



Farm Services Ltd.

April Newsletter

Chesley, On

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April Special

Purchase 20 bags of 14% Banner Show Ration and receive a **Free** feed pan

This unique show ration contains quality protein, digestible energy to enhance growth, digestible fiber sources, and oil to help with the bloom and shine of your cattle.

Available at:

B&L Farm Services Ltd, Chesley

519-363-3308

1800-269-2561

Walters Falls Milling, Walters Falls

519-794-2747

1-888-240-0055

Or

**Starting Sunday April 8th
the store will be open
Sundays 11am-4pm**

**We stock Bovatec Pasture
Mineral!**

**Talk to Susan or Holly to order
today!**

519-363-3308



Spring IS HERE!

We have:

- Seeds
- Potting Soil
- Peat Moss
- Lawn Mowers
- Lawn Fertilizer



Midwestern Agrifair 2018 Celebrating 35 years

Hosted by the Chesley Kinsmen Club

Tuesday April 10th Show 11 am- 9pm

Wednesday April 11th Show 11am- 9pm

Tyler's Show Tip:

When working with your animal feel them on show side so on competition day the animal is used to it.

Water Quality and Access

When considering nutrition for cattle, many producers fail to take into consideration the most important nutrient of all: water. Involved in almost every single process of the mammalian body, it is critically important that cattle (beef and dairy alike) have adequate access to fresh, clean water at all times. Clean is especially important as many cattle are not discerning drinkers; they will often continue to drink from contaminated sources in order to meet their hydration needs, potentially ingesting harmful bacteria that may upset the rumen or surplus minerals that can interact with and bind up other necessary minerals in the diet. Water bowls should be free of feed, feces, and debris, and cleaning them should be part of every farmer's regular chore schedule. Another important consideration is herd dynamics. Cattle can be bossy and dominant animals, and so it is important as well to have multiple water locations so that the more timid and shy animals can still access water.

Consider the following with respect to water requirements: milk is 87% water, and meat contains upwards of 50% water. Therefore, water requirements increase with lactation and weight gain. The more milk produced or weight gained, the more water needed. If an animal loses even 10% of body water, it can cause issues, and a water loss of 15 – 20% will result in death. Approximate requirements for various cattle breeds and ages are as follows:

Dairy calves: 5 – 13L/day	- Feedlot cattle (background): 15 – 40L/day
Dairy heifers: 14 – 36L/day	- Feedlot cattle (short keep): 27 – 55L/ day
Milk cow (36 kg milk): 114 – 136L/day	- Lactating beef cow: 43 – 67L/day
Dry cow: 34 – 49 L/day	- Dry beef cows/heifers/bulls: 22 – 54L/day

As stated above, water is involved in almost every single process of the body. It helps to transport nutrients, metabolites and hormones throughout the body. It regulates body temperature. It maintains electrolyte and osmotic balance. It helps to develop the rumen in young animals. It allows for the elimination of waste (feces and urine). It is a major component of cells, blood, and body tissues. If cattle are not able to drink enough water, they are not able to perform these processes efficiently and therefore have reduced digestion, dry matter intake, and overall health and performance. If water consumption is a problem on your farm, fixes could be as simple as a tweak to the ration to encourage more water intake or the addition of a few more water sources. Speak to your B&L Representative today to discuss their Johnson Concrete Waterer products.

We want to help you welcome spring!

Purchase regular price gallon cans of **Rona paints and stains** and receive huge savings on your painting accessories!

Purchase	% savings on accessories
1 can	10%
2 cans	20%
3 or more cans	30%

- Not valid with other offers
- For the month of April



Purchase a Napoleon Grill get a **Free Cover**



Purchase a Green Mountain Grill get **2 Free bags of wood pellets**

