

## **Key Technical Messages June 2018**

- Continue to spread 1 unit N per acre/day of rotation on grazing ground. **THERE IS NO RISK WITH USING CAN IN DRY CONDITIONS.**
- Where there is a green drought, continue to hold the rotation length at 20-25 days. On dairy farms use meals to fill the gap up to 3-4kg. Thereafter, use baled silage if the situation worsens. Drinking water supply is very important in dry conditions. Animals show signs of dehydration within 24 hours of not having access to water.
- If not already done, spread fertiliser on 2<sup>nd</sup> cut silage ground. Apply up to 80 units N plus 10-15 units of sulphur. Get slurry out after 1st cut. Slurry is the equivalent 6-5-30.
- When removing surplus bales, it is important that potassium (K) is replaced. If removing 3 bales of silage per acre, use 1 bag of 20 0 15 to replace the K.
- If there is an opportunity, apply lime to grazing ground to increase the pH of acid soils.
- Do a fodder budget now to establish the deficit for next winter. The earlier the gap is identified, the greater the options available to fill the gap.

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