

happy fathers day

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Green Feed Issues

Paddocks full of fresh green feed looks great and because of that it feels like money in the bank. Often though, it is not until the feed "hardens up" that your stock really bloom and grow. In the meantime it is likely that you will have to put up with headaches like scours, bloat, grass tetany and lameness.

Fast growing, lush feeds often cause problems for grazing animals. That is because these feeds are full of toxic compounds. Compounds that can not only cause scours by interfering with the sensitive lining of the gut, but also reduce an animals oxygen supply by harming red blood cells and increase the risk of lameness by damaging the fine blood vessels in the hoof. These toxins can also damage the liver. Liver damage increases energy requirement and that, together with scours, mean animals on feed like this are unlikely to produce to their full potential. It also means that they will tend to waste a significant proportion of the valuable feed you grow.

Toxins are not the only problem. Apart from being high in moisture, fresh green feed also tends to be quite deficient in nutrients like starch and magnesium. Low starch levels mean poor rumen fermentation and that in turn means your animals can not properly utilise all that abundant energy and protein growing out of the ground. Not just that, but with low magnesium levels and potentially, high potassium concentrations, these feeds put animals at a much higher risk of suffering from grass tetany and bloat.

The easiest, most powerful and cost effective way to tackle these issues is by using Ambos Stockfeeds ProGreen loose lick supplement. ProGreen is uniquely designed to rebalance gutless pastures and fodder crops and because of that deliver the sort of bloom and growth that you would only normally expect to see at the end of Spring, right from day 1.

Excessive intake of weeds is also a problem as these usually contain dangerous levels of nitrates or toxins which will cause similar damage. Even the common sour sob, which is prevalent right now, is a threat as it causes oxalate poisoning - so excessive intake should be avoided - and at very least, provide some cereal hay and ProGreen to help dilute intake and effect of the toxins.

If you have any concerns or queries about green feed and how to manage/limit the risks, please speak to Kristy.











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