



FEED INDUCTION PROTOCOL

SHEEP & CATTLE INDUCTION CUBES

Ruminants need careful introduction onto grain-based feeds to ensure that their rumens are able to adjust, minimising the risk of digestive upsets or feed-related deaths.

Sheep Induction Cubes and Cattle Inductions Cubes are a high protein, moderate energy feed formulated to help introduce stock to a grain-based diet safely, prior to starting a high energy or full finisher ration.



Antibiotic & Ionophore Free

These feeds do not contain medications, antibiotics or ionophores like Rumensin.

We include Agolin, an essential oil to buffer the rumen but this is not a medication and careful induction and management must still be used to avoid digestive upsets.

Application

- Feedlots prior to starting a high grain or finisher ration
- Backgrounding with pasture prior to entry or starting on feed
- Safe for use in self-feeders
- Suitable for trail feeding

Preparation:

- Animals should be up-to date with all appropriate vaccinations and drenches.
- Animals should be drafted into appropriate mob sizes with similar body weight ranges.
- Design feeding system and pens to allow adequate space and access to feeders and water for numbers.

Do Not Feed to Hungry/Drought Affected Stock:

Sheep Induction Cubes and Cattle Induction Cubes, while only moderate-energy cubes, still must not be offered to hungry or drought affected stock. If stock are coming off limited and very poor-quality pasture, **allow access to ad-lib quality hay for minimum 24-48 hours** prior to introducing cubes, to provide gut fill and stimulate rumen function.

Suggested Feeding:

Use Cattle Induction or Sheep Induction Cubes for 5-7 days to assist with the transition of stock onto high grain and finisher rations:

- Cattle Finisher Pellets are our suggested ration for finishing animals to turnoff weights
- Cattle Cubes and Sheep Cubes are high-grain rations, ideal for maintenance or supplementing grazing

Day 1-5	Day 5+
Provide ad lib Sheep Induction Cubes or Cattle Induction Cubes Offer roughage i.e. hay or straw Ensure supply is consistent with no interruptions. Ensure fresh, clean water available at all times.	If using feeders, fill with Finisher Pellets before Induction Cubes have run out (around day 4). For feedlots, use a designated induction pen and transfer animals immediately to a separate pen with a finisher ration available close by, minimising time off feed. Ensure feed supply is consistent with no interruptions. Ensure fresh, clean water available at all times.

Interrupted Supply:

If supply of a high grain or finisher ration s is interrupted at any point during or after induction, Cattle or Sheep Induction Cubes must be started again before re-introducing the finisher ration again as above.

CAUTION

The introduction of high grain pellets to livestock requires a well-managed induction phase to minimise the risk of gastrointestinal upsets. Please speak to your animal nutritionist or contact us for more information. **The information in this document is a guide intended for our customers and advice may vary depending on individual circumstances.**