

Teagasc Notes for week ending Friday 28th February 2020

NEW Derogation Requirements for 2020

There have been a number of key changes to the derogation regulations. It is important that all derogation clients are aware of these changes as it will impact on your

Compulsory Liming Programme

- From 1st Jan 2020, a full scale farm liming program to be carried out on farm where identified by soil sample results
- Con-acre (1 year land) excluded only
- Lime applications must be recorded on the Annual Fertiliser Records
- Invoices will be required
- Lime spread since date of soil samples will be taken into account.

Low Emission Slurry Spreading (LESS)

2020 : Applies to all slurry spread **post 15th Apr**

2021 : Applies to all slurry spread **post 12th Jan**

Volume of Slurry spread by LESS to be recorded on annual records

Farmers required to have evidence of own machinery / contractor receipts

Reduction in Crude Protein % of meals at grass

Livestock with 100% grass diet from 1st Apr-15th Sept

2020 : **Max of 16% Cr. Protein Rations**

2021 : **Max of 15% Cr. Protein Rations**

Crude Protein % to be recorded on feed statements

Attendance at compulsory environmental training course

Mandatory course to be attended by all farmers in derogation.

Course details & content to be specified by DAFM

Proof of attendance will be required

Must complete course pre 31st Dec 202

Grassland Management

From 1st Jan 2020 - two options :

- Complete min. of 20 grass measurements on Pasture Base Ireland **or**
- Attend grassland g management course : details to be finalised by DAFM & course to be completed by 31st Dec 2021

Inclusion of Clover in Grass Seed Mixtures

From 1st Jan 2020, must include min. of 1.5 kg per hectare of naked white or red clover seed in mixture

Exclusion of commonage / rough grazing

From 1st Jan 2020, lands as declared as Commonage/Rough Grazing on the BPS application will be allocated a max. of 170kg organic N per Hectare with resultant reduced allowance of chemical fertiliser.

Improve Farm Biodiversity

From 1st Jan 2020, must choose one of the following:

- Leave at least one mature Whitethorn or Blackthorn tree in every hedgerow.
- Cut 1/3rd of farm hedges only each year.
- Cut hedges in rotation to allow portion of farm to be in flower each year.

Events

Teagasc, in conjunction with the Local Enterprise Board are holding an event on starting a food business on Wednesday the 4th of March at 11am in the Springhill Hotel, Kilkenny. Attendees will have the opportunity to meet with local food producers Jimmy Mulhall, Coolanowle Organic Meat, Helen Murphy, Mooncoin Beetroot, Rosemary O'Shea, Tullahay Farm and Patricia Butler, Butlers Family Farms. Eddie O'Neill, the Teagasc Artisan Foods Specialist, will also give a presentation on setting up a new food business. The agencies that support this sector will also be present for one to one guidance. To book this event, go to www.teagasc.ie/farmtofork . Places are limited.

