

# Mycotoxins: What Are They, Why Should We Care?

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presence of molds.

It is important to remember that the maximum recommended levels of mycotoxins listed in Table 1 assume that only the listed mycotoxin is present. If two or more mycotoxins are present, they may have an additive effect, dramatically reducing the maximum allowable level of contaminated forage in the animal's diet.

If a producer does encounter a problem with mycotoxin contamination, it is recommended that the affected forage be discarded. If this is not possible or feasible, the forage should not be

fed to lactating, pregnant, or rapidly growing animals. Diluting the contaminated feed with uncontaminated feed is highly recommended and feeding 3-6 ounces of sodium bentonite per animal per day may reduce the severity of the toxin. It is also important that the attending veterinarian and your nutritional consultants be informed of the problem immediately. By taking mycotoxin contamination seriously, the producer will insure that feed intake, animal performance, and long-term health of his valuable beef and dairy cattle will not be put at risk.

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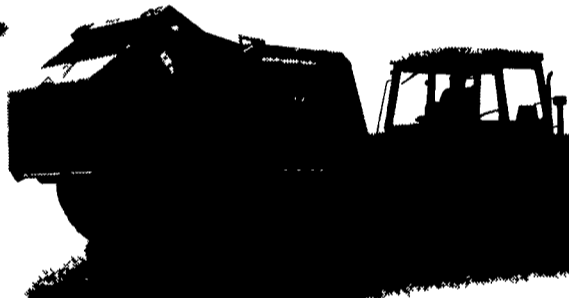


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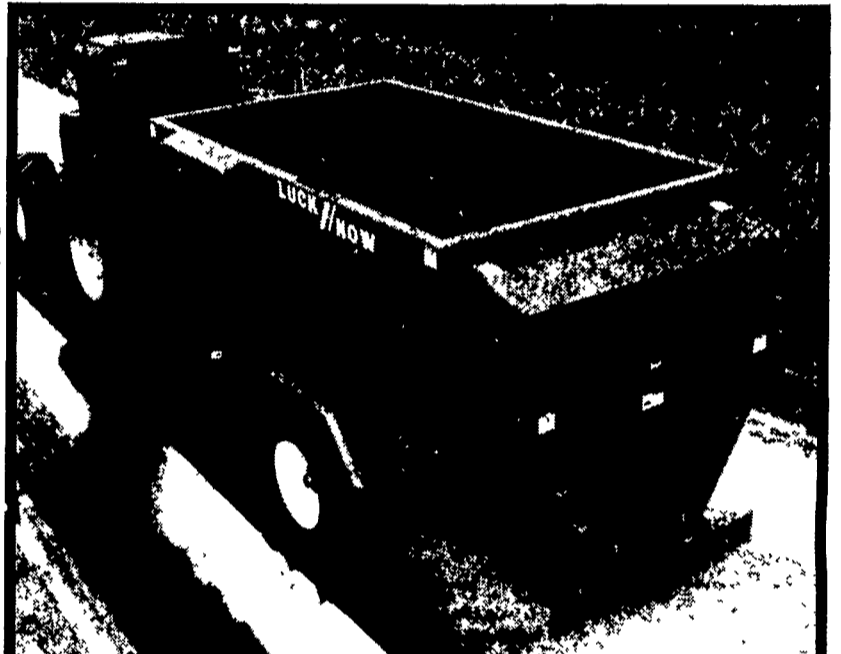
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