Animal Nutrition What's in a feed bag?

Purchasing a complete commercial feed for your animal can be confusing. Knowing how to read feed labels and selecting the most appropriate feed to meet the nutritional needs of your animal can be a challenge. Since feed is 60-80% of the total cost of raising your animal, knowing how to evaluate feed is critical to the consumer. To assist you in purchasing the right feed for your animal's nutritional needs, the feed label is required to include the following information.

All feed bags must have the following:

- Product name
- Product purpose statement (must state the animal species and and animal class the feed is intended for)
- Guaranteed analysis (states levels of nutrients essential for the animal species and class)
- Ingredients in the product (must be listed in descending order by weight)



- Feeding directions (enhances the ability of the purchaser to use the product safely and effectively inline with the statement of purpose)
- ٠ Warnings and cautions of the product
- Drug ingredients
- Persons or firm responsible for the product •
- Net weight of the package

A. Our lot number - important tracking information. B. Our product code – use for ordering. 2099MEC • KALMBACH C. Name or Title of Product. TARGET WEAN FIVE+ S.E.W. FORMULA ONE D. Indicates this product is a medicated feed. Medicated E. Purpose statement: species, class, medication A complete swine starter feed formulated for control of swine dysentery (vibrionic dysentery, bloody scours or hemorrhagic dysentery); control of reason, etc. bacterial swine enteritis (salmonellosis or necrotic enteritis caused by Salmonella choleraesuis); for increased rate of weight gain and improved feed efficiency. Active Drug Ingredients F. Type and amount of medication. 50 g/top Carbadox **Guaranteed Analysis** Crude Protein (Min.) Lysine (Min.) G. Nutritional Guarantees – minimum and/or 1.8% Crude Fat (Min.) 5.0% maximum values that the product must meet if Crude Fiber (Max Calcium (Ca) (Min.) 0.80% tested by approved laboratory methods. Calcium (Ca) (Max.).. Phosphorus (P) (Min.) 0.95% Salt (NaCl) (Min.) Salt (NaCl) (Max.) 1.25% 1.75% Selenium (ac (Zn) (Min.). 2,500 ppm Ingredients eding Oatmeal, Dried Whey, Plant Protein Products, Dried Skim Milk, Spray Dried Animal Isma, Grain Products, Lactose, Fish Meal, Animal and Vegetable Fat, <u>Dicalcium</u> Phosphate, H. Ingredients in the feed. Can be listed as Plasma. Monocalcium Phosphate, Calcium Carbonate, dl-Methionine, L-Lysine, Choline Chloride, Vitamin A Supplement, Vitamin E Supplement, Artificial Sweetener and Flavor, D-Activated Animal Sterol individual ingredients or collective terms for a (Source of Vitamin D-3), Niacin, Vitamin B-12 Supplement, Riboflavin, d-Calcium Pantothenate, Ethoxyquin (a preservative), Menadione, Sodium Bisulfite Complex (Source of Vitamin K Activity), d-Biotin, Folic Acid, Bacillus licheniformis, Bacillus subtilis, Thiamine Mononitrate, Pyridoxine group of AAFCO* approved ingredients. Hydrochloride, Zinc Sulfate, Zinc Oxide, Ferrous Sulfate, Manganese Sulfate, Copper Sulfate, Dihydriodide, Cobalt Sulfate, Selenium Yeast, and Sodium Selenit I. Warning and caution statements are required WARNING Do not feed to swine within 42 days before the FDA. Withdrawal or unsafe feeding instructio ghter. Not for use in pregnant swine or swine ng purpose are listed here. This feed has a 42 day withdrawa CAUTION: Do not use in feeds containing hentonite Feeding Directions J. Recommended feeding directions for this prod Feed during the initial 7 days after weaning to pigs that weigh 5 to 10 lbs, at 10 to 16 days of age. K. Manufacturer responsible for feed. Manufactured by KALMBACH FEEDS, INC. UPPER SANDUSKY, OHIO 43351 Net Weight - 50 LBS. (22.7 Kg.) - BULK - Shown on Invoice L. KFI code for internal use only. 311320-227-1 * AAFCO = Association of American Feed Control Officials. M. Net weight of package. This organization sets standard guidelines for all feed NEXT GEN companies to follow for labeling products.

JOY BASIC BLEND

Guaranteed analysis

Crude Protein	21.0% min
Crude Fat	9.0% min
Crude Fiber	5.5% max
Moisture	10.0% max

Ingredients

Ground Yellow Corn, Wheat Middlings, Meat and Bone Meal, Corn Gluten Feed, Soybean Meal, Animal Fat (preserved with mixed tocopherols and citric acid), Natural Flavors, Corn Gluten Meal, Salt, Calcium Propionate (preservative), Potassium Chloride, Minerals (Zinc Sulfate, Ferrous Sulfate Monohydrate, Copper Sulfate, Manganese Sulfate, Calcium Iodate, Sodium Selenite), Vitamins (Vitamin A Acetate, D-Activated Animal Sterol (source of Vitamin D3), Choline Chloride, Vitamin E Supplement, Niacin, Calcium Pantothenate, Riboflavin, Pyridoxine Hydrochloride, Thiamine Mononitrate, Menadione Sodium Bisulfite Complex, Folic Acid, Biotin, Vitamin B12 Supplement).

JOY SUPER MEAL

Guaranteed analysis

Crude Protein	30.0% min
Crude Fat	20.0% min
Crude Fiber	3.0% max
Moisture	10.0% max

Ingredients

Chicken Meal, Brewers Rice, Chicken Fat (Preserved With Mixed Tocopherols And Citric Acid), Corn Gluten Meal, Pearled Barley, Oat Groats, Dried Beet Pulp, Natural Flavors, Dried Egg Product, Dicalcium Phosphate, Dried Brewers Yeast, Canola Oil, Fish Meal, Potassium Chloride, Salt, Dried Pumpkin, Minerals (Zing Sulfate, Zinc Oxide, Zinc Proteinate, Ferrous Sulfate Monohydrate, Iron Proteinate, Copper Sulfate, Copper Proteinate, Manganese Sulfate, Manganese Proteinate, Calcium Iodate, Sodium Selenite), L-Lysine, DI-Methionine, Vitamins (Vitamin A Supplement, Vitamin D-3 Supplement, Vitamin E Supplement, Niacin, Calcium Pantothenate, Riboflavin, Pyridoxine Hydrochloride, Thiamine Mononitrate, Menadione Sodium Bisulfite Complex, Folic Acid, Biotin, Vitamin B-12 Supplement), Choline Chloride, L-Ascorbyl-2-Polyphosphate, Yucca Schidigera Extract.

Look at the sample feed label from Kalmbach Feeds below to help you understand how to read a feed label.

Complete the following chart using the information from Joy Dog Food.

Product information	Joy Basic Blend (50-pound bag)	Joy Super Meal (50-pound bag)
Crude protein (min)		
Pounds of protein		
Crude fat (min)		
Pounds of fat		
Crude fiber (max)		
Pounds of fiber		
Main ingredient		
Dog activity recommendation		

Things to consider:

- Fat is energy-dense, providing almost 2.25 times as much energy, pound per pound, than carbohydrates or protein. Carbohydrates (fiber) and protein provide 4 calories/gram, whereas fats provide 9 calories/gram.
- The volume of stool is directly related to the amount of indigestible ingredients in the pet food. Some level of indigestible fiber from healthy sources is good, since fiber helps clean the digestive tract, stabilize blood sugar and maintain good weight. However, if the ingredient list includes a high amount of indigestible fiber, a lot of the food that goes in your dog's mouth passes right through his system and comes out the other end.



- 1. Which pet food product will deliver more calories per pound? How can you determine this?
- 2. Which pet food product will your pet need to consume more of to maintain its body condition? What factors help you to determine this?
- 3. As a consumer, which product is the most economical choice for your pet? How many pounds of dog food would you need of each product in order to reach your goal of 900 calories of pet food per day? If the Joy Basic Blend is threequarters of the price of the Joy Super Meal, which is the most economical choice? Which choice will leave you with less clean-up in the yard?

