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Notice, All JFM Mills and Offices will be closed Monday Aug 2/21 for the Civic Holiday

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Beat the Heat - Preventing TMR Heating

Article by Jones Feed Mills Dairy Team

The hot and humid weather we are experiencing can cause a number of challenges on the farm. When it is hot and humid feed can experience a secondary fermentation in the bunk which reduces feed quality, palatability, and intakes. Below are some helpful tips to limit TMR (Total Mixed Ration) heating this summer.

- Mix feed more often Feeding twice per day where-ever possible can help improve intakes and reduce the amount of time feed will heat. Frequent feed push-ups are also recommended.
- Feed more at night Feeding when it is cooler will encourage cows to consume more feed. Try feeding 2/3 of the ration in the evening when outside temperatures begin to drop.
- Keep bunks clean Make sure to clean out any refusals before putting down fresh feed. Left over feed may mold or seem musty to cows, which may reduce intakes.
- Keep a good bunk face. When feed is loose, oxygen can enter the feed and lead to heating. Making sure bunks are well packed with a smooth face will limit heating before feed gets into the mixer. Make sure to remove enough feed each day to keep the face fresh - removing 12 inches per day is best practice.
- Monitor feed moisture Adding water is important to help TMR particles stick together, however when the weather is very hot and humid, the addition of water can lead to heating. If you notice your TMR heating, stop adding water to the TMR until it cools down.
- Use a mold inhibitor Products such as Mold-Zap® (Alltech®) or calcium propionate, are acid-based products that reduce the pH of the feed, preventing growth of mold and yeast, improving feed quality.

For more information summer TMR preservation, talk to your JFM Dairy or Beef Sales Rep.

Beat the Heat Summer Special! \$20.00 off bags of **Mold-Zap** and \$10.00 off bags of **calcium propionate** for the month of August!

FUTURES July 30, 2021 Live Cattle	
Oct	\$ 159.08
Dec	\$165.49 •
Feb	\$ 170.85
Apr	\$ 173.21
Dressed Hogs	
(\$/CKG)	
Oct	\$ 207.36
Dec	\$ 191.91
Feb	\$ 197.56
Apr	\$ 201.76
Canadian Dollar: \$1.24 Source: farms.com	

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Remove the Wrap!

JFM reminds customers to remove any shrink wrap on skids upon receipt of their bagged feed to avoid sweating and heating during summer months.



Jones Feed Mills Covid-19 Protocols and Updates – August 2021

- JFM mills and offices remain closed to the public currently. JFM has opened both the Heidelberg and Wroxeter stores. Please see the front doors of each facility for in-store directions and updates.
- When visiting the Linwood office, you may enter the vestibule and speak with JFM personnel using the phone on the desk. Please note, only one person or family unit is allowed in the vestibule at a time.
- Masks must be worn at all times when at any JFM mills.
- Curb and dockside pick-up remain available at all JFM mills.
- Customers are requested to practice physical distancing when interacting with JFM sales or delivery personnel when at your farm.
- On-farm sales and service calls continue while utilizing Covid-19 preventative measures including mask wearing when, physical distancing and avoiding confined spaces when others are present.

For more information, please contact Jones Feed Mills at 1-800-265-8735 or info@jfm.ca.



JFM reminds customers who wish to bank grains, to check with the mill <u>before</u> bringing any grains to the mill. Grains must be checked for grade, moisture and/or toxin levels and mill capacity before they can be received. For more information, please call the mill 1-800-265-8735





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