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Shortage of supply of magnesium oxide

There is a potential shortage of supply of magnesium oxide (MgO) in the New Zealand market for the spring 2017 calving season. This is expected to be around 12-25% of the contracted supply agreements and limited availability of MgO for farmers without supply contracts.

The Dairy Cattle Vets (DCV) branch has prepared the following "[Notification and advice regarding the shortage of magnesium oxide.](#)" This includes information on alternative forms of magnesium that can be used to supplement cattle.

DCV and the NZVA are working closely with dairy industry stakeholders to manage the shortage. Where possible, the Ministry for Primary Industries (MPI) will help facilitate the importation of alternative sources of magnesium supplementation by veterinarians and supplier companies. Should there be any products which are not currently registered in New Zealand, MPI has the option of a Special Circumstances approval via the Agricultural Compounds and Veterinary Medicines Act (ACVM).

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