

IGFA News Release

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Feed companies rising to the challenges of COVID-19

Members of the Irish Grain and Feed Association (IGFA) are continuing to adapt to the challenges of doing business in the current crisis and are reminding customers that they will do everything in their power to meet their needs over the coming weeks and months.

Deirdre Webb, Director of the IGFA has reiterated that Irish farmers can continue to rely on their animal feed suppliers who are working around the clock. She said “March is always a busy month but this year we are dealing with a whole range of new challenges. We are pleased that we are continuing to fulfil all our obligations to our customers and are confident that we will continue to provide an excellent service.

“We are in regular contact with importers and while the supply of raw materials is continuing, albeit at a slower pace, we have seen a rapid increase in wholesale prices as the competition for nearby goods intensifies around the world. Obviously, we are keeping a watchful eye on this and reporting any significant changes to the European Commission on a weekly basis.

“The government announced updated measures in response to COVID-19 on Friday and retail outlets selling items for the health and welfare of animals, including animal feed and medicines are still categorised as ‘essential’. This reinforces the message that our sector is critical and that there are no restrictions on the continued manufacture of animal feed as a vital part of the food supply chain.

“Looking after our staff, our customers and all of those within the feed supply chain is our top priority. We will continue to follow all the health and safety guidelines, including those on physical distancing and do everything possible to protect the wellbeing of our personnel”.