



# Hill & Crofts

Blayney NSW

## On the Farm

April 2019



CARCOAR DAM

### In the paddock

The majority of winter grazing cereals would have been planted by now and with rain late in March these crops will be off to a great start. Hopefully we can get some good growing weather before ground temperatures start to drop off.

From cereals we move onto new pastures, with April normally an ideal time to be sowing. If you have been waiting for the rain before making a decision to order seed, then I would encourage you to do so now as some varieties have sold out or are in short supply.

#### TOPDRESSING

Bulk super prices have remained stable and with the recent rain the pastures will start growing. To maximise pasture growth rates before winter, topdressing with single super is recommended. For all enquiries contact Angus in store.

### Cattle Programme

April is one of the critical months to be treating for Liverfluke. This is because by waiting for the soil temperature to drop the host snails that carry the fluke go into a hibernation cycle over winter, which reduces the risk of re-infection after treating.

This year, because of the dry seasonal conditions, livestock have been grazing in areas where liverfluke snail exist, so it's even more important to treat animals.

The recommended April treatment is to

use a product that controls all 3 stages of liverfluke, as you want to control early immature and immature fluke that could still be migrating to wards the liver and damaging the intestinal wall, plus the adult fluke already in the liver. Products such as Flukare C or Genesis Ultra would be an option — Nitrofluke & Nitromec are also good rotational products to use.

#### CATTLE GUARD CATTLE POUR-ON

Cattle Guard is a new generic product developed by Zoetis that is a Moxidectin pour-on product with the same active ingredient as Cydectin Pour-On. It has all the benefits of Cydectin (such as nil meat & ESI withholding period, the same dose rate and covers the same spectrum of round worms) plus a competitive price advantage when compared to Cydectin. Being supplied by a reputable company we will be stocking this product and passing on the savings.

### Sheep Programme

When joining season is complete the scanning of ewes to detect pregnancy can occur from 40 days onwards. This will be helpful this year if feed is in tight supply.

Jason Hoadley from Hoadley Scanning would be a good contact for scanning services. Contact him on 0457 275 503.

### Other Updates

#### CHEP PALLET DEPOSIT

As most people are aware, Chep charge a

daily fee for the hire of their pallets.

For a long time I have been resisting charging a deposit for the use of pallets, but recently, due to the large number of pallets that have not been returned, we have decided to start the process.

It would be greatly appreciated if you could return any Chep pallets you have currently. From this point on we will be charging a fully refundable deposit of \$44/pallet for every Chep pallet taken. This will be shown on your account as 'Chep deposit', and then 'Chep refund' when pallets are returned.

#### SOFTWARE UPDATE

We are moving forward on updating the computer software that runs all of our Point of Sale and Accounting functions. As part of the process, Tamara has been updating our records to make sure we have all of the correct information on your account.

One of the new functions will be to email customer invoices and statements. We are aware that not everyone has an email address, and if you would prefer to have your statement posted we are still happy to provide that service. Please let us know your preference.

#### AUTUMN GRAZING DINNER

As part of Food Week, Blayney is hosting the "Autumn Grazing Dinner" on the 8th April. It starts in Carrington Park for canapés and progresses into the Community centre for dinner. All the food and wine is from local producers and prepared by local award winning chef Richard Learmonth.

For bookings contact us in store.



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# F.O.O.D WEEK

ORANGE NSW AUSTRALIA  
8 APRIL 2019

## Autumn Grazing Dinner in Blayney

Monday 8th April

Starting at twilight with canapés in the spectacular Carrington Park, join us to celebrate the rich taste of the Orange region's diverse food and wine with local award-winning chef, Richard Learmonth. Expect a night of culinary delights and dancing! Ticket price includes all food and beverages.

Bookings [www.orangefoodweek.com.au](http://www.orangefoodweek.com.au)

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