

## NEW IMPROVED FORMULA

Taking the ultimate cattle block to the next level with added essential amino acids

THE ULTIMATE CATTLE BLOCK

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# HERD HEALTH

## SUPPLEMENTATION

The Herd Health range can play a large part in increasing the productivity of the herd & contributes to the profitability of the farm. Supplement 365 days a year for the best results.

Olsson's Herd Health blocks take the confusion out of sourcing the right supplementation for your cattle. In developing the Herd Health range we studied the common issues that all herds face, such as nutrient deficiencies & reproductive issues, while focusing on the five requirements for a healthy herd-roughage, protein, vitamins, minerals & energy. With this in mind we created the Herd Health 365 block, a supplement to be used all year round in all pasture conditions for ongoing maintenance, correcting deficiencies & improving productivity.

We have also developed the Herd Health Dry Feed & Stubbles block specifically for use during dry times. While the Herd Health 365 block can still be used during the dry season, the Herd Health Dry Feed & Stubbles block provides additional protein in the form of urea, helping to increase the consumption and conversion of the feed available.

The Herd Health Pre Calving block has been designed for short term use, for two weeks before calving. The block quickly draws out and converts crucial calcium & mineral reserves (built up over time by the Herd Health 365 blocks) into usable calcium, reducing

the likelihood of milk fever/ hypocalcaemia and other issues.

For best results the Herd Health blocks need to be available 365 days of the year. Because cattle self regulate their nutritional requirements and the blocks are weather resistant, the blocks are cost effective with minimal wastage.









Our Herd Health Range came about after spending time with one of the best cattle fertility vets in Australia, and stockmen who are the best at what they do.

Five years in development, we were given the challenge of producing a block that would be ideal for in improving results in AI, embryo flush and recipient programs. With the use of this technology we have created blocks that deliver results in fertility as well as maximising the performance of the whole herd. For a detailed breakdown on the benefits of these blocks see the table on page 9.

Supplementing with the Herd Health range will optimise any program that exists on farm. The blocks can be used along with other existing forms of nutrition such as drenches and injections.

Ruminants have a proven ability to recognise when they require supplements. Therefore, the Herd Health range is a cost-effective way of ensuring peak performance. "If they lick it, it's because they need it".

#### Why put vitamins A, D and E in the Herd Health blocks?

**Vitamin A** is important for reproduction, performance & normal bone and growth development in calves. Signs of deficiency include poor fertility, reduced feed intake/weight loss, rough coat and scale on skin. Vitamin A deficiency can often be seen when loading cattle at nighttime because deficiency can lead to night blindness.

**Vitamin D** assists with calcium absorption & bone metabolism. It helps reduce milk fever and aids immunity. Signs of deficiency include irritability, reduced feed intake, laboured breathing, weakness, and scours in young animals.

**Vitamin E** is used support the immune response to infectious diseases. Signs of deficiency include rough coat, low immunity, poor fertility, white muscle disease,  $\vartheta$  rapid loss in weight and milk production. Vitamin E has a roll alongside selenium  $\vartheta$  will help reduce the animal's selenium requirements.

## Why have the highest selenium block supplement on the market?

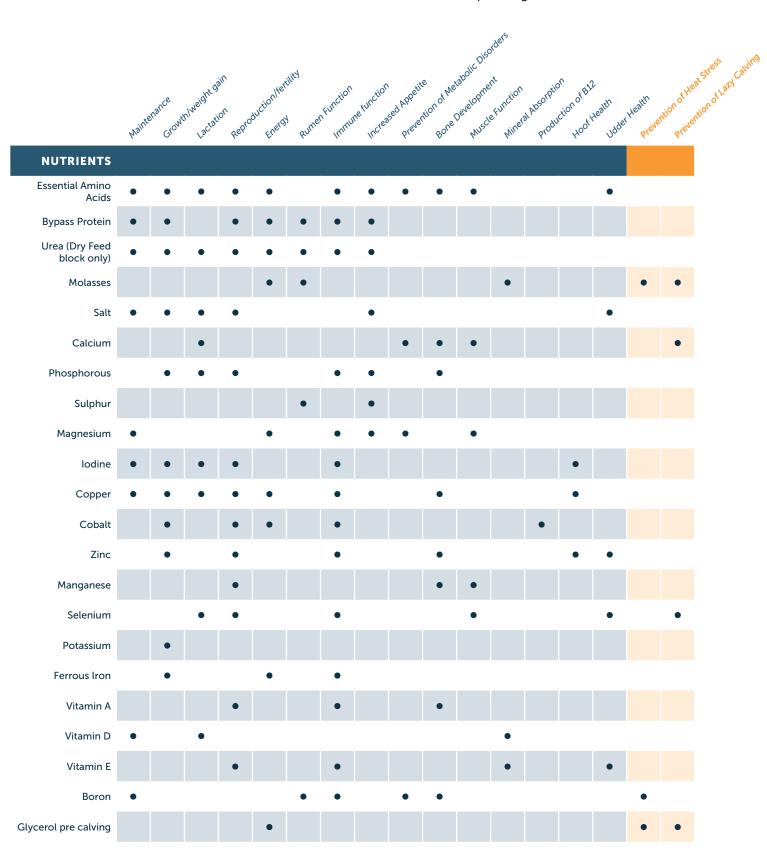
**Selenium (Se)** is a trace element that plays an important role in the health and performance of animals. In cattle, selenium deficiency can have economically significant impacts such as reduced fertility, placental retentions, and the incidence of mastitis. The increase in fertility when adding selenium is attributed to the reduction of the embryonic death during the first month of gestation.

Selenium is necessary for cellular function, but in large quantities it is toxic. Many products contain an amount of selenium and some could fear overdosing the animal. However, our Herd Health supplementation range allows the animals to self-regulate their intake. The cattle will only consume what they require to maintain good health. They have no interest in overindulging on lick blocks when they have met their nutritional requirements. Injections of selenium will simply have the animal leave the blocks alone until they have a requirement (top up) of minerals and vitamins.

## HERD HEALTH BLOCK BENEFITS-

## 365 days per year supplementation

The table below lists nutrients in the Herd Health blocks and the corresponding benefits.



## NEW & IMPROVED HEARD HEALTH FORMULA

#### The benefits of microproteins (& essential amino acids)

We've taken our ultimate cattle block to the next level with the addition of natural and easily digestible microproteins. The microproteins work alongside our balanced array of trace elements, vitamins and minerals, taking our Herd Health range from strength to strength.

Microproteins are single cell proteins, meaning they are made up of edible unicellular micro organisms. It is a fermented bio mass of dry matter, bacteria, yeast, fungi and algae. This is a highly digestible protein source that supports gastrointestinal function and animal growth. The majority of the protein is rumen bypass, which get delivered to the intestine where it can be absorbed directly as an energy source. The microproteins provide a safe and supportive protein source for young stock.

The microproteins contain 17 amino acids, which assist with growth, lactation, immune function, fertility & digesting roughage. Five of the most important amino acids for cattle are methionine, lysine, isoleucine, threonine and leucine. Methionine, for example, serves as a constituent of skeletal muscle protein, as well as optimises the development of digestive tract and growth performance. Lysine also optimises animal growth performance, as well as synthesises muscle proteins, and aids in calcium resorption, while isoleucine optimises glucose uptake and energy efficiency in intestine and muscle.

A deficiency in any of these amino acids results in a slowing of growth and delayed onset of maturity. Amino acids also help increase metabolic functions, immune response and maintenance. Amino acids are critical for livestock growth and overall well-being.







A year-round supplement using new technologies to enhance animal health, welfare, fertility, calving rates, milk production & rumen function.

An animal's performance is limited by the quality of feed available. Even the best-looking pastures can lack the nutrients your herd needs to thrive.

Olsson's Herd Health 365 is an advanced block containing a balanced array of trace elements, vitamins and minerals, providing targeted supplementation for cattle grazing all types of pastures in all seasons. It supports both bulls and cows for greater conception rates. Calf survival, lactation and optimal feed conversation can be expected with the daily use of this block.

Herd Health 365 is designed to stand up to all weather conditions.

DIRECTIONS FOR USE	TYPICAL ANALY	YSIS		
Make available all year round. Replace when consumed. Place	Bypass Protein Meal	10%	Copper (Cu)	1000mg/kg
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enough blocks out to avoid overcrowding. Safe for cattle of all	Salt (NaCl)	39%	Zinc (Zn)	500mg/kg
ages and all feed programs.	Calcium (Ca)	10%	Manganese (Mn)	500mg/kg
	Phosphorus (P)	3%	Selenium	65mg/kg
Consumption: Cattle 10-60 grams/head/day. Consumption	Sulphur (S)	3%	Potassium (K)	330mg/kg
rates will depend on life cycle of the herd and the quality of the	Magnesium (Mg)	1.5%	Boron	10mg/kg
available feed. High consumption will appear if supplementation	Ferrous Iron	1350mg/kg	Amino Acids	
is stopped. Refer to p.18 for the consumption guide.	lodine (I)	1400mg/kg	Vitamins A, D, E	



## DRY FEED & STUBBLES

AVAILABLE IN 20 & 40KG BLOCKS



A premium supplement to improve the rumen environment, enhancing the digestibility of dry feed and stubbles.

Dry feed is a good source of roughage and it's made better when Olsson's Herd Health Dry Feed & Stubbles is introduced. This block contains urea to assist in increasing the consumption and conversation of available dry feed. With a balanced mix of trace

minerals, micro minerals and vitamins, Herd Health Dry Feed & Stubbles will maintain the animal's nutrition requirements during dry times. Being cost effective (with minimal wastage) & easy to handle makes this block a winner.

During dry periods introducing Olsson's High Sulphur block will help decrease intake of this block while enhancing rumen function. Warning: Products containing urea can be toxic to livestock.

Please ensure proper farm management practices are employed.

#### **DIRECTIONS FOR USE**

Use with dry feed and stubbles. Place away from watering points. Do not allow this block to sit in water. Place out enough blocks to avoid overcrowding. Herd Health 365 should be used on the lead up to a dry spell to avoid over consumption of the dry feed block.

**Consumption:** Cattle: 10-60 grams/head/day. Consumption will vary depending on the available feed. Replace when consumed. High consumption can be fixed with the introduction of a High Sulphur block. See p.18 for the consumption guide.

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Bypass Protein Meal	10%	lodine (I)	250mg/kg
Urea	11%	Copper (Cu)	250mg/kg
Molasses	6.3%	Cobalt (Co)	200mg/kg
Salt (NaCl)	25%	Zinc (Zn)	450mg/kg
Calcium (Ca)	6%	Manganese (Mn)	160mg/kg
Phosphorus (P)	2%	Selenium	45mg/kg
Sulphur (S)	3%	Boron	10mg/kg
Magnesium (Mg)	1%	Amino Acids	
Zeolite	2.5%	Vitamins A, D, E	
Ferrous Iron	1000mg/kg		

# **BLOCKS**

## FOR SPECIAL CONDITIONS

Olsson's Herd Health blocks have been developed as fantastic all year-round supplementation for cattle in southern states, providing the essential nutrients they need to thrive. By providing Herd Health 365 at all times many common vitamin and mineral deficiencies can be avoided.

However, because Australia has such varied weather and pasture conditions there are times when additional blocks will be needed. The following pages list our supplement that target specific conditions, such as bloat, grass tetany, toxic plants, flies and ticks, and more.

If you have an issue specific to your stock that isn't listed don't hesitate to get in touch with uschances are we have a block for it! We encourage producers to contact us on our help line: **1800 804 096**. We have experts across every state that will listen and work on a solution, just ask to talk to a rep in your area.

#### Sometimes you will require blocks for special conditions...



Since 1948 Olsson's has produced hundreds of different blocks for all regions of Australia.



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## PRE CALVING

**AVAILABLE IN 15KG BLOCKS** 



A high energy block to enhance animal health, welfare, fertility, calving rates, milk production and rumen function.

A block designed for short term use just two weeks before calving.

Olsson's have designed this block to help trigger the release of the cow's essential minerals stored over time by using the Herd Health 365.

Herd Health pre calving provides energy and minerals such as magnesium to help with the physical calving also helping reduce the onset of milk fever. Energy for both cow and calf help with survival rates and lactation during this critical time.

DIRECTIONS FOR USE	TYPICAL ANALYSI	S		
<b>Pregnant cows:</b> To be fed out in the weeks leading up	Bypass Protein Meal	5%	Phosphorus (P)	1.7%
to calving on an adlib basis. Replace when consumed.	Molasses	45%	Magnesium (Mg)	9%
Safe for newborn calves.	Salt (NaCl)	4%	Glycerol	10%
	Calcium (Ca)	2.2%		

## ALL SEASON + TRACE ELEMENT

AVAILABLE IN 15, 40 & 100KG BLOCKS



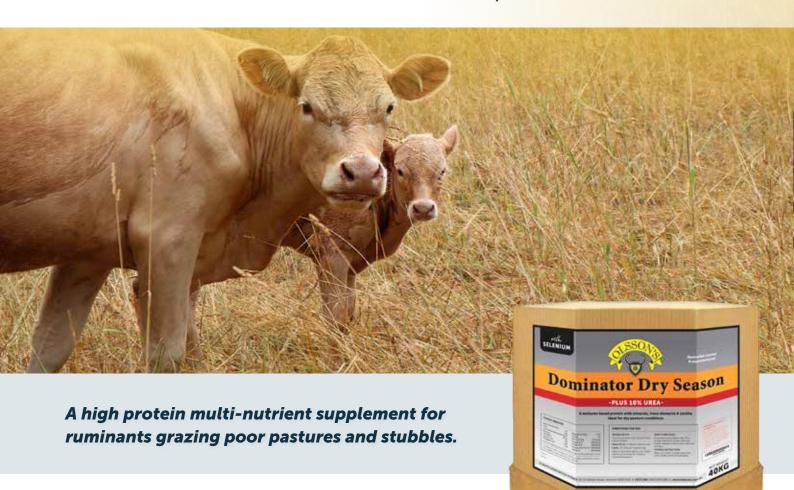
All Season Plus Trace Element contains high levels of minerals including copper, cobalt, iodine, zinc, and selenium. It also contains biochar for improved rumen function & boosted productivity. With a high molasses content this block is palatable, even on coastal areas.

All Season Plus Trace Element can also be used for stock that may require an energy boost due to poor condition, relocating, etc.

DIRECTIONS FOR USE	TYPICAL ANALYS	IS		
All year-round supplementation. Place enough blocks	Molasses	45.1%	Zeolite	2.5%
to avoid overcrowding. Replace when consumed	Biochar	5%	Copper (Cu)	600mg/kg
o avoid overcrowding. Replace when consumed	Bypass Protein Meal	5.9%	Cobalt (Co)	60.1mg/kg
Consumption: Cattle 50-100 grams/head/day.	Calcium (Ca)	7.0%	lodine (I)	60.8mg/kg
Consumption will differ depending on the life cycle of the herd and the available feed. Daily use of this block will lower consumption and produce peak performance.	Phosphorus (P)	1.07%	Zinc (Zn)	1040mg/kg
	Salt (NaCl)	12%	Selenium (Se)	9.02mg/kg
	Magnesium (Mg)	4.5%		
See p.18 for the consumption guide.				

## DOMINATOR DRY SEASON

+ 10% OR 20% UREA • AVAILABLE IN 15, 40 & 100KG BLOCKS



Olsson's Dominator Dry Season blocks are an easy, cost-effective method of delivering a balance of minerals and trace elements to the rumen as well as supplementing rumen protein in the form of urea.

Dominator Dry Season is effective in promoting and maintaining weight gain. The blocks contain nitrogen (urea) and micro & macro minerals- some of the major elements required for rumen function. When these elements are balanced it results in an efficient breakdown of dry and fibrous feeds, such as stubble and dry pastures.

Warning: Products containing urea can be toxic to livestock. Please ensure proper farm management practices are employed.

DIRECTIONS FOR USE	TYPICAL ANALYSIS	;		
Use with dry feed and stubbles. Place away from watering	Bypass Protein Meal	4%	Magnesium (Mg)	3.5%
points. Do not allow block to sit in water. Place out	Urea	10%	Zeolite	3%
enough blocks to avoid overcrowding. Replace when	Total Protein Equivalents	30.8%	Selenium (Se)	32mg/kg
consumed. Use Herd Health 365 prior to a dry spell to	Molasses	57.6%	Copper (Cu)	100mg/kg
avoid over consumption of this block.	Salt (NaCl)	5%	Cobalt (Co)	150mg/kg
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<b>Consumption:</b> Cattle: 50-100 grams/head/day.  Consumption will vary depending on the available feed.	Phosphorus (P)	1.7%	lodine (I)	150mg/kg
High consumption can be fixed with the introduction of a High Sulphur block. See p.18 for consumption guide.				

## BENTOBITE

### AVAILABLE IN 20 & 34KG BLOCKS



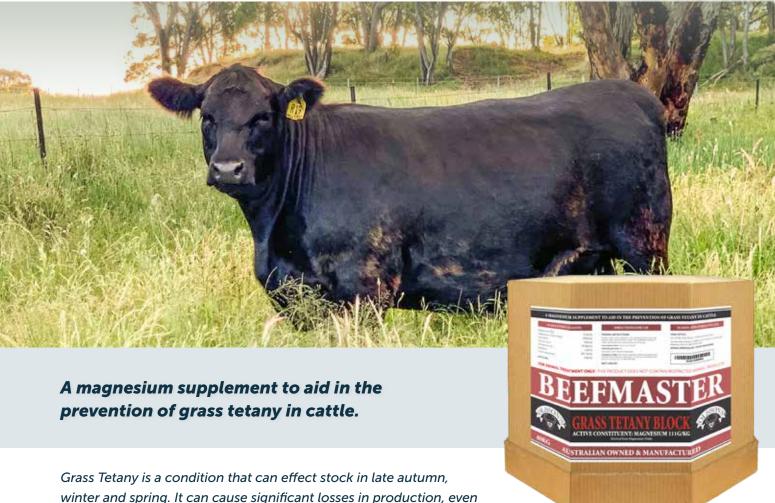
Containing bentonite and protein meal, this block assists with binding some toxins in the gut, balancing rumen function and offering bypass protein. Olsson's Bentobite can also help reduce the effects of naturally occurring bacteria on stubbles (often prevalent after rain). The bentonite will help bind this bacteria that can cause weight loss, infertility and sometimes death.

Research at the University of New England showed that the addition of Bentonite clay and high quality bypass protein is highly beneficial in improving productivity.

DIRECTIONS FOR USE	TYPICAL ANALYSIS			
Place away from watering points. Place out enough	Protein Meal	25%	Salt (NaCl)	31%
blocks to avoid overcrowding. Replace when consumed.	Total Protein Equivalents	9%	Bentonite	33%
y '	Molasses	7%	Sulphur (S)	2.2%
Consumption: Cattle 50-100 grams/head/day. Consumption can be reduced when used in conjunction with Herd Health 365. See p.18 for consumption guide.				

## BEEFMASTER (GRASS TETANY)

AVAILABLE IN 15 & 40KG BLOCKS



winter and spring. It can cause significant losses in production, even when there are no signs of illness. Grass tetany (also called grass

staggers) occurs when animals are grazing pasture which has low available levels of magnesium, or as a result of increased body demands for magnesium during lactation or late pregnancy.

Prevention is preferable to treatment as grass tetany often occurs without warning. Prevention involves supplementing the animals with magnesium during the period of greatest risk. Olsson's Beefmaster is the supplement to eliminate the deficiency with 111g/kg of available magnesium. APVMA Approval No. 40029/15/0905 40kg block not available on consignment.

DIRECTIONS FOR USE	TYPICAL ANALYSIS	;		
To be used in late Autumn, Winter & Spring. Place away	Magnesium (Mg)	11.1%	Phosphorus (P)	0.11%
from watering points. Place out enough blocks to avoid	Magnesium Oxide (MgO)	18.9%	Molasses	59.77%
overcrowding.	Salt (NaCl)	0.32%	Cottonseed Meal	0.39%
<b>Consumption:</b> Feed out on an ad lib basis. The use of Herd health 365 will reduce overconsumption of Beefmaster. See p.18 for consumption guide.	Calcium (Ca)	0.21%		

## **BLOAT-LIQ**

#### AVAILABLE IN 15 & 40KG BLOCKS



#### A effective aid in bloat control.

Bloat in ruminants is the distention of the rumen-reticulum, or paunch, with gas. This gas has been formed during rapid fermentation of the feed in the rumen. The distention is usually seen on the left side as a tight ballooning of the underlying rumen from

the ribs to the hip. The usual mechanism of "belching" and letting gas out through the animal's mouth has failed and so the gas accumulates. Distention can occur from pasture bloat and feedlot bloat.

Olsson's Bloat-Liq is a molasses-based, anti foaming block (10% Alcohol Ethoxylate Teric 12A 23) designed to relieve the symptoms of this annual killer. Bloat-Liq is rain resistant, easy to use, works 24 hours a day and is one of the best value bloat products on the market. **APVMA Approval No. 41900/15/0108.** 

DIRECTIONS FOR USE	TYPICAL ANALYSIS	;		
Place out enough blocks to avoid overcrowding two	Bypass Protein Meal	2.8%	Calcium (Ca)	2.3%
weeks prior to suspected bloat season.	Total Protein Equivalents	1.0%	Magnesium (Mg)	2.7%
	Molasses	67.5%	Phosphorus (P)	0.6%
Consumption: Feed on an ad-lib basis during bloat	Salt (NaCl)	3.2%	Sulphur (S)	0.1%
season. Consumption can be reduced when used	Alcohol Ethoxylate	10.0%		
in conjunction with Herd Health 365. See p.18 for consumption guide.	Active Ingredient: 10% Ald	cohol Etho	xylate Teric 12A 23- 1g/1	0g of block.

## ALLICIN + SULPHUR

AVAILABLE IN 40 & 100KG BLOCKS



We have stabilised the allicin compound by combining other natural ingredients and added it to our High Sulphur block, creating a supplement with a wide range of benefits. These benefits include encouraging optimal microbial growth and ammonia balance, deriving essential nutrients from dry and fibrous feeds, and helping repel flies, ticks and lice.

Our Allicin + Sulphur block provides an effective, natural and ongoing solution to fly, tick and lice burden. In trials, our formulation has reduced the burden to less than 100 flies per animal (the threshold to drench).

DIRECTIONS FOR USE	TYPICAL ANALYSI	S		
Can be used all year round. Place out block before fly	Molasses	4%	Sulphur (S)	12%
season starts. Place enough blocks to avoid overcrowding	Salt (NaCl)	80%	Allicin	0.3%
and place away from water points. Expect ratio of about				
4-6 dry feed blocks to 1 Allicin + Sulphur block.				
<b>Consumption:</b> Cattle: 10-50 grams/head/day. Intake will vary depending on available feed.				

## **MOLYBITE**

#### AVAILABLE IN 20KG BLOCKS



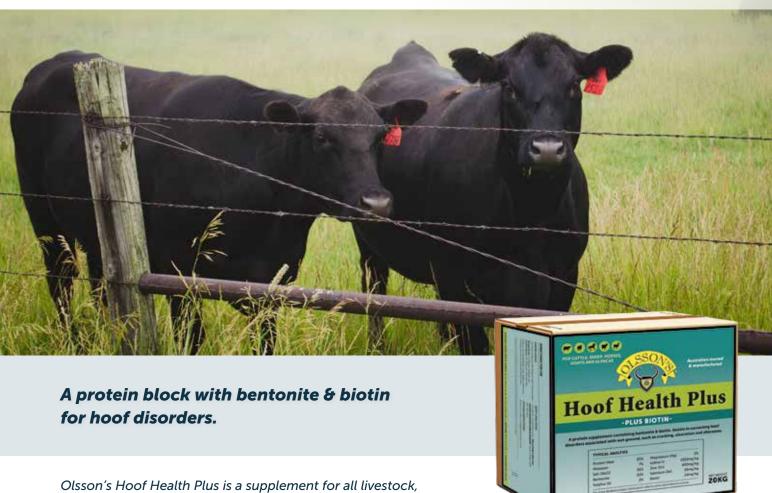
Molybite can also help reduce copper toxicity in animals already infected. It now contains silymarin, a group of plant compounds extracted from milk thistle, which has antioxidant, hepatoprotective and anti-inflammatory properties for promoting liver cell repair.

In areas infested with liver toxic plants it is recommended that Molybite is supplied on an ad-lib basis.

DIRECTIONS FOR USE	TYPICAL ANALYSIS			
Cattle: 50-100g per head per day	Salt (NaCl)	57%	Sulphur (S)	2.3%
Carrie. 30 100g per ficad per day	Bentonite	20%	Silymarin (from	
	Protein Meal	7%	milk of the thistle)	1%
	Activated Charcoal	3%	Live Bacteria	0.2%
	Vitamin C	4%	Molybdenum (Mo)	110mg/kg

## **HOOF HEALTH PLUS**

**AVAILABLE IN 20KG BLOCKS** 



Olsson's Hoof Health Plus is a supplement for all livestock, containing bentonite & biotin. It assists in correcting hoof disorders associated with wet ground, such as cracking, ulceration and abscesses.

Livestock with hoof conditions are often in poor condition due to their lack of mobility. Hoof Health Plus provides protein meal, magnesium, iodine and zinc to assist with growth and reproduction rates, as well as biotin and bentonite for optimal hoof health.

DIRECTIONS FOR USE	TYPICAL ANALYSIS			
Place away from watering points. Place out enough	Protein Meal	20%	Magnesium (Mg)	3%
blocks to avoid overcrowding. Replace when consumed.	Molasses	7%	lodine (I)	1500mg/kg
	Salt (NaCl)	35%	Zinc (Zn)	600mg/kg
onsumption: Cattle: 10-70g per head per day.	Bentonite	33%	Selenium (Se)	26mg/kg
	Sulphur (S)	2%	Biotin	10mg/kg

## **SUPERPHOS 8%**

AVAILABLE IN 20, 40 & 100KG BLOCKS



## A quality source of phosphorus and trace elements.

Olsson's Superphos 8% is a multi-nutrient supplement used to reduce phosphorus deficiency and provide energy for metabolism, growth, digestive function, fertility and lactation for all livestock.

Superphos 8% helps improve fertility and milk production, as well as help lower mortality rates and aids in reducing prolapse. Advantages of Superphos 8% include:

- No wastage
- Weather resistant
- Cost effective
- Controlled intake

DIRECTIONS FOR USE	TYPICAL ANALYSIS	;		
Phosphorus requirements will vary depending on soil types, farm practices, etc. Place out phosphorus blocks if soil testing and farm management highlight low levels of	MDCP	49%	MICRO INGREDIE	ENTS
	Molasses	4%	Copper (Cu)	1250mg/kg
	Salt (NaCl)	46%	Cobalt (Co)	15mg/kg
phosphorus. Place away from watering points.	MACRO INGREDIENTS		Zinc (Zn)	320mg/kg
Consumption: Cattle: 20-100g per head per day.	Calcium (Ca)	9%	Selenium (Se)	26mg/kg
	Phosphorus (P)	8%		

## STOCK TRANZ

#### AVAILABLE IN 8X150G TABS & 10X1KG CARTON



electrolyte mineral balance in the animal's body.

Stock Tranz is a water soluble supplement in tablet form containing a balanced array of essential minerals, glucose  $\delta$  fructose. These essential minerals and sugars naturally lower the animal's stress levels, while also hydrating and replacing depleted electrolytes. This results in a calmer, easier to handle animal.

Benefits of Stock Tranz include enhanced welfare of the herd while yarding, reduced weight loss during transit, and assisting in the reduction of dark cutters.

DIRECTIONS FOR USE	TYPICAL ANALY	YSIS		
Drop one 150g tablet in 200 litres of water in a tank or trough.  It will slowly dissolve supplying stock with glucose, fructose and essential minerals.	Salt (NaCl)	20.92%	Fructose	1.8%
	Potassium (K)	2.51%	Glucose	2.2%
	Magnesium (Mg)	0.3%	Maltose	0.2%
	Sodium (Na)	8.2%	Lactose	0.2%
	Chloride (Cl)	13.52%		

# CONSUMPTION

## **GUIDE**

CATTLE - TYPICAL CONSUMPTION				
MOLASSES BLOCKS (based on 75g/head/day)				
BLOCK SIZE	10 HEAD	100 HEAD		
15kg	20 days	2 days		
40kg	53 days	5.5 days		
SALT BLOCKS (based on 50g/head/day)				
BLOCK SIZE	10 HEAD	100 HEAD		
20kg	40 days	4 days		
40kg	80 days	8 days		

SHEEP - TYPICAL CONSUMPTION				
MOLASSES BLOCKS (based on 10g/head/day)				
BLOCK SIZE	100 HEAD	1000 HEAD		
15kg	15 days	1.5 days		
40kg	40 days	4 days		
SALT BLOCKS (based on 7.5g/head/day)				
BLOCK SIZE	100 HEAD	1000 HEAD		
20kg	27 days	2.7 days		
40kg	54 days	5.4 days		

While we suggest an average grams per head per day (g/h/d) consumption, graziers often want to know how many blocks per X cattle/sheep and how long that will last. The following is a typical example only.

Different conditions will create different consumption rates.

If you require advice ask your agent or call Olsson's on **1800 804 096.** Please note that overcrowding becomes an issue when too many head have access too few blocks (dominant animals can hog access). To prevent this we recommend no more than 15 - 20 cattle per block & 35 sheep per block as a guide.

#### **BEEFMASTER / BLOAT LIQ**

Bloat Liq & Beefmaster are formulated to be fed on an adlib basis but as a general rule double the consumption rate above. (Based on 150g/head/day)

BLOCK SIZE	10 HEAD	100 HEAD
15kg	10 days	1 day
40kg	27 days	2.7 days

# UREA

## FEEDING INFORMATION

#### WHY FEED UREA?

Urea maximises the benefits of poor-quality grazing by optimising digestion. The aim is to improve the rumen function and therefore the animal's performance.

Rumen microbes use nitrogen from the urea as the building block to produce protein. Once consumed the urea converts to ammonia in the rumen, where the rumen micro flora synthesise protein. The protein then becomes available to the animal in the normal process of digestion and absorption.

Blocks that contain urea can be used effectively in paddock management. Blocks can be placed in under utilised areas of the paddock, as licking the blocks will result in increased appetite and a willingness to consume from all areas.

#### **BEST PRACTICE FOR INTRODUCING BLOCKS WITH UREA:**

- Ensure dry feed is available in the paddock.
- Provide Olsson's blocks with trace minerals before placing out urea blocks. This will help minimise consumption, as mineral requirements will already be met. (Check our website olssonsblocks.com. au or contact us for more information on our products).
- Introduce low level urea blocks first. When the animal's targeted rumen micro flora have built up
  and appetite has increased, higher urea blocks can be introduced (and are more cost effective).
   Higher urea blocks such as 20% can be used at the start of the season if the steps above have been
  taken.
- Do not let the blocks run out then replace days later. With the use of urea blocks the micro flora
  has been built up. By going days without urea the micro flora will need to build up again, resulting
  in the loss of production.
- Provide enough blocks to avoid overcrowding. Please see our consumption guide on page 18.
- Place out high sulphur blocks with the urea blocks at a ratio of 6 urea to 1 high sulphur to make the best use of your urea block.

#### ON FARM UREA FEEDING FAQ:

#### When should I use urea blocks?

When dry feed becomes available.

#### Where should I place the blocks?

Ideally under shade and away from watering points (up to 200 metres).

#### What animals can have urea based blocks?

Cattle, sheep, alpacas, goats.

#### Should I remove blocks if rainstorms have been through?

The blocks stand up well to rainfall, however it is important not to allow puddles or pools of water in or around blocks.

#### Can my young stock consume urea blocks (calves or lambs)?

Yes, the young animals will lick very little of these blocks in the early stages of life.

#### Can I put urea based blocks in troughs?

As a general rule no, unless trough is very well drained and covered.

#### Should I use a molasses block or a salt block?

Olssons salt blocks are fantastic way of minimising consumption. However, the molasses-based blocks provide an extra boost of energy as the available feed declines. Molasses blocks also work well in areas with high sodium, such as coastal plains.

#### I have a farm with different animals. What should I use?

Olssons have a wide range of blocks available with and without urea. On a hobby farm blocks with NO urea would be recommended.



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