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Clarkes Corner

CLARKES SEED & FEED QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER

WINTER 2023



Welcome to our Winter Edition of Clarkes Corner for 2023!

For the team here in store, we are welcoming the quieter part of our year with open arms after a very busy season!

This time of year is when we begin to work on our new season pricing, with thoughts towards the Spring season, we do recommend that you take the time to discuss feed requirements with either Garry, Brian or Sue to ensure the best possible pricing and availability.

Garry - 027 453 4066

Brian - 027 281 8643

Sue - 027 428 9900

With the impending arrival of Winter, now is the time to start planning your feed regime to ensure your animals maintain optimum health and condition throughout the colder months.

Our range of feed options cater to all life stages and dietary needs and we are more than happy to discuss any queries either in store, on farm or via phone.

Feeding Your Chickens

As with any animal, feeding a complete and balanced diet is essential for growing and maintaining healthy, happy birds that produce top quality eggs. Laying hens in particular should be fed a highly nutritious feed that contains the correct amount of vitamins and minerals that aid in egg production.

One of the most essential minerals needed by laying hens for egg production is calcium. Calcium carbonate makes up about 97% of the entire egg, so a diet that does not contain the correct amount of calcium may result in numerous egg abnormalities and/or ill health for the chicken.

Some signs your chicken may be deficient in calcium are:

- Eggs without a shell
- Thin or translucent shells
- Soft shells

These symptoms could also be related to other health abnormalities such as a bacterial infection or disease, or the hen could just simply be starting or ending her laying cycle. Calcium needs to be fed in balance with two other essential ingredients - phosphorus and vitamin D. Without a proper balance, the chicken will struggle to maintain health and may not benefit from any supplemented calcium which, in turn may cause her to go 'off the lay' and suffer from health issues related to calcium deficiency.

Problems can also arise if there is an excessive amount of calcium in the chicken's diet, which can include:

- Chalky deposits on egg shells
- Lumps or abnormal growths on the egg
- Increased thirst
- Sticky or wet droppings and soiled feathers around the vent

A correct mineral balance is easy to regulate with correct nutrition. Feeding a highly nutritious hen food alongside a calcium supplement, such as Oyster Shell Grit, will provide your hens with the correct nutrition for optimum health and egg production.



Helpful Hints

- As the daylight hours fade, you may notice your chickens 'coming off the lay'. This is completely normal and natural behaviour caused by a hormonal change. Chickens require around 14 hours of sunlight per day, this can be either artificial or natural.
- Feeding Oyster Grit to your chickens will help aid with digestion of grains and is a great source of calcium. Oyster Grit should be made available for chickens to consume at their own leisure and should, ideally, not be mixed in with their daily feed source to avoid excess calcium intake.

Here at Clarkes we have a range of feeds for all your poultry needs!

Poultry Pellets 25Kgs - \$35.00
Chick and Layer Mash 25Kgs - \$35.00
Feed Wheat 25Kgs - \$25.00
Whole Maize 25Kgs - \$38.00
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Oyster Grit 25Kgs - \$22.50

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HIMALAYAN SALT BLOCKS

Salt, minerals and trace elements are an essential part of an animals daily dietary requirements. As New Zealand soil is naturally deficient in sodium and selenium it is vital to provide a reliable mineral source to maintain optimum health to your stock. Providing animals with a multi mineral supplement can help with any mineral deficiencies they may be suffering from.

Loss of appetite, licking walls, eating dirt, reduced growth, fertility complications and ill health due to a compromised immune system are all signs that an animal may be mineral deficient.

As salt is self limiting (animals will only ingest as much as they require) you cannot overfeed. Each animal will regulate themselves depending on how well-supplemented they are.



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Winter Warmers with Topflite

During the colder months of the year, wild birds have to work harder to find a food source to keep their energy levels up. When food is scarce you can help your local backyard birds through winter by supplying them with a nutritious and energy rich food supply - such as the Topflite Wild Bird range.

We stock a wide variety of the Topflite Wild Bird range from High Energy Logs and Coconut Feeders to Wild Bird Seed Mix and various feeders. Starting from \$8.00, these products are super affordable and a great addition to your garden this winter!

ALSO AVAILABLE INSTORE AT CLARKES

Rabbit & Guinea Pig Food, Bird Feed (Budgie, Cockatiel, Canary, Dove ect.)
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