

TIPS FOR PROPER Mineral Use

- Provide at least one mineral feeder per 20-25 head of cattle for access purposes. Space feeders at least 10 feet apart.
- Place mineral feeders in areas where cattle congregate near watering, feeding or loafing areas.
- Make sure that cattle have constant access to minerals and do not run out.
- Do not mix loose salt, grains or other ingredients with minerals unless indicated to do so by the label.
- Increase number of mineral feeders or move feeders closer to congregation areas to increase consumption.
- Decrease number of mineral feeders or move feeders farther away from congregation areas to decrease consumption.



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Loose Mineral Livestock Supplement

WHY SWEETLIX® Mineral?

With today's genetically superior animals, producers expect superior performance. The only way to attain such performance is to provide all the nutrient building blocks needed by the animal. A key component in that puzzle is mineral nutrition. SWEETLIX® offers a wide selection of mineral supplements to fit differing animal needs and production goals. SWEETLIX® stands above the competition in terms of quality assurance, palatability and flexibility.





SUPERIOR Palatability

Choosing and purchasing the mineral is the easy part. A more difficult step is getting the mineral supplement in the cattle at proper levels. As any cattle producer can tell you, cattle don't always eat minerals as desired. SWEETLIX® molasses technology along with more than 30 years' manufacturing experience assures customers of superior palatability and intake control with SWEETLIX® minerals. No need to worry about refusal or waste with SWEETLIX®!

OUTSTANDING Flexibility

SWEETLIX® minerals are available in a wide variety of formulations to meet the needs of every production scenario and pocketbook. All products contain scientifically balanced levels of minerals and vitamins in accordance with NRC recommendations. Because SWEETLIX® minerals are manufactured in FDA-registered facilities, we are able to offer a wide variety of mineral products containing approved feed additives such as Aureomycin®, Rumensin®, Bovatec®, Altosid®, Rabon® or Bloat Guard®. These approved additives offer advantages such as improved weight gain, disease prevention or fly control.



Pictured above: RainBloc® forms a pliable crust following a rain to protect below mineral from hardening, but is easily consumed by cattle.



Additionally, select products are available with **RainBloc®** weatherizing agent for improved resistance to moisture. **RainBloc®** forms a pliable crust on top of treated mineral following a rain event when in a good mineral feeder. This crust not only protects the product below from hardening, but is also easily consumed by cattle.

FREQUENTLY ASKED Questions

Q: Do I need to provide additional salt when using SWEETLIX® minerals?

A: No, SWEETLIX® free choice supplements are designed to be the sole source of self fed-salt in the diet. Addition of other sources of salt can interfere with consistent, controlled intake and result in dilution of nutrients or additives.

Q: How can I tell if cattle are consuming proper amounts of SWEETLIX® minerals?

A: Consumption can be easily monitored by observation and a little math. For example, 20 head of cattle that you've observed to consume 100 pounds of mineral in one month (30 days). $100 \text{ pounds} / 30 \text{ days} = 3.33 \text{ lbs.}$ This is this amount consumed per day by the entire herd. $3.33 \text{ lbs} / 20 \text{ head} = 0.16 \text{ per head per day.}$ $0.16 \text{ lb} \times 16 \text{ oz/lb} = 2.7 \text{ oz per head daily.}$

Q: With all the choices available, how can I determine which SWEETLIX® mineral supplement is best for my situation?

A: Visit www.sweetlix.com for detailed information about each SWEETLIX® mineral supplement available. You can also learn more about other available product forms, including pressed, poured, compressed and low moisture blocks. If you need additional help in matching your needs with available products, contact our trained staff via the "contact us" section of the www.sweetlix.com website and we'll be happy to assist you!

Q: Why would my cattle temporarily over-consume minerals?

A: While SWEETLIX® minerals excel in palatability as well as consumption control, there are some conditions under which cattle may temporarily over-consume product. One of these is inconsistent access to minerals. If cattle do not have 24/7 access to minerals, they are likely to over-consume when they do have access. Also, if cattle have a previous mineral deficiency (for example red tinged hair on black cattle signifying copper deficiency), it is not uncommon for cattle to temporarily over-consume product in order to "catch-up" on levels of the deficient nutrient. If you ever have questions regarding intake, contact us at www.sweetlix.com or 1-875SWEETLIX.

Q: Can I feed SWEETLIX® self-fed minerals in pastures containing both cattle and horses?

A: SWEETLIX® self-fed mineral supplements are clearly marked regarding the specie for which they are designed. Multi-species products are available that would be suitable for non-cattle species co-grazing with cattle. Consult product labels to see if a specific product is labeled for use in the species you wish to co-graze.

