

Self-Fed Supplements Provide Nutritional Benefits for Cattle !

In a recent article from the Nation Cattlemen's Journal, John Paterson outlined the benefits of supplementing pasture cattle.

During the late summer and early fall months, range grasses are deficient in both crude protein and energy for cows in lactation. Because of limited forage quantity and quality, supplemental feeding of protein, energy, vitamins and minerals is often practiced by many producers. The goal of supplementing beef cattle is to provide nutrients that are lacking in the everyday diet and to increase the intake and digestibility of lower quality forages and crop residues.

The constant challenge for the cow-calf producers is to match forage nutrients with animal requirements. It has been shown that diets low in protein have resulted in weak calves at birth. Producers often provide self-fed supplements to prevent a decline in reproduction caused by inadequate forage quantity or quality.

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