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## NEWSLETTER

**September 2019**

First peach and plum blossoms are out putting on their show now. Spring is officially here.

This is the time to start feeding your lawns, camelias, rhododendron, citrus, roses and so on for healthy growth this coming season. It's also time to get your veggie seedlings going indoor, if you haven't already. Also we encourage you to start sowing our wildflower seed mix now. If you haven't got a fence line, sow in every corner not used for something else or around your fruit trees. This will help create habitat for beneficial insects and can help you control various garden pests.

Pick up some seed raising mix, a couple of seed packets and fertiliser of choice next time you are in our store.

“Why try to explain miracles to your kids when you can just have them plant a garden” Robert Brault.

### KIWI SEED LOYALTY CARD

Purchase a **25KG bag** of **KIWI SEED LAYERS MEAL** from us, we'll stamp your card, when you reach **10**, we'll give you a **FREE 25KG bag** of **KIWI SEED LAYERS MEAL** to say **THANK YOU FOR BEING A LOYAL CUSTOMER**



Is ham/ pork for Christmas a tradition in your family? It's time to start fattening the wee ones. **Kiwi Seed pig meal and pellets** are available at Kiwi Seed in 25 kg bags.

Our feed is formulated to offer ideal nutrition for your growing pigs, small and big. Small batches are made locally using natural, high quality ingredients from South Island NZ.

### Lamb Start Mix with Deccox® 6%

High quality nutritious, muesli– style starter lamb feed, suitable for young milk fed lambs from four days of age.

#### Key Benefits and Features

- A mix of highly palatable and digestible grains, fibre, molasses and pellets, which encourage dry matter intake to support rumen development.
- Early rumen development reduces the risk of feed intake checks at weaning and may reduce rearing costs.
- Contains essential vitamins, minerals, and trace elements needed for optimal growth and health.
- Made from selected quality ingredients including high quality protein for growth and vigour.
- Essential oils and flavour help to encourage early hard feed intake.
- Deccox® aids in the prevention of coccidiosis.



*Anlamb, Ancalf and NRM  
 Calf milk replacer, bottles and teats  
 Available in store.*





## Asparagus Crowns, available in store.

**Pacific purple** - totally purple, "super sweet", less fibre and more anti – oxidants than green varieties. Pacific purple is suited for traditional white production or for growing in black tunnel houses.



**Pacific endeavour** – early season, green variety with a slight purple blush

**Pacific challenger** - green variety with high tolerance to phytophthora, control the disease without the need for chemicals. Pacific Challenger is a high yielding variety with a longer bed life, less replacement plantings are required.

### How to set up and look after an asparagus patch?

Select a patch in your garden, keep in mind this will be there for a long time and you will need to be able to access the bed easily for weeding and harvesting.



Planting time starts from early October, when soil temperatures rise.

Plant crowns in well drained deep free sandy loam soil with plenty of organic compost and sheep pellets, about 45 cm apart with roots spread out in a star- like fashion.

Cover the crowns with 5 cm of loose soil to ensure a good start, add more soil in the following summer/ autumn.

Fertiliser: a high pH is preferable, add lime and phosphate fertiliser, if required prior to planting (depth below 15 cm).

Harvest starts normally after 2 years after planting, if crowns grow well in the first year and are 15 mm or bigger in diameter these can be harvested. The harvest season on average lasts 8 weeks till early December. Afterwards allow plants to run to fern. Remove ferns once they have completely died off and turned brown, cut off at ground level.

Apply more sheep pellets and mulch to add more organic matter and suppress weeds at the same time.

### What should you feed chicken when?

**Chick crumble** birth to 6 weeks of age

**Pullet grow meal or Pellets** 6 weeks to 20 weeks

**Layers Meal** 20 weeks onward

**Layers Pellets** 20 weeks onward

**Layers Pellets Extra** 20 weeks onward  
( Layers Pellets, grit, wheat, corn and peas)

**Meat bird crumble designed for**

Broilers, turkeys, ducks and gamebirds



### Potato Fertiliser and Seed Potatoes available in store now

Buy 1 or many

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

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