

# The Dixon's Digest

## March 2018 Edition

WHO IS



Grober Nutrition was built upon a foundation of production experience -starting by producing milk replacer for use in veal production, which developed into commercial milk replacer sales. 45 years later, Grober has developed milk replacers for all species, from Asian elephants to water buffalo and domestic pets. Our specialty and focus is young ruminant nutrition (calves, kids and lambs).

From years of experience, Grober has fine tuned specialty blends that optimize dairy calf performance. Ongoing research at the Young Animal Development Centre in Woodstock allows us to test management practices and advances in nutrition research, to improve our products and on-farm recommendations.

Calf nutrition research has made great leaps even in the last 10 years, allowing Grober to create new formulations that improve calf performance while maximizing value to producers. Formulations such as Alpha Veal, utilize gut health, promoting additives and new generation alternative proteins provide great performance for veal or dairy-beef rearing in a cost effective package. All milk protein formulas such as High Performance and Excel optimize calf growth at the youngest possible age, maximizing milk production later in life.

In recent years Grober has also branched out into other areas of calf health beyond milk replacer. The best possible results can only be achieved if young ruminants receive the most important meal-colostrum. By providing pure, heat-treated, spray-dried colostrum calves are ensured effective immunity against common pathogens, from a disease free source. More recently Grober is pleased to offer FIRSTGro to prevent common causes of scours at 10-14 days of age.

A first in Canada, FIRSTGro utilizes strategically immunized egg antibodies to bind harmful pathogens in the gut which helps reduce pathogen load. More information on these and other Grober products can be obtained at Dixon's Feed Service.

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### FROM THE DESK OF DEB

MARCH!

Such an exciting time of year. Everyone is thinking about what chickens they want to order. Some are thinking of starting garden seeds indoors.

It is calving, kidding and lambing time.

Dixon's carries GROBER milk replacers, Calf creep and starter feeds, lamb and goat creep and starter feeds by Masterfeeds and Purina.

Baby bottles, marking crayons, powdered colostrum, electrolytes, scour medications, iodine for navels and much more.

We can feed your babies of all kinds, from forever on your farm, or for market.

If there are any questions we don't know the answer to, we have a great support team with representatives from Masterfeeds, Purina and Dave Dixon Consulting.

Look for mulches, potatoes, onions and chickens to come in April.

FEATURING:  **Masterfeeds**  
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Animal  
Nutrition™

We wanted to take a moment to highlight the debut of the Stabl-Lyx horse block. It is a recent arrival to us at Dixons and we are excited to bring it to you.

So far we are happy to announce we've had great success with this block. The feedback on these tubs has been outstanding and they are flying out of the warehouse! The quick acceptance and fame of this tub has inspired us to bring in a variety of other Masterfeeds tubs.

We are proud to announce the arrival of Sheep Lyx (for sheep and goats) as well as Mineral Lyx (for beef cattle). Having only just started supplying these tubs to our customers, we've seen the incredible success of both of these tubs.

Here at Dixon's we strive to provide you with not only some of the best feeds available, but also the best supplementation options to ensure your animals grow healthy and strong. There are other tubs available to you as well, depending on your needs. From Sweetlix and Crystalx to blocks for Game Birds and Fowls!

If you would like more information on the best supplementation options available to you, please do not hesitate to ask us!

### Spring Arrivals

Spring is upon us once again and that means we'll be stocking our shelves with vegetable and flower seeds to get your gardens and flowerbeds started!

We're happy to announce that in addition to our flowers and vegetable seeds, we've also got potatoes and onions arriving in April as well.

Our potato varieties this year will be:

Chieftan Reds

Yukon Gold

Kennebec

Superiors

Our onion varieties this year will be:

Dutch Sets

Red onions

and Spanish.

If you have any questions about getting started, please don't hesitate to ask us.



We want to say thank you to all of you who make the effort to be involved in the support of animal rescue or even simply feeding the birds outside your window in the winter months. We acknowledge this as a completely self-less effort and feel that you should be recognized for helping those, that sometimes cannot help themselves. The kindness shown by all of you warms our hearts and essentially fuels us to work harder here at Dixons. Your efforts don't go unnoticed and you are appreciated. Thank you!