NEWSLETTER APRIL 2024

NEWS, AGRI ADVICE & PROMOTIONS



Barryroe central headquarters, Lislevane, photo courtesy of Gearóid Holland

SPRING 2024 RESEEDING IS A GOOD INVESTMENT

With cash tight on many farms, there may be a temptation to put off reseeding. However, this decision may cost you money as reseeding is one of the best short to medium term investments you can make on your farm.

WHY RESEED?

- **Grow more Grass:** 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 mid-May), 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 Grass Quality (DMD): Low PRG swards are of lower quality (DMD) compared to new reseeds. Combined with correct grassland management new reseeds will deliver higher grass DMD during the grazing season with trials delivering 8%

- higher milk output per hectare compared to old permanent pasture.
- 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.

Why reseeding in the spring is recommended: Reseeding in spring is much more reliable with a wider window for sowing and post emergence herbicide sprays (vital for dock control) plus improved clover establishment.

The time that a sward is out of production can be limited to two to three months. Trials from Moorepark clearly show that even when a sward is out of production for this length of time, their annual DM production can be similar or even greater than old permanent pasture accessible for the entire year.

NEWS WATCH

MILK SUPPLY AND PRICE

March milk supply amounted to 9,325,369 litres which was an 10% decrease on March 2023. An improvement in market conditions resulted in Barryroe increasing its price to €7.2777per kg of protein and €4.8518 per kg of butterfat. This represents a 1 c/L increase in base price, with a 0.5 c/L reduction in Carbery's support from the stability fund, the support is now at 1c/L. Our average constituents

for the month are 3.26% protein 4.44% butterfat and our average price paid is 45.12 c/L, including 0.5c SCC bonus and VAT @4.8%

MARCH HARDSHIP BONUS

To help alleviate the weather-related difficulties faced by milk suppliers this spring, Carbery agreed to pay a bonus of 5 cent per litre on all milk supplied this March, and this is included in your milk statement this month.



Condon 2Ton Meal Bin

AGRI OFFERS



Cling Seal Silage Barrier



ScrubKiller Ultra 1Ltr ONLY €59



FARMSTOKK Geared Reel with Gate Handle

ONLY €29.95



Fil Tail Paint



Clipex Eco 1.5Mtr 2 Clip Fence Posts BUY 10 FOR €89



FARMSTOKK Mains Fencer M10000 ONLY €249



Ecosyl Silage Additives



Eprinex 5Ltr

PAINT OFFERS



Dulux Weathershield White 11Ltr



Dulux Weathershield Colour 10Ltr BUY 2 FOR €145



Weatherclad White Exterior 10Ltr ONLY €34.95



Dulux V Matt 10Ltr ONLY €39.95



Dulux Soft Sheen 10Ltr ONLY €39.95



Shed & Fence 5Ltr BUY 2 FOR €22



JOHNSTONES Jonmat
Premium Contract Mat 10Ltr
ONLY €24.95



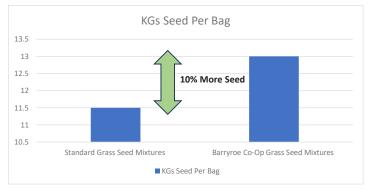
Dulux Ceiling Paint Brilliant White 10Ltr ONLY €39.95



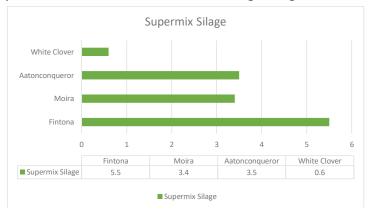
Dosco Paint Accessories

BARRYROE CO-OP QUALITY GRASS SEED MIXTURES 2024

- All perennial ryegrass varieties from 2024 Irish (DAFM) recommended list-PROVEN TO PERFORM BETTER UNDER IRISH CONDITIONS (versus varieties not on the list).
- Best varieties for local conditions, chosen in conjunction with Teagasc and industry experts.
- Clover included to meet 2024 Derogation requirements.
- 13Kg inclusion (10% more than the majority other mixtures)



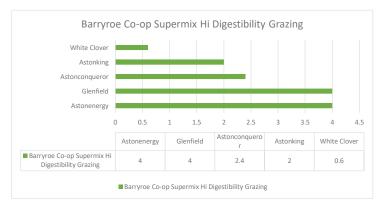
Supermix Silage: A mixture designed specifically for silage (two or more cuts) with strong spring growth for high first cut yields, red clover (better suited than white clover to an intensive cutting system) and durable varieties to ensure a long-lasting sward.



Supermix Intensive Grazing: Contains 68% tetraploid to deliver top quality grass to drive liveweight gain/milk solids but also delivers balanced seasonal growth.



Supermix Hi Digestibility Grazing: Ideal for one cut silage and grazing systems with good spring growth and quality. Easily grazed swards with excellent clean outs.



Reseeding Best Practice: To ensure successful establishment the following reseeding 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 Lime, Phosphate and Potash as per soil test results.
- 4. Select the most suitable Barryroe 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 act where necessary. Slugs, Leatherjackets, Frit Fly and Rabbits are the main threat.
- 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 grazing when conditions are good are recommended to encourage the development of the new sward while avoiding poaching.

Sustainable Fertiliser Solution

Fertiliser	N	Р	К	S
Protected Urea 46%	46	0	0	0
Protected Urea 38% +S	38	0	0	7
Protected Pasture Sward	28	2.5	5	3
Protected Cut Sward	25	2.5	10	3
Protected 29% Urea	29	0	14	3

Specialist Fertiliser

Fertiliser	N	Р	К	S	Ca
Terra CAN	22	0	0	4	7
Compound	19	0	15	0	0
Granular	24	2.2	4.5	3	0
Richland	22.7	2.5	5	3	0
Dairy Select Pasture Sward	26	2.5	5	3	0
Dairy Select Cut Sward	23	2.5	10	3	0



Prices correct at the time of going to print. Offers available from 2nd to 22nd May 2024, unless otherwise stated. Customer quotas may apply. All savings shown are versus recommended retail price.