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## NEWSLETTER

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### Sheep's Burnett

Sheep's burnett is a perennial herb with great medical benefits. The leaves have astringent and inflammatory properties, said to reduce diarrhoea, help with digestive complaints as well as staunch bleeding inward and outward. One way or the other it has great grazing qualities and both cattle and sheep will love this herb, which by the way tastes like a blend of cucumber and melon.

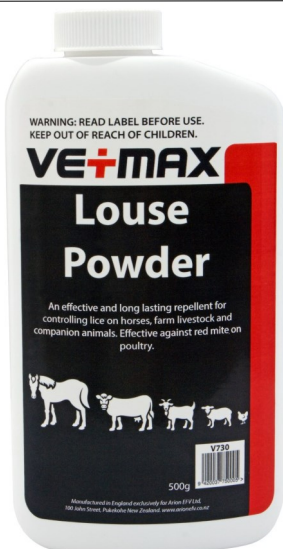
As a soil improver, which could be the more interesting factor to managers of healthy soils,

Sheep's burnett has a large tap root.

This tap root will draw up minerals and trace elements from subsoils and store them in the top layer of the soil. The tap root also makes it an ideal plant for lighter soils but Sheep's burnett will grow on most except heavy soils.

Being winter hardy and drought tolerant only adds to the long list of positive arguments for including this plant into pasture mixes and herbal lays. Soil erosion control and adding to biodiversity at the same time.

This herb is low growing and long lived, therefore fits perfectly into undervine and interrow plantings in vineyards, orchards and permanent mixed pastures.



### KEEP AN EYE OUT FOR SIGNS OF LICE ON YOUR ANIMALS THIS TIME OF YEAR.

Lice infestations show as a loss of hair or wool pulling. You may see animals scratching themselves on fences or wool attached to fence lines. Lice is more typically seen in the winter months. Lice live on the animal's body and they can jump to other animals through close contact.

Vetmax Louse Powder is an effective and long lasting repellent for controlling lice on horses, farm livestock and companion animals. Effective against red mite on poultry. Can be used on all animals that don't lick their skin/fur such as cows, horses, donkeys, minis, alpacas, goats, sheep, pigs, poultry.

Not suitable to be applied onto dogs and cats.

### HELPING YOUR MOULTING CHICKENS...

1. Switch to a higher protein food like Pullet Pellets or Meatbird Pellets. Feathers are made mostly from protein so they require more in their diet to help regrow them.
2. Continue giving them free choice calcium in the form of shell grit, even if they stop laying. Calcium is required in the diet to keep them functioning well.
3. Give high protein snacks like sunflower seeds, mealworms, peas and grains.
4. Limit stress - Avoid making any big changes during this time, such as introducing new members to the flock or remodeling the coop.
5. Handle them as little as possible. Growing feathers is uncomfortable so your chickens will no really appreciate being picked up and cuddled at this time.

### TIME FOR AUTUMN WORMING OF YOUR ANIMALS??

We have a good range of drenches and wormers for Horses, Cattle, Sheep, Poultry and Dogs.

**Prepare your flower beds** for winter planting by adding Daltons Compost, Daltons Landscape Pellets and Nitrophoska Fertiliser.

**In the Vege garden**, prepare the soil for your winter veges with Daltons Compost and Daltons Landscape Pellets or Kinpack Powdered Sheep Manure.

If you have chosen to give your vege patch a rest over winter, now is the time to sow your Cover crop. Use Lupins, Mustard, Black Oats, Barley or a mixture of them all to improve Soil quality for next spring.

**Feed your Citrus Trees with Kiwi Seed Citrus Fertiliser.**

Give your seedlings the best start by protecting them with Blitzem or NoPest Sluggoff Lentils. Soak the roots in Maxicrop before planting out for strong, healthy plants.

March is the perfect time for sowing your new lawn or repairing your old one. See our friendly staff for all of your grass seed requirements, lawn soil and fertiliser.

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## GRASS GRUB

Infesting lawn or pasture, the grass grubs feed on the roots causing small yellow or dead patches to appear. A close examination of these patches should reveal small tunnel entrances (3-5mm). The Grass Grub are usually found at a depth of approximately 15cm, making them somewhat difficult to control.

If you see black birds or other birds pecking at you lawn, it is a sure sign that there is active Grass Grubs.

Applications of Neem Granules during August-October and April-May can help with prevention.

Neem is especially good for combating grass grub. Sprinkle granules over a recently mown lawn at the rate of 50-100 grams per square meter, ensuring that the areas where damage has occurred are especially treated as the adult females lay their eggs back from where they emerged. Water the product in well.

Neem Granules are available in store in 1kg, 5kg and 20kg bags



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## Health from the inside out - seahorse supplements Maxia Digest

Maxia Digest benefits the horse from 3 key aspects:

- Targeting buffering of the sensitive stomach mucosa with Maxia complete.
- Pre and probiotics to support healthy populations of good bacteria in both the fore and hind gut.
- Specific amino acids to support the overall immune system with Vitamin C for cellular repair.



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