



THE NATIONAL FERTILISER DATABASE IS NOW LIVE AND OPEN FOR REGISTRATION.

The database has been developed with the aim of recording fertiliser sales along the supply chain and achieving better compliance with water quality and environmental ambitions. The register aims to provide accurate and up-to-date information about the type, quantity, and timing of fertilizer application on individual farms. This information is then utilized to monitor and manage nutrient usage, evaluate environmental impact, and promote more sustainable agricultural practices.

From September 1, anyone wishing to sell or purchase fertiliser, including lime, must be registered. Registration can be done using agfood.ie. Farmers must register as professional fertiliser end users, while importers and merchants must register as fertiliser economic operators. A farmer's herd number will be used as their unique operating number, with all purchases traced back to it. The date of dispatch of the fertiliser will be recorded by the merchant.

From September 1st, all fertiliser transactions along the supply chain must be recorded. This includes fertiliser dispatched from merchants' premises to farms, moving from farm to farm, or imported. The database will be used as part of a farmer inspection process and penalties can be based on intent, impact, and severity of breaches of the legislation. Farmers' purchase information will also be used to achieve a reduction in fertiliser usage.

Farmers must upload closing stocks on their farm on 14th September by the deadline of 15th October, with merchants also having to submit closing stocks by the same date.

Know Your Dates

It is important to be aware of the key dates in relation to the register to ensure compliance with the requirements of the register going forward.

KEY DATE	NOTE
<i>Since 24th July 2023- Farmer</i>	Registration has now opened through www.agfood.ie
<i>1st September 2023- Bandon Co-op</i>	All fertilizer data is required to be recorded from September 1 st by Bandon Co-op for the purpose of reporting.
<i>15th September 2023-14th October 2023-Farmer</i>	Declaration of closing stocks opens on the 15 th of Sept. As a farmer you have until 23:59 on the 14 th of October 2023 to confirm your closing stocks. If you have no stock, you are still required to declare an opening stock of nil.
<i>15th December 2023 and monthly thereafter Bandon Co-op</i>	September- November sales data must be submitted by Bandon Co-op to DAFM by December 15 th . Bandon Co-op are required to transfer the previous month's sales data to DAFM each month thereafter. e.g. March purchases need to be submitted by 15 th of April.