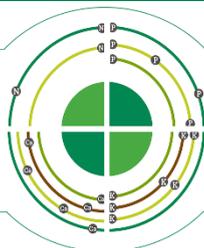


NMP Online User Update

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1. Important Note to all NMP Users: - **Clear your cache today!**

- CTRL+F5 for desktop or FN+F5 for laptops and if there is still issues do
- A full Clear Cache (delete browsing history all time)

2. DAFM Press Release 17th July 2024

In March/April this year, DAFM issued a letter to all farmers on the **Intended changes under the Interim Review of the Nitrates Action Programme** (see Appendix 1). In the body of this letter, the section on Reducing chemical nitrogen allowances had this text.

3. Reducing chemical nitrogen allowances

Subject to the Appropriate Assessment and the Strategic Environmental Assessment processes, including the public consultation, the maximum chemical nitrogen allowances for grassland will be reduced by at least 5% for those farmers with a grassland stocking rate greater than 170kg livestock manure N/ha. Farmers with a grassland stocking rate less than 85kg livestock manure N/ha will be subject to a new maximum chemical nitrogen allowance for grassland of 90kg N/ha/year.

This happened at a critical time for farmers buying fertiliser with the background of this being the first full calendar year of the National Fertiliser Database (NFD). It was decided by Teagasc to reduce the chemical fertiliser allowances in NMP online for farmers with a previous years GSR <85 kgs N/ha and >170 kgs N/ha as signalled by DAFM above.

From the 4th March the changes below were introduced to NMP online. The reduction of 5% to maximum grassland chemical N allowance were applied to NMP's with a previous years GSR <85 kgs N/ha and >170 kgs N/ha. No changes were made to the farms with a previous years GSR of 86 - 170 kgsN/ha. (GSR = Grassland Stocking Rate).

Following the Ministerial Press Release on the 17th July 2024 <https://www.gov.ie/en/press-release/bafba-minister-confirms-no-change-in-fertiliser-allowances-during-2024-and-urges-farmers-to-complete-fodder-budgets/> the Nitrogen allowances have been reinstated into NMP online as per SI 113 of 2022. Any NMP printed from 15:00 hrs on 18/07/2024 will have the updated allowances included in the NMP.

Previous years Grassland Stocking Rate (kg N/ha)	NMP Max Chemical N (kg/ha) from 04/03/2024 to 18/07/2024	NMP Max Chemical N (kg/ha) from 18/07/2024
≤85	90	114
86-130	114	114
131-170	185	185
171-210	240	254
>210	212	225

3. Hyperlink of soil samples from the Land Setup page

Users requested the ability to be able to view soil sample pop-up when in the Land Setup page without having to leave the Land Setup page. User can click on the Latest Soil Sample by clicking on the soil sample for that plot.

Name	Townland	Digitised Area (ha)	Plot Ref. Area (ha)	Mapped Area (ha)	Latest Soil Sample
1st Field out back	null	3.13	3.13	3.14	GBI/10-(12)(2023)
2nd Field out back	null	2.97	2.97	2.98	GCH/88-(3)(2019)
Back Lawn	null	2.87	2.87	2.88	SS1-2024(2024)
Behind Mill 1	null	1.50	1.38	1.49	
Clogfactory	null	2.26	2.26	2.26	49835(2022)
Costello's	null	3.39	3.39	3.39	GBI/11-(12)(2023)

This will then open the soil sample pop-up below, and the user can edit the soil sample details and save them

This will be very useful for users to view plots that interact with the high >20%OM layer or if they wish to edit the Soil Texture from clay to peat or peat to clay.

4. Improvements to the Home Screen for users

The home screen has been improved to allow users to search for clients quicker and under agency clients

Name	Herd Number	Address	County	Mobile	Client Number
ACHQ	Test003	Air Corps Contracts Section, Casement Aerodrome, Baldonnel, Co. Dublin.	Dublin	null	000288582
Gortnamuc Pigs Ltd	null	Kilcormac, Co Offaly, ...	Offaly	null	000085410

There are a number of improved features for users:

- The search function is now replaced by the ability to search under name, Herd Number, address....., which will help users search quicker.

A horizontal search bar with three input fields: 'Name', 'Herd Number', and 'Address'. Each field has a small upward-pointing arrow on its right side.

- My Clients is now labelled *Plans by "Agent Name"*. This is a set of clients that you have created plans for
- Users can clear all these filters by selecting the Reset Table Searches button

A green button labeled 'Reset Table Searches' is positioned above a search input field labeled 'Client Number'.

- The home page can now be displayed in rows of 10, 25, 50 or 100 clients by using this dropdown below. This will reset to 10 rows each time the user returns to the Home page.

The 'Clients' section includes a dropdown menu for 'Plans by Tim Hyde' and 'All Plan Types'. Below these is a 'Show 10 entries' dropdown menu, which is currently open, showing options for 10, 25, 50, and 100 entries. The text 'Showing 1 to 10 of 251 entries' is visible. Below the dropdown are search filters for Name, Herd Number, and Address.

5. Improvements to the Agency Owner admin section for "Clients"

See Screenshot below in NMP admin clients and this section which operates similar to the previous section with improved functionality around searching, more rows of data to view and Reset Table Searches. This will help NMP admin users search for clients quicker in NMP admin.

The 'Clients' table displays a list of client records with columns for NMP Client ID, Name, HerdNumber, Address, County, Client Number, and Archived. A 'Reset Table Searches' button is located in the top right corner of the table area.

NMP Client ID	Name	HerdNumber	Address	County	Client Number	Archived
1	Test Client	M1031650	Home	Kildare	0	No
100000	Mary Finnerty	G2800993	Lairim Mills, Kylebrack, Loughrea, Co Galway.	null	000217031	No
100002	Paul O'Toole	G1470085	Coldwood, Craughwell, Co Galway.	null	000217569	No
100003	Martino Newcombe	G2874105	Blean, Athenny, Co. Galway. .	Galway	000217091	No
100004	John Horan	G2430508	Ohlbag, Laurenetown, Ballinasloe, .	null	000218720	No
100005	Tommy Kilgenny	G2430205	Kilgenny, Lawroestown	null	000217755	No

6. Improvements to the Farmer Plans Screen for Users

The farmer plans screen as shown below has been updated to remove columns related to GLAS and now includes two new columns for each individual NMP plan ID. The new columns are labelled *Last Report* and *Last Map*. This will capture the details on when the last report or map was created by an agent.

Year	Plan Id	Client Name	Agent Name	Plan Type	Last Report	Last Map
2023	337551	Test Client 1	Tim Hyde	0	18-07-2024 Tim Hyde Farmer Short	18-07-2024 Tim Hyde

In the versions section there are new columns to show the same data. This will help users check from the date of this Bulletin what clients have had reports or maps have been created after the date of this Bulletin.

Plan versions new

Search:

Year	Plan Id	Client Name	Agent Name	Agency Name	Last Report Date	Last Report By	Last Report Type	Last Map Date	Last Map By
2023	333226	Test Client 1	John Brophy	Teagasc					

This information will also appear on the admin report that are highlighted in NMP Bulletin 36 section 6 New Plans Report Functionality in Admin for Agency Owners

<https://www.teagasc.ie/media/website/environment/soil/NMP-Bulletin-36-3rd-July-2024.pdf>

Where reports and maps were created prior to the 3rd July 2024; these fields will appear as blank.

7. NMP Logo added to NMP

Users will now see the NMP Logon on all screens in the top banner.



Appendix 1 – DAFM Letter to Farmers

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March-April 2024

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Address 3
Address 4
Postal Code

Re Intended changes under the Interim Review of the Nitrates Action Programme

Dear Herdowner,

The purpose of this letter is to provide information to farmers about measures to be included in the interim review of the Nitrates Action Programme. This review is being conducted by the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage and the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine and is a requirement of our current Action Programme covering the period 2022 to end of 2025. This will result in further proposals to protect water quality and help to build a case for the renewal of the Nitrates Derogation in 2026.

The review process must be subject to detailed environmental assessments and a public consultation before any of these proposals can be adopted. This process will take place over the coming months and will determine the final changes to the Action Programme. A full list of all the proposed measures will be available in due course at www.gov.ie/nitrates

In the meantime, farmers should be aware of the following adjustments, which, if adopted following environmental assessment, are intended to apply for 2024:

1. Calves and cattle aged up to two years;

At present under the Nitrates Regulations, a bovine aged 0-1 years is considered to excrete 24kg of nitrogen (N) in the year. Teagasc research shows the young calf has a much lower excretion rate than the older animal. As a result, it is proposed that the 0-1 year old bovine's nutrient excretion rate will be split into two sub-categories with 1kg being excreted over the period when the animal is aged 0-3 months and 20kg being excreted over the period when the animal is aged 4-12 months.

Teagasc research also shows the excretion rate for cattle aged 1-2 years should be amended from the current value of 57kg N/year, to 55kg N/year in respect of Females and 61kg N/year in respect of Males to reflect the most recent scientific data.

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Subject to the Appropriate Assessment and the Strategic Environmental Assessment processes, including the public consultation, it is proposed that the excretion rates outlined above will be used at year end to calculate each holding's stocking rate for 2024.

2. Managing crude protein in concentrates fed to dairy cows

Teagasc research shows the dairy cow's nutrient excretion rate can be reduced through a reduction in the level of crude protein in concentrate feed.

Dairy farmers who declare their 2024 nutrient excretion rate band through ICBF, have the option to declare their intention to feed lower crude protein concentrates to their cows in 2024. The ICBF portal is now open for farmers to confirm their nutrient excretion rate band for 2024. The portal shows the reduction in the excretion rate that can be achieved by reducing the crude protein in concentrates fed to your cows. Subject to the Appropriate Assessment and the Strategic Environmental Assessment processes, including the public consultation, the intention is to recognise those farmers who opt to feed lower crude protein concentrates by using the respective lower excretion rate to calculate their holding's stocking rate for 2024 at year end.

Further detail regarding this option is available on www.gov.ie/nitrates

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The Appropriate Assessment may identify some additional areas where the maximum derogation stocking rate will have to drop from the current maximum of 250 kg livestock manure N/ha. Any land impacted by that process will not have to move to a lower threshold until January 2025. The Department will communicate in due course when the outcome of that process is finalised.

Finally, with effect from the 15th of June 2024, livestock manure movements between holdings must be declared to the Department by the exporter within 4 days of the movement taking place. Livestock manure movements that take place in 2024 prior to the 15th of June must be recorded by the exporter or their agent on www.agfood.ie before the 15th of June.



Livestock manure movements between holdings in the period January-June 2024 must be verified by the importer no later than 14th July 2024. Livestock manure movements between holdings in the period July-December 2024 must be verified by the importer no later than 14th January 2025.

Improving water quality is vital to ensure a sustainable future for Irish agriculture. The Department recognises that recent changes under the Nitrates Action Programme and with regard to the Nitrates Derogation represent significant changes for some farmers. The Department appreciates the efforts that all farmers are making to protect and improve water quality.

Yours sincerely,

Edward Massey,
Head of Water & Air Quality Division