

## What use are minerals?

Here are four questions to start.

Do you take any analysis of you're home-grown feeds (silage)?  
Do you have you're diets put together by a nutritionalist?  
Do you weight you cattle on a regular basis?  
What do you base your current mineral regime on (local supplier)?

If the answer to all or most of these is NO then maybe it is time to consider are you in control? ARE you really achieving optimum performance?

My expertise lies in Minerals, Vitamins and Trace elements. By balancing the diet, Energy/Protein, and then balancing the Minerals to the animal's requirements within that diet, (so only feeding what is required). It is possible to not only have more control over your stocks performance but also you should be able to take care of niggling little health problems which may arise on a regular basis.

Did you know that every-time you use antibiotics you destroy well over 90% of all the vitamins in the animal? So why do we use them? Because it's a quick fix. Why not tackle the problem at source. By balancing your diet you can raise the immune system within the animal this reduces many off these situations.

Each farm will have it's own individual reasons for being looked separately. Whether it is breed of cattle, type of land, health problems, fertility, time of calving, even type of housing. They all make a difference to your bottom line.

### Fertility

How many cows in the herd calf each year?

How many people have an autumn calving herd but not by choose?

How long are you calving for in the spring? 2 months, 3 months, 4 months, 5 months, or 6 months.

Have you ever tried to cost out how much it costs when a cow doesn't calf on time. If you think the bank charges are step you are in for a fright.

THIS IS AN EXTRA PROBABLY NOT NEEDED.

For too long it has not been unusual to go onto a farm, look in the feed house and see a pile of dust ridden bags in the corner normally of minerals which you really didn't want to buy but it was the only way to get rid of the salesman.

We cannot afford to do this any more. Margins are too tight and performance is everything.