

Sowing for Success

Winter Barley

Winter barley performed well on farm throughout harvest 2025 with average yields of 3.75-4 tons per acre. The introduction of BYDV tolerant varieties has renewed interest in winter barley significantly. The key benefits of having winter barley in your rotation include spreading the workload, earlier harvest start, good straw quality and quantity, higher yield potential than spring barley, and acts as a good entry crop for oilseed rape.

Winter barley varieties available for Autumn 2025:

- **Joyau** - 6 row conventional with BYDV tolerance
- **Integral** - 6 row conventional with BYDV tolerance
- **Orcade** - 2 row conventional with BYDV tolerance
- **Tardis** - 2 row conventional

Winter Wheat

Winter wheat has had an excellent harvest with average yields of 4.25-4.5 tons per acre. Many crops following a break crop such as beans, oilseed rape, maize and potatoes have yielded close to 5 tons per acre. Winter wheat had a strong growing season due to a dry spring which reduced septoria pressure and high levels of sunshine which maximised solar radiation absorbed by the plants to drive grain fill.

Winter wheat varieties available for Autumn 2025:

- **Graham** - Proven high yielding wheat. Recommended since 2020.
- **Champion** - Highest yielding wheat on recommended list.
- **Dawsum** - Excellent bushel, good stander and resistance to sprouting.
- **Fitzroy** - New wheat variety, high yield potential, good resistance to septoria.
- **JB Diego** - Excellent grain quality.

Winter Oats

Winter oats had an excellent harvest with yields of 3.5-4 tons per acre. Grain quality was also excellent with most crops bushelling well. Winter oats were established well last autumn and coped well with the dry spring. Like the winter wheat, oats benefited from the high levels of sunshine during grain fill.

Winter oat varieties available for Autumn 2025:

- **Husky** - Proven performer with high yield and good grain quality
- **Enya** - Another high yielding variety with good grain quality.

Please place seed orders in good time to avoid disappointment



Quinns Ewe Mineral Options 2025



With the sheep breeding season underway in many parts of the country it is time to focus on mineral supplementation options for ewes going to the ram this month.

As you can see from in the information page provided there are a lots of different options available for consideration.

Boluses are a popular option amongst farmers as this option can last up to 6 months in the animal and ensures less handling of the animal.

Mineral drenches are very a fast and efficient way of providing minerals to the animals however they may only last up to 4-6 weeks. This form of supplementation is very fast acting and is quickly utilised by the animal.

Mineral licks are a very handy form of mineral supplementation and it is very easy to acknowledge if and when the animal needs more. Some ewes like the free access of a mineral and over time they self-regulate to only use it as they need it then.

Even though the sheep welfare scheme has changed some of its measures it still is very important to ensure the ewe has the correct body condition score and has access to the best source of nutrition and minerals to ensure a successful breeding season.

Some options show that they have offers on these products such as our offer of **Buy 5 get 1 free on Uniblock Unitup** this autumn ahead of breeding season!



Scan the QR code to find out more about Mineral Ewe Options

Grass Silage Mineral Analysis

Just a reminder to all farmers to get your grass silage mineral analysis done as soon as possible. This analysis can take 4-6 weeks to get done so it is important to get these results back early so decisions can be made on DCAD, Potassium levels and balancing minerals in diets to prevent milk fever at calving. Milk fever costs are estimated to be over €300 per cow & unseen subclinical cases believed to cost €120 per cow so it is important to know what is in your silage.

Product	Size	Contains	Extra information
Mineral Licks			
Uniblock Unitup	18kg	Co, I, Se, Mn, Zn, Vit E, Calcium, Na + Vit	Buy 5 get 1 free offer available now!
Grassland Calsea Zinc	15kg	Zn, I, Co, Se, Mn, Ca, P, Mg and Na	No copper
Mayo Healthcare bolus			
All-Guard 4n1	100 pack	Cobalt, Selenium, Zinc and Iodine	No copper
All-Guard 4n1	250 pack	Same as above	No copper
All-Guard 5n1	100 pack	Co, Se, Zn, I and copper	Includes copper
All-Guard 5n1	250 pack	Co, Se, Zn, I and copper	Includes copper
Mineral Drenches			
Sheep Boost	1ltr, 2.5ltr and 5ltr	Co, I, Se, Mn, Zn + Vitamins	No Copper
Twin Plus	1ltr, 2.5ltr and 5ltr	Co, I, Se, Mn, Zn + Vitamins	No Copper
Stockline	1ltr, 2.5ltr and 5ltr	As above + Copper	Includes Copper
Cobalt B12	1ltr, 2.5ltr and 5ltr	Co, Se, Vit B1 and B12	No Copper
Thrifer	1ltr, 2.5ltr and 5ltr	Fe, I, Cu, Co, Mn, Zn, Se, Biotin + Vitamins	Includes Copper
Ovitone	2.5 ltr	Se, Zn, I, Co, Mn + Vit	No copper





Supreme 15% High Gain Hogget

Quinns are delighted to introduce a newly formulated sheep feed to their range – Supreme 15% High Gain Hogget.

This new formulation is based on **top class Irish Barley and Oats**. It is a high energy, finishing formula suitable for feeding to the older lamb.

It is formulated to be fed to all lambs over 12 weeks of age. Ideally should be fed twice daily or can be fed on an ad-lib basis once carefully built up over time. As with all high level feeding regimes careful management is essential to ensure lambs don't eat excessive amounts over a short period of time.

This new formulation is 15% Crude Protein and its 11.2 ME, as is all our lamb diets we have specifically formulated the mineral and vitamin package to reduce the risk of Urinary Calculi and Copper toxicity in intensively fed lambs.

This feed is available in both coarse and pelleted form and also comes either in bulk or bags.



Scan the QR code to find out more about our new feed

Feeding Broodmares in the Autumn



In autumn, broodmares, especially those in late pregnancy, need careful feeding to ensure they and their foals stay healthy. This involves adjusting their diet based on grass quality and their individual needs, potentially supplementing with hay and concentrated feeds. Overgrazing should be avoided, and gradual changes to their diet are crucial.

Key Considerations for Feeding Broodmares in the Autumn:

Grass Quality:

Monitor the grass for signs of overgrazing, which can weaken plants and make them vulnerable to weeds. If the grass is stressed or in tight supply, introduce hay to supplement or replace grazing.

Forage:

Aim for a diet that includes at least 1% of the mare's body weight in good-quality forage (hay) per day. Forage intake may be reduced in late pregnancy due to the foal compressing the digestive system.

Concentrates:

In addition to forage, pregnant mares often need concentrated feeds to meet their increased energy and protein requirements, especially during the final trimester. Choose a stud feed formulated for broodmares, as it will contain the necessary nutrients.

Individual Needs:

Consider the mare's body condition, foaling date, and exercise level when adjusting her diet. Mares foaling early in the year or those in late pregnancy require more concentrated feed.

Gradual Changes:

Make any dietary changes gradually, especially when transitioning from pasture to hay or introducing new feeds, to avoid digestive upset.

Weaning:

If weaning is planned for late summer or early Autumn, start the weaning process gradually.

Quinns Stud Cubes are excellent option for broodmares, they are available in bulk and small bags. They are 14% crude protein and the formulation is based on Irish grown cereals balanced with quality protein. Mineral and Vitamin supplementation is very important in late pregnancy also. Quinns Stud Cubes contains an excellent mineral and Vitamin package. Yeasac is included to minimise digestive upsets and help maintain a healthy gut in the animal.



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Show Time



Quinn's crew in Tullamore Show on Sunday, August 10th – Johnny, Clive, Valerie, Jamie and Mark



Staff Laura, Clare, Dinny, Ciaran and Chloe chatting with customers at Tinahely show



All set up and ready in Tullamore show



Check out the Farmers Journal tour chat with James O'Loughlin in our grain intake at Lewistown discussing the process with Siobhan Walsh and David Leahy from BASF