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Pesky Pests

Watch Out for Rats and Mice

As it becomes colder, any rodents who were vacationing outside will want to move into your barns and sheds.

Start to watch for droppings, gnawing marks, in the walls and other signs. Make sure you keep all grain and feed bins covered and sealed.

You could have one or more of these:

Norway Rat: A large, aggressive animal with droppings 19 mm by 6 mm. Usually found down low as it is a burrowing rat.



Roof Rat: Smaller than the Norway Rat, this animal will spend a lot of time traveling around roof joists and up through the walls. The droppings are distinctively smaller.



House Mouse: It will be found just about anywhere. Droppings are small, about 3 mm.



Rodenticides Available from TerraLink:

Ratak (brodifacoum)	PlacePak 8X50g	Weatherblock 40 X 20g
Terminator (bromethalin)	PlacePak 12X14g	Weatherblock 25 X 28g
Hombre (difethialone)	Pellets 10kg	Weatherblock 5kg
Pellets (zinc phosphide)	-	Bulk Pellets 20kg

Along with rodenticides, we carry rat and mice Bait Stations, as well as traps:



Good Info

Did you know ...

According to BC Law all manure piles MUST be covered from October 1st to April 1st, in areas that receive above 600mm of rain during the winter months (i.e. the Fraser Valley and Vancouver Island.)



In Chilliwack

THE MANE EVENT!!!

TerraLink & Richardson Seed will be attending the annual Mane Event Horse Expo in Chilliwack October 23rd – 25th. Come in for information on pasture management, forage seed, fertilizers and pest/weed control, as well as some awesome product discounts only available at the show!

Fall Control of Blackberry

Blackberry Control

The highly invasive blackberry bush (or brambles) can be difficult to completely remove. Best results are obtained with the herbicide glyphosate (RoundUp, Credit, etc.) applied in the fall when the canes are actively moving nutrients into the roots for winter storage. Glyphosate is sprayed directly on the leaves and canes, is taken up and translocated through the tissue down into the root system. Tips such as painting glyphosate onto the leaves and canes for better contact, or scoring the surface of the canes with a knife may increase the chance of success

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with a single application. The glyphosate label should be referred to for application rates and care must be taken to avoid damage to nearby desirable plants. If non-chemical control is preferred, repeated cutting and mowing will eventually stop new growth. Removal of the crowns and larger roots will speed up the process, as well as ensuring the newly blackberry-free space is replanted with suitable materials (forage, nursery materials, etc.) In a pasture, goats are capable of grazing on blackberries at a rate to prevent further spread, a method commonly used in Australia and New Zealand. Although a difficult process, with persistence blackberry thickets can be eradicated using either chemical or non-chemical control methods.



Let's Celebrate!

Roddicks Feed & Farm Supply's "Oktoberfest"

On Saturday, October 3rd, the local riding club will be serving Brats & Beer (Rootbeer), while we will have suppliers giving info on their products, lots of great deals in the store and great new products for winter. Come in check it out.

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The Right Time

Fall Cover Crops

Do you have bare fields this fall? Waiting until spring to seed your pasture?

How you care for your land this fall will play a large role in determining the quality of your crop next year. Cover crops are one of the best ways to prepare your fields for future pastures.

There are many benefits of cover cropping; these are just a few:

Weed Control

Cover crops can greatly decrease the amount of weeds in spring by crowding out the undesirable plants as they compete for light, nutrients, moisture and space.

Soil Conservation

One of the most common reasons land owners plant cover crops is to provide protection for the soil from erosion by wind and rain. Preventing the loss of topsoil is crucial for future pastures.

Improved Soil Quality

Cover crops increase soil organic matter, replacing much of what is lost during crop production. This results in improved soil structure. Soil organic matter is also one of the main components of the soil that holds onto plant nutrients. Future grasses in your pasture will survive drought and stress better with the improved soil conditions.

There are several types of cover crop seed available, contact us to find out which type would be suitable for you.



Get Smart

Soil Test, Anyone?

Thinking about fertilizing this fall? Before you do, consider doing a soil test to maximize your investment in fertilizer.

Soil tests provide the basis for your nutrient input. Normally, a basic test is sufficient, providing soil levels of the major and secondary nutrients. Every few years a detailed test should also be done to check micronutrient levels. From an economic point of view, it makes sense to test. For example, a test costing \$ 35 for a 30-acre-field is an input of only \$ 1.17 per acre. You now have the advantage of having your soil tested right at our location in Abbotsford. The Plant Science Lab has been providing lab services for soil, water and tissue testing for the agriculture, greenhouse and turf industries. Call the sales desk or your sales representative for information on soil testing before fertilizing.

