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Our mission is to provide excellence in feed and its services to you in an efficient and competitive manner.

It's not too early to think about creep feeding



A sound creep feeding program will add valuable pounds to your calves

Although the grass may be belly deep now, we all know the summer heat and dry weather will be here—we just don't know when. So rather than wait for the dust to fly and the grass to wither, now is the time to prepare your beef cattle for those windy, dusty summer days and dry grass. Now is the time to think about providing creep feed for your calves.

Simply put, creep feeding is a way to supplement grass and milk of unweaned calves when the feed is not available to the mother. Creeping is usually done in free choice feeders and traditionally uses feeds in the 14-16 percent protein range. These feeds are normally moderate to high energy

concentrate feeds. Nutritionists cite forage quality as the dominant factor in selecting the level of protein needed for creeping a set of calves. Milk from a lactating cow furnishes only about 50 percent of the nutrients that a three to four month old calf needs for maximum growth. The remaining nutrients must come from elsewhere if the calf is to realize its genetic potential for growth. High quality pasture is the best and most economical source of required nutrients during this period of insufficient nutrient intake.

Unfortunately, in spring calving beef herds, the shift from milk to grass to meet the nutrient requirements of young beef calves frequently comes at a time when the availability and quality of pastures are declining. Creep feeding the nursing calf increases the subsequent rate of gain and weaning weight. Maximum milk production of beef cows occurs during the first two months after calving and then declines.

Creep feeding promotes a more uniform set of calves and for the purebred breeder, this is an attractive feature of the program. Selecting the right feed for your program can be complicated. Producers are urged to visit with our Countryside Feed sales

associates, analyze the nutrient content of your forage, and to assess your calves' overall condition.

In today's current market, creep feeding is a management tool worth considering for added dollars to your bottom line. You don't have a creep feeder to use on your farm? Don't worry. Countryside Feed has creep feeding units available to rent.

At Countryside Feed, we can provide creep feed for any size operation. Whether you have a few head and need creep in 50 pound bags, or if you have hundreds of head and need several tons of bulk creep, we can formulate a program designed specifically for you. Call any of our sales consultants and ask about our line of creep products including Stress Care 5, Starters, Precon, 14% and 16% pellets, Purina Accuration creep and Purina Accuration Starters. Pastures will eventually be dwindling, so give your calves the very best opportunity to reach their full potential. Call our mill, any of our sales representatives or our nutritionist today. Bigger calves and more profits are just a phone call away.

Give Bill Fish or any of our salesmen a call to set up a custom creep feeding program to meet your needs



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"If you want the rainbow, you have to put up with the rain."

Dolly Parton

