



AUTUMN GRAZING ROTATION

It is that time of year again when we look towards the final grazing rotation and preparation for the winter housing period. It is important to keep some grass in the diet of dairy cows and young cattle as long as weather and grass covers permit. However, bear in mind that every day you graze during the late autumn (past November 10th) you lose on grass accumulation over the winter. It is more important to have a good supply of quality grass available in the spring.

Prioritise the paddocks closest to the yard or on dry ground for closing in mid-late October as they will offer the greatest flexibility in early and mid-spring, while the number of calved/grazing cows is increasing. Paddocks closed earlier in the autumn will have the highest covers in the spring and are more suitable for grazing when there are a lot of cows calved. When cows are grazing in the autumn rotation, grass allowance is often reduced. This may compromise the cows Body Condition Score (BCS) leaving the animal thinner at dry off. It is advisable to feed an adequate level of grass for current milk production, as this will maintain body condition and help reduce feed requirements during the dry period.



PREPARING YOUNGSTOCK FOR WINTER HOUSING

Transitioning youngstock to their first winter housing is a difficult process that can lead to significant changes in growth rate and weight gain. Having a pre-housing plan that includes worm dosing, vaccination and a successful transition from grass to silage and concentrates, is key to minimising these changes. It is advisable to begin your supplementation of concentrate while on grass, to minimise dietary changes during housing. Test the silage before you begin housing, to make adequate provisions and decisions as to the best concentrate and silage combination to feed your cattle during this period.

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Reminder

Order your Dry Cow Minerals on time!

Bretts are stockists of a wide range of farm minerals and at this time of year, it is particularly important to look at ordering dry cow minerals. **Bretts PIP Dry Cow Mineral** is our number one selling mineral for cows during the dry period. There are essential ingredients to an effective dry cow mineral and Bretts have developed a high performing dry cow mineral that contains the appropriate balance of vitamins with particular attention to Vitamin E, D3, Selenium, Phosphorus, Biotin and the inclusion of seaweed minerals.

Special offer
on all orders of
**Bretts PIP Dry
Cow Minerals**
placed in October
(min order 20 bags).
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PRODUCT FOCUS

Ecocorn Maize Silage Additive & Inform SilaSave



Maize is an expensive crop to grow and like anything of high value it is wise to have insurance. To maximise the financial return and dry matter (DM) yield from your investment, it is vital to get the preservation of maize silage correct. Treating maize at ensiling reduces secondary fermentation, keeps the pit face cool and stable at feed out, and improves animal performance.

Treated maize silage reaches aerobic stability 3-5 days faster than non-treated maize and maintains a lower temperature throughout feeding, resulting in greater energy and DM yield. Available in both powder and liquid application, one bag or bottle of Ecocorn will treat 50T of maize silage.

We also stock Inform **SilaSave** and this is an excellent product to reduce surface spoilage along the top and edges of your maize silage pit. **SilaSave** is a blend of carefully chosen acid salts with triple action mould inhibitor. It is spread on the surface of the pit before it is covered. Condensation under the cover dissolves the **SilaSave** and it seeps down through the top layer of silage preventing any bug growth in this layer. **SilaSave** inhibits the growth of moulds, fungi and bacteria in the top layer of the pit.



Reduce the Risk of Respiratory Infections in Housed Weanlings

Housed weanlings are always at a higher risk for developing respiratory infections. If we improve overall health and immunity of stock by using feed additives, we can help reduce the risk of respiratory infections and the requirement for antibiotics. Pulmosure is a natural product and a cost-effective solution to respiratory support in livestock. It is an easy to use powder blend of essential oils and immunity boosters that is fed to weanlings at housing for approximately ten days.

Why use Pulmosure?

- Increases mucus secretion to help clear the airways
- Provides antibacterial activity against pathogens and harmful bacteria that cause respiratory infections
- Increases immunity through increased vitamin E and selenium supplementation

This product has been remarkably successful in preventing outbreaks of clinical pneumonia. Many of our customers call it the 'Vicks for Cattle'. Pulmosure comes in a 7 kg bucket and it will treat 23 weanlings (250 Kgs weight). A 250 Kg weanling is fed at 30 grams per day, either on top of silage or mixed through some meal.



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