

Summer Dry Nuts

Suitable for cattle, sheep and deer

NRM Summer Dry Nuts are designed to supplement pasture, especially when mature or stressed by a lack of water. NRM feeds are part of our quality assurance programme and are quality tested to meet their stated specifications.

Key Benefits and Features

- Contain quality ingredients in a 10mm nut to ensure optimum utilisation and reduced wastage.
- Are formulated to 15% protein to help complement the low protein of standing hay or lower quality conserved forages.
- Include sources of fermentable fibre to provide rumen digestible energy in a form that allows higher feeding rates (often required during drought conditions), when compared to traditional grain based sheep nuts when compared to high grain compound feeds. Please note that some long forage still needs to be included in the diet to stimulate rumination.
- Include molasses for increased palatability.
- Contain a wide range of essential minerals and trace elements for flock health and production, including vitamins A, D and E and trace elements such as zinc, selenium, iodine, cobalt and manganese.
- Supplementary feeding may also help support the immune response to internal and external parasites which place additional burden on stock during drought.
- Are available in 20kg bags, bulk bags or in bulk.

Typical analysis (approximate on an DM basis)

Energy	11.5 MJ ME/kg DM
Crude Protein	15%
NDF	40%

The Metabolisable Energy (ME) values are calculated by a registered laboratory from an equation and are not an actual measured value. Therefore they are only a guide for predicting the energy content of a feed.

NRM Summer Dry Nuts have been formulated primarily for a feed pinch situation when pasture supply fails to meet the requirements of animals as demonstrated in the table below, which can be used in conjunction with condition score:

Minimum pasture length and dry matter intake for sheep throughout the year

	PASTURE LENGTH (cm)	PASTURE DM	FEED INTAKE (kg/DM/day)	PRODUCTION LEVEL
Mid-pregnancy	1-2	400-500	1.0	Maintenance
6 weeks pre-lamb	2-3	600-800	1.3	60-80g/day
Ewes and lambs	4-5	1,400-1,600	1.8	180-200g/day (lambs)
Summer	1-2	900-1,000	1.0	Maintenance
Mating	2-3	1,200-1,400	1.4	120-150g/day

Taken from Beef and Lamb New Zealand - pasture length is the primary way to control body condition score.



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Feeding Recommendation

Typically fed to sheep at 250g/head/day but can be fed at up to 500g if necessary (excluding Texel or Texel crosses which should be limited to 250g/head/day due to increased susceptibility to copper toxicity). Transition onto NRM Summer Dry Nuts by ideally starting at 50g/sheep/day for a week before building to the desired level over the following 1 to 2 weeks.

If cattle are not currently eating a grain-based feed introduce at 0.5kg/head/day and gradually increase as required typically up to 2kg/head/day for calves and 3kg/head/day for yearlings and cows. Feed up to 2kg/head/day to deer.

Optimum feeding rates depend on pasture availability and quality relative to the condition and performance of the class of stock being fed. Introduce at low levels and increase gradually to prevent gorging by dominant individuals. Make sure all animals have access to nuts, adequate long forage and clean drinking water. Continuing to feed after a drought has been broken may be worthwhile to aid pasture recovery. To discuss the optimum feeding levels and diet for your flock, please call the NRM Nutrition Specialist team on 0800 800 380.

Ingredients selected from

Grains, grain by-products, oilseed meals, grass seed meal, legumes, molasses, minerals, trace elements, PKE, vitamins and vegetable oil.

Storage

Please ensure product is stored in a cool, dry and vermin free environment.

Caution: Do not feed to any animal species other than those stipulated on the label.

