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MAY NEWSLETTER

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Silage Essentials



€147

Rhino Bird NET 15 x 20m



€100

Silage Bags 50 pack



Silage Protection Cover
Available in
10 x 12m
10 x 15

Rhino Silage Wrap

Dimensions and colour:

750mm x 1500m x 0.025 micron, Black

Benefits:

Due to its improved mechanical properties, e.g. higher ultimate elongation, the film guarantees maximum reliability during the wrapping process on the stretcher.

Structure of film:

Multi Layer blown Film – outside highly adhesive PE-LD in combination with polyethylene resins on basis of metallocene and EVA-copolymers.



€94

Grass Seed – What Works Best for Your Farm?



	High Digestibility Dual Mix	Cut & Graze Mixture	Diamond High Density Mix
Primary Use	High digestibility grazing mixture	Dual purpose silage and grazing mixture	High density low input grazing mix
Key Varieties	Glenfield, Astonenergy, Astonconqueror, Clodagh (Clover), Dungloe (Clover).	Astonconqueror, Tollymore, Oakpark, Meiduno, Crusader (Clover), Dungloe (Clover).	Glenfield, Oakpark, Astonking, Crusader (Clover), Dungloe (Clover).
Clover	Highest performing white clover varieties 2025	Highest performing white clover varieties 2025	Highest performing white clover varieties 2025
Heading Date	50:50 Intermediate and late heading varieties	Predominately late heading varieties	Late Heading Varieties
Sowing Rate	14kg/acre or 1 bag/acre	14kg/acre or 1 bag/acre	12kg/acre or 1 bag/acre
Suitability for Silage	Higher Sugars for better fermentation, Faster regrowth after cutting	Greater sward density giving better ground cover and higher tonnages. Lower lodging risk with high sugars for better fermentation	Well suited to heavier soils with excellent yield under minimal fertiliser application
Suitability for Grazing	5 Star Graze out varieties form softer leaves, improved palatability and higher sugars. Leading to greater clear out of paddocks	Containing 4 star graze out varieties with high digestibility and sward density	Contains 5 star graze out rating variety with high sugar and digestibility
Take Home Message	Unbeatable grazing clear outs and grass utilisation. Higher sugars and protein leading to greater milk production and DMI	Varieties with the highest silage figures on the 2025 PPI with excellent sward density and full season production	Premium mix for heavier soils with low fertilizer application. Increased sward density for persistence and ground cover

BURN OFF



€225

**ROUNDUP
POWERMAX**



€114

MIZR 20L

DOCK SPRAY



€103

FOREFRONT T



€135

**EAGLE
(CLOVER FRIENDLY)**



€92

DOXSTAR PRO



€76

MINSTREL

GENERAL SPRAY

DOCKLEEN ULTRA 5L

Targets weeds
such as docks,
dandelions,
daisies, and
chickweed.



€229

PRO CLOVA XL



€190

Clover friendly
herbicide than
can be used on a
new reseed or on
established
grassland. It is a 2
pack product that
is mixed into the
sprayer treating
3HA of a reseed
less than 1 year
old of 2HA of
established
grassland.

THISTLEX ILTR

For both
creeping and
spear thistle



€66

SCRUBKILLER ULTRA ILTR

€65



Spot treatment of
weeds in
established grass
control of broad-
leaved dock,
curled dock,
creeping thistle,
spear thistle,
common nettle,
bramble, broom
and gorses

GRAZON PRO ILTR

€69





Meet the team , James, Lorna and Niall started with us this month , each bringing valuable expertise to better serve our farmers

In addition, we've revamped our offices to streamline communication and improve how we support our customers day to day. These updates are part of our continued commitment to providing reliable, responsive service and strengthening our role as your trusted agricultural partner.

What is Summer Scour ?

Essentially Summer scour is a management issue and can be prevented or limited by ensuring that the calves transition well from a liquid diet to a forage and concentrate diet

- Affects calves up to 12 months old, often within a month of turnout to grass.
- Symptoms: scour, weight loss, lethargy, weakness, poor rumination, ulcers.
- Not caused by infection; usually non-responsive to treatment unless removed from pasture.
- Linked to immature rumen development and lush, high-protein/low-fibre grass.
- Suspected cause: high nitrate/NPN intake → ammonia buildup and unstable rumen pH.

Tips for managing summer scour

- Build up calves' Dry Matter Intake (DMI) gradually over time.
- Ensure calves are weaned properly and slowly – they should consistently consume 2.5 kg/day along with straw and plenty of water.
- Avoid lush or low-cover grass that is high in oils, sugars, and nitrates, as it can reduce rumen function.
- Avoid recently fertilised pastures or areas where slurry has been applied as high nitrate levels can be harmful to the calf's digestive system
- Dose calves accurately after a faecal egg test is completed.
- Monitor calves for 4–6 weeks after turnout for signs of issues such as poor appetite and diarrhoea.

Dosing for Dairy Cattle



Dosing for Dry Stock



Fly Control – Flies reduce milk yield & spread disease

PRODUCT	ACTIVE INGREDIENT	COVER PERIOD	PACK SIZE	DOSAGE RATE
ECTOSPEC	Cypermethrin	5-8 weeks	2.5 Litre	10ml
SPOTINOR	Deltamethrin	4-8 weeks	2.5 Litre	10ml



Establishing an Effective Footbath Routine on Your Farm

A well-planned hoof care footbath routine aims to prevent hoof infections like digital dermatitis and foul of the foot, clean off slurry, and kill surface bacteria while hardening the hoof and surrounding skin. Footbath routines should be proactive, not reactive to outbreaks.

Key Points:

- **Footbath Design:** Optimal dimensions are 3.1m long x 0.6m wide x 12.5cm deep, holding about 230L of water to ensure sufficient hoof immersion—especially for hind feet.
- **Step Height:** A 10-inch (25cm) step-up improves hind leg immersion; sunken baths reduce effectiveness.
- **Solution Change Frequency:** Change footbath every 200–300 cow passes, depending on product and hoof cleanliness.

Product Guidelines:

- **Formaldehyde (5%):** Effective, inexpensive, used 2–5 times/week; less effective below 10°C.
- **Copper Sulphate (5%):** Antibacterial and hardening; effective but neutralized by manure
- **Zinc Sulphate (10%):** Similar to copper sulphate
- **Cleaning Agents (e.g., hypochlorite, peracetic acid):** Loosen manure, used as cleaning baths in a 1:3 or 1:4 ratio with treatment baths.
- **Healmax (2%):** Safe, temperature-independent, lasts for 300 cow passes; effective during outbreaks and early lactation.

Recommended Routine:

Use a 1:3 rotation—one Healmax bath followed by three regular treatment baths (e.g., formaldehyde or copper sulphate)—throughout the lactation period to control hoof health effectively.

Range of Footbath's



Formaldehyde Blend is specially formulated from formaldehyde as a foot-bath disinfectant and hoof conditioner. Formaldehyde Blend is composed of a unique liquid blend of formaldehyde, copper and zinc sulphate. Formaldehyde Blend is one of the most powerful disinfectant hoof conditioners on the market.



Formaline is composed of formol or formalin: a solution of 35-40% of the chemical formaldehyde in water. Formalin is used as a powerful disinfectant.



HealMax concentrate is a footbath solution designed to cure the cause and effect of digital dermatitis, more commonly known as Mortellaro. Healmax is the proven, quick and effective way to treat and prevent outbreaks of digital dermatitis.

Time to Change Your Milking Liners?



We stock a wide range of liners to suit most milking machines.

But did you know the number of milkings before liners need changing depends on your herd size?

Check out the graph below for a simple guide based on a 20 unit milking parlour, it's a great way to make sure you're:

Maximising milk yield

Getting the most litres per milking

Reducing the risk of high cell count and mastitis

Keep your herd healthy and productive by replacing your liners on time.

Change your liners every 6 months of 2500 milkings whichever comes first

Herd Size (Cows)	Milkings per Day	Milkings per Cluster/Day	Days to Reach 2,500 Milkings	Recommended Liner Change Frequency
100	200	10	250 days	Every 6 months
150	300	15	167 days	Every 5.5 months
200	400	20	125 days	Every 4 months
250	500	25	100 days	Every 3.3 months
300	600	30	83 days	Every 2.75 months

Fencing Essentials



Geared Reel



Polywire



Cheetah Fencers



High Tensile Wire



Insultube rolls
3 Inch lengths



Bungee Rope 50m



Gripples



Compression spring
with gate handle



Large Gate Handle



Ring Insulators

Pigtail Posts



- 10 inches of white plastic insulation to give you more room to move them without getting shocked.
- The insulation is also capped at the top to prevent shocks from there too.
- The foot is crimped to the post to ensure there's no slip.

**SPECIAL
OFFER**

€2.00

BUY 57 GET 3 FREE

Kiln Dried Posts

- 5' x 4" kiln dried,
- 15 year guarantee
- NSAI grant approved
- Top quality post
- 109 in a bundle



€844.75

109 IN A BUNDLE

Clipex Posts

€9.50

**USED FOR PERMANENT
ELECTRIC FENCING**

CLIPLEX FEATURES

- Longevity – Minimum 30 year service life
- Clipex Fencing Solution – 50% quicker to erect.
- Surprisingly cost effective – Over 50% cheaper life time costs achieved



Heat Detection Comparison

	Daisy Paint/ Detail paint	Heat Seeker Detectors	Scratch Cards
Type	Tail paint	Pressure-sensitive patch	Scratch-off card with adhesive
How it Works	Rubbed off during mounting	Changes colour with pressure	Scratched off during mounting
Ease of Use	Very easy	Easy, with simple application	Easy, but adhesive needed
Durability	Short-term (reapply often)	Lasts up to several weeks	Moderate (can last up to 3 weeks)
Accuracy	Moderate (false positives possible)	High (direct pressure required)	High (clear visual confirmation)
Visibility	Needs close inspection	High visibility from a distance	High visibility (colour reveals)
Durability	High	Low to Moderate	Low
Labour Requirement	High (needs daily checks)	Moderate	Moderate



€20 1L
Buy 10 get 2



€844.75
109 IN A BUNDLE



€36 2.5L



€137 100 PACK
AVAILABLE IN
RED
GREEN
YELLOW