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NEWSLETTER

Farm Services Ltd.

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Ask us about By-Products. We now have a good supply of:

Dry Corn Distillers & Corn Screenings

Ask us for the availability of:

Dry Gluten

Filter Aid

Modified Wet Distillers

Wet Corn Gluten



Fun fact: Parasites can't excrete fenbendazole. This means even cattle that ingest small amounts of Safe-Guard feed products over the course of a few feedings quickly build up to a lethal dose for any parasites that may be present. So even if you opt for one of Safe-Guard's non-handling formulations, you can still be sure cattle are receiving an effective dose.

That's the *Fenbendazole* difference!

Double down on resistance

Today's parasite researchers recommend using two classes of dewormers for effectiveness and to help curb resistance issues. Widespread use of an endectocide (like ivermectin) to control both internal and external parasites should be accompanied by a benzimidazole (like Safe-Guard) to get the tough internal parasites and fight against resistance.

Just tell us how many cattle you have and the weight and we will weigh out the appropriate amount of safe-guard premix.

safe-guard[®]
(fenbendazole)

Don't miss a beat...

Let SPF help your herd maintain efficiency during summer heat and humidity

Summer Performance Factors

WFS SPF Dairy Premix is formulated to promote optimal rumen health and maintain performance during periods of heat stress

Ask your B&L/WFS sales rep. about SPF



Summer Feedlot Management

Many small details add up and make a large difference in beef cattle operations. These small things can be the difference of realizing a profit or a loss. While paying attention to these little details pays dividend at *any time of the year*, when the heat of summer comes along, the importance is **magnified**.

Management of feed storage. The largest cost in animal production is feed cost. Is your operation storing feed in a way to maximize the feed quality and palatability as well as to minimize storage losses? Depending on the type of storage and feed stuff losses can easily occur from 5-25% of dry matter. Properly stored, packed and covered bunks maintain feed quality while minimizing feed face exposure to oxygen. Excessive spoilage in the bunker results from improper management and not the size of the face.

Feed bunk management. Are we taking bunk scores to adjust to what the cattle are telling us? Are we consistent in feed delivery both in time of day delivered and composition of the mix provided? Are we cleaning out the feed manger when any buildup occurs so that fresh feed is available without contamination? Are we getting the proper level of medications and nutrients delivered and consumed? Not getting the right level of Rumensin can affect intakes, which can lead to increased acidosis and bloat. MGA not delivered consistently to feedlot heifers will disrupt the pen when animals break and start riding.

Pen checking. This includes checking air quality, ventilation and bedding for animal comfort and heat stress. Consistency of manure, animal behaviour are signals we can use to evaluate and minimize acidosis seen from variation and inconsistency at the feed bunk. While in the pens we must also be checking and cleaning water source! Water is the cheapest yet most important nutrient and is often overlooked in animal production. Ensure that water supply is not the limiting factor, quality and quantity available at the hottest day of the year is where to set the bar. Temperatures over 25C can double the amount of water cattle require!

Work with your B&L Farm Services rep, and consider programs like **Performance Beef** to monitor and to ensure your operation is consistent in delivery, rations are balanced and calculate shrink. Feed bunk scores, performance prediction along with understanding weather patterns and animal behaviour, are used to predict when to increase and when necessary decrease the dry matter delivered to keep your cattle healthy and on track to perform and hit your target gains and marketing window.

Jamie O'Shea, Ruminant specialist

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"When the containers eventually fail by corrosion as a result of ground water ingress into the repository, waste constituents can migrate out of the disposal facility and enter the biosphere."

2003 NWMO Background Papers
- 6. Technical Methods

IT'S YOUR WATER TOO!

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