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## Feeding Minerals

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### General Feeding Instructions for Feeding Loose Mineral

1. Feed in covered feeders to prevent weather damage.
2. Place feeders in areas where cattle congregate – near shade, water, etc.
3. Check feeders every few days for adequate consumption according to feeding directions.
4. Do not feed additional minerals.

### General Feeding Instructions for Blocks

1. Provide at least one block per five head of cattle, so timid and smaller animals get their share.
2. Place blocks where animals congregate – near shade and feeding and watering areas.
3. Feed blocks continuously. Add one additional block when each one has been half-consumed.
4. Do not feed additional salt or minerals.

### General Rules for Mineral Feeding

1. Grains tend to be high in Phosphorus and low in Calcium.
2. Most forages are higher in Calcium than grains.
3. Most forages are low in Phosphorus, especially mature, weathered grasses, and need to be supplemented with Phosphorus.

### Salt Requirements

Swine..... 0.5%of ration  
 Cattle (less for smaller animals)..... 1 oz./hd/day  
 Poultry..... 0.25 - 0.5% of ration

### Calcium and Phosphorus Requirements

Swine requirement      Calcium ..... 0.65%  
    Phosphorus ..... 0.5%

Cattle requirements for Calcium and Phosphorus vary with type and quality of forage.