

VOERMOL SUPER 18, A MULTI-PURPOSE PRODUCT

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A scoop a day of Voermol Super 18 (V355) is what your cattle need to be productive and to maintain a good body condition score throughout the year.



Voermol Super 18

VERSATILE - supplement which can be used as a:

- Production Lick
- Mineral Lick
- Transitional Lick
- Flush Lick
- Energy Lick
- Dairy Meal

EASY - ready-mixed

SAFE - suitable for all ruminants

Recommended Intake:

Cattle 1.4kg - 2kg/animal/day
Sheep 230g - 400g/sheep/day



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For a cattle operation to remain profitable, it must have cows that progress through the phases of: being ready to be mated in the right time, produce healthy calves, wean calves at optimum weight, and also maintain optimal body condition score throughout the year. She must do all this year after year until she is eight or ten years old at a minimal cost. By knowing her changing nutritional needs, producers can plan their feeding programs and lower feed costs. One product with many uses is **Voermol Super 18**. It can be used for cattle, game, sheep and goats. In this article, I will only concentrate on its use for cattle.

VOERMOL SUPER 18 AS A PRODUCTION LICK

The most critical stage in the cow's life is after calving. It is characterised by the highest feed intake as the following processes put strain on the cow:

- Producing sufficient milk for the calf;
- Repairing the birth canal;
- Getting ready to be mated; and
- Mated so that she produces another calf the following year.

If she is not fed well, she will lose weight and therefore fail or be delayed in getting pregnant. To prevent unnecessary weight loss, feed her **Voermol Super 18**. It is a good protein, energy, mineral and vitamin supplement that helps stimulate production. It is fed as is at 1.4 - 2kg/cow/day. It contains molasses and is therefore tasty. To prevent overeating, add 10% salt.

VOERMOL SUPER 18 AS A DAIRY MEAL

The availability of high quality forage is a major con-

straint in dairy production. To maximise milk production, the milking herd needs to be supplemented with a dairy meal. A Dairy 15 meal can be made by mixing 120kg **Voermol Super 18**, 250kg **HPC 36** (V8097)/ **Procon 33** (V12701), 600kg Maize Meal / Hominy Chop, 5kg salt and 15kg **Rumevite P12** (V11994). This Dairy Meal can be fed with green natural pastures in summer. The recommended intake is 300 - 500g/litre of milk produced. Feed this to a maximum of 15kg/cow/day.

VOERMOL SUPER 18 AS A DRY COW MEAL

A dry period is when the cow is rested from milking so that she can prepare the udder for the next lactation. Offering her good nutrition so as to also feed the rapidly growing calf in her womb is a good management practise. To make a Dry Cow Meal, 200kg **Voermol Super 18** is mixed with 100kg **Procon 33/HPC 36** and 200kg Hominy Chop / Maize. This meal helps to alleviate problems in cows with a history of milk fever as well as problems with retained afterbirths. It should be fed 3 weeks before calving at a rate of 2-4kg/cow/day together with silage and or hay.

VOERMOL SUPER 18 AS A MINERAL LICK

Although natural pasture looks green in summer, it does not supply the minimum levels of minerals as required by grazing animals. The most limiting mineral being Phosphorus, whose deficiencies manifest as reproductive problems. To counter-act the deficiencies, a high mineral lick can be made using 40kg **Voermol Super 18** mixed

with **P12** and salt (50kg each). This lick is used with green grazing and is also rich in other minerals such as: Calcium, Magnesium, Potassium, Sodium, Sulphur, Cobalt, Iron, Manganese, Copper, Selenium, Zinc and Iodine. The recommended intake is 140 - 300g/animal/day.

VOERMOL SUPER 18 AS AN ENERGY LICK

Animals need energy to perform daily activities such as breathing, digesting food, moving around, keeping themselves warm, repairing tissues, and maintaining body weight. Energy is also required for production related activities such as reproduction, growth, and suckling the young ones. An energy lick can be made by mixing 400kg **Super 18** with 150kg **Procon 33/HPC 36**, 300kg Hominy Chop, 100kg Salt and 25kg **P12**. This energy lick is rich in protein and minerals and is a good supplement for grazing animals. The recommended intake is 1.4 - 2kg/animal/day.

CONCLUSION

The most important thing in cattle production is to produce as many calves as possible. An insufficient feed intake results in reduced fertility. Reduced fertility results in cows not becoming pregnant and therefore fewer calves to sell per year. A scoop a day **Voermol Super 18** is what your cattle need, to be productive and maintain a good body condition score throughout the year.

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