NEWSLETTER APRIL 2023

NEWS, AGRI ADVICE & PROMOTIONS



Congratulations to Consie Keohane on his retirement after 22 years managing Timoleague grain-stores for the Co-op. He recently received a presentation, along with his wife Mary, to mark the occasion, pictured with Peadar Murphy, CEO, and Neil Whelton, Mill Manager.

RED CLOVER - HIGH YIELDS OF HIGH-QUALITY PROTEIN FEED

- It has good summer growth with drought tolerance and little winter growth.
- With higher yields than White Clover, it grows tall and is used primarily for silage production.
- It is a short-lived perennial and will have a life span of 3-4 years. Break crops of Red Clover are useful for improving soil fertility.

Growth Habit

- Red Clover has a tufted growth habit and a deep tap root, it does not have stolons like white clover. Rhizobia bacteria form nodules on the finer roots. **Silage**
- 10-12T of DM/Ha/year on average. In the established year allow full flowering before harvest to aid root development for optimum N fixation.

- Normally 3-4 cuts per year at 6–8-week intervals from late May, after bud development but before flowering.
- Mower height no lower than 7cm. The crop should be wilted rapidly to 25-30% Dry matter.
- Leaf is prone to shatter so avoid excessive handling, recommended not using a conditioner mower.
- Recommended using an inoculant or acid to improve the fermentation, there are no natural lactic acid bacteria on red clover.

Quality:

- Red Clover swards are high in protein and normally expect 60% to be true protein.
- Red Clover silage will usually have a crude protein content of 15-20%.

NEWS WATCH

MILK SUPPLY AND PRICE

March milk supply amounted to 10,317,719 litres which was a 2% increase on March 2022. Weaker market conditions have resulted in a 6c/L drop in the milk price. The Carbery Board has agreed to an extra 2c/L support for March milk from its stability fund which leaves milk suppliers with a net drop of 4c/L. That brings the overall support for March milk to 4c/L.

Barryroe are paying €7.8002 per kg of protein and €5.2001 per kg of butterfat for variable priced milk. Our average constituents for the month are 3.35% protein 4.43% butterfat and our average price paid for variable priced milk is 49.42 c/L, including 0.5c SCC bonus and VAT @ 5%. The Carbery 4c/L support is also paid on fixed-price milk.

SCC: SMALL CHANGES CAN HAVE IMPACT

Small changes now can impact significantly for the year ahead. Maintaining a SCC below 200,000 for the next few months requires information on individual cows, identify the high cows and stop them spreading infection to clean cows.

Approach to SCC:

Milk record or individually SCC all cows in the herd in the next few weeks. You must SCC the whole herd, it will surprise you the cows that maybe high. Once high cows have been identified, feed this milk to male calves for sale, while helping to lower bulk tank SCC.

Milk these cows last, or dip the clusters in peracetic acid, before applying to the next cow. You will see a stabilising in your bulk tank and less fluctuating of bulk tank SCC. If you have a drafting gate, why not auto draft them to milk last, this avoids any dipping, and all their milk can be collected for calves.

These high cows should be culled if they have been problem cows in the previous lactation, especially if you have surplus numbers. If a dry cow tube has not cured these cows, they are chronic and need to be culled. Act now, with the restrictions in antibiotic use i.e selective dry cow, you need to start taking control from the start. If you are sitting between 200 and 300,000 SCC, small changes can make a big difference if you act now. Gloves, post dip, lime twice per day, service milking parlour, milk record and disinfect clusters after problem cows, these are the building blocks to a low SCC.

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30 YEAR ANNIVERSARY: Congratulations to Helen McSweeney on 30 years in business as Helen's Hair Salon at Barryroe Co-op. The salon opened in 1993, and to mark the anniversary, the Co-op made a presentation to Helen and her hairstylist, Sharon O'Donovan, pictured here with Stephen O'Leary, CFO, and Peadar Murphy CEO.

THE IMPORTANCE OF SILAGE ADDITIVES IN 2023

With the increase in concentrates, silage additive will be an essential product on farms in 2023. To produce a top-quality silage crop, you need to have a sward with a high proportion of perennial ryegrass (recently reseeded), harvest at the correct stage (before crop begins to head out), mow and pick up in good conditions (somewhat weather dependent!) and ensile properly (compact the grass and seal the pit properly). Silage additives also have a significant role to play and can give excellent return on investment depending on the situation, we recommend the following:

1. Ecosyl Inoculant (Liquid or powder): Ecosyl holds a unique strain of Lactobacillus plantarum which has more supporting trial data behind it than any other inoculant. It comes in a liquid and powder form. It has been thoroughly proven to produce substantial amounts of lactic acid quickly and efficiently in a wide range of conditions to improve fermentation and animal performance. Both packs treat 100 ton of silage.



Advantages of Ecosyl:

- Improves fermentation of silage. (Less wastage).
- Average of 3 units increase in DMD from 26 feeding trails.
- Average of 1.2L more milk per head per day from 15 independent dairy trials.
- Average of 11% increase in average daily gain in 19 beef trials.
- Increase protein % of silage.
- 2. Ecocool/Ecocorn Inoculant: Ecocool/Ecocorn holds a strain of both Lactobacillus plantarum and Lactobacillus buchneri which is specifically targeting aerobic stability. L. buchneri inhibits the activities of the yeasts and moulds that cause aerobic spoilage of silages. By reducing the numbers of yeasts present in the silage at opening. Ecocool increases the

time it takes for silages to begin heating and reduces the extent of any heating that does occur. Ecocool is Volac's top of the range silage inoculant on the market and Barryroe Co-op farmers have seen excellent results with high DM silage and bales. Ecocool treats 100 ton of silage.

Advantages of Ecocool/Ecocorn

- Less heating
- Lower DM losses
- · Less physical waste
- · Higher energy feed
- · Less risk of mycotoxins
- 3. Molasses: Molasses helps increase lactic acid production, lowers ammonia N and silage pH while also improving the Dry Matter Digestibility (DMD) of the silage. Molasses can be applied to the sward or at the silage clamp. Barryroe have molasses tanks and pumps available for hire from Timoleague Grain store.
- 4. SilaSave (silage surface protector): Silage at the top of the pit is difficult to preserve, even with adequate rolling and sealing, air pockets often remain between grass and the cover plus heat production during the fermentation process produces water vapour. This water vapour condenses when it reaches the plastic at the top of the pit. This makes the silage wetter at the top of the pit and thus more difficult to preserve. The combination of air and wet silage and heat make an ideal environment for yeasts and fungi causing the silage to rot and form the black layer often seen in silage pits. SilaSave contains a blend of mould inhibitors with 6 times the preservation capacity of salt allowing SilaSave to penetrate 6" beneath the surface of the silage pit yielding a 6:1 return on investment.





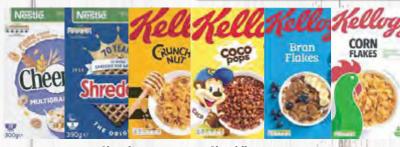


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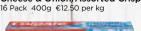


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