

NEWSLETTER **SEPTEMBER 2023**

NEWS, AGRI ADVICE & PROMOTIONS





HARVEST 2023: After difficult weather conditions all year, the harvest came to a close in early September. Despite it being a demanding year for tillage farmers, the overall quality of grain received was excellent, and yields were good.

IMPORTANCE OF MAINTAINING WATER QUALITY

Currently, the future of the Nitrates Derogation is very uncertain with proposed reductions of the 250 kg/ha N looking increasingly likely. Water Quality will determine the future of our Nitrates Derogation. As farmers, we must do everything we can to maintain and improve water quality.

Currently, the most important factor effecting water quality in the Barryroe catchment area is the spreading of slurry in the closed period.

There will be huge consequences if water quality disproves in our catchment area, predominately losing our Nitrates Derogation as well as huge financial penalties being applied to farmers caught spreading slurry during the closed period.

Chemical fertiliser has also become increasingly scrutinised with the chemical fertiliser register now in place since the 1st of September. Every farmer now requires a herd number when purchasing fertiliser and lime.

Over the next decade, farming systems are going to be forced away from expansion and moved towards environmentally friendly and sustainable systems. Barryroe Co-Op will endeavour to ensure any transition will be as smooth as possible.

Our Agri advisory team can assist farmers by any means necessary including the following:

- Chemical and organic fertiliser plans.
- Working out storage requirements for slurry and soiled water.
- Registering farmers for the chemical fertiliser register.
- Working out chemical fertiliser limits for farmers.
- $\ensuremath{^{\bullet}}$ Identify different sustainable programmes that farmers can get involved in.

CLOSING DATES FOR ORGANIC/ INORGANIC FERTILISER SPREADING

A reminder that we are approaching the deadline for the spreading of organic fertilisers. The deadline for spreading chemical fertiliser has arrived. Please ensure that all slurry tanks are emptied, and farmyard manure spread, as tough penalties will apply to those caught spreading during the closed period.

Deadline Dates:

- Chemical fertiliser: September 15th to January 26th.
- Slurry: October 1st to January 12th.
- Soiled Water: December 10th to December 31st.
- Farmyard manure: November 1st to January 12th.

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MILK SUPPLY AND PRICE

August milk supply amounted to 10,008,418 litres which was a 0.3% increase on August 2022. Due to weaker market conditions, there is a 2c/L reduction in the base price for milk. Carbery is continuing to support from its stability fund with 3c/L for variable-priced milk, with fixed-price milk being supported also. Barryroe is paying €6.4275 per kg of protein and €4.285 per kg of butterfat for variable priced milk. Our average constituents for the month are 3.64% protein 4.35% butterfat and our average price paid for variable priced milk is 41.66 c/L, including 0.5c SCC bonus and VAT @5%.

FARM PLASTIC COLLECTION

The dates for farm plastic collection at Timoleague Grainstore are, Tuesday 3rd and Wednesday 4th October.

NATIONAL FERTILISER DATABASE

Farmers are required to submit their closing stock of fertiliser (including nil stock) by the 15th of October 2023, by logging onto <code>www.agfood.ie</code> and selecting <code>National Fertiliser Database</code>. If you require assistance with this, contact your Barryroe ag-advisor or Branch Manager.

FUEL SAVERS



Fully Certified Kiln Dried
Beach Log Crates 450Kg
Only €299 Collected

(€13.33/bag) Collected

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Supertherm Smokeless Coal 20Kg

Buy 3 For €44.95

Doherty Wood Pellets 15KG

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ANIMAL DOSING AND REMEDIES

Please see offers on page opposite for winter housing and veterinary products, available in all Barryroe branches. Animals on farm at this time of the year can be affected by lice, worms, and fluke as well as lacking trace

elements. We stock all leading animal dosing and injections including Animec, Ivomec, Eprinex and Spotinor. Talk to your local Co-op advisor or branch managers who can assist in a health programme for your farm.

ARE YOUR SHEDS CLEAN BEFORE HOUSING?

At this time of year, the most important task is the cleaning and disinfection of the sheds to reduce contamination and any possible carry over of environmental contamination from the previous winter. This reduces environmental contamination for all disease sources. The use of approved disinfectants from DAFM Approved Disinfectant List is important. Ensure that all organic matter (dried out manure, discharges, soil etc) is removed by scraping or power washing before applying disinfectant, as organic matter can make many disinfectants ineffective. Allow maximum contact time to ensure that the disinfectant works.

Are your cows comfortable during housing? A cow should be able to lie up to 12-14 hours of the day, but cubicle discomfort can reduce lying time to below 9 hours. The use of a cow mat greatly improves the cow comfort and the length of time they will lie in the cubicle. The mat condition should be checked to ensure that the surface is not breaking down which can make the cubicle difficult to clean and leads to a build-up of dirt and bacteria. Cubicle design is also important; they should be 7.5-8'long and 4' wide, depending on the size of cow. There needs to be a 4'forward lunging space in front of the cubicle to allow cows to lunge forward when getting up, and for neck extension to ruminate. The distance from brisket board to kerb and the height and location of the neck rail are extremely important. These measurements vary depending on cow type so it is important to discuss in more detail with your advisor or veterinary practitioner as they can often be easily adjusted.

How many cubicles are needed? We must account for normal cow behaviour, when making sure that every cow has a place to lie comfortably. Hence there should be 110 cubicles for every 100 cows.

Feeding space? Adequate feeding space and easy access to clean water are essential to avoid competition between cows and build-up of dung in the passageways, as cows queue to feed or drink.

Is there adequate ventilation? Good ventilation and natural light in the dry cow house provide a dry atmosphere, reducing the chance of bacteria surviving and multiplying in the shed. Do repairs need to be made to existing roofs? is really important to maintain a clean, dry and comfortable environment for cows during the entire dry period no matter what type of housing you have.

Don't forget about Summer Mastitis! Autumn calving herds especially, need to be aware of the risk of summer mastitis at this time of year. Summer mastitis occurs in the non-lactating udder. It is a serious condition and can be fatal if not treated promptly. Flies are considered central to its transmission and hence the association with summer. Damage to the teat, trauma and irritation of the udder are also important risk factors.

Prevention measures: The importance of having good fly control measures in place cannot be over-emphasised. Flies should be controlled from early in the fly season and depending on the product used it may need to be repeated regularly, as often as every 2 weeks during the



summer season. Also, the application of fly repellents around the udder area, such as traditional Stockholm tar and teat spray may help reduce the number of flies attracted to the cow's udder. Avoid grazing cows or in-calf heifers in fields that are near rivers or marshy areas or where there is a high density of trees or hedges, where flies tend to populate.

More exposed pastures are preferable, as high winds inhibit fly activity. Observing and checking animals and teats on a regular basis is essential, as the earlier the mastitis is detected the better the prognosis. Good teat condition will reduce the risk of infection. Good hygiene at drying off and the use of teat sealers are essential control measures to minimise disease. Article compliments of AHI & Michelle McGrath, CellCheck Assistant Programme Manager.

CO-OP'S 100TH ANNIVERSARY

Founded in 1925, Barryroe Co-op's 100th anniversary is coming into sight.

We have started compiling historical information about the society with a view to publishing it in some format to mark the anniversary. John O'Brien, Lislevane, is co-ordinating the project and is looking for old photographs or newspaper cuttings of the Co-op or of farming activities in the Co-op area. If you have any, please contact John on 087 2363530. We will scan them and return the originals to you.



