



**FARM SERVICES**<sub>LD.</sub>

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# May Newsletter

## **We have twine available!!**

- 9000 sisal
- 4000 plastic
- 9000 plastic
- 12000 plastic
- 28000 plastic
- 40000 plastic
- Net Wrap
- Silage Wrap

Quantity Discount available:

Take 10 bales or more deduct \$0.25 per bale

Take 25 bales or more deduct \$0.50 per bale

Take 50 bales or more deduct \$0.75 per bale



Call today for pricing and availability!

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### Just a reminder!

We will be closed on May 20, 2019 for Victoria Day.

Please order feed early so we can accommodate all orders.

## **Pasture Mineral**

We have a large selection of free choice pasture minerals available with Bovotec, Rumensin, Garlic or Celmax.

Each mineral is specially formulated for optimum intake and growth.

Contact Jarrett Johnson 519-379-6404 or Jamie O`Shea 519-477-1238 for more information.

**We have "No Admittance" signs available for FREE, call the office and ask for Susan.**

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## Peninsula Creep Ration

With a weekend forecast of flurries and wet snow, it may not feel like the season is turning; but my itchy nose and watery eyes have been telling me for a few weeks now – spring is well under way. The signs of it on your farm are likely abundant: calves are on the ground; the fields are beginning to green; and the phrase “I really should fix that fence tomorrow” has probably been heard once or twice (or three or four times). While there are many preparations to be made, one important decision that should not be put off is the choice as to whether or not to creep feed your calves this year.

The most common objective of creep feeding calves is to increase their growth rate before weaning. Most cows fed a well-balanced diet will produce enough milk during the first 3 months to meet the requirements of a growing calf. After this time, or if forages are of poor quality, her milk may not be enough, and additional nutrients are required if rapid growth is to be maintained. Other benefits of creep feeding include production of a more uniform calf crop, reducing weaning stress on calves, and allowing young or thin cows to enter the post weaning phase in better condition than they would otherwise. Creep feeding can also make your calves more attractive to potential buyers; calves that were creep fed are more familiar with grain and therefore have shown greater intakes and less respiratory illness during the receiving and backgrounding process than calves that were not creep fed. There is also a large body of research focusing on comparing the growth rates of calves offered creep feed with those that were not. On average, researchers have reported average weaning weight increases of up to 35kg. With improved gains prior to weaning, reduced treatment costs, and enhanced performance post weaning, the choice to feed creep can be made even easier.

That said, not all creep feeds are made equal. For best results and optimal health of your animals, look for a creep feed that is formulated to a minimum of 16% crude protein. TDN should be anywhere between 65% – 70%, and the formula should include a probiotic or yeast as well as a coccidiostat. Ask your B&L sales rep about our line of Peninsula creep feeds, which tick all of these boxes, and set yourself up for success early this year!

Holly McGill—Wallenstein Feed & Supply

**We have in stock a large selection of Napoleon and  
Green Mountain Grills**

**Napoleon P 500 Now \$999**

**We won't be under sold!!**

