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Farmers urged to prime pasture for maximum growth with sulphur

Farmers are being urged to apply elemental sulphur now to ensure their pasture is primed for spring – the most active growth phase in the yearly cycle.

Ballance Agri-Nutrients Head of Agro-Sciences Warwick Catto says that adding sulphur in the lead up to winter will ensure that there are sufficient levels in the soil at spring time.

“Elemental sulphur is vital for legume growth and will greatly enhance overall pasture performance. It’s not subject to leaching during the wetter winter months but will instead stay in the soil until spring when the soil temperature rises and the sulphur is broken down into a form that can be readily used by the plants when it is most needed. Even better it is one of the cheapest nutrients on the market.”

East Coast Sales Manager Matthew Hood recommends that East Coast farmers consider using a product containing elemental sulphur such as Ballance’s Sulphur Gain range. Sulphur Gain ensures that farmers receive the dual benefits of additional sulphur and some elemental sulphur. This is particularly important given that East Coast soil is traditionally sulphur deficient.

“For this autumn application we would recommend farmers consider using Ballance’s Sulphur Gain 15 or 20 because they combine the benefits of both elemental and sulphate sulphur (slow and quick release sulphur forms) with Ballance’s superior phosphate content. Where nitrogen is required farmers should consider either separate and targeted applications of urea or a tailored Ballance special mix to meet their nutrient requirements.”

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