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HARVEST 2021

The 2021 harvest will commence in the coming weeks and our Agronomy Team are reporting that most winter sown crops look promising in terms of yield and quality. Spring sown crops are more variable depending on sowing date, mainly due to the persistent wet May followed by the dry spell in June. However, there is still plenty of time for these crops to turn around - all we need now is good weather for harvesting!

We wish all our cereal growers a safe and successful harvest, over the coming months.

Dealing with Grass Shortages on Livestock Farms

The Brett's Ruminant Support Team have been walking grassland farms and are seeing soil moisture deficits having an impact on grass growth, however this does vary between areas, even within the same Parish! We are hoping there will be adequate rainfall in early July to kickstart grass growth again. The most important piece of advice for farmers is to walk your farm regularly, measure grass, keep an eye on the forecast and seek advice in a bid to intervene early.

- Stretch out the available grass covers that are suitable for grazing (>1000kg DM/ha) so grass remains in the diet as long as possible, while awaiting the required rainfall.
- Try to postpone grazing covers <800 kg DM/ha if possible as these will respond well when the rain comes.
- Offer good quality silage as a simple way of reducing grass demand. One bale of silage fed to 40-45 head of cattle or cows is approximately 5 kg DM of forage/head.
- Dairy farmers should ensure that the parlour feed has a flexible feed rate and increase feed levels up to 4-6 kg to reduce grass demand.
- Drystock farmers should offer baled silage or hay in the field and consider introducing a supplement to extend the grazing rotation, especially forward cattle or lambs that are near factory fit.

- In 2018 we noted that a lot of calves were fed high levels of concentrates and no additional forage, so please discuss a plan with your Technical Sales Representative.
- If a mineral bolus has been given to any class of stock, please check what the maximum feed rate is permitted in conjunction with additional minerals.
- Where there is limited availability of baled silage consider using Brett's Grass Stretcher Ration, which is a high fibre, 15% protein ration that can be fed safely at higher volumes up to 6kg/head/day to complement parlour feeding and limited grass/forage.
- Water is the most critical nutrient required by all animals. In very dry weather water supply must be checked and if there is limited supply then additional water provisions need to be made.

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Top Tip for Dairy Farmers - Ensure the parlour concentrate is suitable for higher feeding levels.

Brett's have a range of dairy cubes formulated for flexible feeding rates. Maxi Breeder 14% and Graze Plus 14% offer feed rates of 2-6 kgs. However, if there are high levels of silage in the diet or other low protein feeds, such as soya hulls, the protein in the parlour feed may need to be increased to offset the loss of protein that is normally provided in grass.

Farmers in Derogation

The maximum level of protein permitted, when all forage is from grass, is 15% for this year. If there is an alternative forage other than grass introduced and it is deemed necessary to supplement with extra protein, there is an allowance under the welfare guidelines of the derogation rule. Your local advisor or Brett's Technical Team can approve at year end, when submitting the derogation records.

Harvest Photo Competition for 2022 Calendar

Over the years our **Harvest Photo Competition** has become extremely popular and again this summer, we are running a competition for the best 'Harvest' photo to be chosen for inclusion in our 2022 Calendar. We would love you to get involved, so get snapping! Pictures should be in **landscape format** and must be a minimum of 2 megabytes in size. Please email your entry to **photos@brettbrothers.ie** and include the name, address and phone number of the photographer and where the photo was taken.

The chosen winner will
receive a €50 One 4 All
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What to feed to Youngstock?

Brett's Heifer Rearer Cubes are carefully formulated with the sole purpose of growing replacement heifers to achieve target weights. This is the ideal follow-on feed to Brett's Ultra Calf Cubes. A good heifer rearing programme improves the overall longevity of the replacement stock joining the herd. Research has shown that a high protein diet promotes good mammary development and prevents fatty tissue depositing in the udder, thus maximising future milking ability. Brett's Heifer Rearer Cubes contain high levels of calcium and phosphorus to encourage bone growth and development, helping the foundation frame of the future cow and encouraging the onset of puberty and reproductive cycling.



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