

# 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<sub>3</sub> 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.

### THE PROBLEM WITH WATER-DEPRIVED PASTURE

In the absence of irrigation, continued hot, dry weather reduces the growth rate of pasture which can lead to a feed pinch if stock levels can't be reduced quickly enough. Pasture suffering from water stress also struggles to photosynthesise and will eventually use protein reserves for energy as the plants struggle to survive. When supplementing dry grazing or low protein conserved forages like hay, delivering both energy and protein can help with overall feed utilisation. Retaining body condition can be especially crucial when key times like mating are approaching.



CRUDE PROTEIN



BALANCED



VERSATILE

### FEEDING RECOMMENDATIONS

**Sheep:** 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.

**Cattle:** 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.

**Deer:** 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 always reachable, clean fresh drinking water. NRM Summer Dry Nuts are suitable for feeding to non-lactating and lactating sheep, cattle or deer.

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.

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 body condition score.



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## TYPICAL ANALYSIS APPROXIMATE ON A DRY MATTER BASIS

Metabolisable Energy* MJ ME/kg	11.5
Crude Protein %	15
NFD %	40

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

Variations in nutritional values may occur due to natural variability in feed ingredients. Our FeedSafe NZ certified sites have well developed systems to minimise any variation from the typical levels shown.

## INGREDIENTS SELECTED FROM

Grains, grain by-products, oilseed meals, grass seed meal, legumes, molasses, minerals, trace elements, PKE, vitamins and vegetable oil. Product may contain or be sourced from genetically modified source crops. This product does not contain any Restricted Animal Material.

## STORAGE

Store in a cool, dry and vermin free environment out of direct sunlight.

## RECYCLE ME

NRM bags with the Recycle Me logo use 25% less plastic per bag compared to previous versions, giving them a lower carbon footprint and enable their recyclability through Agrecovery. NRM bags are made from woven polypropylene.

Scan the QR code below for more information.

**DO NOT FEED TO ANY ANIMAL SPECIES OTHER THAN THOSE STIPULATED ON THE LABEL.**

## 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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