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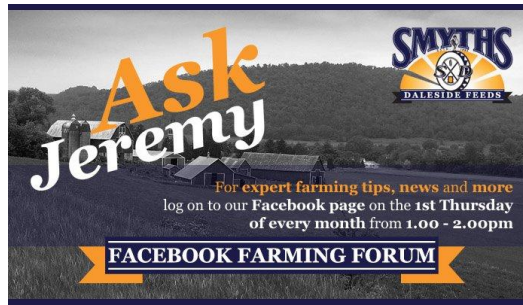
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## Questions & Answers from January's "Ask Jeremy" were as follows:

**Question via email:** John in Donegal asks “I have ewes lambing in a month’s time, mostly doubles, which ewe ration should I be feeding?”

**Jeremy:** Hello John, thanks for your enquiry. You should be feeding a high soya-based diet, to ensure good quality colostrums for the newborn lambs. Ewe 18% is what we recommend, stick to the recommended feeding levels – starting at ¼kg and reaching 0.8kg-2kg at lambing. This is based on forage quality, i.e. silage. After Lambing - feed up to 2.5kg depending on forage quality.

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**Question via text:** Michael asks “I have freshly calved cows milking round 30 litres per day, what dairy ration would you recommend, my silage is fairly average quality.”

**Jeremy:** Michael, with average quality silage, cows need 10kg dry matter from silage and minimum of 10kg Hi-Yield Dairylac 20 – to maintain body condition and milk yield, based on the information you have given.

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**Question via email:** Gerry asks “Milk production is less than expected in my calved cows, I’m feeding 18% dairy nuts and silage of good enough quality, what do you recommend?”

**Jeremy:** Two things should be taken into account Gerry – Silage intake & Silage Protein. Cows should have an intake of 9-10½kg of dry matter per head per day. Low protein silage needs a higher protein diet of 20%

or higher to ensure good milk yield. If you need any further information, please email [contact@smythsfeeds.com](mailto:contact@smythsfeeds.com) or telephone our office – 074 9171300.

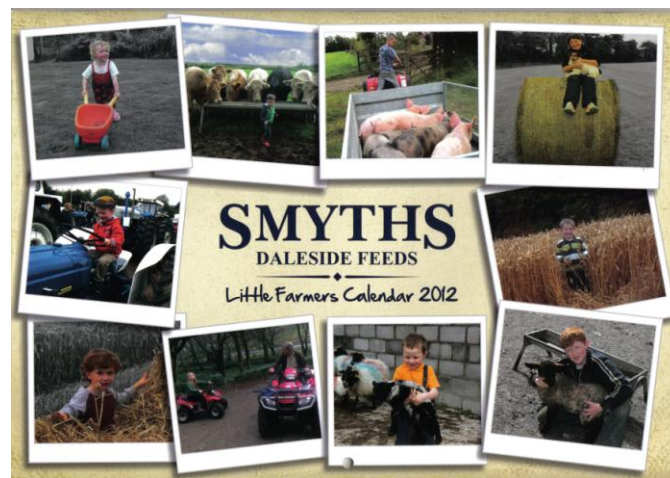
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**Alastair via Facebook:** “hi geremy, what is the best feed to give to simmental and limosin heifers that are under a year old, some are a year old now. these heifers are being kept for breeding?”

**Jeremy:** Good Morning Alastair. For yearlings, pedigree or cross, we recommend “Mmunchy” Calf Weanling (bags) or Gold Crunch (bulk) - feed at a rate of 2kg per head per day to maintain growth rate. If you want extra growth, we recommend Heifer Replacement 19. Thanks for your enquiry.

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### The Little Farmers Calendar 2012



Smyths Daleside Feeds were delighted with the response from The Little Farmers Calendar 2012. You can still get your copy by contacting one of our reps, or calling to our main office in Ballindrait, Lifford, Co. Donegal.

Arrangements can be made to post copies if you send us an A4 - S.A.E (€1.35 stamps to cover postage).

To see a slideshow of photos which were included in the calendar, visit our website:

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