



# **Dairy Grain Pellet (SOUTH ISLAND)**

Mass produced, low protein, high energy compound feed for lactating dairy cows

A grain based, PKE free, compounded pellet feed specifically formulated to deliver higher levels of fermentable energy and fortified with essential major minerals.

### **KEY BENEFITS AND FEATURES**

NRM Dairy Grain Pellets contains:

- A high level of starch from grains in addition to sugar from molasses, which are readily fermentable and can help stimulate milk protein production.
- Added calcium (8.5g/kg), magnesium (5g/kg) and sodium (3.8g/kg) to help meet the needs of lactating animals.
- Hammer milled and pelleted ingredients to ensure good utilisation with minimal waste and appeal compared to dry rolled grains.
- No added trace minerals, so a good option for farmers who prefer to deliver trace minerals via other routes.

# THE BENEFITS OF GRAIN TO MILKING COWS

- Grains are a rich source of metabolisable energy derived mainly from starch, with low levels of fibre.
- Starch rich diets are associated with less weight loss immediately post-calving than the same energy diets based on fat (associated with an increase in negative energy balance).
- Cows start cycling earlier when fed grain which is a positive indication to improved fertility.
- High starch diets over mating have been linked to increased plasma insulin and ovulation rates which are positively correlated to fertility.
- Cows with low persistency (high 100-day milk yield as a percentage of 305-day yield) are less likely to get pregnant to first service.
- Milk protein content and higher protein to fat ratio milk is positively correlated to submission rate, pregnancy rate to first service and pregnancy rate.

#### FEEDING RECOMMENDATIONS

Typical feeding rates are 1-4kg/head/day. If cows are not currently fed grain or pellets, introduce NRM Dairy Grain Pellets at 0.5- 1kg per milking (1-2kg/day) and gradually increase by 0.15kg/day until the desired intake has been achieved.

Always provide access to long forage and clean drinking water.

Suitable for feeding to lactating cattle.

To discuss the optimum feeding levels and diet for your herd, please call your local NRM Nutrition Specialist.

#### INGREDIENTS SELECTED FROM

Barley, maize and wheat grains, grain by-products, vegetable oils and fats, molasses, flavour, limestone, magnesium oxide and salt.

May contain or be sourced from genetically modified source crops.

NRM Dairy Grain Pellets have been formulated without PKE, may contain traces of PKE used in the feed mill. Product does not contain any Restricted Animal Material.

#### TYPICAL ANALYSIS<sup>^</sup> (APPROXIMATE ON A DM BASIS)

Metabolisable Energy*	13 (MJ ME/kg)
Crude Protein	10%
Starch & Sugar	55% (min)
NDF	15% (max)

\*Metabolisable Energy (ME) values are calculated by a registered laboratory from an equation and are not an actual measurement. Therefore they are only a guide for predicting the energy content of a feed.

"Variations in nutritional values may occur due to natural variability in feed ingredients. Our FeedSafe NZ certified sites have well developed systems to minimise any variation from the typical levels shown.

#### NOTICE - CONTAINS ADDED MAGNESIUM OXIDE

The feeding of this product to dairy cows may increase their risk of clinical salmonellosis. It is recommended that veterinary advice is obtained to ascertain potential risks associated with the use of this product in your environment before product is used.

## **STORAGE**

Store in a cool, dry and vermin free environment out of direct sunlight.



