

Your Breeding Mineral Checklist

Timing

- Mineral program started 60–90 days before bull turnout
 - Consistent intake established before breeding
- Avoid major ration or mineral changes during breeding

Forage & Phosphorus Match

- Identify grazing base (native range, improved pasture, hay)
 - Target 2:1 calcium to phosphorus ratio
 - Maintain body condition score of 5–6

Trace Mineral Coverage

- Ensure copper, zinc, manganese, selenium, iodine, cobalt included
 - Use organic/chelated sources if needed
 - Address past conception issues if present

Water Quality

- Identify water source (well, rural, surface)
 - Test well water for sulfur and iron
- Adjust mineral program if antagonists present

Intake Management

- Target intake: 2–4 oz per head per day
- Keep mineral fresh, dry, and accessible
 - Provide adequate feeder space
 - Monitor intake weekly

Spring Conditions

- Consider high-mag mineral if lush forage present
 - Manage fly and parasite pressure
 - Account for weather stress

Bull Preparation

- Place bulls on mineral 60+ days prior
- Complete breeding soundness exam
- Maintain body condition score 5.5–6.5



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