

# SHEEP FEED RANGE



# INTRODUCTION

Sheep play an important economic role on many farms in West Cork. Drinagh Co-operative has a long history of supplying a quality range of feed for ewes (pre and post lambing) and for young and finishing lambs. Nutrition before lambing has a significant effect on ewe health and milking ability post lambing. It will also impact on lamb weight and viability. In the last 6 weeks of pregnancy the energy requirements of a ewe carrying twins increases by 60%.

At the same time their appetite is falling as the growing lambs take up more space. Quality feed at this stage will play a critical role for the ewe. At Score Drinagh Feeds we combine excellent sources of protein, carbohydrate, digestible fibre and minerals to ensure the requirements of the ewe are met. Formulations are kept consistent throughout the feeding season as changes close to lambing can cause significant digestive upsets.

When formulating feed for ewes we consider that concentrates can make up over 50% of the daily feed intake of ewes close to lambing. We then create our diets to ensure adequate energy intake while at the same time minimise digestive upsets.

# **Score Drinagh Feeds Sheep Range:**

- Score 20% Lamb Pencils
- Score Intensive Lamb Fattener Nuts
- Score Lamb & Hogget Nuts
- Score 17% Sheep Nuts
- Score Hi Milk Ewe Nuts
- Score 16% Ewe Nuts



# **Score 20% Lamb Pencils**



# Available in:

• Bulk, Minibulk, 25kg Bags

# Suitable for:

- Feeding as a starter feed to lambs from birth.
- Feeding in a creep feeder system.

# **Features and Benefits:**

- High inclusion of quality cereal, coupled with digestible fibre and energy to maximise intake and daily gain.
- Contains Megalac, a source of digestible protected fat to boost energy supply and increase daily gain in the young lamb.
- Soya, the most digestible form of protein for young lambs, is the main source of protein in this pellet.
- Contains yeast to improve feed intake, growth rates and minimise digestive upsets where intake is high.
- A diuretic which aids the production of urine is added to minimise the risk of urinary calculi (stones).
- Ensure that a clean potable source of water is available at all times.

# **Score Intensive Lamb Fattener Nuts**



## Available in:

• Bulk, Minibulk, 25kg bags

# Suitable for:

- Feeding to lambs from 16 weeks of age as a finishing feed.
- · Ad-lib feeding.
- Feeding to breeding rams

# **Features and Benefits:**

- This ration contains 50% cereal to ensure a high level of energy, good daily gains and a faster finish.
- Maize, a fast finishing ingredient is added. Maize is also a gentle ingredient on the rumen reducing the risk of digestive upsets.
- Quality sources of digestible fibre are added to minimise the risk of digestive upsets.
- Contains Megalac, a source of digestible protected fat to boost energy supply, increase daily gain and improve finish.
- Contains yeast to improve feed intake, growth rates and minimise digestive upsets where intakes are high.
- A diuretic which aids the production of urine is added to minimise the risk of urinary calculi (stones).
- The diet can be fed ad-lib.
- Ensure the availability of good quality forage and access to a clean potable source of water at all times.

# **Score Lamb & Hogget Nuts**



## Available in:

• Bulk, Minibulk, 25kg bags

#### Suitable for:

• Feeding to all types of sheep over 4 months of age.

## **Features and Benefits:**

- Excellent blend of carbohydrate, protein and energy for growing finishing and store lambs.
- Contains Maize, an excellent high energy ingredient.
- · Can be used to finish at grass.
- Can be used as an indoor finishing feed but for best indoor finishing results the Intensive Lamb Fattening nut would be the feed of choice.
- Excellent feed to use on scarce grazing or where fodder quality is poor.
- Lamb mineral included so it can be fed to mixed flocks including rams.
- If feeding to pregnant ewes they should be switched to 16%
   Ewe Nut or High Milk Ewe 4 weeks before lambing.

# **Score 16% Ewe Nuts**



# Available in:

• Bulk, Minibulk, 25kg bags

# Suitable for:

• Feeding ewes up to 4 weeks before lambing.

## **Features and Benefits:**

- This is an excellent feed to complement scarce grazing or poor quality forage prior to the pre lambing period.
- Contains top quality protein sources to balance protein requirements in mid-pregnancy.
- Good quality mineral and vitamin supplement.
- Cal-mag included.
- Phosphorus added to ensure strong bone in the lamb.

# **Score Hi Milk Ewe Nuts**



## Available in:

• Bulk, Minibulk, 25kg bags

# Suitable for:

• Feeding to ewes both pre and post lambing.

# **Features and Benefits:**

- High Milk Ewe is designed to optimise the weight of the lamb and ensure a good supply of milk for the new born lamb.
- Protected protein and Hipro Soya balance protein supply. This is important for lamb weight and milk supply for the young lamb. Protein is also important for colostrum quality and quantity.
- Feed contains a high level of cereals, a source of readily digestible energy.
- Maize is added as a source of by-pass starch. This improves glucose metabolism and can reduce the risk of twin lamb disease.
- Carefully formulated with the addition of digestible fibre to minimise digestive upsets even where high feeding rates are fed.
- Megalac is added to boost the energy of the feed. The addition of Megalac has been shown to improve lamb weight, viability and milk yield.
- Excellent vitamin and mineral supplement to ensure a healthy ewe and a viable lamb at lambing.
- Cal-mag included.
- Phosphorus added to ensure strong bone in the lamb.

# **Score 17% Sheep Nuts**



## Available in:

• Bulk, Minibulk, 25kg bags

## Suitable for:

• Feeding to all types of sheep over 4 months of age.

# **Features and Benefits:**

- Excellent blend of carbohydrate, protein and energy for growing the store lamb.
- Brilliant feed to use with scarce grazing or where fodder quality is poor.
- Contains maize, an excellent high energy ingredient.
- Lamb mineral included so it can be fed to mixed flocks including rams.
- If feeding to pregnant ewes they should be switched to 16% Ewe Nut or High Milk Ewe 4 weeks before lambing.

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