

# RUMATE

RUMATE is a Targeted Release Nitrogen that uses proprietary coating technology to provide a precisely consistent supply of nitrogen to microbes in the rumen. This results in maximum yield of microbial protein and improves dry matter digestibility together with more flexibility in the formulation of high performance rations for dairy cows and beef animals.

#### **BENEFITS**

RUMATE Targeted Release Nitrogen increases the amount of high-quality protein available for the dairy cow giving better performance, reducing overall feed cost and giving significant advantage of improving feed conversion efficiency in beef animals.

#### **IMPROVEMENT IN DIGESTIBLE PROTEIN**

**RUMATE** replaces low-quality proteins with the targeted release of nitrogen that combines with available sugar and carbohydrate in the rumen to improve quality and volume of microbial protein production.

# IMPROVEMENT IN FIBRE DIGESTION AND DRY MATTER UTILIZATION –

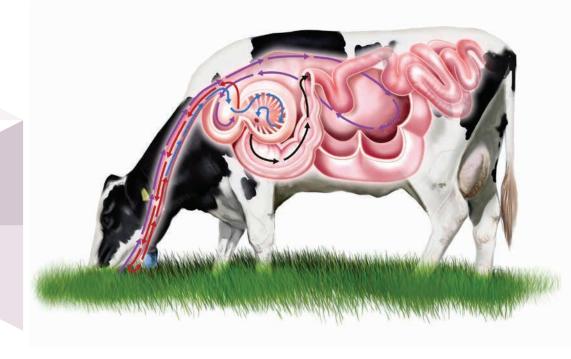
Microbial mass and activity is increased providing the amounts of available carbohydrate and nitrogen in balance to ensure greater utilisation of the dry matter, fibre digestion, and production of volatile fatty acids.

#### **OPTIMISING SPACE IN THE DIET**

RUMATE creates the opportunity to replace other less concentrated sources of protein allowing up to 1.0 kg of dry matter space in the diet to be taken by the addition of extra forage, non-fibre carbohydrate or other key ration ingredients to improve milk production and milk quality.

#### **LOWER COST OF FEED**

**RUMATE** allows the reduction and replacement of high cost protein sources leading to lower overall feeding costs.



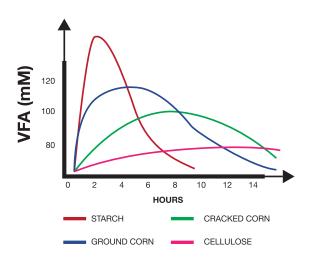
#### HOW RUMATE WORKS IN THE RUMEN

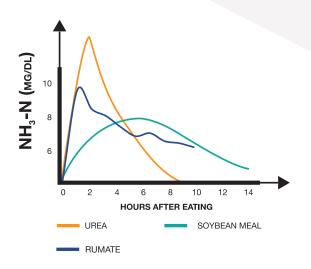
The function of the rumen is influenced by a variety of factors but improvement in the efficiency and output of the microbial protein and energy can have a significant impact on reducing feed cost and increase profitability of milk production. The Targeted Release Nitrogen in **RUMATE** can play a significant role in this.

The rumen is extremely efficient at converting high fibre feed, low density protein and non-protein nitrogen into valuable nutrients for the ruminant. The volatile fatty acids from carbohydrate fermentation contribute about 70% of the ruminants energy needs and the microbial protein contributes between half and two thirds of the amino acids absorbed by the ruminants which have an almost ideal amino acid profile to that required for milk or meat production.

To optimise the output of the rumen it is essential to have an efficient balance of available nitrogen and carbohydrate to boost the population of rumen microbes. Nitrogen release from common protein sources like soya bean meal tends to be relatively slow. The addition of urea to the diets can give fast release of nitrogen over a very short period but does not match the period over which the carbohydrates are available and therefore the impact is limited.

A targeted release of nitrogen from **RUMATE** over a set period allows for improvements in rumen fermentation leading to improved milk production and milk quality. Sources of energy and protein are digested at different rates, as can be seen in the figures below.



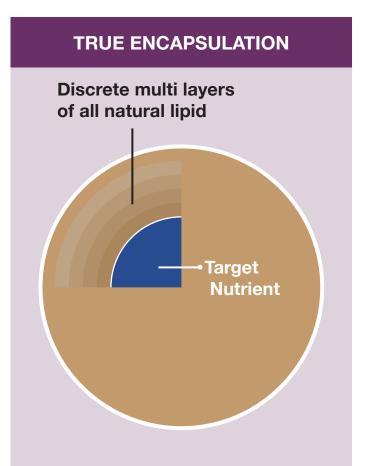


# WHY FEED RUMATE INSTEAD OF FEED GRADE UREA

Feed grade urea has no coating and is almost instantly soluble in the Rumen. Because there is significant urease (Enzyme that hydrolyzes urea to ammonia) in the rumen, the addition of urea to diets can lead to rapid spikes in rumen ammonia nitrogen levels. When ammonia levels become too high and too fast, rumen bacteria capture the nitrogen for conversion to high quality microbial protein and it is absorbed into the bloodstream. The liver must then detoxify the ammonia by converting it back to urea which uses up energy that could be used for milk production. Some of the urea may recycle back to the Rumen, however a significant amount of it is excreted in milk, a milk urea nitrogen, or in the urine.

#### IN SUMMARY RUMATE VS UREA

- RUMATE closely matches the nitrogen supply to microbial needs to maximise the efficiency of nitrogen utilisation.
- RUMATE allows a higher concentration of NPN to be fed safely.



#### **Product Information:**

Content – minimum of 87% urea, vegetable oil, minimum of 41% nitrogen, minimum 255% crude protein equivalent from non protein nitrogen.

### **Application:**

Feed to dairy cattle to provide a source of nitrogen over an extended release period to be used by the rumen microbes to boost the synthesis of microbial protein.

## **General Feeding Recommendations:**

Vegetable proteins provide peptides and amino acids and have shown to stimulate microbial protein production. All vegetable protein should not be replaced with RUMATE. When using RUMATE together with standard urea the combined amount of RUMATE plus urea should not exceed 225 g/cow/day.

The soluble protein of the diet should be between 32 and 38% of total crude protein. When other protein sources are replaced by RUMATE ensure that high-quality ingredients are used to take up the space created in the diet such as a combination of:

- Forage
- High starch concentrates (e.g., wheat, barley, maize meal)
- High sugar concentrates (e.g., molasses)
- High fermentable fibre concentrates (e.g., citrus, soya hulls, beet pulp)
- Fat

# **Recommended Inclusion Rates:**

Maximum - 250 g/cow/day Minimum effective rate - 10 g/cow/day Beef - 50-200g

The inclusion of feed urea in a ruminant diet should be formulated by a nutritionist.

#### Caution:

Do not feed to ruminant animals under 3 months of age. Do not feed to non-ruminant animals.

## Recommended replacement rate of other ingredients:

Replace 100 grams of soybean meal with 20 grams of RUMATE. Replace 100 grams of rapeseed meal with 15 grams of RUMATE.

Packaging: 20 kg bags



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