

What Do Dairy Cows Eat?



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Total Mixed Ration

Vitamins and Minerals

Supplemented into a cows diet to ensure that they're getting the essentials for growth and development



Ground Corn

An energy dense feed that is used on many farms because it's generally economical



Soybean Meal

The most common and economical protein supplement made from soybeans



Also known as a TMR, is all of the cows feed mixed together- like in a hot dish! This ensures the cow getting exactly what she needs in every bite.



These ingredients are mixed together in a large mixer- Cows will eat about 100 pounds of food every day!



Alfalfa

Forage with high levels of protein, calcium and high quality fiber



Silage

Chopped cornstalks that have been fermented- usually in a silo or bag



Haylage

Grass or Alfalfa that have been fermented- usually in a silo or bag

