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Almost another year done and dusted!

As the warmer months start to roll around and the daylight hours extend, we are all looking forward to the holidays and a well-earned break! Things have been very busy for us here instore as we come off the peak of our busiest time of year, whether it be calf feed, dairy feed, pasture mixes or seed processing - we have been manufacturing flat out with more calf feeds being produced and sold than ever before.

With most local businesses and suppliers closing down for Christmas, we strongly recommend that you place all your dairy feed orders prior to our office closing. All orders will be able to be booked in advance and be delivered in between the statutory days over the break. Contact the office, Brian or Garry for orders or enquiries. You can find all of the information you need to know about our Christmas hours on the back page.

In this issue you will find information on pig nutrition and how it will benefit the meat that ends up on your plate, how versatile our chicken feeds can be and a general overview of the past year.

This eighth edition of Clarkes Corner marks our two year anniversary since we published - time flies! The ongoing support and encouragement of our newsletter is greatly appreciated and we look forward to future editions.

That's a wrap 2018, see you next year!



The Team at *Clarkes Seed and Feed*

Meet Our Team

Name: Mary Anne Chilton

Position: Office Administrator

What has been your role at Clarkes Seed and Feed over the years and what have you enjoyed most?

I helped set up the administration system twenty three and a half years ago when Clarkes Seed and Feed first opened. Over the years I have enjoyed the challenges and upgrades of the administration systems as the company expanded with the growth of the Dairy Industry in Southland.



What are your hobbies outside of work?

For many years weekends have been busy with our three daughters, two who are now Lincoln University graduates with the youngest in her final year at Lincoln. My husband, David, and I now have more time on our hands to spend in Central Otago and we hope to complete the Rail Trail in the near future. I also enjoy going out for walks with our five year old Miniature Labradoodle, Ailbie (pictured).



Over the last month Clarkes have become an accredited retailer and advisor for the Clean Crop Brassica System

WHAT IS IT?

A simple weed management system which eradicates a range of key problem weeds commonly found growing in brassica crops. The Cleancrop Brassica seeds have been bred to be tolerant to the sulfonyl urea herbicide, Telar, which is then used to spray off brassica crop and eliminate harmful weeds, such as Chickweed, Dandelion, Scotch Thistle, White Clover and White Turnip.

For more information or to order, call Garry or Brian



We would like to take the time to thank all of our clients on another successful year and we appreciate your continued support!

The team here at Clarkes would like to wish you and your family a safe and happy holiday season and we look forward to seeing you when we return in January



Not Telling Porkies...

With Christmas just around the corner and plenty of hungry mouths to feed, now is the time to really focus on what you are feeding your pigs and how these choices will affect the meat that ends up on your plate.

Typically, most pigs that are raised for meat will be fed a cheaper, readily available source of feed for the majority of their lives to keep maintenance costs low. Bulk waste milk, waste grain and food scraps make can be a good diet for a pig however, those wanting the best quality meat should invest in a wholesome, complete diet for the pig from day one. Alternatively. feeding a highly nutritious feed in the last 6 to 9 weeks prior to slaughter, can be a cheaper method that still provides great results.

Our Pig Pellets are a complete and balanced pelletised feed, made right here in store from locally sourced grains with added vitamins and minerals. We have had many success stories from customers who have fed Pig Pellets from weaning through to slaughter or as a finishing feed as mentioned above.

As the old saying goes...
'You only get out what you put in'

AVAILABLE AT CLARKES

Clarkes Pig Pellets 25 kgs - \$27.00

Rolled Barley 25 kgs - \$22.00

Whole Barley 25 kgs - \$20.00

BULK LITE GRAIN

Approx 200kg+ Bulk Bags (approx. \$30.00)

15c/kg + \$20.00 refundable deposit for the bag

END OF YEAR SPECIAL

Buy 2 bags or more and get a discounted rate to 10c/kg!

The Year in Review

Clarkes have been through an extremely busy Spring with strong growth in the Calf Feed market and an increase in demand for Certified Seed and our Mobile Seed Cleaning service due to larger areas of cereal seeds being planted throughout Southland.

Dairy Feeds have been steady to date and will likely fluctuate with the weather coming into the Christmas period. Some of the imported Dairy Feed commodities have caused widespread frustration through delays beyond our control, from weather stalling the unloading of ships at Bluff, point of origin droughts to freight logistic delays due to extremely high demand.

Currently, the ground moisture levels are high and will follow through to good pasture growth as soil temperatures begin to warm up. High rainfall has delayed late cereal planting and may result in a later harvest of Spring crops, some of which have had to be replanted due to washouts in certain areas.

All in all, it has been another successful year for Clarkes Seed and Feed and we are looking forward to the challenges that 2019 will bring.

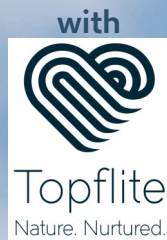
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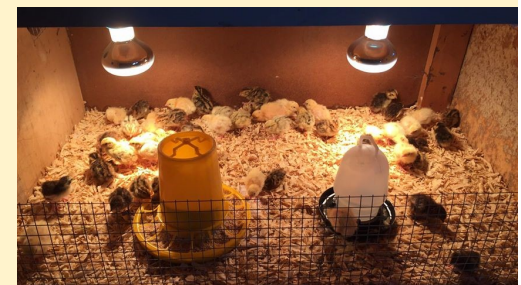
Raising Poultry

Unsure about what to feed young poultry? Don't wing it! We have all the information you need to know...

Clarkes Chick and Layer Mash has been tried and tested by many of our loyal customers with varying species of poultry, with fantastic results! Over the last few months we have seen an increase in the amount of Chick and Layer Mash being purchased for Quail in particular, for both breeding and egg production purposes. The feedback we have received has been hugely positive with strong, healthy chicks growing to their utmost potential within a mere few months - Japanese Quail in particular will grow to their adult size and begin to lay eggs as early as seven weeks old.

With an approximate protein content of 18.5%, our mash is specifically designed for young, growing birds that require a palatable, nutritious feed. The fine consistency allows young chicks to eat the mash from day one without struggling to consume bigger pelletised feeds or crumbles.

Other poultry such as turkeys, pheasants, ducks and geese have all been successfully raised on our Chick and Layer Mash, making it a very versatile and suitable feed for all young birds.



Day old Japanese Quail being raised on Clarkes Chick and Layer Mash



Chick and Layer Mash	25 kgs	\$27.00
Poultry Pellets	25 kgs	\$27.00
Feed Wheat	25 kgs	\$20.00

Buy 10 or more bags and receive a \$2.00 discount per bag!

All prices are inclusive of GST

