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## NEWSLETTER

**August 2018**

### Farm animals and winter chill

Another month of challenging times lies ahead for animals exposed to the elements out on farms. Animals can be stressed by extreme cold weather conditions.

AgResearch's Animal Welfare Science Team Leader Jim Webster ensures animals are able to adjust with physiological adaption such as thickening their skin, coats and drawing on their fat reserves.

No need to feel guilty, while having a hot cup of tea yourself inside.

Farm animals can generally cope well in cold weather as long as they are in good condition, healthy and well fed. So make sure your animals are heading into the cold part of the year in good condition and monitor weak, old and young (baby) animals on a regular basis.

Other things you can do to help your animals are providing extra quality feed, clean water and shelters which are dry and warm for them to rest there legs.



On the below website you can find a pattern for a knitted jumper for your feathered friends. Make the most of your time in front of the fireplace and get creative. Spring too has got frosty mornings. We would love to see your versions.

<http://calmlycreative.blogspot.co.nz/2012/11/well-dressed-chickens.html>

### Seed Potatoes available in store now

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Seasons come and go.  
 Spring is almost here, so start planning your lawn.

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And **Lawn Fertiliser** available in store



*More new arrivals are due this month*

*Anlamb, Ancalf and  
 NRM Calf milk replacer,  
 bottles and teats*

*Summit Magnesium salt blocks*

*Blocks are made with extra Magnesium and are used pre and during calving to prevent milk fever.*

## Out in the garden

August



- \* Prepare the garden for Spring planting by digging in good amounts of compost.
- \* Sow seeds in trays, ready for transplanting later.
- \* Start sprouting seed potatoes ready for sowing.
- \* Protect seedlings from slugs and snails.
- \* Fertilise and protect fruit trees with copper based sprays.
- \* Complete pruning and training your fruit trees, shrubs and roses.

Seed Raising Mix, Potting Mix,  
and Fibre Earth Garden Mix Plus  
are available in store



## Asparagus- Orders for crowns taken in August for September

### 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. White and green asparagus can be used inter-changeably in recipes.



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**Thank you from all at Kiwi Seed.**