

NEWSLETTER AUGUST 2023

NEWS, AGRI ADVICE & PROMOTIONS

AUTUMN IS A GREAT TIME OF YEAR TO RESEED

Many farms have more than ample grass and can afford to take a paddock or two out. If you are reseeding, then the golden rule is to choose only mixtures that contain recommended list varieties and use the PPI sub-indices to find a mixture fit for purpose.

- 1. If you are in a grazing system, use varieties within the mixture that have a high star rating under the Teagasc Grazing Utilisation Index
- 2. Have a high tetraploid content if you are on good grazing land at least 50% tetraploids.
- 3. If you are reseeding silage ground, then pick varieties that score highly for silage on the PPI subindex.
- 4. Spring growth is vital in West Cork for early turnout– pick varieties that score highly for this trait.
- Remember, farmers are not paid on grass growth, but milk sold

 therefore palatability and intake are the most important factors –
 more grass eaten by the cow = more milk produced.

Clover: Clover is a vital part of modern swards and needs to be included in every new mixture. Red clover can improve protein content, particularly in silage fields. Be careful of bloat and introduce cattle slowly and monitor stock daily for signs of it.

Pictured here is the Barryroe Red Clover Silage mix after establishing. Red clover can increase your silage to 18% protein whilst reducing chemical nitrogen usage.

Derogation: If you are in derogation, then you are not allowed to plough after the end of May. Consider using slit seeding or minimum cultivation for reseeds after between June 1st and February 28th. These are both very effective methods of establishing new swards and can work as well as ploughing. Clover must also be included in these mixes at a rate of 1.5 kg/ha natural clover. Red or white clover is fine.

Nutrition: It is very important to do a soil sample prior to sowing. This would not only give an indication of P and K status but of pH. It is very



important that the pH of the field is over 6.5 for good establishment of clover. P and K applied as required.

The seedbed should be firm and fine, typically firm enough to ride a bicycle over. This is very important in dry periods as a well consolidated seedbed helps to preserve moisture. A good rolling would help.

Post emergence weed control is critical. Choice of product will depend upon whether or not there is clover in the sward. Graze as soon as the plants are able to tolerate grazing as this will help the thicken the sward.

Talk to your local Barryroe Co-op advisor to find out the range of grass seed offers and pre and post emergence spray offers available.

NEWS WATCH

MILK SUPPLY AND PRICE

July milk supply amounted to 11,279,283 litres which was a 1% decrease on July 2022. Due to weaker market conditions, there is a 2c/L reduction in the base price for milk. Carbery is continuing its support for July milk at 3c/L from its stability fund. Barryroe is paying €6.7692 per kg of protein and €4.5128 per kg of butterfat for variable priced milk. Our average constituents for the month are 3.46% protein 4.14% butterfat and our average price paid for variable priced milk is 41.74c/L, including 0.5c SCC bonus and VAT @5%. The Carbery 3c/L support is also paid on fixed-price milk.

MANAGEMENT CHANGES IN BARRYROE CO-OP

Jerry O'Brien has taken up the role of Operations Manager in our Agri Division. He will be responsible for all aspects of our agri-business including fertilizer, farm inputs and animal feed. He will oversee our Agri-advisory team of David Walsh, Amanda Nugent and David Nyhan, to ensure the Coop provides the best service possible for our farmers.

Jerry has held the position of Transport Manager in the Co-op for the past three years. Prior to that, he managed our Inchybridge branch and has extensive experience in providing top class service to our farmers.

Taking over the Transport Manager's role is Shane O'Driscoll. Shane has been our Branch Manager at Inchybridge and prior to that, he worked in the Co-op's mill.

> Jerry O'Brien Agri Operations Manager



HARDWARE OFFERS









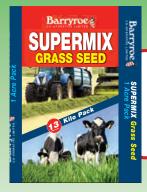


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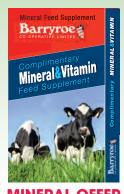


GRASS SEED DEALS BUY 5 BAGS BARRYROE SUPERMIX GRASS SEED & SAVE €25

GRASS SEED DEALS BUY 10 BAGS BARRYROE SUPERMIX GRASS SEED & SAVE €75



Spotinor Pour - On 2.5Ltr



MINERAL OFFER
Buy 5 & Get 20% OFF



Mizr Glyphosphate 360 XL 20Ltr SAVE €20 (Pre Re-Seeding Offer)



Ozolea-Mast non withdrawal mastitis
tube 8 pack
NEW PRODUCT
Intro Offer ONLY €34.95

DRY COW PRE SEASON DEAL

(Talk to your Sales Rep or Local Branch Manager about upcoming changes & Offers on Dry Cow Products)

WHAT ARE THE RISKS FOR NOT TREATING FOR EXTERNAL PARASITES?

- It reduces milk yield by up to 20%
- Increase incidence of summer mastitis
- Reduced calf weight gain

Spotinor is an insecticide used for the treatment and control of flies and lice on cattle and ticks, keds, and lice. Spotinor's active ingredient is deltamethrin which is a highly effective and fast acting insecticide that boasts no withdrawal time on dairy cattle.



NON-ANTIBIOTIC SCC AND MASTITIS SOLUTIONS

Boluses: Barryroe Co-op are stockists of the following non-antibiotic mastitis boluses.

- MAYCILLIN is a quick acting Dairy Cow bolus for use in lactating cows.
- 2. MAXSPIRIN is an aspirin bolus used to help relieve pain.

These boluses can be used together to get best results.

2 X Maycillin with 1x Maxspirin, together has shown excellent results with a reduction in Somatic Cell Count and curing of sub clinical mastitis.





Non-Antibiotic Mastitis Tubes: Barryroe Co-op stocks two ranges:

- Maycillin Milking Cow 48s Tubes: A pack of 48 will do 12 cows as each cow gets four tubes. There is no milk withdrawal, and these tubes are excellent for subclinical mastitis issues.
 - Ozolea-Mast: Is a non-drug veterinary device for intramammary use in dairy cows that helps dairy farmers continue shipping the milk and reduce the use of antibiotics, both for lactating cows and at dry-off. A cow will receive a tube for eight milkings in a row to get the best results.



HAVE YOU SERVICED YOUR MILKING MACHINE RECENTLY?



CellCheck recommends that all milking machines are serviced twice a year by a registered technician. This equates to about 550 hours of work between services. If you haven't done this recently, get it done now - don't

wait until you see a rise in SCC or cases of mastitis going into the autumn. Ask the milking machine technician to go through the report fully with you – it is important to understand how the machine is functioning and why certain recommendations may have been made.

Liners - the recommendation is to change liners after 2,000 milking's or 6 months, whichever comes first. Herds that have increased in size with parlour size staying the same, sometimes forget that each cluster is milking more cows now than it might have a few years ago. This means that liners need to be changed more often!

Below is a table that highlights how often liners should be changed depending on the number of rows that are being milked at each milking. Work it out for your herd, it may surprise you!

So if you are milking eight rows of cows, you need to be changing your liners every four months. But if you are milking twelve rows of cow's liners should be changed approximately every three months.

It is important to check the inside of the liners regularly to see if they are soft and smooth or rough and cracked. The milk liner is the only part of the milking machine that comes in direct contact with the cow so their condition is critical for teat health, efficient milking and mastitis control. Over time, liners lose tension, absorb fat and hold bacteria. Rubber naturally deteriorates over time anyway and this deterioration happens more quickly with exposure to the cleaning products used for machine disinfection. Worn liners reduce milking performance resulting in increased teat damage and can also harbour bacteria, making cleaning and disinfection difficult and increasing the potential risk of mastitis and cross-contamination between cows.

No Of Rows	Days Between Changes (With Twice A Day Milking)
6	167
7	143
8	125
9	111
10	100
11	91
12	83
13	77
14	71

Don't forget about the teat sprayers and have those serviced too; replace any nozzles that are blocked or faulty.

EUROSPAR (A)

Supermarket



















24 Pack 430g €6.98 per kg €3 **Kellogg's**Cornflakes 720g €4.85 per kg
Coco Pops 480g €7.27 per kg



















€3.50

SPAR Choco Flakes







Danone Activia Yogurt Range





















Prices correct at the time of going to print. Offers available from 17th August to 6th September 2023 inclusive, unless otherwise stated. Customer quotas may apply. All savings shown are versus recommended retail price.