



# NUGGET

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### Preparing for the Lambing Season

Colostrum & heat are two of the most important requirements for new-born lambs. It is critical lambs receive adequate levels of colostrum in the first 24 hours of life. This provides the new born lamb with energy & immunity. Lambs should receive 50ml of colostrum per kg birth weight in the first hour of life & every six hours thereafter. Lambs which receive insufficient or delayed amounts of colostrum are more exposed to disease.

**Take Home Message:** Good management, effective prevention/treatment, supervision & hygiene will determine the level of mortality during the lambing season. These key factors are very much in the hands of farmer. Their importance and role in keeping losses to a minimum cannot be emphasised enough.

The key performance indicator (KPI) to measure profitability on farm:

- **Lamb output per ewe put to the ram**
- Every lamb lost decreases overall farm profit. If lamb mortality is high, profitability of the flock will be dramatically reduced.

### Acti-Boost Dairy – The New Additive to Boost Milk Production

Nutrition in early lactation is vital for a profitable spring calving system. Although spring grass has an excellent feed value, not all protein is utilised efficiently and some can remain undigested. Acti-Boost is a completely natural product made from a blend of essential oils and spices which helps improve feed efficiency & protein utilisation.

Acti-Boost now comes as standard in Nugget:

- Elite Breeder 14
- Elite Dairy 18
- Elite Dairy 21

Acti-Boost has several benefits including:

- Increase milk production up to 1.1L/cow/day
- Acts as a buffer by stimulating the production of 200-300g of sodium bicarbonate, this is much more than what can be delivered in compound feed.
- Increased protein digestion
- Increased milk protein percentage
- Decreased milk urea levels
- Less methane emissions
- Reduced negative energy balance through improved fibre digestion.

**LAMBING ESSENTIALS KIT, AVAILABLE IN ALL J GRENNAN & SONS STORES.**

**PRICE €64.95**



### LAMBING KIT INCLUDES

- IODINE SPRAY
- AGRI LUBE
- LAMB STOMACH TUBE
- MARKER SPRAY
- CASTRATION RINGS
- CALCIJECT
- MAGNIJECT
- LIQUID LIFE-AID
- EXAMINATION GLOVES
- SURVIVOR COLOSTRUM.

# Bulk Fertiliser Spreading Service



*Due to the ever increasing demand, 2 brand new, 'state of the art', Bredal F10's will be joining our Bulk Spreading Fleet this year.*



All our spreaders have the **Unique Bredal Headland Management System.**

This is a fully automated GPS field mapping system. It means you get **MINIMAL OVER LAPPING** and precise application rates right up to, but not in the ditch.



**GPS Control** – The satellite guidance system used by all our spreaders ensures extreme accuracy in terms of working widths, irrespective of field shape or how 'bare' your ground is.



**Mick Kiernan**  
*Beef & Sheep Farmer,  
Moyvore, Co. Westmeath*  
*"Grennan's operators do a brilliant job and are very obliging. I have my own spreader but will definitely be getting Grennan's to do a lot more of my fertiliser spreading from now on."*



**Ger Parady**  
*200 Cow Dairy Farm,  
Birr, Co. Offaly*  
*"Grennan's Bulk spreading is a fabulous service. It makes great sense because it saves me so much time and to be honest, it costs a lot less than if I had to do it myself."*



**Michael Connolly**  
*Tillage Farmer,  
Rahan, Co.Offaly*  
*"I've been asked by Grennan's to oversee their Bulk Spreading Service and to ensure it is second to none. These Bredal F10's are the first choice spreader for many tillage units and are a superb machine. I've seen them successfully used in tramlines up to 36m"*