel free to contact any member of our technical team to discuss your options in terms of stretching available supplies, balancing diets & best value in the alternative feeds. We can also help you formulate strategies to get the best use out of your grazing & silage platforms when the grass does start to grow.

Ewe Lactation feeding the key to great lamb performance

By Conor Condron

Concentrate feeding is just as important to ewes during the first 4-6 weeks of lactation as it is during late pregnancy. Failure to adequately support the ewe's nutritional requirements during this time will reduce milk yield and quality, cut lamb growth rates and in the long run prove to be a false economy. Losing any more than half a Body Condition Score (BCS) during the first six weeks of lactation will significantly reduce performance. Forage alone will not meet the nutrient requirements of a ewe rearing multiple lambs. An average ewe (75kg) with twin lambs typically needs up to 1.1kg/day of concentrate. For ewes being fed grass, silage or hay an 18% protein concentrate should be sufficient, or 20-22% protein for straw based rations.

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