



## Maximise Straw potential with Molasses!

With fodder stocks forecast to be tight on many farms this winter, feeding straw to supplement grass silage is something that farmers should look at, especially in the case of dry cow diets and in intensive finishing systems. The recent dry spell has ensured that most straw has been saved in excellent conditions.

The addition of straw to the dry cow diet will enable silage supplies to be stretched while also maintaining cow body condition. This will allow scarce silage to be fed to higher priority stock such as growing cattle and lactating cows. Where significant levels of straw are being fed, feeding a molasses liquid will help improve palatability and ensure intake of the straw portion of the diet. Up to 50% of the silage requirements can be replaced with molasses liquids and straw. A good quality dry cow mineral should also be fed from the time of drying-off.

The high palatability of molasses feeds makes them ideal supplements to lower quality forages (hay, straw, silages etc.), by increasing intakes and enhancing their nutritive value. Liquid feeds are the ultimate complement to total mixed ration (TMR) diets; as well as supplying energy and protein to the diet itself, liquid feeds unique physical characteristics facilitate in binding the TMR and distributing nutrients evenly to ensure safe and uniform intake by animals.

Premier Molasses ingredients consist of sugar cane molasses (energy), condensed molasses solubles (protein), whey concentrate (energy) and glycerine (energy). Using our blending facilities, we are able to offer high quality blends of these ingredients, providing flexible energy and protein levels and handling characteristics to meet each farms needs.

The Premier Molasses range of liquid feeds is suitable for all types of stock - dairy cows, beef cattle, sheep, pigs and horses - there is a product that will meet each farm's individual needs.

### Feeding Directions

Molasses liquids should be made available to livestock at the following rates:

Lactating cow: 1-4 kg/hd/day (up to 20% of diet DM)

Dry cow: 1-1.5 kg/hd/day

Adult beef cattle: 1-3 kg/hd/day

Weanlings: 0.5-1 kg/hd/day

Ewes: 0.2-0.5 kg/hd/day