AGWAY DAIRY AND BEEF FEEDS Now contain selenium

Effective January 29, Agway began adding selenium to all of its dairy and beef feeds. This followed the U.S. Food and Drug Administration's January 26 clearance of selenium for such products.

Selenium is added as sodium selenite, which is the most biologically available form of supplemental selenium, according to Dr. John W. Peters, Agway animal nutritionist.

The nutritional value of selenium has recently been established. Some of the more commonly observed symptoms of selenium deficiency are white muscle disease, liver necrosis and sudden death. In dairy cattle, the lack of selenium has further been associated with a higher-than normal incidence of retained placenta, Dr. Peters said.

"With the addition of selenium to all Agway dairy and beef feeds, the problem of selenium deficiency — actual or marginal — has been greatly reduced," Dr. Peters said.

See your Agway dairy enterprise serviceperson or your local Agway Store or Representative for dairy & livestock feeds and feeding programs.

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