

LCC FEED DIVISION NEWSLETTER



FRESH INSIGHTS FOR SPRING



CHICK SEASON IS HERE – AND WE’RE NOW A CHICK DEALER

April marks the heart of chick season, and the Perham Country Store is now an official chick dealer. Whether adding layers to the backyard or expanding a broiler project, placing orders early ensures access to preferred breeds before availability tightens.

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Taking Orders for
CHICKS!

Lakes Community Cooperative

Layers, Broilers, Bantams, Guineas & More!

Before chicks arrive, ensure brooders are warm, draft-free, and stocked with clean bedding, fresh water, and starter feed. This spring, the poultry section has expanded to include new nesting boxes along with heavy-duty Little Giant® waterers and metal founts designed for durability and ease of cleaning. LCC chick starter/grower and broiler feeds, made in-house, offer consistent and economical nutrition for strong starts.

Ask the Feed Team: When should I pre-order chicks? Early—April demand is high and popular breeds move quickly.





SPRING COW-CALF MANAGEMENT: KEEPING MOM AND CALF ON TRACK

With calves on the ground and temperatures rising, April focuses on maintaining cow condition, supporting milk production, and getting ahead of early-season challenges. Fly pressure begins to build this month, making mineral intake especially important.

Purina Wind and Rain® mineral with Altosid® helps reduce horn fly populations by preventing larvae from developing in manure. As breeding season approaches, many producers transition into breeder-focused minerals containing Availa-4 or CX8, which supply highly available trace minerals to support heat cycles, conception, and early embryo development.

Consistent mineral intake during spring weather swings supports both cow performance and calf vigor.

Ask the Feed Team: What's the biggest post-calving mistake? Allowing mineral intake to drop—especially before fly season and breeding.

SHEEP & GOAT UPDATE – EARLY GROWTH AND EWE/DOE RECOVERY

As lambs and kids grow, April is a key month for transitioning from milk to early feed while supporting lactating ewes and does. Clean, dry pens and consistent nutrition help reduce digestive issues as temperatures fluctuate.

For operations supplementing newborns or managing large litters, Purina Lamb Milk Replacer (25 lb bag, 25:30 blend) provides a reliable, easy-mix formula for strong early growth. Pairing this with LCC Sheep and LCC Goat feeds supports a smooth transition into creep feeding and early rumen development.

Ask the Feed Team: When should lambs and kids start creep feed? As early as 7–10 days old.



SPRING FENCING – FINAL TOUCHES BEFORE TURNOUT



Before cattle hit pasture, April is the time to walk fence lines and make final adjustments. Winter can be hard on posts, insulators, and wire tension, and a quick inspection now prevents bigger issues later.

Gallagher energizers, posts, reels, and polywire are available to support both permanent fencing and rotational grazing setups.

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DEER MINERAL SEASON – SETTING UP FOR SPRING ACTIVITY

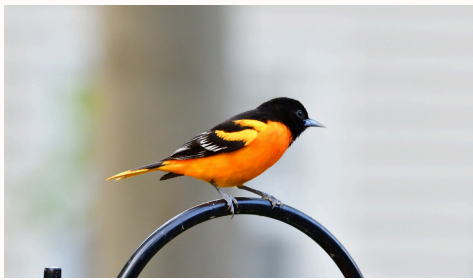
As bucks begin antler development and does prepare for fawning, mineral demand increases sharply. Refreshing sites now helps deer access the trace minerals they need during this high-demand period.

Trophy Rock, a natural mineral source containing over 60 trace minerals, offers long-lasting, weather-resistant support and strong attraction for herd monitoring.



Ask the Feed Team: How often should I refresh a mineral site? Every 2–4 weeks depending on usage and weather.

BIRD FEEDING – MIGRATION AND EARLY SPRING ACTIVITY



April brings a wave of migratory birds, and feeders play an important role in supporting them through unpredictable weather. Along with traditional seeds and suet, this is the time of year when orioles and other fruit-loving species arrive.

Grape jelly and jelly feeders provide quick energy and help attract orioles, catbirds, tanagers, and other colorful spring visitors. Keeping feeders clean and filled supports both resident birds and those passing through.

DAIRY UPDATE – SPRING MOISTURE SWINGS & TMR CONSISTENCY

As temperatures warm and silage faces daily moisture swings, April often brings the first big test of TMR consistency. Even small changes in forage dry matter can shift starch levels, fiber intake, and overall ration balance – all of which show up quickly in components and cow behavior.

Checking forage dry matter a few times per week this time of year helps keep the ration steady as piles thaw, settle, and warm. Watching for sorting, changes in manure consistency, or shifts in refusals can provide early clues that moisture has moved. If you'd like help running quick DM checks or tightening up spring TMR consistency, our team is always available.

Ask the Feed Team: Can I do moisture tests myself? Yes! We use and trust the air fryer method, and can easily walk you through how to do your own moisture tests in 30 minutes right from your farm. All you need is a kitchen scale, air fryer (can be a used, old one), and a light container to weigh samples in.

All of these products are available at our Perham Country Store, and select feed and farm products can be found at our stores in; Batte Lake, Vergas, Wolf Lake, Flom, Menahga Farm and Home, and New York Mills. Don't have what you're looking for? We are always open to bringing in new products and distributing to where you need it, give us a call!

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SPECIALS FOR APRIL'S ISSUE

**GRILLERS GOLD BBQ PELLETS 20# BAGS
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NECTAR.**



PRODUCT SPOTLIGHT: KEEPING YOUR OPERATION IN MOTION

This month, we're highlighting some of the essential equipment that helps keep your operation running smoothly. From durable cattle gates and feeders to squeeze chutes and skid steer attachments, we offer a wide assortment designed to meet the needs of every producer.



Our feeders and gates are built for strength and longevity, helping you manage your livestock efficiently. The squeeze chute provides safe and effective cattle handling, while our skid steer attachments offer versatile solutions for a variety of farm tasks.



Stop by the Perham Country Store to explore our full selection and talk with the Feed Team about the best equipment options for your operation. Whether upgrading your current setup or adding new tools, we're here to help you find the right fit.

