

## Teagasc Notes for week ended Friday February 8<sup>th</sup>.

### Derogation

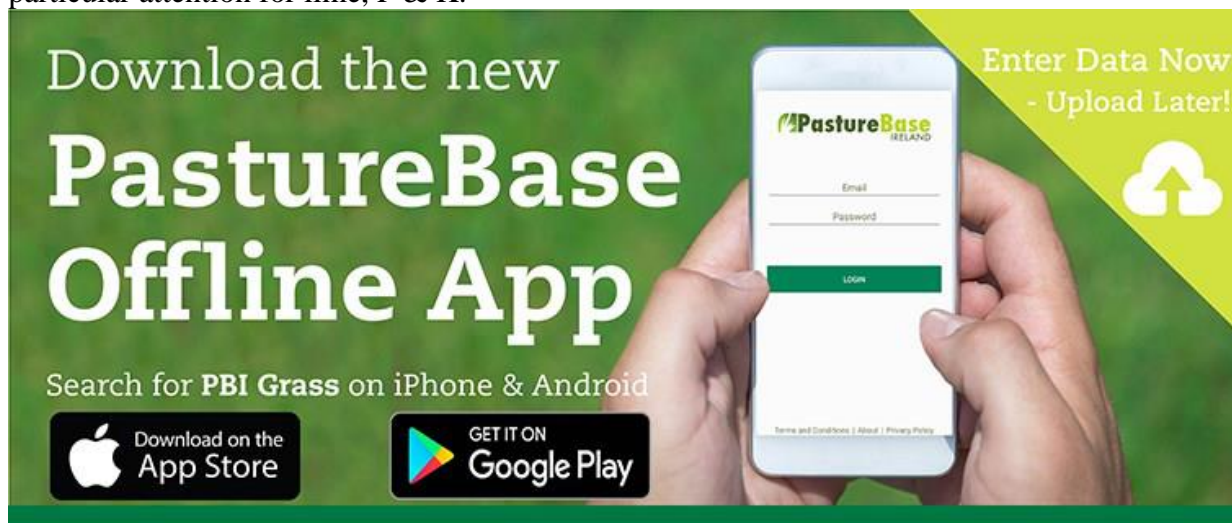
Teagasc would strongly recommend that all farmers in derogation or with a stocking rate of over 130 kg organic N / ha, with very low fertility grassland soils (Phosphorous Index 1 & 2), apply for extra phosphorous (P) allowance in 2019.

In 2018, there was a lot of meals fed on all farms but most particularly on heavily stocked farms. This will have the impact of reducing the quantity of P that you are allowed to spread in 2019. However, if you apply for the extra P allowance now, it will increase the quantity of P you can apply.

How do you avail of soil P Build Up?

1. Have soil test results for every 5ha on the farm & check soil organic matter status map
2. Talk to your local adviser to complete a farm fertiliser plan and apply to DAFM to avail of the extra P.
3. You will need to complete a short training course on fertiliser planning later in the year

There will be over 700 derogations completed by Teagasc in Waterford Kilkenny this Spring. These need to be done for regulation purposes but more importantly the information in the plans is very valuable and should be used to make informed decisions on your fertiliser plan for the year. You have invested a lot of money in getting soils analysed and in getting the plan completed – why not put it to some good use on your farm? Take the time to sit down with your adviser when you get your plan and identify areas of the farm that need particular attention for lime, P & K.



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### Beef Environmental Efficiency Pilot (BEEP)

The Department of Agriculture have launched the new Beef Environmental Efficiency Pilot (BEEP). The objectives of the scheme is to further increase economic and environmental efficiency in the suckler herd through better quality data on herd performance, supporting decision making on farm.

### Who is eligible?

The Pilot will be open to all suckler beef farmers who commit to completing the mandatory action required within the duration of the Pilot:

- Action: weigh unweaned calf and their dam and submitting weight records to ICBF
- Payment will be on beef breed (dam and sire) animals born in the herd between 1 July 2018 and 30 June 2019.
- Application window for inclusion in the pilot is 4 February and 22 February 2019.

### What are the requirements of the programme?

**Requirement 1** - All Calves being submitted for weighing must have been born between 01 July 2018 and 30 June 2019.

**Requirement 2** – Unweaned Live Calf and Dam must be weighed on the applicant’s holding, individually and on the same day.

**Requirement 3** – Only scales registered in accordance with the Pilot Terms and Conditions may be used.

**Requirement 4** – Weights must be submitted between 08 March 2019 and 01 November 2019.

**What are the key dates?**

- Eligible Animals: Beef breed animals born between 1 July 2018 and 30 June 2019
- Applications: 4 February to 22 February 2019
- Submission of weights: 8 March to 1 November 2019
- Payments will be made in December 2019.

**Events**

Sheep Farm Walk on the farm of John Donohoe, Ballybur, Cuffesgrange, Co. Kilkenny on Monday the 11<sup>th</sup> February 2019 @ 2.15pm. The topics that will be covered include: 1. Nutrition pre-lambing; 2. veterinary issues at lambing; 3. Tips and tricks at lambing time and 4. The new sheep tagging rules. Teagasc specialist and a vet will attend.

