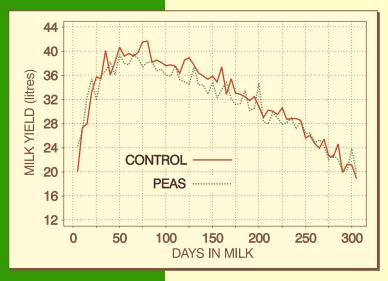
DairyNote



Peas

Peas can replace other sources of degradable protein (e.g. canola meal or soymeal) in diets fed to lactating cows. Although they are usually processed, processing may not be required due to their large size. The figure below illustrates production responses of cows fed concentrate containing either peas or a blend of canola meal and soymeal. Typical composition and nutrient values for high bushel weight feed peas are as follows:



COMPONENT
Bushel Weight
Dry Matter (DM)
Crude Protein (CP)
Soluble Protein
Bypass Protein
Acid Detergent Fibre
Neutral Detergent Fibre
Starch
Net Energy for Lactation
Fat
Ash
Calcium
Phosphorus
Potassium
Magnesium

TYP	ICAL	VALU	E

	64	lbs/bushel
	10.0	% of wet feed
	23.4	% of DM
	40.0	% of CP
	22.0	% of CP
	8.2	% of DM
	17.7	% of DM
	54.0	% of DM
1	1.81	Mcal/kg DM
	1.3	% of DM
	3.3	% of DM
	0.11	% of DM
	0.41	% of DM
	1.01	% of DM
	0.12	% of DM

for more information:

Feeding Peas to Lactating Cows, Alberta Dairy Management