



# NUGGET

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## NEWSLETTER DECEMBER 2018

### Mid-pregnancy Ewe Nutrition

Feed management of ewes always places emphasis on the late-pregnancy period; little thought is given to the mid-pregnancy period (months 2 & 3 of pregnancy).

- Placenta growth occurs during mid-pregnancy.
- Poor placental development results in low lamb birth weights.
- The placenta provides all the nutrients for the unborn lamb.
- For ewes carrying triplets, aim to start feeding triplet-bearing ewes approximately 0.2kg/hd/day 10 weeks prior to lambing.
- Ewes in poor BCS need to gain condition before it is too late.

J Grennan & Sons have a wide range of cube & coarse ewe & lamb diets to cater for all your needs. Talk to our technical team today to discuss your options for the coming season.

#### Ask about:

- Super Ewe & Lamb 18% Nuts    -Elite Ewe & Lamb 20% Nuts
- Ewe & Lamb 18% ration        -Super Ewe & Lamb 20% ration

### Beans – Protein Subsidy 2019

The Department of Agriculture have confirmed there will be a protein subsidy in 2019.

- A figure has not yet been announced but hopefully it will be in the region of €3million which has been put aside annually in recent years.
- This worked out at €100/acre if 12,000 hectares were sown.
- Due to the drought in 2018, bean seed is scarce throughout the EU. If you intend sowing beans next spring, please let us know ASAP so we can secure seed.

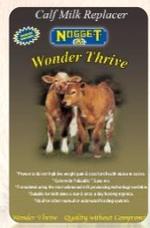


### Wonderthrive with LungBooster Plus

Wonderthrive Calf Milk Replacer (CMR) embraces the challenges of modern calf rearing by reducing scours, supporting lung function while optimising rumen development.

#### Key Features:

- ✓ Lungbooster Plus supports a healthy respiratory system and helps attack cryptosporidium & coccidiosis oocystes.
- ✓ Stimulates the intake of concentrates for rumen development.
- ✓ Vitamin E and Fibosel boosts calves own immunity.
- ✓ Ideal for use in automatic calf feeders



### Soil Sampling

It's a perfect time of year for soil sampling. Soils should ideally be sampled every 3 to 5 years.

- Soil testing will allow you to **TARGET** your fertiliser application giving the soil exactly what it needs in the form of N, P, K & Lime.
- Only 10% of Irish soils have optimum pH, P & K status
- 67% of grasslands are below the target pH of 6.3
- Soil testing will allow you to plan fertiliser & lime applications.
- Soil sampling & analysis cost money. Therefore, it is critical that sampling is done correctly, ensuring results are accurate.
- Correcting and maintaining the soil pH should be first consideration in soil fertility management.

If you would like to get your soil sampled analysed in order to establish status of pH, P & K and/or mineral status, Contact a member of our technical team.

### Monthly Statements

Posting customer statements each month is costly. It is now possible to access your account online, through our website [www.grennans.ie](http://www.grennans.ie). This allows you view invoices, print off statements & check balances. If you wish to avail of this service, let us know.

## Ploughing

- **Ploughing can commence from December 1st.**
- A large amount of volunteers are visible in fields which will need to be sprayed.
- Spray with 1 litre of Gallup per acre.
- The height & stage of the volunteers shows that large amounts of residual nitrogen was left in soil after this years crop.
- Sowing a cover crop traps residual nitrogen, preventing leaching & making Nitrogen available for next years crop.

## Immuno Pre-Calver Nuts

Nugget Immuno Pre-Calver Nuts contain our Immuno Pre-Calver Mineral with Aromabiotic as standard. The Immuno Pre-Calver mineral primes the cow's immune system. This means she is ready to fight any infection and the majority of cows get uterine infections post calving. It does this by increasing the activity of white blood cells, the actual soldiers who fight the war against infection. Immuno Pre-Calver Nuts should be fed at least 4 and ideally up to 8 weeks before calving.

### Key Features

- ✓ Recommended feed rate 2.5kg per day.
- ✓ Contains 20% Oats to promote ease of calving and vigorous calves.
- ✓ Delivers 30grams of Magnesium in 2.25kg
- ✓ 18% protein suitable for low protein forages.



## Lice Control in Cattle

Lice in cattle is generally an issue during the winter months. The cold weather triggers the hatching of lice eggs. Lice numbers can develop rapidly in the cattle's thick winter coat.

- Trimming cattle's back at housing is a good way of reducing lice infestation.
- Ectoparasites can have a detrimental impact on animal performance.
- Feed intake of animals affected can drop between 8-10%.
- Lice cause intense irritation of the skin. Irritation to skin, leads to biting scratching & rubbing by affected animals.
- Infected cattle have a generally unthrifty appearance, with a rough coat & lowered production.
- In severe cases, hair-loss & Anaemia can be seen.

A heavy lice infestation may sometimes be a symptom of some underlying conditions such as malnutrition or chronic disease.

### Treatment

- Pour-on's such as Liceban & Ectospec work well.
- Spot treatments are also available through Spot-On.
- Be aware of meat & milk withdrawal periods
- Treat all cattle in the shed on the same day.

**For more information or to create your own herd health plan, contact a member of our technical team.**

## Elite Pre-Calver Mineral

Feeding a dry cow mineral such as Grennan Elite Pre-Calver ensures the correct balance of vitamins & minerals for a successful calving and high quality

### Key Features:

- ✓ 22% Magnesium for milk fever prevention
- ✓ Protected Selenium, Zinc and Copper
- ✓ 10,000 Vitamin E for immunity and colostrum quality



<u>Day</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Opening Hours</u>
Monday	24th Dec	Half Day in all Branches, Rosemount Closed
Tuesday	25th Dec	Closed
Wednesday	26th Dec	Closed
Thursday	27th Dec	Closed
Friday	28th Dec	Business as usual
Saturday	29th Dec	Business as usual
Monday	31st Dec	Business as usual, Rosemount Closed
Tuesday	1st Jan	Closed
Wednesday	2nd Jan	Business as usual, Kilcormac Closed



## Season's Greetings



*As we come to the end of another year, on behalf of my family and work colleagues, I would like to thank you for your most valued business and support throughout a difficult 2018. It's very important for all of us in Grennans to remember that our business is only as good as the support we receive from you, our very valued customer. We look forward to your continued, valued support throughout 2019 as we make our best efforts to provide you with a continuously improving service. If you have any thoughts or suggestions on how we can improve our service to you in the future, please let us know ([suggestions@grennagri.com](mailto:suggestions@grennagri.com)) or any staff member.*

*On behalf of all at Grennans we hope you have a most enjoyable Christmas and a happy, healthy & prosperous 2019.*

*John Grennan*



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**Christmas Orders:** Please ensure you order sufficient product to see you through the busy Christmas period and into the New Year. Thank you!