



General News

Inter-Agency Fodder Committee



The Inter-Agency Fodder Committee was set up at the behest of Minister Michael Creed where he asked Teagasc to co-ordinate the re-building of national fodder stocks. IGFA sits on this committee. IGFA members, will continue with their regular conference fodder call to monitor situation. The overall opinion of the members is that complacency may set in and farmers must be encouraged to monitor stock regularly and continue to stretch fodder supplies through the next few months.

The most recent Teagasc national survey reveals there is an Overall deficit -1% but 33 % of farms over all have a deficit.

Among this 33%, the average deficit is 15%

Region	% Farms With Deficit >10%
SE	35
S + SE	22
NE	18
Midlands	19
W	18
NW	12

Note: a 10% deficit is 2 weeks feeding

Climate Change Work Shop

The National Rural Network, in association with the Department of Agriculture Food and the Marine (DAFM), hosted a special seminar on the relationship between climate change and agriculture in Tullamore, on 1st Nov. More than 60 agricultural advisors, researchers and other stakeholders attended this important event **see [link](#)**. To download the presentations, click on the topic

[Climate Change & Agriculture, New Innovations & Communication strategies for a climate resilient Ireland](#) (Dr. Sinead Mellett¹ and Sinead Nee NUI Galway)

[Grass growth 2018 - A wake up call](#) (Dr Michael O'Donovan Teagasc)

[Ireland's Changing Climate](#) (Dr. Conor Murphy, Maynooth University)

[Overview of Adaptation Planning Requirements](#) (Andrew Flood DAFM)

Poultry and Egg Conference



The Irish poultry & egg industries, in association with Bord Bia, held their biennial Poultry & Egg Conference in Monaghan on the 6th Nov.

The objective of the conference was to provide a forum for the industry to discuss technical and marketing issues and to identify the emerging challenges facing the sector.

There were two sessions see [link](#) for presentations

Session I	Speaker
Energy proofing the Irish poultry & egg sector	Barry Caslin, Teagasc
Disease risk management	Joe O'Flaherty, DAFM
Opportunities and Threats for the Swiss poultry and egg industry	Rudolf Zweifel, Aviforum
Session II	Speaker
Market trends influencing the egg sector	Mark Williams, British Egg Industry Council
Strategic developments within the Irish poultry & egg sector	Peter Duggan, Bord Bia
Threats posed to Irish Agribusiness by Brexit	Lorna Kelly, BDO Ireland
The British Egg Industry-preparing for Brexit	Mark Williams, British Egg Industry Council

Teagasc Pig Seminar



Teagasc held a pig seminar on 9th of Oct. The following topics were presented. Feed Formulation and Price, Reducing Feed Costs, Reducing Non-Feed Costs and Using Slaughter data to save costs.

See [link](#) to download presentations

African swine fever (ASF)



ASF is a highly contagious and usually fatal viral disease of pigs. It does not affect humans and meat from pigs does not pose any food safety risk. The spread is primarily by wild boar, humans, uncooked meats and transport. There is no cure for ASF apart from slaughter and there is no vaccine to combat this virus.

Upon request of FEFAC members, considering the rapid extension of the EU areas infected by ASF, a dedicated Task Force on ASF/Biosecurity was established to analyse the potential role of animal feed in the propagation of the virus. We have listed the high risk feed materials in October issues.

However, the general conclusion was that the risk that feed ingredients used in industrial feed mills can be a vector of transmission of the virus is extremely low, the experts noted the need to reassure the pig farming community and to prepare information tools. They insisted on the importance of effective biosecurity measures in infected areas as transport and people remain the main cause of dissemination of the ASF virus.

DAFM are considering further communications to reach the smaller pig farmer, who may be purchasing some ration but surviving primarily by feeding waste food.

AMR

The risk that disease-causing agents will develop resistance to antimicrobials increases whenever these medicines are overused or used inappropriately. Once bacteria are resistant, the antimicrobial is ineffective and can no longer treat the disease. This phenomenon is called antimicrobial resistance (AMR).



The OIE (World Organisation for Animal Health) has prepared the eight AMR Infographics for AMR stakeholder groups. There is

one for each stake holder to download and print click on the appropriate link

AMR Infographic Animal Feed Industry	AMR Infographic Farmers
AMR Infographic Wholesale Retail Distributers	AMR Infographic Veterinarians
AMR Infographic Vet Students	OIE- AMR Policy Makers
OIE -AMR Pharmaceutical Industry	OIE – AMR Vet Services

Dates

Teagasc	December events see link
Dec 4 th	Meeting with DAFM
Dec 11 th	Feed Committee Meeting
Dec 17-18	SCoPAFF meeting
Jan 24 th	5 th iNAP Animal Health Implementation
Jan 31 st	Igfa Annual Feed Dinner

Igfa Annual Dinner

The Irish Grain and Feed Association 46TH Annual Dinner will take place on Thursday 31st January 2019 at 7.00 for 7.30 pm In The Crowne Plaza Dublin Airport Hotel, Northwood Park, Santry, Dublin 9, See [link](#) for booking procedure and booking form [link](#)

(Book your accommodation directly with Hotel)
[The Crowne Plaza, Airport](#): €130.50/€141 per room including Full Irish Breakfast
[Express By Holiday Inn](#): €99 per room including Hot Breakfast

Consultations/ Websites

<https://www.agriculture.gov.ie/amr/>

<https://www.agriculture.gov.ie/amr/informationdownloads/oieworldorganisationforanimalhealth/>

[EU Crop Monitoring and Yield Forecasts bulletin](#)
[Commodity Price Dashboard](#)

[DAFM Trader Notices](#)

[DAFM Registered & Approved FBO's](#)
[DAFM FBO Forms](#)
[DAFM Meat Market Weekly Figures.](#)

RASFF Summary 1st Nov – 30rd Nov

Total	333	<i>Feed Premixtures</i>	0
		<i>Feed additives</i>	0
Food	283	<i>Feed material</i>	22
		<i>Fats and Oils</i>	
Food contact materials	16	<i>Compound Feed</i>	3
		<i>Herbs & Spices</i>	0
Feed Total	34	<i>Pet food</i>	9
		<i>Nuts, nut products and seeds</i>	0

GMP+ Early Warning

Gmp+ posted an early warning on 8th November relating to Coated calcium chloride from Belgium possibly contaminated with dioxins & dioxin-like PCBs

Product	Calcium chloride with fat coating
Contaminants	Dioxin and sum of dioxins and dioxin-like PCBs
Levels detected	The results of several samples vary for dioxin to 6,56 ng/kg and for dioxins and dioxin-like PCBs to 6,67 ng/kg
Feed safety limit	Dioxin: 0,75 ng/kg Sum of dioxins and dioxin-like PCBs: 1,5 ng/kg
Origin	Belgium
Distribution	According to the information presently available the product was distributed to buyers in The Netherlands and Belgium
	At present it is unknown whether there are other deliveries involved in this notification
Cause	Unknown

Feed materials and compound feed intended for food-producing animals, which have been produced with the additive or with premixtures with the additive before 10 January 2019	shall be withdrawn from the market by 10 April 2019
Feed materials and compound feed intended for non-food producing animals, which have been produced with the additive or with premixtures before 10 January 2019.	shall be withdrawn from the market by 10 July 2019

More on Vitamin B2 80%



The French (le Monde) and Dutch press have picked up on the Vitamin B2 [RASFF](#) which was issued on 3rd October. The French article reported that “**prohibited genetically modified organisms were found in large quantities in feed for animal across the EU**”. The article lists the countries involved and suggested that the presence of the antibiotic resistant genes may cause a medium risk to animal and human health.

They also pointed out that this is the tip of the iceberg with fermentation products. **We have a holding statement prepared.**

It should be noted that Antibiotic resistant genes occur naturally (through mutation) within organisms already present in the environment. The detection by the Belgian authorities was “a signal” of the presence and the risk as determined by the Commission is “undecided “

IGFA are fully on board with all efforts to reduce AMR, however a request has been made to the commission with our FEFAC colleagues to discuss harmonized risk management measures concerning the present case at the next SCoPAFF meeting as the actions taken in this case are not in line with the actions taken a few years ago with BT63 in choline chloride. **In addition, when the method of analysis is not available for the strain of bacteria, then harmonised approaches must be adopted between member states. Recalls based on traceability may be legally questionable.**

Update on Nov. SCoPAFF meeting

The Animal Nutrition (AN) Section of the Standing Committee on Plants, Animals, Food and Feed (SCoPAFF) held their last meeting on 7-9 November 2018.

SCoPAFF is a European Commission regulatory committee that was established by Regulation 178/2002, general food law. Meetings of the committee are chaired by European Commission officials, and attended by member states' representatives. The

Technical News

Feed additives register – What’s New

The latest edition of the [Feed Additive Register Edition 6/2018 \(265\)](#) was published on 24.10.18.



The register is composed of two parts: Annex I (released 24/10/2018) – contains the list of modifications to the Register and the current authorisations.

Annex II (released 24/10/2018) - contains a list of additives that will be withdrawn in the short term. Also includes those for which a date is indicated in the column "Expiry date of Authorisation". Those additives are no longer allowed to be placed on the EU market if that date is expired.

Trader Notice No. 02/2018

All feed business will have been issued with a trader notice this month The Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine (DAFM) wish to bring to your attention [Regulation \(EU\) 2018/1254](#) denying the authorisation of vitamin B2 riboflavin (80%) produced by Bacillus subtilis KCCM-10445 as a feed as it does not satisfy the conditions for authorisation as provided for in Article 5 of Regulation (EC) No 1831/2003.

Time scales

Existing stocks of the additive	shall be withdrawn from the market by 10 November 2018
Existing stocks of premixtures produced with the additive	shall be withdrawn from the market by 10 January 2019.

Committee can give an opinion, (vote), on certain proposed measures, prior to their possible adoption by the Commission.

Keeping informed of the outcomes of these meetings will help you keep abreast with regulatory changes as they happen, thereby making the reading of the regulations easier down the line. The following is a summary of the latest meeting.

Feed additives authorisations

Category	Feed Additive name	Type of Authorisation	Vote
Nutritional:	Betaine anhydrous for all animal species except rabbits	New	Vote taken: Favourable opinion
Nutritional:	Sodium selenite, coated granulated sodium selenite and zinc-L-seleno-methionine for all animal species.	New / Reauthorisation	Vote taken: Favourable opinion
Nutritional:	L-arginine for all animal species.	Reauthorisation	Vote taken: Favourable opinion
	Nutritional: Hydroxy analogue of methionine and its calcium salt as a feed additive for all animal species	New	Vote taken: Favourable opinion
Technological	Preparation of a natural mixture of illite, montmorillonite and kaolinite for all animal species	New	Vote taken: Favourable opinion
Technological	Preparation of lecithins liquid, lecithins hydrolysed and lecithins de-oiled for all animal species	Reauthorisation	Vote taken: Favourable opinion
Coccidiostats & Histomonostats	Diclazuril for chickens reared for laying and pheasants for fattening or reared breeding	New / Reauthorisation	Vote deferred
Coccidiostats & Histomonostats	Preparation of narasin and nicarbazin as a feed additive for chickens for fattening	Modifying authorisation	Vote taken: Favourable opinion
Zootechnical	Preparation of Enterococcus faecium NCIMB	Reauthorisation	Vote taken: Favourable opinion

	10415 as a feed additive for sows, suckling piglets, weaned piglets, pigs for fattening		
Zootechnical	Dimethylglycine sodium salt for chickens for fattening	Modifying authorisation	Vote taken: Favourable opinion

Fourteen other feed additive applications were briefly discussed, with the usual refinements on conditions of use.

Feed Hygiene

Continued discussion was held on the validity of entries within the **Register of Feed Materials**, with a focus on erroneous entries and underlying principles of feed material definition. An updated screening of the Feed Chain Task Force will be distributed to the Member States for their comments. For the future, the Committee suggested a better filtering of incorrect entries in the moment of their notification.

The European Guide to Good Practice for the **Processing of Former Foodstuffs** for Use as Feed for Food-Producing Animals (EFFPA) was presented for Member State feedback

One Member State sought clarification on the use of caustic soda (sodium hydroxide) as a processing aid for cereals and its permitted use for **rumen protection**. The Commission confirmed the widespread use of sodium hydroxide for such purposes, which are defined and specifically referenced for sodium hydroxide within the Catalogue of Feed Materials for treated cereal straw (entry 6.3.2.) and for rumen protection (Process No.56). The Commission made the distinction with the use of formaldehyde as a rumen protector, where the level required for effective rumen protection was above safe levels for animal health as determined by EFSA. The Commission reaffirmed that formaldehyde is not permitted for rumen protection; whilst the use of sodium hydroxide has not been evaluated as being unsafe for animals and is permitted for rumen protection.

Dietetic feed: Parnuts

The Commission provided an update on the draft Annex for feed PARNUTS with inclusion of an expanded list of entries where boluses may be used. Additional refinements to the conditions of bolus criteria and potential future assessment were discussed. This will be discussed at igfa meeting with DAFM next week.

The next SCoPAFF meeting is confirmed for 17-18 December 2018.