



Grass Tetany Season Is Approaching — Are Your Cattle Covered?

Southeast Tennessee typically falls within USDA Zones 7a–7b, bringing fluctuating temperatures, increasing rainfall, and longer daylight hours in February. While fields may still appear brown, cool-season grasses often begin responding to warming days earlier than expected.

This early forage growth is important—but it also introduces a seasonal risk many cattle producers overlook: **grass tetany**.

Grass tetany, also known as hypomagnesemia, is most common in late winter and early spring when cattle graze lush, rapidly growing grasses that are high in potassium and low in magnesium. Cool, wet conditions—common this time of year—can further reduce magnesium availability in forage.

Many producers across Southeast Tennessee rely on Purina® Hi-Mag Cattle Mineral during late winter and early spring. These minerals are formulated to address regional forage challenges and help meet magnesium needs during grass tetany season. Providing a consistent mineral source before cattle begin grazing early spring grass helps reduce nutritional gaps that contribute to metabolic disorders. February is the ideal time to place mineral feeders, confirm intake levels, and ensure minerals are protected from moisture—especially during wet winter conditions.

Be prepared before spring grass takes off. **Stop by the store to pick up Purina Hi-Mag and make sure your herd is supported heading into grass tetany season.**

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