

TRANSITION COW SYRUP

FEEDING DRY COWS



The ideal supplement for dry cows.

Supplying dry cows with appropriate nutrition during the late dry period or 'transition period' is crucial to maximise lactation, performance and safeguard animal health.

- Tailored specifically for dry cows
- Highly attractive specification
- Smooths the transition from the dry period into lactation
- Reduces the incidence of metabolic disorders
- Easy to feed to housed and grazing dry cows
- Cost effective solution for dry cow feeding

Transition Cow Syrup is a liquid feed specifically formulated for dry cows. It is fed alongside ad-lib straw making a simple system which has a low labour input.

Transition Cow Syrup can be fed:

- From free access lick feeders
- By pouring over forage
- As part of a complete diet (TMR) mix

Feeding recommendations

Using Transition Cow Syrup is straightforward:

Restrict total silage intake to around 6-8kg DM/head/day. Ensure that no more than 2kg is in the form of maize or whole crop silage.

Provide unlimited access to fresh straw and clean water.

Feed Transition Cow Syrup at a rate of 2kg or 1.5 litres/day for the last 3 or 4 weeks pre-calving. If dry cows are run as one group, then feed at half rate for the whole dry period.

Ideally, to assist rumen adaptation, in the last 2 weeks also feed 1-1.5kg of production blend without any of the production vitamins/minerals.

Key ingredients to success

Molasses – highly palatable sugars encourage dry matter intakes and stimulate regeneration of rumen papillae.

Mono-propylene glycol – boosts energy supply to the animal, lifts blood glucose levels and reduces body condition loss.

Vitamin E and selenium – stimulates cow's immune status.

3% magnesium – reduces risk of milk fever and helps calcium to be mobilised from body reserves.

Vitamins and mineral package includes Bioplex Zinc and Copper.

Feeding Transition Cow Syrup: The Benefits

- Raised peak milk yield
- Boosted mean milk yield in the first 56 days
- Increased mean DM intakes in the first 8 weeks
- Improved energy balance and reduced metabolic stress, as indicated by reduced blood NEFA and insulin levels at one week post-calving
- Resulted in heavier cow live weights (+33kg) in the 3 to 8 week period post-calving

Transition Cow benefits seen on farms

The following are some of the benefits that have been seen on commercial farms after using the Transition Cow Syrup system:

- Fewer and/or no cases of retained cleansing
- Fewer and/or no cases of milk fever, acidosis, acetonaemia
- Reduction in fertility problems
- Peak milk yield potentials fully reached
- Milk yields hold the peak for longer
- Less body condition loss in early lactation
- Excellent dry matter intakes post-calving

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