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## NEWSLETTER

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**HAPPY★NEW★YEAR**

## Welcome 2021

After a very stressful 2020 for most of us, we are all looking forward to better things in the coming year!

January is the perfect time to plan the year ahead including your crops for farm and garden, as well as your animal health regime for all of your livestock.

Check your garden crop rotation for the best results year on year.

Have a good parasite control program in place for your animals.  
Ensure animals have the correct nutrition for each seasons challenges.  
Work out your plan now to save any stress going forward.



**Sunblock powder** is an essential for any animal that has areas prone to sunburn. Made with natural minerals, it can be safely applied to their face, legs and around nostrils. Great for horses, cattle, sheep, dogs, cats and even humans. Being a powder means that it does not attract dust and dirt to stick to the treated areas.

**Seales Winslow Lifestyle Block** are molasses blocks enriched with minerals, trace elements and vitamins that help stave off the possibility of mineral deficiencies in livestock which can affect health and performance. A great supplement over summer when pasture quality is poor.

Manufactured and formulated locally for stock grazing in New Zealand conditions.

Horse blocks also available in store.



**Yates Health Tonic Trace Element Chelate** is an easy to use liquid trace element mix. Recommended as a foliar application, this delivers nutrients directly to the deficient leaves for faster results.

Lots of other Yates Products also available in store

## SUMMER TIME FISHING TIME

Burley Pellets are a convenient way to carry burley on the boat this summer.  
No chilling required and does not attract flies.  
Available in 2kg and 10kg bags in store now.



Water restrictions in place during the summer months and crops are struggling to survive?

Consequence is, cost for food will increase.

Plenty of this going on world wide already and more forecasted.

Why not use the summer months to set up your rainwater collection system and start your journey towards self sufficiency.

Storing and collecting rainwater when available is a great way to ensure you can grow your own veggies and keep cost for food down. But there seems to be more to rainwater. Why is it that we can turn on the irrigation in the garden if we are lucky enough to have this option and veggies and co grow ok but as soon as the rain has stopped the plants seem to grow so much quicker in comparison?

There are 4 reasons why that is.

- 1) Rainwater lacks the minerals usually found in irrigation water. The absence of minerals makes the rainwater better at pulling nutrients off of the soil binding sites so plants can use them.
- 2) Rainwater has generally a lower pH level (acidic) which is helpful in areas with alkaline soil.
- 3) Raindrops fall about 20 MPH while irrigation droplets fall at about 5 MPH, because of this raindrops provide better soil penetration.
- 4) Rainwater is saturated with air, so it helps oxygenate and aerate the root zone much better than irrigation water.

Rainwater is precious therefore should be collected wherever possible and used in the garden. The system doesn't have to be expensive as the picture shows, even 1 drum is a good start.

Yes the penetration and the aeration aspect of rain are hard to copy but there are tools in the shed, which can help promote healthy soil and living conditions.

These tools are called forks, gypsum and cover cropping.

It is possible to improve the aeration and penetration of the soil through using cover crops over the winter months such as radishes, oats, mustards, lupins or sunflowers, linseed, phacelia etc. over summer months. Applying a bit of gypsum from time to time and loosening the soil manually using a fork in tight areas is also possible.

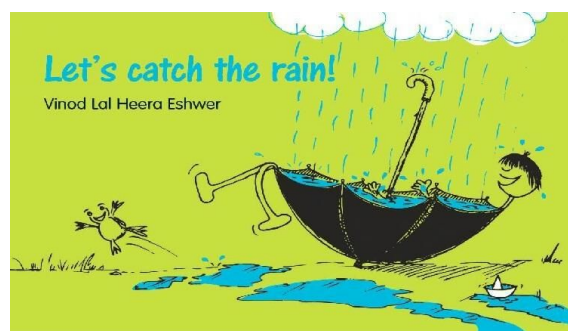


You can apply plenty of fertiliser to increase production but do you need to? The first step in the journey to improve plant performance in your garden starts with soils that can breathe. The second step would be to provide water which can be utilised more efficient by plants.



We often have drums available for sale here at the Kiwi Seed shop.

These can be used for collecting rain water but are also to store grain and animal feed pest free, given they come with a lid.



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