

# Agri Matters



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Spring 2018 will not be easily forgotten by those involved in farming between snow showers; poor grass growth; depleted silage reserves and lower than average livestock performance.

Thankfully things have settled down since and the last few weeks' weather has given a welcome respite and opportunity to get back on track. Grass growth has been exceptional (although impacted by soil moisture deficits in many parts in recent weeks), and first-cut silage crops are performing better than expected in many parts.

In this edition of Agri Matters we look at the potential agri market dynamics and Brexit processes to come, with practical articles on rebuilding fodder and cash reserves.

I hope you find this edition of Agri Matters of interest, and from all on the AIB Agri team, safe farming.



### Brexit Lines drawn in Brexit trade talks

Undoubtedly, Brexit is one of the biggest challenges facing the Irish Agri-Food sector. In this article the AIB Treasury Unit provide an overview of progress made to date and what can be expected in the months ahead. For the full article [click here](#)

### 2018 – A difficult start but signs of improvement

The agri sector experienced mixed fortunes in 2017. In this article Tadhg Buckley, AIB Head of Agriculture gives a review and outlook to year end, where again a similar story unfolds. For the full article [click here](#)



### Maximising yield of quality grass silage for 2018

With fodder shortages a common occurrence across the country this Spring, there's a big focus on replenishing reserves for the winter ahead. Martina Gormley, Teagasc shares some practical solutions on making this a reality. For the full article [click here](#)

### Teagasc Fodder Survey

Teagasc are co-ordinating a short Fodder Survey to see where we stand nationally re winter fodder reserves. To complete please [click here](#)



### Winter '17 / Spring '18 – Exceptional, Challenging and Recovery

Eamonn O'Reilly, AIB Agri Advisor examines the financial impact of Spring 2018 and offers words of advice to those experiencing / anticipating cash flow pressure as a result. For the full article [click here](#)

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