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## NEWSLETTER

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# Spring Pasture Management To Do List...

- \* Get a soil test done to find out the nutrient levels in your soil. This will let you know what fertiliser (if any) you require to get your paddocks performing. We can help you with all you need to carry out your soil test. See us in store.
- \* Walk the fence. Inspect the pasture for any bare patches, damage from winter conditions including trees blown over, broken fences and pugging from animals. Get these seen to as soon as you can.
- \* Get your weeds under control. Do this now before they start to really grow and risk them taking over the pasture. See us for herbicide options.
- \* Over sow or drill seed your paddocks to improve pasture quality and fill bare patches. We have a large range of seed options for pasture. Talk to Bruce about your seed requirements. Ph 0274 322 750

## Seed Potatoes available in store now

**Buy 1 or many**

Old fashion favourites, traditional Maori varieties and some new varieties for you to try at very competitive prices.



*The Spruce*



Spring is almost here, time to start planning your lawn.

**Regular Lawn Seed**

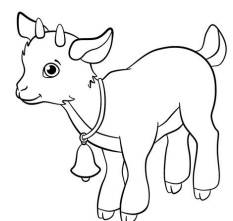
**Hardy Lawn Seed**

**Super Fine Lawn Seed**

**Lawn Fertiliser & Daltons Lawn Soil** available in store

*See us for all of your Calf, Lamb and Goat Kid Rearing needs*

*Milk Replacer, Meals, Bottles, Feeders, coats, electrolytes, colostrum and more.*



Protect winter crops of Cauliflower, Broccoli, Cabbage and Broad Beans with Yates Liquid Copper. Spray every 14 days to prevent fungus, diseases and bacterial blight spots.

Prepare the garden for spring planting by digging in generous helpings of Daltons compost and add Lime to improve soil structure.

To control sooty mould, mites, aphids and white fly on fruit and citrus trees, spray away with a Bug Oil spray or Conquerer Oil. The oil will effectively smother the pests and their eggs to protect your plants. A low toxic option.

Moss can be a problem in poorly drained or shady areas of lawn. Improve lawn drainage by raking the area thoroughly and apply a solution of Sulphate of Iron (10g per square metre) to kill moss.

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## Asparagus – Crowns now available in store

### When, where and how to plant:

Choose a sunny spot with a light, free-draining moisture retentive soil. Raised beds will improve drainage. Add well-rotted compost and or manure and dig into the soil. Plant in rows 15 to 20cm apart, in raised beds and containers you can plant in blocks. Plant one or two-year-old crowns in early spring. Soak the crowns in warm water for about an hour before planting. Dig a trench about 30cm long by 30cm deep with a raised ridge in the centre.

Place the new plants on the ridge, spreading the roots evenly down the ridge. Cover the crowns with 5cm of soil and keep covering with soil until the trench is overflowing with soil.

### Growing Guide:

Keep soil moist and sprinkle complete plant food over the bed once during late spring. Don't cut any spears in the first year, and when growth begins to yellow off in autumn, cut plants to the ground and mulch the bed with rotted manure. Repeat this process every year. In the third year you can expect your asparagus to produce a good crop.

### Harvest:

Harvesting begins as soon as the spears appear and can continue until early summer. After that the plants must be left alone to grow leaves or next year's crop will be poor.



Surprise your family and friends with white Asparagus, which is very popular in Europe due to being milder and tender.

How to? Keep mounding dirt around the emerging stalk or cover with light prove material. Without light the plant cannot produce chlorophyll, which turns the plant naturally green.



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