



Jones

Feed Mills Information update



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Beef Feed Options

With the increasing cost and tightening supply of grains, planning is required for the most effective feed use. Plan how you are going to use your forages and grains for backgrounding and fattening cattle this fall. Below is a general suggestion to help you utilize on-farm feedsuffs for maximum efficiency. In general, protein and fibre help the cattle grow, while energy fattens them.

Calves 500 – 1000lbs

- Feed lots of forage: start calves on higher protein and drier forages, such as first and second cut hay. As the calves grow, switch them to baleage and haylage, and increase the amount of corn silage being fed.
- Feed higher levels of barley and mixed grain to smaller calves and save corn to feed to bigger calves. Make sure your ration is balanced for energy requirements. There is no advantage to over-feeding grain at the growing stage

Fat Calves 1000lbs – market weight

- Reduce the amount of forage fed. Limit lower energy forages such as hay and haylage to a few pounds per head per day. Increase grain, since higher energy grains such as corn are better utilized in the fattening stage.

Purchased Feed Options

- If grain and forages are limited on your farm, consider using a beef grower pellet during the growth period. Grower pellets tend to be more economical during the fall and winter months, and booking options are available. Using a grower pellet will reduce the amount of grain needed during the winter, ensuring more on-farm grain is kept for the fat cattle.
- If grain is limited for the fat cattle, consider using micronized corn during the finishing stages. Micronized corn has increased feed efficiency, so there is more gain with less feed inputs.

If you have any questions, would like your beef rations balanced for the fall, or would like to book grower pellets, please contact either your sales representative or the mill.

Fall Receiving Feed Options

If you are receiving calves this fall, the Jones Stressfighter feeds will ensure your calves get off to a good start. Receiving calves should ideally start gaining weight shortly after arrival. If calves are slow to get on feed or are fed poor quality feeds they have a greater potential of becoming sick and stagnant. Feeding good quality hay and a feedlot starter will reduce stress and stimulate growth. Talk to your sales representative about the best starter for your operation. Jones also carries molasses lick tubs which will encourage eating.

Today's Fact:

The majority of cattle stand with their bodies in a north-south direction while grazing or resting on pasture.



Thanksgiving holiday:

Jones Feed Mills Ltd. will be closed on October 13 for the Thanksgiving holiday. Please keep this in mind and place your orders well in advance to make sure you have enough feed.



Upcoming Events

Sept. 9-11 Outdoor Farm Show

- Come visit Jones in the Swine and Poultry tent
- Woodstock. For details, visit <http://www.outdoorfarmshow.com>



Sept. 16-20 International Plowing Match

- Teeswater. For details, visit www.ipm2008.ca



Oct. 24-25 Ontario Sheep Annual General Meeting

- Held at the Victoria Park East Golf Course, rooms available at the Day's Inn in Guelph. For details, visit <http://www.ontariosheep.org>



Oct. 31 – Nov. 2 North American Beef Congress

- Held at the Western Fair Grounds, London. For details, visit <http://www.northamericanbeefcongress.com/>



Grain for sale?

Jones Feed Mills Ltd. will purchase feed-grade wheat, barley, mixed grain or oats for sale at harvest. If you will have some available for sale, please call Brad Cober at the Linwood mill Monday to Friday between 7am and noon.

If you have corn available, please contact Bert at Heidelberg.

Wheat and Fusarium

Some of this year's wheat has fusarium in it, which is a pink toxin-producing mould. The toxin will harm production and reproduction in livestock if fed at high levels. If you are feeding wheat on farm, take care to ensure the levels are not high in your complete feed if fusarium is present. One of our sales representatives can help you determine how much wheat can be used in your rations. Toxin binders such as Mycosorb are also available to lower the amount of toxin in feed if added to feed formulations.

Feature Products

Electrolytes Plus: Vitamin and electrolyte soluble powder for chickens, turkeys, swine, cattle, sheep and horses. Use as an aid to stimulate appetite during periods of stress caused by moving, disease, crowding, vaccination, weather or castration. Available in 400g packages.

V-Lytes HE: Water soluble nutrient and electrolyte powder for oral use in calves. Use as an aid in the treatment or prevention of dehydration, acidosis and electrolyte imbalance in calves with diarrhea.

Reminders:

Please place your order by 9:30am the day before the feed is required for out of area orders, and the day before for local orders to help us have the feed delivered when you require it.



There is a 20 bag or a half tonne minimum for bagged custom feeds and premixes, and a one tonne minimum for bulk feeds. Please keep this in mind when you call.



Please label your bins to reduce the risk of an error when feed is delivered. Bin labels are available from Jones Feed Mills.



Livestock Futures – August 27, 2008

Live Cattle - \$/cwt	Change	Dressed Hogs \$/c/kg	Change
October	\$98.90 -4.51	October	\$125.96 -10.12
December	\$100.42 -5.15	December	\$126.32 -12.29
February	\$100.66 -6.12	February	\$136.32 -15.52
April	\$101.71	April	\$145.30

Note:

The change column refers to the change in futures from the values published in the last update. All prices are in Canadian dollars.

Canadian Dollar \$0.9537 -0.0302