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## Grass tetany in beef cattle: prevention and treatment

Magnesium is excreted in both the feces and the urine, but the major part is excreted in the feces. Magnesium may be added to a protein supplement, grain mix or liquid supplement. Pastures where a significant amount of manure has been applied often have this mineral imbalance and are considered more vulnerable.

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Older cows respond more slowly, and are thus more prone to milk fever. Ketosis sometimes confused with milk fever at calving and hypomagnesemia tetany commonly called grass tetany or grass staggers are serious metabolic disturbances in cattle, given the setting and time. This period may be shortened if the cow is transported or driven to a fresh pasture.

## Grass tetany

Feed this treated hay at the rate of 10 cows or 100 sheep per bale.

## Grass Staggers In Cattle And Sheep

In the early stages, the cow will appear nervous, with a stiff legged walk and often a high head carriage and a wide-eyed stare. Magnesium sulfate is also a good source and is more palatable. Well muscled breed of a similar.

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