

# Advance Agriculture Newsletter

Spring 2024

## SPRING UPDATE

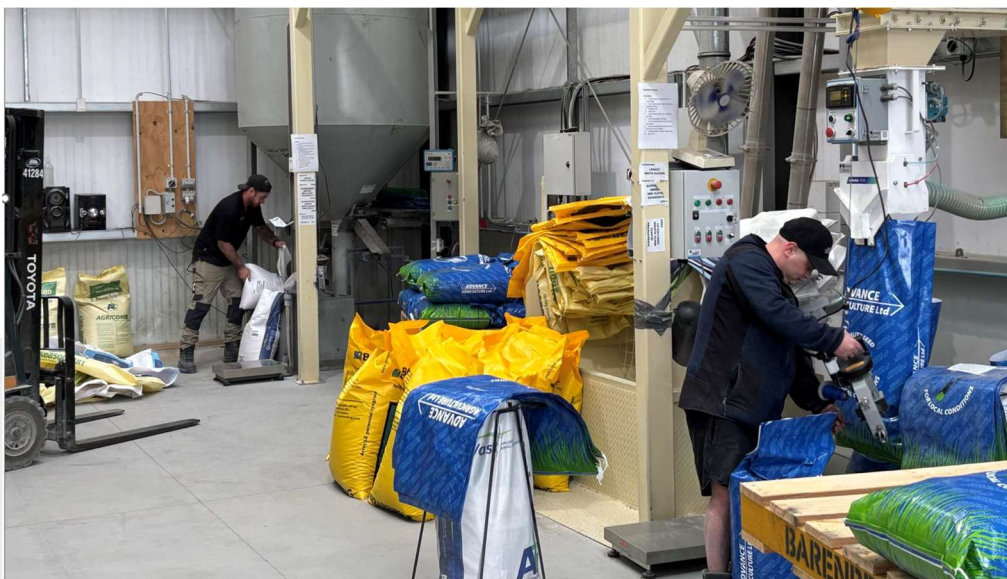
While this Spring has been one of the most challenging starts to a season, in many areas the challenge continues, while in other areas the ground is drying out and soil temperatures are increasing. Areas have been impacted differently over the last couple of months and it is important to discuss the effect with your technical field rep. The good news is there is still plenty of time to catch up on sowing and there are a range of options / tools that can be used to create feed where needed. The decision can be worked through together as there are many options that can create feed in a short period of time. The key factors to sowing

are soil temperature and ground preparation rather than sowing date. We are also conscious that there will be massive pressure on contractors as their window of work has been significantly reduced. Working together will be key for everyone's stress levels. Our 3 seed mixers are working hard to get mixes turned around and on farm in a timely manner. Our team are into the swing of it and know that crop emergence will likely happen in a condensed fashion. Make sure you are also actively looking at your crops so collectively we can grow great feed.

## SUPPORT



While the adverse weather has significantly impacted you all, it has been pleasing to see everyone coming together to support each other. It is fantastic to see that some of our farmers have managed to get off farm to an event, the local pub or to the neighbours but we know others prefer to keep your head down to get the work done. Or in some cases have no option but to do this. Lean on your technical field rep where you need to for some advice or a vent.



GREEN FOR GOOD

Join us in raising \$50,000 for the Southland Rural Support Trust.

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## SLUGS – DO YOU KNOW THE LITTLE BUGGERS HAVEN'T DROWNED!

This season we are already seeing a higher population of slugs. With moist soils and moderate temperatures slugs can rapidly multiply and cause severe seedling loss in establishing pasture and crops. Be extra vigilant when direct-drilling where surface trash is present. Applying slug-bait at drilling is highly recommended.

## MAKE LIFE EASIER

Having your own spray equipment can give you the flexibility you need on farm. We have a range of spray equipment from ATV and tow-behind sprayers through to large 3 point linkage and trailing options. We also have a full range of parts at our three branches and a supporting workshop in Gore to keep your gear going. Spending hours behind the wheel of a tractor with Agleader auto-steer it makes the job easier, more accurate and more efficient due to no overlapping. We also have various automatic control options across implement and tractor manufactures.



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