Improving Feed Production Efficiency & Quality Control Aspects of Cattle Feed Plants

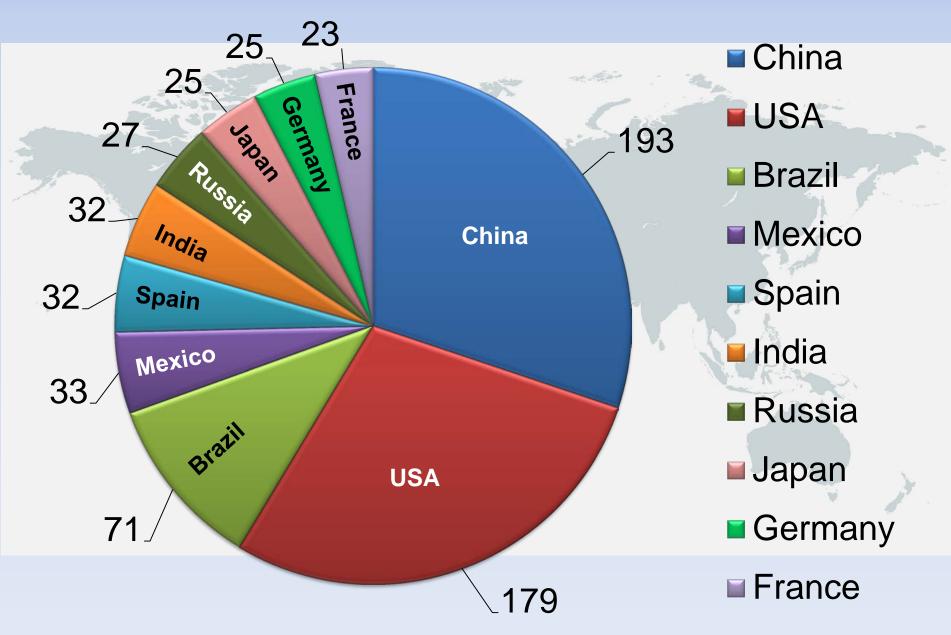


Cattle Feed Production in India: Present & Future Prospectus

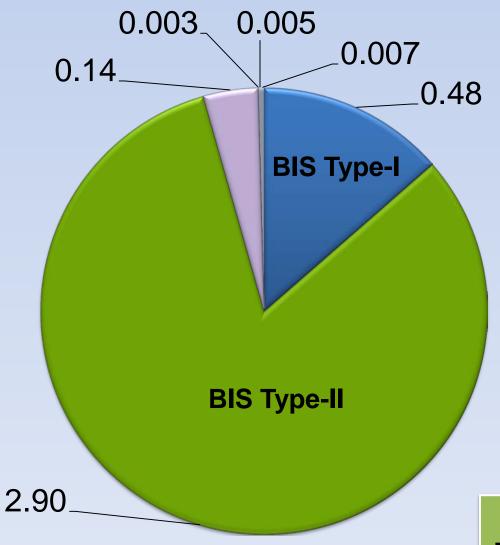


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World feed production (million ton)



Cattle feed production in dairy cooperatives



Total feed production: 3.54 million ton/year

Types of feed produced (million ton)

BIS Type-I

- BIS Type-II
- Bypass protein feed
- Buffalo feed
- Calf starter
- Pregnancy feed

Out of total cattle feed, BIS Type-II feed is about 82%.

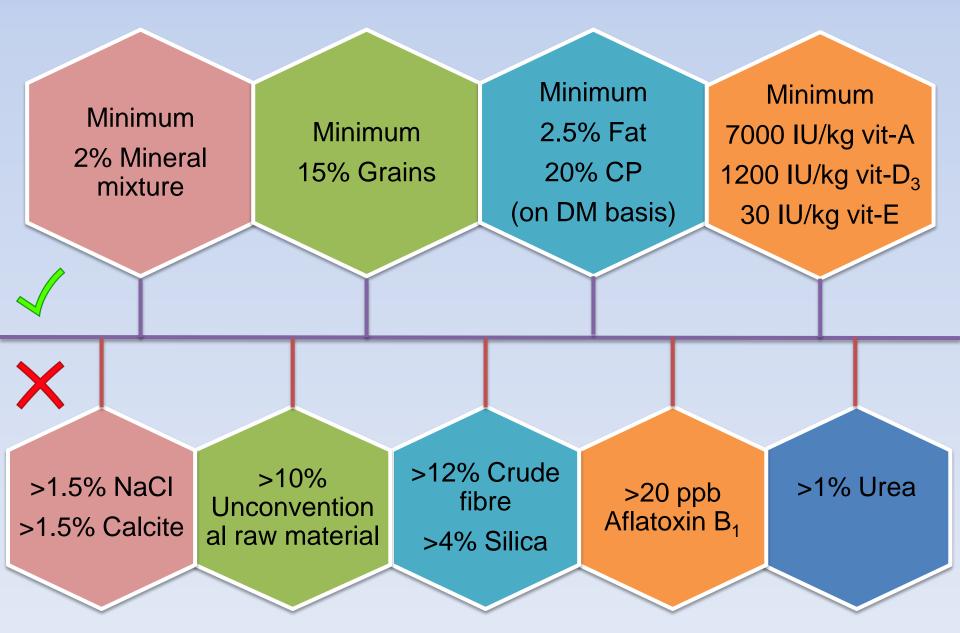
Livestock scenario of a district

Category of the animal	<1 yr calves	1-3 yr growing heifers	In-milk animals (up to 10 kg/day)	In-milk animals (>15 kg/day)	Dry animals	NECO	Other	Total female
Crossbred	72,240	73,482	85,141	56,760	46,452	12,166	2,121	3,48,362
Indigenous	85,257	91,086	1,35,188	15,020	72,730	19,753	4,135	4,23,171
Buffalo	1,93,226	2,55,132	3,03,648	75,910	1,66,433	48,774	12,684	10,55,807
Total	3,50,723	4,19,700	5,23,977	1,47,690*	2,85,615	80,693	18,940	18,27,340

* Feed requirement of high yielding animals is about 1200 MT/ day, whereas, a feed plant of 500 MT/day capacity in a district is usually producing only 90 MT of high quality feed.

Most of the CFPs are producing only **BIS Type-II feed**, for meeting the nutrient requirement of animals yielding **7-8 kg/d**.

Expected quality of BIS Type-II feed



Quality of cattle feed produced in dairy cooperatives (*n*=150)

Parameters	Actual analysis*	Requirement * (BIS Type-II)	Cargill Feed Analysis*	
Crude protein (%)	18.47 ± 0.25 (n=57)	Min. 20	22.86	
Crude fat (%)	2.10 ± 0.11 <i>(n</i> =27)	Min. 2.50	5.70	
Crude fibre (%)	14.35 ± 0.28 <i>(n</i> =32)	Max. 12	8.34	
AIA (%)	5.39 ± 0.31 <i>(n</i> =19)	Max. 4	1.32	
Urea (%)	1.52 ± 0.26 <i>(n</i> =6)	Max. 1	Nil	

* On DM basis

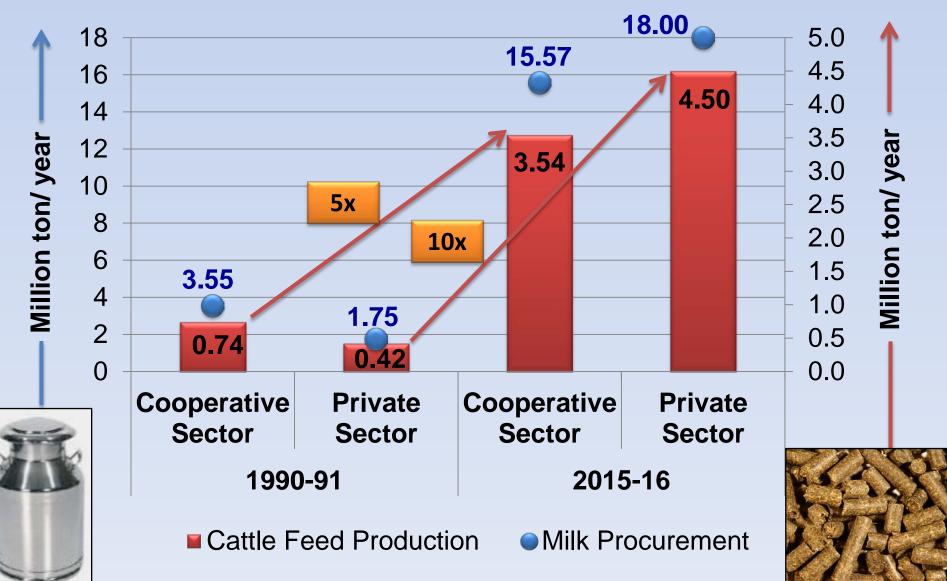


Cattle feed as one of the ingredients along with 2-3 feed ingredients

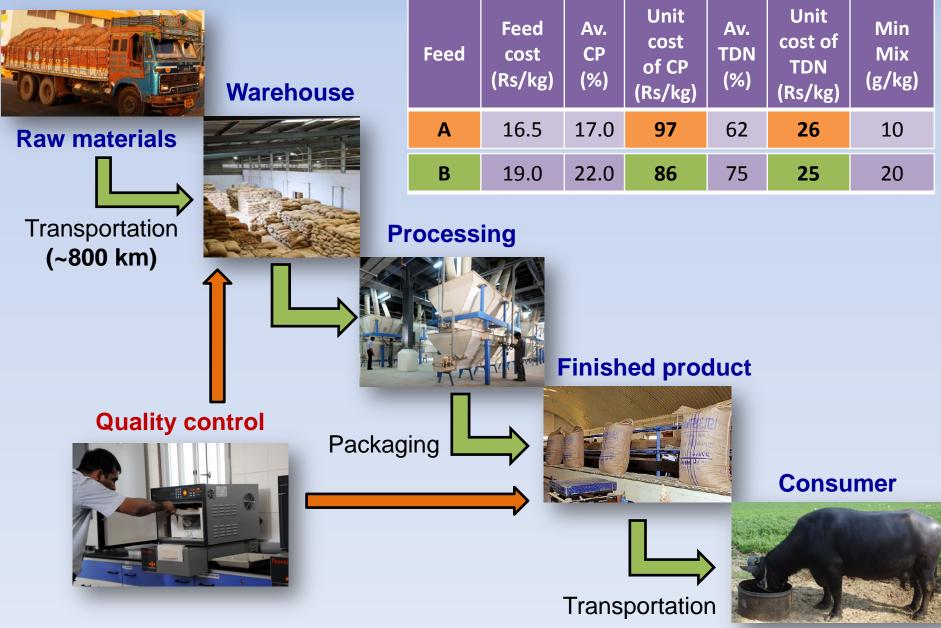
Grains + Oilseed cakes + Chunnies

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Trends in milk procurement & cattle feed production (cooperative *vs.* private)



Per unit cost of two different cattle feeds



We need to answer these questions

YES ← Trained manpower?

Freedom to take decisions?

Regular monitoring of quality?

- Feed raw materials
- Finished products

Timely payment of raw materials suppliers?

Exclusive marketing team for CF & MM?

Follow LCF regularly?

- Feed formulations
- Purchase decisions
- Well equipped QC lab?
- All equipment functioning?

All sections of a feed plant are working efficiently?

Compromise in cattle feed quality with the increase in raw material prices?

Future Prospectus

Produce feed for different categories of animals.

Not to compromise with the feed quality with the increase in raw material prices.

Ensure use of mineral mixture/ vitamins as per the minimum requirement.

QC officers strictly use raw materials selected in the LCF formulation.

Follow LCF regularly for feed formulations & purchase decisions.

Up-gradation / modernisation of QC lab.

Recruitment & training of QC officers.



Different types of feed need to be produced



Calf growth meal.

Pregnancy feed for last 2 months of gestation



- Good quality protein meals, higher level of protein (min. 22%) & adequate amount of energy (grains 32-35%).
- Anionic salts & trace minerals in chelated form.
- Higher level of coated vitamins E (1,200-1,600 IU/d), A (50,000-60,000 IU/d), D₃ (20,000-22,000 IU/d).
- Common salt < 0.5%; other unconventional raw materials < 5%.
 - NPN compounds.

Feed for high yielding cows & buffaloes



- Quality protein meals in rumen protected form & adequate amount of energy in the form of bypass fat @ 1-1.5% / grains @ 30-35%.
- Mineral mixture (minimum 2%).
- Adequate level of coated vitamins E, A & D₃.
- Add buffer in the ration @ 1%.

Feed for young calves & growing animals



- Good quality protein meals (soybean meal) and adequate amount of grains (minimum 30%), only maize.
- Calf Starter: coated sodium butyrate, calcium propionate, toxin binder, chromium chelate & anti-oxidant.
 - Mineral mixture (minimum 2%).
 - Adequate level of coated vitamins E, A & D₃.
 - NPN compounds / unconventional raw materials.
- Use 3 mm pellet die.

Summary

- **Qualified & trained manpower in QC laboratory.**
- Need to set up adequate feed testing facilities, with latest equipment.
- Proper testing of raw materials to ensure quality of finished product.
- **Testing of all the lots of finished product before dispatch.**
- An urgent need to produce different types of feeds for different categories of animals, using LCF software.
- Mineral mixture should be added in cattle feed @ 2% minimum.
- Price of cattle feed should be changed proportionally with the change in price of raw materials.
- An exclusive team for promoting sale of different feeds & feed supplements.

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