



General News

Feed Management in a difficult spring

At the recent IFA Smart Farming Conference Karina Pierce, UCD presented **Feed Management in a difficult spring**. Her take home message to farmers was

- Best advice is ... to seek advice
- Flexibility is key – quality and quantity of grass/silage available, grazing conditions and grass supply, BCS and milk production
- Avoid sudden diet changes as grass becomes available
- Stay positive!

The full presentation is available on [igfa members only page](#)

Fodder Import Support Measure

Minister for Agriculture Food and the Marine Michael Creed TD announced that he has extended the duration of both the Fodder Import and Fodder Transport support measures for an additional week.

These measures which were scheduled to conclude on Monday April 30 will now run until Monday 07 May.

The Minister said "While the weather has improved and grass growth continues to improve significantly, there are farmers in some parts of the country who still need to locate fodder for their animals. Having reviewed the situation and listened to the views of members of the representative fodder group I established in March, I have decided that extending the closing date for the two measures for one further week is appropriate".

Demand for fodder has reduced significantly. However, there remain some areas where land is not yet sufficiently dry to graze livestock and there is still a short term demand for fodder.

Concluding, Minister reaffirmed that "these measures are effectively addressing issues around fodder availability".

The Minister reminded farmers that the animal welfare emergency assistance continues to operate where animal welfare is seriously at risk via the emergency helpline numbers – Call Save 0761 064408 or phone 01 6072379. See [link](#) for more information from DAFM

NRN, National Rural network

Igfa accepted to assist NRN in order to widen the stakeholder input to the climate change and general environmental discussions. Some of the Initiatives that are happening are: - **Biodiversity Photo competition**. Review of GLAS update by country and measures. Using Dairy KT groups to better understand drivers of dairy farmer interest / knowledge of the environment. Climate change blog site. A Biodiversity farmer of the year competition. [Details of recent winners below.](#)



First Place went to John McAuley – Mullingar: 'Great dinner in these hedges' [Click on photos to enlarge](#)



Second Place went to Richard Duff – Ballyfin Laois Crab Spider 'I think I've bitten off more than I can chew'



Third Place went to Rob Coleman – Outside Kanturk, Cork Earthworm 'Unsung Hero'

NRN are hosting another photo competition, closing date @5pm 31st May 2018 see [link](#) for further details

British society of animal science BSAS Annual Conference 2018



The British society of animal science was held in Croke Park from 9th to 11th April. An afternoon session was sponsored by igfa.

HOGAN MEZZ II
15:30 - 16:45
Dairy Cow Feeding/Nutrition
Chair: Dr. Karina Pierce



The effect of nutritional strategy on methane emissions, milk yield and fatty acid profiles in Holstein Friesian dairy cows

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The effect of concentrate supplementation strategy on dry matter intake, substitution rate and nitrogen excretion in late lactation spring calving grazing dairy cows

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The effect of calcareous marine algae, with or without marine magnesium oxide, and sodium bicarbonate on milk production in mid-lactation dairy cows

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Rumen "inertness" of a novel whey protein gel of fish oil feed supplement for dairy cows

K E Kliem, S K Ghawi, C C Fagan, D J Humphries, C K Reynolds University of Reading, UK

Supplementation of dairy cow diets with docosahexaenoic acid enriched microalgae and its effect on milk fatty acid profile over time

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Summaries of papers are available on [igfa members only page](#)

[2018 BSAS Session Summaries](#)

International Database for Transport of Feed (IDTF)

International, OVOCOM, QS, Qualimat, EFISC-GTP, AIC, Gafta and AMA).

The changes are now implemented in the IDTF.

New products classified in the IDTF

1. Modifications in classified products in the IDTF
2. Modifications in [latest feed materials catalogue](#)
3. Modification concerning Rocks / decomposition product of rocks, of natural origin

See [link](#) for more information.

DAFM Feed Hygiene Inspection Priorities



Over the next few months DAFM inspectors will prioritise cleanliness at FBO sites. The inspectors will pay particular attention to the standard of hygiene around and within stores, ports and feed mills.

Businesses will need to present cleaning records and demonstrate that these procedures are being effectively implemented. Infringement letters will be issued and the FBO will be required to respond and "close out" the infringement. It may be prudent to confirm with the inspector before he leaves the premises if photography/ records will be accepted to the "close out letter" for such infringements. The aim is to move the general standard of hygiene within FBOs to a good to very good status over the next few years. DAFM has confirmed they will take the time of the year into account (harvest) when checking hygiene status. This is a positive step that DAFM is sharing inspection priorities with the industry.

Dates

May	Teagasc Events
May 3 rd	FEFAC VIT B conference call
May 3 rd	Fodder Crisis conference call
May 17 th	Finance and credit meeting
May 17 th	BAFSAM AGM
May 28 th	FEFAC Industrial compound feed committee
May 29 th	FEFAC Sustainability committee
June 13 th	DAFM Sustainability day
July 4 th	Port Hygiene workshop

October 2018 Igfa Feed Forum
Trace Elements in the dairy cow | Sustainability
Climate Change | Regulation and Labelling | AMR:
Countries National strategies | Data Protection |
Brexit update | Igfa initiatives | Technical topics

Consultations/ Websites

<https://www.fsai.ie/legislation/consultations.html>

[DAFM Trader Notices](#)

[DAFM Registered & Approved FBO's](#)

[DAFM FBO forms](#)

RASFF Summary

Total	309	<i>Feed Premixtures</i>	2
		<i>Feed additives</i>	2
Food	262	<i>Feed material</i>	21
		<i>Animal By products</i>	0
Food contact materials	12	<i>Compound Feed</i>	4
		<i>Herbs & Spices</i>	
Feed Total	35	<i>Pet food</i>	6

Technical News

Vitamin B2 Riboflavin (80%) produced by Bacillus subtilis KCCM-10445

The EU Commission is bound by law to issue a denial of authorization for this product due to failure from the applicant to prove the safety of the additive for health and the environment due to the presence in reference samples of living cells and AMR genes that may be transferred into the genome of living microorganisms in the environment

This denial shall be accompanied by withdrawal provisions: they consider indeed that the safety of the product on the market is not ensured;

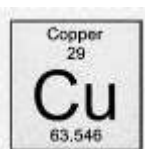
Whether or not consignments of the product on the market contain living cells and / or recombinant DNA does not matter: all consignments of vitamin B2 (80%) produced from Bacillus subtilis KCCM 10445 and feed containing it should be withdrawn, **based on traceability**; this means that the scope of the recall cannot be restricted to consignments tested positive to recombinant DNA or living cells;

The vote will take place on 27-29 June 2018 although the Commission may also decide to anticipate.

IGFA therefore recommend you to check the origin of the vitamin B2 with your supplier if they have not been in contact with you in order to adopt measures to minimize the effect of the withdrawal / recall.

Reauthorisation of Trace element - Copper

Outcome of the SCoPAFF meeting - 24-25 April 2018



The maximum limits in piglets feed will be reduced to 150 ppm copper during the first 4 weeks after weaning, 100 ppm for the next 4 weeks and then 25 ppm.

These levels are the results of a very successful joint lobbying of FEFAC and its Member Associations IGFA as they significantly deviate from what the FEEDAP originally recommended i.e. 25mg/kg across the board.

The next SCoPAFF meeting is scheduled on 27-29 June 2018.

Update on trilogue on medicated feed

A status quo regarding tolerances for carry-over of active veterinary substances from medicated feed to non-target feed until the EU Commission sets specific maximum limits seems to be more and more the basis for a compromise between the European Parliament, the Council and the EU Commission on the proposal for a revision of the medicated feed legislation.

At a Technical trilogue meeting on 26th April 2018, the representatives of the AGRI Committee of the EP and the Council did not really move from their basic positions (3% carry-over for the EP, left to national authorities for the Council). It is expected that a decision could be just to wait for the EU Commission maximum limits, meaning no specific measure in the meantime. This would mean a legal vacuum as regards the ability for Member States to set transitional tolerances, i.e. the situation that has prevailed until now.

As regards the mandatory indication on the label of non-target feed of the level of active substance carried over from a batch of medicated feed produced before in case this active substance is also a feed additive, it is expected that the Council will step back.

The next Technical trilogue is scheduled on 24 May 2018 and a political trilogue may take place mid-June 2018.

Pesticides update



Neonicotinoids

On Friday 27th the Commission agreed to put a complete ban on these pesticides. Eighteen-member states, including France, Germany, Italy and the UK, have endorsed a Commission proposal to further restrict the use of three active substances use in pesticides these are

1. Bayer's imidacloprid
2. Bayer's clothianidin,
3. Syngenta's thiamethoxam.

Glyphosate & Germany

The new German Agricultural Minister has moved to cut glyphosate use by introducing a ban in private gardens with some exception (where no alternatives are available). Part of the reduction strategy will be to seek to develop alternatives to the active substance.

Annex 1 of 396/2005 is now amended by 2018/65. This annex deals with maximum residue levels (MRLs) for products of vegetable origin to which MRLs apply.

Footnote 1 has been amended as follows: **MRLs do not apply to products or parts of products that by their characteristic and nature are used exclusively as ingredients of animal feed until separate MRLs are set.** Members will be aware that the harmonised application of this foot note is still not agreed between member states. There is also disagreement on how to apply the processing factors for each active and the measurement of uncertainty.

[EU Regulation 2018/605](#) has now been published. This Regulation sets out the scientific criteria for the determination of Endocrine properties.

The EU legislation for the authorisation of pesticides 1107/2009 states that authorisation may be refused if an active substance is classified carcinogenic, mutagenic, toxic for reproduction OR has endocrine disrupting properties regardless of the level of exposure. This legislation will impact the authorisation of new active substances and re- authorisation of products already on the market from October 2018. However, the next question is whether this refusal of re- authorisation means the MRL is also deleted and revert to LOD 0.01 ppm.?

DG SANTE is now favouring a process where by a refusal would be followed by a submission for an import tolerance for the active based on an EFSA risk assessment. This would keep the EU compliant with WTO SPS rules whereby, decisions must be risk based and not hazard based. This position by DG SANTE is vital to permit continued flow of third country products to the EU and prevent trade disruption. **As the situation is constantly evolving members are advised to ensure the labelling and traceability of imported feed materials show that it is destined for feed and that pre-notifications are sent to the DAFM feeding stuff section.** Whole grains (cereals) may over the longer term require special attention as they may be destined to food and therefore must comply with MRLs.

Igfa Website: in case you missed it last month

www.igfa.ie has been updated to include a member regulations page. Contact cornelia.oconnell@eorna.ie for your password

Feed Hygiene 	Feed Labelling 	Feed Materials
Undesirables 	Feed additives 	GMO
Dietetic Feed 	Medicated Feed 	Animal By Products