

NEWS

# NI's Gortavoy Feeds continues to expand

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Northern Ireland has the most concentrated feed milling industry in Europe.

Indeed over 2.5m tonnes of animal feed are produced there annually and around 150,000 tonnes are sold across the border.

This is a modern industry and feed millers continue to invest in new plant, equipment and logistics.

Gortavoy Feeds in Pomeroy, Co. Tyrone is a family business which was established in 1982. In 2015 they began a three year programme of investment in new plant and equipment at a cost of £3.5m. They do all their own transport – collection of feed ingredients and customer deliveries. They have 12 modern trucks on the road collecting feed ingredients and delivering cattle, dairy, poultry and sheep rations. These include Man, Volvo and Scania trucks with trailers ranging in size from 18, 22, 28 and 30 tonnes so they can cater for all delivery requirements.

According to their Managing Director, Joe Gilkinson: "The new investment has allowed us to double manu-



Pictured (left to right) are Katherine McGirr, Gortavoy Feeds, Fergal Sherry-McAree Engineering and Philip Gillespi, Gortavoy Feeds, Pomeroy

facturing capacity and to improve feed quality. We have also been able to extend the range of feed products manufactured and these now include poultry diets such as layers mash."

Late in 2022 they purchased six, 25 ton McAree Engineering split merchant silos to add to the existing V Mac Silos on site. Joe Gilkinson says: "The V-Mac silos we purchased are ideal for

our feed business. Easier to unload than other feed bins and our farmer customers can get away quicker. In addition the V-Mac silos are heavily galvanised and of very good quality."

According to V-Mac Sales Manager, Fergal Sherry, McAree Engineering have developed a reputation for quality, value, and customer service over the past 75 years. He says that over 15,000+ V-

Mac Silos have been installed to date across Britain and Ireland. "Every single silo is custom built to our customer's specific requirements and we have the widest range on the market."

"We use a unique rolled body strip of MagiZinc® in our V-Mac silo body construction which ensures a smooth inside wall helping excellent product flow and gives the feed silo super-

strength construction."

McAree Engineering together with Lvlogics will displaying the award winning Silo Feed monitoring technology at this year's Balmoral Show. Peter Richardson, Fergal Sherry, Noel Kiely, Barry and Eileen Finnegan look forward to meeting visitors to the McAree Engineering stand C38 where one can also enter a free raffle for a V-Mac Barrow worth £300.

## Normandy to invade Ireland

A friendly invasion of the foodie kind has been announced by the Normandy Tourist Board as this June Bank Holiday Weekend a 'Normandy Food Tour' will be arriving on the shores of Ireland and stopping off to create a French Food Festival in three locations with Norman heritage.

The Normandy Food Tour will bring the very best of Normandy's foods, drinks and music to St. Patrick's Park in Dublin on Saturday, June 3rd from noon to 7pm, to the historic Cathedral Square in Waterford on Sunday, June 4th from noon to 7pm and to the Quayside of New Ross town on bank holiday Monday, June 5th from 11 am to 6 pm.

Joining the food and drinks producers are the Normandy Tourist Board.

The Normandy Food Tour is a free-to-attend family-friendly event with live music, free cookery demos, tasting opportunities and more. See <https://en.normandie-tourisme.fr/normandy-food-tour/> for more details.



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### PEL Mains Fencers



PE415i

- 15 output joules (max)
- Fence up to 225 acres

Models Available:

**PE46000W** – 68 output joules (max)  
• Fence up to 640 acres

**PE31000W** – 45 output joules (max)  
• Fence up to 420 acres

**PE410** – 10 output joules (max)  
• Fence up to 150 acres

**PV100**  
• PEL Fault Finder

**PV18**  
• PEL Digital Voltmeter

### PEL 4 SERIES Unigizer Range



PE406/406i

- 6 output joules
- Fence up to 90 acres

Models Available:

**PE403**  
• 3 output joules  
• Fence up to 45 acres

**PE402**  
• 2 output joules  
• Fence up to 30 acres

**PE401**  
• 1 output joule  
• Fence up to 15 acres

### PEL 3 SERIES Mains Energizers



PE304

- Powers up to 30 km
- 3.0 J output energy

Models Available:

**PE303**  
• Powers up to 30 km  
• 3.0 J output energy

**PE302**  
• Powers up to 20 km  
• 2.0 J output energy

**PE301**  
• Powers up to 10 km  
• 1.0 J output energy

### PEL Solar Fencers

#### PE406S

- 6 output joules
- Fence up to 90 acres

Models Available:

**PE403S**  
• 3 output joules  
• Fence up to 45 acres

**PE402S**  
• 2 output joules  
• Fence up to 30 acres

**PE401S**  
• 1 output joule  
• Fence up to 15 acres

#### S150

- .15 output joules
- Power up to 2km

Models Available:

**S500**  
• .5 output joules  
• Power up to 5km

**S1000**  
• 1 output joules  
• Power up to 10km

### PEL Battery Fencers

#### PE104BV

- .33 output joules
- Power 4 km

Models Available:

**PE102BV**  
• .17 output joules  
• Power 2 km

#### PI45

Egg Insulator Black

#### PI85S

Strongest W Insulator

#### PI33/100

12mm OD Cut Insultube Heavy Duty

#### PA40

PEL Cut Out Switch

**EPB17**  
9/12 Volt Stripgrazers  
• .18 output joules  
• Powers 1.8 miles/3 km

**PA792**  
• Pel Speedo Wire 200m roll

**PA852/12**  
• Pel Enduro Polytape 200m roll

**EP43-L**  
• Long Pigtail Post (Spring Steel)