



Strong finish for better yields

We are now in the business end of the season after a difficult spring. With most of the spring programs in full flight now is the time to finish crops in the best way, thus giving them the best potential.

Winter Wheat

It's between T1 and T2, therefore it is important to use the best chemistry at this stage with a T2 of either **Questar, Revystar** or **Jessico** and **Jettano** and 1.5ltr of **Folpet** being the preferable choice.

Winter Barley

Winter barley is going to get its final spray around the middle of May. This should be a robust spray starting with 1.5ltr of **Folpet** and adding in **Macfare, Barley Extra** or **Velogy Era**.

Winter Oats

All crops of oats should have a growth regulator by now so a final spray of **Velogy Era** plus a spray for mildew if needed.

NOTE: The addition of magnesium at the final spray can give all cereals a lift in grain quality.

Spring Barley

There is a large variance in the sowing dates of spring barley. It is at various stages of development and should be treated accordingly. All crops will benefit from a two spray programme no

matter how forward or backward they are. The main T1 sprays will be **Delaro Forte** or **Osiris Comet** followed by **Macfare** or **Barley Extra** in 1.5ltr of **Folpet** at the T2 stage.

Beans

Beans should be sprayed during flowering with **Signum** or **Velogy Era** to prevent chocolate spot.



1. With the weather this spring all crops have and will benefit from the application of trace elements whether it's Boron on rape or beans, magnesium on wheat and barley. They all help to produce more and better quality grain.

2. When spraying, avoid doing so during strong sun periods of the day as scorching can result.

3. The use of soft (rain) water is useful as some sprays find hard water slows soakage into the plant. Rainwater harvesting is also a sustainable way to farm.

Crop	Product	Rate/Pack	Timing	Active Ingredients
Winter Wheat	Questar Revystar Jessico One + Jettano	1.5L/ha 6Ha pk Pack to 5ha	T1/T2 T1/T2	Inatreq™ Revysol™+Fluxapyroxad Fenpicoxamid + Bixafen
Winter Barley	Acorn BarleyXtra Macfare Xpro Delaro Forte	0.8+0.8L/ha 1.5L/ha 1.4L/Ha	T2 paint/b T2 T1	Revysol™+Pyraclostrobin+Fluxapyroxad Prothioconazole+Bixafen+Fluopyram Prothioconazole + Spiroxamine + Trifloxystrobin
Spring Barley	Osiris Pro Delaro Forte	5Ha pk 1.4L/Ha	T1 T1	Mefentrifluconazole + Prothioconazole Prothioconazole + Spiroxamine + Trifloxystrobin
Winter Rye/Oats	Osiris Pro Velogy Era	5Ha pk 1L/ha	T1/T2 T1/T2	Mefentrifluconazole + Prothioconazole Prothioconazole, Solatenol™
OSR	Shepherd	0.8L/Ha	Early/Late Flower	Boscalid + Pyraclostrobin
Beans	Signum Velogy Era	0.5kg/ha 0.66kg/ha	Early/Late Flower Early/Late Flower	Boscalid+Pyraclostrobin Prothioconazole, Solatenol™
Barley/Wheat	Mirror/Stavento	1.5L/ha	T1/T2	Folpet



Silage Season

With another expensive year of inputs, Quinns have a range of high quality products for the silage season to ensure the best quality and preservation of forage crops.

Green and White Silotite 750mm x1500 mtrs 5 Layers is excellent for those wrapping for the use in haylage or other environmental purposes

NRF Film **Baletite** 1380mm x2000 mtrs is a new development in recent years. It has grown hugely replacing net in the chambers of balers to put on plastic in the baler chamber and then wrapped with 25 micron 5 Layers Silotite

Zill silobags are used to weigh down and seal the silage cover. Zill silage protection covers prevent damage of the silage film caused by birds, dogs, cattle or hail and assure the quality of your silage.

Ecosyl Liquid and powder additives for the silage season helps to increase DMD values of grass and improves fermentation in bales and pits.

Quinns crop packaging products are all produced from high quality raw materials and renowned market producers of crop packaging materials worldwide.

Volac Ecosyl additive for improved silage quantity and quality



With the cost of inputs increasing on farm it is now more important than ever to protect the value of our home grown feeds. This protection comes in the form of a silage additive. These two products are **Volac Ecosyl** and **Volac Ecocool**.

- Ecosyl has been proven to increase silage quantity and quality across different forages in 15 trials, achieving on average an extra 1.2 litres/cow/day of milk due to an increase in forage fermentation and digestibility.
- Ecosyl 100 is ideal for a wide range of crops and ensiling conditions. It has been thoroughly proven to better fermentation and animal performance. Ecosyl 100 contains MTD/1 - a special strain of bacteria which is only found in the Ecosyl range of silage additives.

Bale Wrap

Product	Colour	Size
Acorn Sila Gold	Black	750 mm x1500 mtrs
Maxistretch	Black	750mm x 1500 mtrs
Silotite	Black	750mm x1500 mtrs
Silotite	Green/White	750mm x1500 mtrs
Silotite	Black	750mm x1800 mtrs 20 % extra

Net Wrap

Product	Size
Tama Black +White Edge to Edge	4500mtr
Tama Black +White Edge to Edge	3600 mtrs
Tama Acron Green Edge	4200 mtrs
Tama Rollonet	3000 mtrs
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NRF Net replacement film Baletite	1380mm x 2000 mtrs

Depending on the job there are a number of different spec twines, Farmers, Tama, Fine and Square which are all available throughout our agristores.

We have a full range of 400 gauge **silage covers** and the following sizes in the larger 500 gauge covers – 60x80, 60x100, 60x120

Mixing and application

- Ecosyl 100 is available for a liquid or dry application
- One bottle/bag treats 100t of forage
- Versatile liquid application:
 - o Any applicator - standard to ULV
 - o Apply from 20 ml/t to 2 l/t
 - o Tank mix life: 48 hours. The ULV tank mix can also be stored for up to 10 days in a fridge
- Dry application at 200 g/t
- Shelf life (unopened): 24 months in a cool, dry place. Use opened bags within 3days
- GMO free and suitable for organic use

Quinns are stockists of both Ecosyl powder and liquid silage additive.

For more information on silage additives please contact your local Quinns Sales Representative

**Special offer: Buy 5 Ecosyl Liquid or Ecocool, Get 1 FREE.
Offer valid from May 04th – June 12th 2026**



Supreme Spring Breeder – High Energy for Fertility & Performance

Fertility is key to herd profitability, with one missed heat costing €150–€250. Improving 6-week calving rates and reducing cull cows depends on:

- Strong transition nutrition
- Good Body Condition Score (BCS)
- Effective post-calving feeding
- A balanced mineral package

As grass becomes the main forage, a high-energy nut is essential to balance high protein levels.

Supreme Spring Breeder Pellet is designed to support fertility and performance through spring and summer:

- 14% Crude Protein, 0.97 UFL (high energy)

- Based on Irish barley and maize
- Includes RumiProS with Yea-Sacc®, Bioplex Copper & Zinc, and Sel-Plex®

Benefits:

- Improved milk yield (+1.6L) and feed efficiency (+6%)
- 5–7 fewer open days
- Enhanced herd health and conception rates
- Long-term gains: +1.7kg milk/day and earlier calving heifers

Formulated to meet summer grazing protein needs, with Calmag and minerals optimised at a 3kg feeding rate.

A reliable choice to drive fertility and herd performance

Elite Cream Dairy Pellet – Maximising Milk Butterfat



The **Elite Cream Dairy Pellet** is designed to help herds reach breeding targets while maintaining milk butterfat during lush grazing conditions. During 2nd and 3rd rotation grass, high-quality grass can reduce butterfat due to:

- Low fibre levels
- High nitrogen and oil content
- High digestibility

This can lead to quick rumination, ruminal acidosis, and drops in milk butterfat. Immature grass (1–2 leaf stage) is particularly high in oil, increasing the risk.

Product Highlights:

- Crude Protein: 14%
- Energy (UFL): 0.93
- RumiProS included

- Feeding Rate: 4 kg/head/day

RumiProS combines YeaSacc for feed conversion with Bioplexes and Selplexes for herd health and fertility. The pellet includes 120g/head/day of Equaliser Additive, allowing fats to bypass the rumen and reach the udder, maximising butterfat. High levels of digestible fibre make it ideal for optimum herd performance.

“Using Elite cream dairy pellets we found the butterfat improved steadily from 3.7% to 4.4% after introducing the equaliser. Even a single day without Equaliser caused a 0.3% drop, which returned to 4.4% within 2 days when reintroduced.”

Bradshaw’s Avoca

Elite Cream Dairy Pellet provides both preventative and curative support for milk butterfat.



Top Tips for Feeding Dairy Cows in May

- Target cover per cow of 160 kg DM/cow.
- Aim to maintain a post-grazing sward height of 4 - 4.5 cm
- Ensure surplus paddocks are removed as bales – alternate paddocks to maintain sward quality





Celebrating 90 years – Shaping What's Next Growth & Expansion (1993–1996)

- 1993 – Quinn's Superstore opened in Baltinglass, offering 20,000 sq. ft. of Agri, DIY, Build & Garden products.
- 1995 – Quinn's Superstore Athy opened, continuing the expansion of retail presence.
- 1996 – Launch of the Coarse Feed Mill in Baltinglass, strengthening service to both rural and retail customers.



Fencing Tips for the Season Ahead

May is the ideal time to check fences and plan upgrades. Good fencing protects livestock, improves grass management, and saves time. A quick review now can prevent bigger issues later.

1. Walk Your Fences First

- Check for loose or broken wires
- Look for leaning or rotten posts
- Inspect insulators and gaps under fences
- Fix small issues before stock are turned out

2. Choose the Right Fence for the Job

- Stock netting + barbed wire: ideal for sheep and boundaries
- Barbed wire (2–3 strands): suitable for cattle
- Electric fencing: great for strip grazing and temporary divisions
- High tensile electric: strong, long-term paddock solution
- Post and rail: best for yards, entrances, and high-traffic areas

3. Post Spacing Matters

- Stock fencing: 1.8–2.4m spacing
- Electric fencing: 10–12m spacing

- Strainers: every 90–100m and at corners
- Strong strainers are essential - don't cut corners

4. Electric Fencing – Common Mistakes

- Ensure proper earthing (min. 3 earth rods)
- Keep grass/vegetation off the wire
- Use quality insulators
- Check voltage regularly (3,000–5,000V for cattle)
- Poor earthing is the most common issue

5. Plan for Gates and Access

- Avoid tight corners that are hard to graze
- Place gates where livestock naturally move
- Plan layout to save time and labour

6. Don't Forget Key Areas

- Use post and rail for strength and visibility
- Focus on entrances and high-traffic zones
- Improves safety and durability

Plan Ahead & Maintain

- Check fences regularly throughout the season
- Fix issues early to avoid bigger repairs
- Good planning = better control and less work