

Mentor Programmes

MineralMentor Bovine



OVERVIEW

Trace element deficiency can result in many problems on farm, e.g. reduced growth rates, lack of thrive, sub fertility, anaemia, poor coat quality and many other syndromes. All of these reduce farm profitability.

Mineral status and trace element status is important for growth rates and profitability in cattle herds. Proper advice on what level of supplementation may be required in a herd is impossible without accurately assessing the current herd status.

XLVet Skillnet MineralMentor Bovine programme allows us to do that.

Where supplements are used without checking out the farm's trace element status, a toxicity issue may ensue. This can result in reduced production and even death. So it is most important for each farmer to be aware of their own farm's trace element status.

Being proactive about trace elements now will reduce the risk of cows becoming deficient in the future, with negative effects on milk production, fertility, and general health.

The XLVets Skillnet MineralMentor Bovine will help you;

- Identify problems before they become apparent
- Understand your trace element status
- Improve farm profitability

ANALYSIS

Blood samples are taken from 6 animals in the herd. These can all be taken from one cohort within the herd, or they can be split and taken from different cohorts. A forage sample is also taken from cattle herds.

The status of Copper, Selenium, Iodine, Zinc, Calcium, Magnesium and Phosphorous in your herd will be assessed.

The blood samples can be taken at any time of the year, while the forage samples are typically taken in the autumn prior to the animals feeding on silage.

FARMER BENEFIT

XLVet Skillnet's MineralMentor Bovine programme will educate farmers on the trace element status of their herd and allow for a more tailored programme of supplementation on farm. So rather than supplementing with all trace elements, they will only concentrate on the ones that are deficient.

Once the bloods and forage analyses are complete, the vets engage in a one to one discussion with the farmer to help them understand the important roles that trace elements play in the transition of cow health, milk production and fertility.



Farmer Fee

€150

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