



17th February 2012 – NEWSLETTER

PROMOTION - MARCH 2012

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"MmUNCHY" STAGE 1 & 2 PROMOTION - March

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Young Farmer Profile:

This month we are featuring Eimear Mc Govern from Clogher, Co. Tyrone. Eimear has been showing cattle since she was three years old, with the help of her father Sean.

Some of her achievements are as follows:

Overall Champion Charolais - Perth Bull Sale

Overall Champion Charolais - Carlisle

Overall Young Handler - Fintona National Charolais Show.

She represented Northern Ireland at the Young Stock Judging Competitions in England, competing against other countries.

Eimear is pictured below with "Ratoary Floss"



With "Ratoary Ferguson"



And as Overall Young Handler at the Fintona National Charolais Show.



If you would like to be featured in our newsletter - send in your details, with photographs to contact@smythsfeeds.com mark as Young Farmer Profile.

FARM MANAGEMENT NOTES – FEBRUARY 2012

On many dairy farms visited in the month of January – cows were losing too much body condition in early lactation. One of the main problems was silage – silage intake and low protein silage. Silage and concentrates must complement each other.

Spot checks on concentrates fed and silage intakes should be carried out on a regular basis. This could prevent problems at a later stage with production, health and fertility. All Smyths Daleside Winter and Spring diets are formulated on the basis of a predicted silage intake. Monitor closely to ensure your cows are eating enough – variations in silage quality and dry matter may lead to lower intakes than expected. Intakes can be monitored very accurately if a feed wagon is used, but weighing a block of silage and estimating would suffice.

TO MAXAMISE INTAKES – Remember the following;

- Offer ad-lib access to FRESH silage, this require sufficient feed space (450mm/cow). Good housing/feed barrier design and good feeding management. Heifers and timid cows will eat more if batched in smaller groups. Higher intakes can be achieved by feeding TMR's twice daily and clear uneaten feed once daily;
- The concentrates fed must compliment the silage. The balance of starch, protein and digestible fibre can be adjusted to increase silage intake;
- Cows should be calved down in BCS 3.0-3.5 - cows with BCS above 3.5 will have lower intakes due to reduced appetite and restricted rumen capacity;
- Feed a dry cow/transition concentrate (**COW DEVELOPER 5 BLEND/2 BLEND**) for at least 3 weeks before calving to adapt the rumen to concentrates. This prevents digestive upsets in early lactation.

By: Jeremy Mc Gonigle – SMYTHS DALESIDE FEEDS

*******SEMINAR*******

(In conjunction with Sligo Friesian Breeders)

28th February 2012 @ 8.30 p.m. (sharp)

THE CLARION HOTEL - SLIGO

"FEEDING & MANAGEMENT OF THE DAIRY COW FOR OPTIMUM SUCCESS"

GUEST SPEAKERS:

Dr. Dan Ryan (Cow365)

Morgan Sheehy - (Nutritionist - Devenish)

Jeremy Mc Gonigle - Smyths Daleside Feeds

*****EVERYONE WELCOME*****