



Newsletter

December 2022



SILAGE BUDGETING

The dry weather in August and wet autumn caused early housing of stock on many farms and as result there has been a lot of silage consumed on farms. Our technical team are preparing silage budgets at present and are reporting a worrying trend in the quantity of silage available on some farms. The best advise is to act early by preparing a fodder budget now. Our Technical Team are available to offer assistance and advice specific to your farm.

Have you a silage deficit and need advice?

Due to the demand for silage budgeting we plan to organise silage budgeting meetings in early January to discuss options available for stretching silage stocks. If you want to be notified of these meetings, please let your Technical Sales Representative know or email forage@brettbrothers.ie with your name, address and phone number.

End of Year Financial and Feed/Fertiliser Reports

It is that time of year when our customers request various reports for their annual accounts and for the purposes of derogation compliance. If you require any assistance, please email details of the specific report required to farmreports@brettbrothers.ie and we will return via email or post you hard copies if that is your preference.

The reports that are normally required to apply for a Nitrates Derogation are the 2021 and 2022 Feed and Fertiliser Tonnage Summary. There is also a requirement to report the Crude Protein of the feed purchased for animals over 2 years of age from 15th April – 30th September 2022 and this is also submitted in addition to the 2022 Feed Tonnage Report.



Dear Customer,

Let me wish you and your family a happy and healthy Christmas from everyone in Bretts. It hardly seems like a year since last Christmas, and what a year we have all been through! We were concerned about Covid19 and inflation this time last year. Little did we know what was to hit us when Russia invaded Ukraine in February. We discovered real inflation and its impact on all our lives. This has caused immense hardship for so many people, though mitigated somewhat by government supports. When we see the shocking hardship which is inflicted on Ukrainians daily, we have so much to be thankful for.

The war did have a positive impact for our grain growers with record harvest prices paid. Dairy farmers are also seeing very strong prices. It is challenging for all businesses to manage price volatility and experience teaches us that they can be down as well as up. Grain prices are already in a downward trend as the ships are freely leaving Ukrainian ports.

One must be concerned about the frantic efforts of the EU to replace up to 25% of our conventional agricultural output

with organic systems. There is probably an attraction for some low output cattle or sheep farmers to avail of the supports on offer, but organic products depend on market premiums and what will happen if the market is flooded with organic products? Inevitably, prices will converge with conventional products and EU subsidies tend to have a short shelf life!

We have had a great weather year, but forage stocks are tight in the southeast according to feedback from our Technical Sales Representatives and Ruminant Support teams.

We have just commissioned a major €3M investment in our mill and we look forward to offering you our extensive range of quality assured animal feeds with improved efficiency.

Thank you for your support and we all hope for a successful and healthy 2023.

Yours sincerely,
James J. Brett
Group Managing Director

The Christmas/New Year Delivery Schedule

To efficiently manage deliveries over the Christmas holiday period, we ask that orders are placed by **Friday 16th December**. We will endeavour to satisfy all your needs; however, we may not be able to fulfil orders submitted after this date.



Christmas/New Year Delivery Schedule 2022/23

Friday 23rd December	DELIVERIES
Saturday 24th December	LIMITED DELIVERIES
Sunday 25th December	CLOSED
Monday 26th December	CLOSED
Tuesday 27th December	CLOSED
Wednesday 28th December	DELIVERIES
Thursday 29th December	DELIVERIES
Friday 30th December	DELIVERIES
Saturday 31st December	LIMITED DELIVERIES
Sunday 1st January	CLOSED
Monday 2nd January	CLOSED
Tuesday 3rd January	DELIVERIES
Wednesday 4th January	DELIVERIES

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