



**FARM SERVICES** LTD.

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# October Newsletter

## Wood Pellets

Talk to Robin at 519-363-3308

about your wood pellet needs for the upcoming winter season, load up early before the snow flies!



We have a large selection of Silage Covers. They vary in size from 20X100 Ft to 60X200 Ft.

We also carry Feed Fresh silo covers:

- High puncture or tear strength
- Reinforced oxygen barrier
- 18 month outdoor longevity
- 1 step cover installation

*We have bale and net wrap*

Call B&L Farm Services 519-363-3308 for more info!

## Grain in your Ration

Regardless of whether you are feeding a beef animal or a dairy animal, you are very likely feeding grain in your ration as a major source of energy and starch. High producing cows and heavy gaining cattle require a dense ration to support their needs, and so you may have talked with your nutritionist before about testing your grains on farm for their starch digestibility; a measure of how available the starch in the grain is to the cow.

However, while this number is important and can become a point of focus, this digestibility value is more about the genetics and maturity of the crop, as well as the growing season it developed through – it does not provide the whole picture. Grain samples are ground to a 4 mm particle size before testing, and therefore do not take in to account the effect of particle size on digestibility. In fact, grain particle size is one of the key factors that dictate true starch digestibility.

Grain that is not processed well enough results in slow or incomplete digestion, and feed efficiency decreases. You may be able to actually see parts of the grain in the manure, or a fecal starch test may show over 5% starch – a sign that your starch source needs to be evaluated. It is well documented through numerous scientific studies that properly processing starch sources (i.e., taking a grain from simply “cracked” to “ground”) can increase milk production in dairy cows and improve feed efficiency in beef cattle by reducing dry matter intake but improving gain.

This fall, as you finish corn harvest, remember to talk to your B&L Farm Services sales representative about a particle size test for your corn, along with your usual nutritional analyses. This will help to give a better idea of what your grains are contributing to the ration, and will allow for a more targeted diet to be fed.

**Don't forget to check smoke, CO2 and thermostat batteries!**

## Power Up Receiving Ration and Premix

Our receiving feeds are specially formulated to get your cattle gaining weight and making you money fast. The Receiving Ration has high protein and bypass protein to assist with weaning and transportation stress. Digestible fibre sources to stimulate rumen redevelopment and reduce digestive upset.

Talk to your B&L Feed Sales Representative for more information.



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**We no longer carry Aureomycin  
Crumbs, due to new medication  
regulations.**

### **Talk to us about:**

- Dried Distiller's Grains
- Dry Corn Gluten Feed
- Wet Corn Gluten Feed
- Modified Distiller's Grains
  - Corn Screenings
  - Wet Distillers Grains

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**WE CARRY TOUGH DUCK WORK WEAR!!**

Call and talk to Tracy for availability

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### **NE-12 SMARTLIC BARREL**

- Get newly arrived cattle off to a great start before they get onto other feeds, they will dive into this!
- Stimulate rumen microbes
- Increase overall feed intake by 20%
- Increase overall digestibility by 10%

We are now carrying AVL ivermectin

- contains 5mg of ivermectin per ml
- Formulated to deliver 500 micrograms of ivermectin per kg of body weight
- Treatment of parasitic infections and infestations due to gastrointestinal roundworms, eye-worms, lung worms, drubs, sucking & biting lice, mites and horn flies in cattle
- Available in 20 and 5 litre jugs



**SMARTLIC**  
SUPPLEMENTS

