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Dry Matter Demand Tables

For Classes of Beef Cattle



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	Months Since Calving												Average
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	
1,000 lb Mature Weight, 10 lb/d Peak Milk													
DMD, lb	21.60	22.10	23.00	22.50	22.10	21.70	21.10	21.00	20.90	20.80	21.00	21.40	21.60 lb
DMD as % Body Weight	2.16	2.21	2.30	2.25	2.21	2.17	2.11	2.10	2.09	2.08	2.10	2.14	2.16 % Body Weight
1,000 lb Mature Weight, 20 lb/d Peak Milk													
DMD, lb	24.00	25.00	25.40	24.40	23.50	22.70	21.10	21.00	20.90	20.80	21.00	21.40	22.60 lb
DMD as % Body Weight	2.40	2.50	2.54	2.44	2.35	2.27	2.11	2.10	2.09	2.08	2.10	2.14	2.26 % Body Weight
1,000 lb Mature Weight, 30 lb/d Peak Milk													
DMD, lb	26.40	27.80	27.80	26.40	24.90	23.70	21.10	21.00	20.90	20.80	21.00	21.40	23.60 lb
DMD as % Body Weight	2.64	2.78	2.78	2.64	2.49	2.37	2.11	2.10	2.09	2.08	2.10	2.14	2.36 % Body Weight
1,200 lb Mature Weight, 10 lb/d Peak Milk													
DMD, lb	24.40	24.90	26.00	25.60	25.10	24.80	24.20	24.10	24.00	23.90	24.10	24.60	24.64 lb
DMD as % Body Weight	2.03	2.08	2.17	2.13	2.09	2.07	2.02	2.01	2.00	1.99	2.01	2.05	2.05 % Body Weight
1,200 lb Mature Weight, 20 lb/d Peak Milk													
DMD, lb	26.80	27.80	28.40	27.40	26.50	25.70	24.20	24.10	24.00	23.90	24.10	24.60	25.63 lb
DMD as % Body Weight	2.23	2.32	2.37	2.28	2.21	2.14	2.02	2.01	2.00	1.99	2.01	2.05	2.14 % Body Weight
1,200 lb Mature Weight, 30 lb/d Peak Milk													
DMD, lb	29.20	30.60	30.80	29.40	27.90	26.70	24.20	24.10	24.00	23.90	24.10	24.60	26.63 lb
DMD as % Body Weight	2.43	2.55	2.57	2.45	2.33	2.23	2.02	2.01	2.00	1.99	2.01	2.05	2.22 % Body Weight
1,400 lb Mature Weight, 10 lb/d Peak Milk													
DMD, lb	27.10	27.60	28.90	28.50	28.00	27.70	27.20	27.00	26.90	26.80	27.00	27.60	27.53 lb
DMD as % Body Weight	1.94	1.97	2.06	2.04	2.00	1.98	1.94	1.93	1.92	1.91	1.93	1.97	1.97 % Body Weight
1,400 lb Mature Weight, 20 lb/d Peak Milk													
DMD, lb	29.50	30.50	31.30	30.30	29.40	28.60	27.20	27.00	26.90	26.80	27.00	27.60	28.51 lb
DMD as % Body Weight	2.11	2.18	2.24	2.16	2.10	2.04	1.94	1.93	1.92	1.91	1.93	1.97	2.04 % Body Weight
1,400 lb Mature Weight, 30 lb/d Peak Milk													
DMD, lb	31.90	33.30	33.70	32.30	30.80	29.60	27.20	27.00	26.90	26.80	27.00	27.60	29.51 lb
DMD as % Body Weight	2.28	2.38	2.41	2.31	2.20	2.11	1.94	1.93	1.92	1.91	1.93	1.97	2.11 % Body Weight

Abbreviations used in table: DMD = Dry Matter Demand, kg = Kilogram, lb = Pound, d = day

Adapted from: "Tables 21, 22, and 23," from Nutrient Requirements of Beef Cattle: Seventh Revised Edition: Update 2000, by Subcommittee on Beef Cattle Nutrition, Committee on Animal Nutrition, National Research Council, 1996, Washington, D.C.: National Academies Press. Copyright 1996 by National Academy of Sciences.

**Table 2-2. Daily Dry Matter Demand Requirements
in Pounds and Percent of Body Weight
Pregnant Replacement Heifers
1,000 - 1,400 lb Mature Body Weights**

	Months Since Conception										Average
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9		
1,000 lb Mature Weight											
DMD, lb	16.7	17.2	17.7	18.2	18.7	19.4	20.0	20.7	21.3		18.88 lb
DMD as % Body Weight	1.67	1.72	1.77	1.82	1.87	1.94	2.00	2.07	2.13		1.89 % Body Weight
1,100 lb Mature Weight											
DMD, lb	18.0	18.5	19.0	19.5	20.1	20.8	21.5	22.3	22.9		20.29 lb
DMD as % Body Weight	1.64	1.68	1.73	1.77	1.83	1.89	1.95	2.03	2.08		1.84 % Body Weight
1,200 lb Mature Weight											
DMD, lb	19.3	19.8	20.3	20.9	21.5	22.2	23.0	23.7	24.4		21.68 lb
DMD as % Body Weight	1.61	1.65	1.69	1.74	1.79	1.85	1.92	1.98	2.03		1.81 % Body Weight
1,300 lb Mature Weight											
DMD, lb	20.5	21.0	21.6	22.2	22.9	23.6	24.4	25.2	25.9		23.03 lb
DMD as % Body Weight	1.58	1.62	1.66	1.71	1.76	1.82	1.88	1.94	1.99		1.77 % Body Weight
1,400 lb Mature Weight											
DMD, lb	21.7	22.3	22.9	23.5	24.2	24.9	25.8	26.6	27.4		24.37 lb
DMD as % Body Weight	1.55	1.59	1.64	1.68	1.73	1.78	1.84	1.90	1.96		1.74 % Body Weight
Abbreviations used in table: DMD = Dry Matter Demand, lb = Pound											

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Table 2-3. Daily Dry Matter Demand Requirements in Pounds and Percent of Body Weight Growing and Finishing Beef Cattle 1,000 - 1,400 lb at Finishing (Slaughter Stock) or Maturity (Replacement Heifers)		
Current Body Weight, lb	Daily DMD	
	lb	% Body Weight
300	10.1	3.35
350	11.3	3.23
400	12.5	3.12
450	13.6	3.03
500	14.8	2.95
550	15.9	2.89
600	16.9	2.82
650	17.9	2.76
700	18.0	2.58
750	18.9	2.53
800	20.2	2.51
850	21.0	2.47
900	21.8	2.44
950	22.6	2.39
1,050	24.5	2.33
1,150	26.1	2.27

Abbreviations used in table: DMD = Dry Matter Demand, lb = Pound

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