

# Transition Rations

Transition rations are fed during the final 2 to 3 weeks before calving to provide for increasing fetal growth requirements, the probability of reduced [dry matter intake](#) and to prevent postpartum metabolic disorders, including: [milk fever](#), [retained placenta](#), [displaced abomasum](#), [ketosis](#), [udder edema](#) and [fatty liver syndrome](#). Adequate selenium and vitamin E intakes at this time may also reduce the incidence and severity of [mastitis](#).

for more information:

[Dietary Cation-Anion Balance](#), *Alberta Dairy Management*  
[Close-Up Dry Period: Feeding Management for a Smooth Transition](#),  
*Advances in Dairy Science*