

Welcome Feale Bridge and Headley's Bridge Co-operative

On behalf of the Board of Management and staff of North Cork Creameries, I extend a warm welcome to Fealesbridge and Headleys Bridge Co-Operative milk suppliers who are joining with North Cork Co-Operative Creameries this month.

This development is excellent news and will bring significant benefits to our new combined and enlarged business. Together, we will create combined synergies and capabilities that will consolidate our presence and advance our growth in the dairy sector, both in Ireland and our international markets. Fealesbridge and Headleys Bridge Co-Operative milk suppliers can be assured of our support and assistance on all farming matters in the years to come.

Spring Farm Walk Wednesday 16/05/18



Grass checklist

1. Walk silage ground to establish how crop is progressing
2. Target first cut to be completed by June 10th
3. Aim for 12-24 hour wilt when cutting silage
4. Test grass sugar content before cutting silage
5. Spread 30-40m unit of nitrogen with sulphur on grazing ground after each grazing
6. Walk your farm weekly and take out surplus bales if grass is getting ahead of demand.

Damaged paddocks

Walk damaged paddocks to assess damage. Severely damaged paddocks will need to be reseeded. For less damaged fields over sowing may be an option. Contact your Teagasc advisor or call in to your local Branch for advice.

Fodder Budget should be completed now to calculate how much feed is required for the coming winter. Contact your Teagasc advisor or call in to your local Branch for help with completing your budget.

North Cork Creameries would like to thank James A Walsh for hosting our Spring 2018 farm walk. We would also like to thank the staff of Teagasc

Milk Price

The milk price for April is 31cent per litre (incl. Vat.) for milk of 3.60% Butterfat and 3.30% Protein. (Base Price)
+ 1c/l Weather/Fodder Relief Payment on all milk supplied in April.

MilkFlex

Following the recent announcement of Milk Flex, an innovative loan scheme for milk suppliers supported by Finance Ireland, North Cork Creameries will be hosting an information session on Thursday June 7th. This loan scheme provides funding up to €300,000 in value with loan repayments linked to milk price movements. To register your interest please contact Breda in reception 029-50003"

CHANGE TO SCC COEFFICIENT ANNOUNCED – DAFM

DAFM has this week announced that the seasonality coefficient currently used to mitigate SCC results in low production periods will no longer be applied with immediate effect. This coefficient factor was used from November to February to reduce the SCC results for all herds. This will have a significant impact on penalties incurred during this time period. This change is drive improvement in SCC levels nationally and aid compliance with EU Legislation and customer and international agendas in the area of antimicrobial resistance in humans.

RESEEDING SPRING 2018

Teagasc recommends you should reseed 10-15% of your farm every year but currently only 1-2% of grassland is reseeded annually. Reseeding is one of the best short to medium term investments you can make on your farm. Key reasons to reseed are:

- 24 Month payback Reseeding will now cost you circa €250 per acre. However, reseeded can repay you for this investment within 18 months to two years and you can expect swards reseeded in 2018 to last 8-10+ years on your farm if correctly managed.
- More Milk High perennial ryegrass swards allow 8% higher milk output per hectare compared to old permanent pasture.
- Grow more Grass (when you need it most) Recent research in Teagasc Moorepark has shown that your old permanent pasture typically produces 3 tonne/ ha less than 100% PRG. The main difference is in spring (before midMay), when it is most needed. Swards with a low content of Perennial Ryegrass (PRG) are reducing your profit by €300/ha (€120/acre) due to reduced dry matter (DM) production alone.
- Improved fertiliser response Old permanent pasture is inefficient i.e. you are losing 25% of the response to your Nitrogen fertiliser applications. On top of this, your old pastures have reduced digestibility and intake potential.

Reseeding Best Practice

As already outlined, reseeded can pay for itself within 18 months to two years. However to achieve this payback it is critical to successfully establish and manage the new sward. To ensure successful establishment the following reseeded best practise guide is strongly recommended.

1. Take a representative soil sample and send for analysis. If ploughing, wait until after ploughing to soil sample
2. Spray off the old pasture with 6L per ha (4.25 pts/Ac) Glyphosate e.g. Gallup. Allow 7 - 10 days after spraying before cultivating.
3. Prepare a fine, firm seedbed and apply

4. Select the most suitable North Cork Premium grass seed mixture for your situation i.e. the very best varieties available (N.B.) as this mixture is likely to be in the ground for 10 years or more.
5. Sow 10 bags of grass seed for every nine acres to be sown in good conditions. Increase the seed rate in poor conditions.
6. Ideally cover seeds and roll well to ensure good contact between the seed and the soil.
7. Apply 60 Kg/ha (48 units/Ac) of nitrogen at or after sowing.
8. Monitor closely for pest attack and take action where necessary. Slugs, Leatherjackets, Frit Fly and Rabbits are the main threat.
9. Post emergence weed control is essential particularly to control docks and thistles. Normally apply herbicide five-six weeks after sowing. Where clover is important use Legumex DB as it is safe on clover.
10. Regular light grazings when conditions are good are recommended to encourage the development of the new



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