

PHOSPHORUS (P) - CAN WE REDUCE EXCRETION ?

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P BALANCE ON ARABLE LAND



Grant et al., DMU rapport nr 762, 2010



LIMITED AND EXPENSIVE RESOURCE





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SURPLUS EXCRETED IN MANURE



Feed P level 0.24% to 0.78% P

Milk Yield < 23 kg / day

Ekelund et al. Livestock Prod. Sci., 2005







DIETARY P MUST BE LOWER BUT COWS ALSO NEED P

Fractured femur from a cow 14 weeks after calving on 0.25% P



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EFFECT OF P ON FEED INTAKE





COWS EXCRETE P



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COWS EXCRETE P



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P UTILISATION PER COW-YEAR

		Current practice
Feed	7,408 kg at 4.2 g P/kg DM	31.1 kg
-Milk:	9,420 kg at 0.96 g P/kg	- 9.0 kg
-Growth:	40 kg at 6.1 g P/kg	- 0.2 kg
-Featus:	24 kg at 10.2 g P/kg	- 0.2 kg
-Urine:	<u>3.0 mg P/kg/d</u>	<u>- 0.7 kg</u>
Feces:		21.0 kg

Putilisation: (Milk+growth+featus) x100/feed \approx 30%



POTENTIAL IN FEEDING AS RECOMMENDED

	2011 Practice P	2011 Standard P
P in feed a/ka DM	42	(3.5) (-17%)
P excretion ka/cow-vear	217	16.5 (-24%)
P excretion, a /ka ECM	2.3	1.7 (-26%)
P utilisation, %	30	36 (+20%)



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WHAT ARE THE EFFECTS OF REDUCED P FOR COW HEALTH AND PRODUCTION?

- Recommended feed P level is about 3.5 g / kg DM
- ➢ Reduced intake and yield observed at P ≤ 0.30% 0.32%
- Recommendation based on gross feed content
- Content and availability of P varies in feeds



CONTENT OF P IN FEEDS

	g P / kg DM	% crude protein
Maize silage	2.3	7.9
Grass-clover	3.8	17.9
Grain	3.5	10.6
Soybean meal	7.6	48.7
Sunflower meal	12.6	41.7
Rapeseed meal	12.9	38.8



AVAILABILITY OF P IN FEEDS

Rape seed cake	EDP
Untreated	0.73
+ Heating	0.59
++ Heating	0.34



<u>Barley</u>	EDP
Mature	0.77
+ Heating	0.68
Ensiling	0.97
0.8	





DEGRADABILITY OF P AND N



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PHYTATE REDUCES P AVAILABILITY





P AVAILABILITY IN ROUGHAGE



DM availability, %



P excretion can be reduced

- > Reduce feed P to recommended level omit P supplements
- > Feed P according to cows requirement
- > New knowledge is needed on
 - > feed P availability and technology to improve this
 - > technologies to remove P from feeds with high P
 - > bone P mobilisation at calving and P loss by recirculation



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Scenario for 2020: 30 KG P PER HA

	2010 Practice P	2010 Standard P	2020 at 2010 practice	2020 at 2010 standard	
Feeding and yield per cow-year					
P in DM	0.42%	0.35%	0.42%	0.35%	
Feed efficiency	83%	83%	83%	86%	
Yield, kg ECM	9,485	9,485	11,000	11,000	
Pexcretion					
kg P /cow-year	21.5	16.3	23.3	16.6	
g P / kg ECM	2.3	1.7	2.1	1.5	
Limit of 30 kg P per ha					
cows / 100 ha	140	184	129	181	
ha / 10 ton ECM	0.76	0.57	0.71	0.50	

