

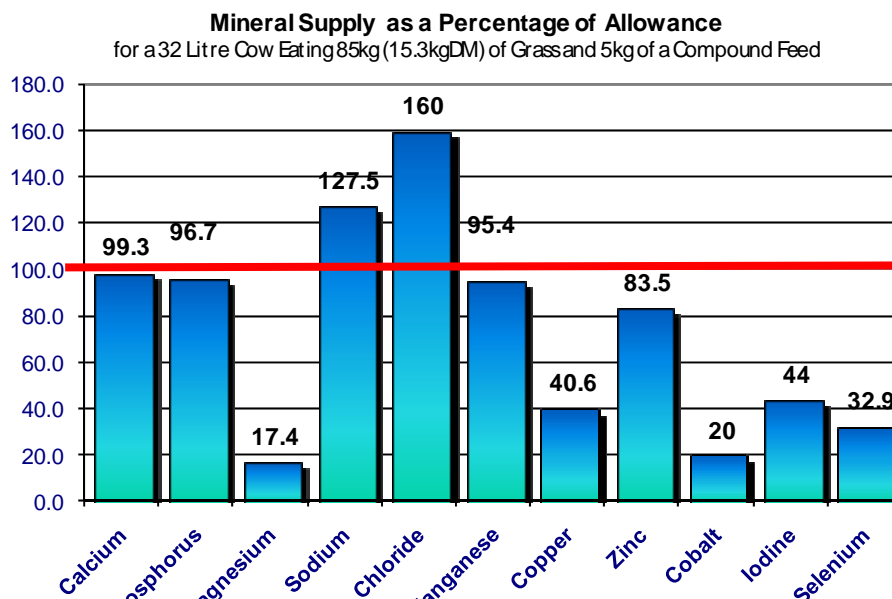
Mineral Supplementation Update

Grass Staggers:

With cows looking to be turned out within the next 4 weeks, now is the time to think about increasing magnesium levels in your diet to reduce the incidence of Grass Staggers, (Tetany). This can be easily achieved by increasing magnesium levels in your cake to around 0.5% or to supplement them with 50g/h/day of Cal Mag.

Feeding at Grass:

It is well documented that grass does not provide sufficient major and trace minerals.



Together we should be keeping a close eye on your herd not only at turn out - but throughout the grazing season, in a bid to prevent mineral deficiency and its associated health and fertility problems.

Perkins are offering you **FREE** mineral analysis on your silages and fresh grazing grass to assess what the mineral status is on **YOUR** farm. We will then run a simple check against your ration to optimise the feeding rate of mineral that is needed whilst maintaining performance and even increasing it. It will also allow you to reduce your overall on-farm mineral costs. In 2008 our customers saved an average of **£1150** against their normal mineral costs and together we have been able to reduce the calving index, retained cleansings, cases of lameness and other metabolic disorders.

Over 250 of Perkins customers have benefited already from having a **FREE** mineral check on their farm, are you one of them? For your **FREE** appraisal please call me on my mobile or by email to book an appointment and I look forward to visiting your farm shortly. Lastly our mineral prices have come back some £50/tn since Oct 08.

Regards

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