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Supplementing mid to late summer pasture

As the growing season progresses, pastures can change dramatically. Early season grasses are generally high in protein and sugar and low in fiber. By mid-season, however, protein and sugar drop and fiber increases. This is a point in time in which growing beef and dairy cattle can use some nutritional supplementation. Providing liquid feed or tubs can keep cattle gaining weight as well as improved health.

Cobb Shipping offers several alternatives to supplement mid-summer cattle. Liquid feed with protein levels from 30 to 40 % and with additives including Bovatec, Altosid, and fat are in stock. In addition, we carry Westway Sweetcake Tubs including a 16 % and two 20 % all natural protein tubs with added fat. We also have mineral tubs both with and without Altosid.

Cattle seem to have the ability sense certain nutritional needs including protein, energy, and sodium. If pastures have adequate protein, cattle will consume less of the supplement offered. In contrast, if pastures are low in protein, cattle will consume more liquid feed . Consequently, during lush pasture times such as early spring we may use a 16 % protein liquid feed. In mid-summer, however, we feel that a liquid supplement should have a minimum of 30 % protein.

If you would like to see some tags and discuss supplementing options, than please give us a call. We'll be glad to examine your pastures and offer our recommendation.

