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## NEWSLETTER

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**Autumn** is a busy time of year. We at Kiwi Seed stretch our resources to the limit in order to cope, but it happened this way last year and it will be the same next year. The harvest of seeds is almost complete, only soybeans, lucerne and red clover to go. We must have the longest period of harvest in any district. It starts with winter barley late December and finishes late April with red clover. Other areas clean up their harvest in less than 1 month.

**Non-Ryegrass pasture** seeds are selling well. The results from earlier plantings are proving their worth and repeat orders are coming through at a steady pace.

*Rain is ordered but not confirmed.*

*Bruce*

**Growing Vegetables in containers**  
 (suggested min depth of

|          |      |          |      |                |      |                |      |
|----------|------|----------|------|----------------|------|----------------|------|
| Cabbage  | 25cm | Cress    | 10cm | Lettuce        | 25cm | Rocket         | 30cm |
| Capsicum | 40cm | Cucumber | 40cm | Onion (spring) | 20cm | Silver Beet    | 25cm |
| Carrot   | 25cm | Eggplant | 40cm | Pumpkin        | 30cm | Tomato (small) | 30cm |
| Chilli   | 25cm | Herbs    | 20cm | Radish         | 20cm | Zucchini       | 40cm |



**NRM**  
**Peck N Lay**  
 Loyalty card will  
 finish on 30th June  
 2010



**READY... STEADY...  
 PLANT!!**

It's that time of year again, sowing in green crops to get ready for your seedlings..  
 Yes that's right, it's also time to start your seed trays!

- Cabbages
- Iceburg lettuce
- Rhubarb
- Cauliflowers
- Mesculin
- Lettuces
- Spinach
- Carrots
- Sweet corn
- Parsnips
- Beetroot

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## Tasks for March

- Start a new compost heap, but DO NOT use diseased material.,
- Plant spring-flowering bulbs now.
- Start preparing new beds for veggies and berries.
- Re-sow or plant new lawns and sow over patches.
- Start planting green feed crops e.g. Mustard, oats, barley.
- Plant broad beans, beetroot, broccoli, peas now.
- Plant new fruit trees.
- Fertilize lawns and new trees.



### Nutrient requirements for the dog

**Protein** - Maintain muscle mass, tissue (skin, blood, hair coat) and metabolic regulators (hormones), supply essential amino acids (dogs require 10), provide energy

**Fat** - Provide energy, carrier for fat soluble vitamins (A, D, E, K), source of essential (polyunsaturated) fatty acid (linoleic acid)

**Carbohydrate** - Provide energy, source of fibre for stool formation



**Minerals** - Calcium and phosphorus for bones and teeth, sodium, potassium and magnesium for electrolyte balance, trace minerals (iron, copper, zinc, manganese, iodine, selenium), to catalyse metabolic reactions

**Vitamins** - Fat Soluble - Vit A or carotene for vision, Vit D for bone formation, Vit E for reproduction, antioxidant for polyunsaturates,

Water Soluble - B group (B1, B2, B3, B5, B6, B12), Choline, Biotin, Folic acid for energy regulation

**Water** - Medium for biochemical reactions, regulate body temperature, facilitate digestion



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LOOK..**

## Poultry Tips

**Poultry housing** It is extremely important that poultry housing provides protection against the rain and direct sun-light, and that it is free from draughts, well ventilated to prevent ammonia and spread of disease. Allow approximately 3 birds per square metre. The average hen also needs approximately 250mm perch space. The perch needs to be at a comfortable jumping height approximately 600mm.

**Perches** Hens have a natural tendency to perch. Without perches they will perch on anything available including nests, feeders and if not too high, the top of the fence. At night, and without perches, the birds will crowd into a corner of the hen house and soon a hard cake of manure will form. If the hens' claws and feathers get dirty and caked with droppings, the dirt will be transferred to the nest and subsequently to any eggs. By providing perches for roosting, you eliminate crowding, your hens will be less 'flighty' and your eggs will be much cleaner.

**Nests** Nests need to be clean, comfortable and fairly dark to ensure seclusion from the rest of the hen house. Provide one nest box (30cm wide x 35cm deep x 32cm height) per maximum of 5 birds. Nesting material can be of straw, wood shavings or bracken (which tend to repel parasites from infecting the nest), and should be at least 100mm deep. Shallow nests cause fighting and encourage feather pecking and cannibalisation. It is important that the nest be kept clean so as not to soil the eggs. Never let hens sleep in the nests at night as most bird's droppings are passed at this time resulting in the nests becoming caked with manure. To prevent this, it may be necessary to close off the nest in the evening and then reopen them when they are asleep for the night. After a week or two the birds will have formed their own roosting habits and not seek the nests at night. Eggs should be collected twice a day to ensure freshness, cleaner eggs and minimise the opportunity for egg eating.

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