



OTHER ANIMAL SPECIES



Cricket Gut Loader

Feed number: 2987

Suitable for: Crickets and other feeder insects

YOUR BENEFITS

- ◇ Complementary food for domestic crickets, field crickets and other feeder insects
- ◇ High content of calcium (10%)
- ◇ Contains omega-3 fatty acids (1.6%) from fishmeal, fish oil and linseed products
- ◇ Supplemented with all important vitamins, trace elements and a high content of beta carotenoids (65mg/kg)
- ◇ The feed replaces the maintenance/breeding feed during the last 48h before feeding
- ◇ By filling the gastrointestinal tract with this food, the calcium content of the feed cricket increases significantly (own study, p-value 0.004)
- ◇ Instead of an inverse Ca:P ratio, as is characteristic for almost all insects, a ratio of up to 1:1 can be achieved in crickets (according to own study)
- ◇ By additionally powdering the feed insects with this powder before feeding, additional calcium and vitamins can be supplied.



Colours may be different from the product

TYPE OF FEED, FORM, DELIVERY QUANTITY

- ◇ Complementary feed
- ◇ Form: meal
- ◇ Delivery quantity: 1 kg plasticbox
- ◇ Product number: 2987.MA.BU1



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FEED SPECIFICATIONS

Major nutrients (%)

Dry matter	92
Crude protein	16.5
Crude fat	8.7
Crude fiber	4.6
Crude ash	31.8
NFE	30.4
NDF	20
ADF	6
Starch	12
Sugar	2.6

Energy (MJ/kg)

GE	13.6
ME	10.0

Macrominerals (%)

Calcium	10
Phosphorus	1.0
Magnesium	0.3
Sodium	0.3
Potassium	0.7
Chlorine	0.5

Trace elements (mg/kg)

Iron	550
Zinc	90
Copper	15
Iodine	1
Manganese	90
Selenium	0.5
Cobalt	0.5

Vitamins (added, mg/kg)

Vitamin A (IU/KG)	50'000
Vitamin D3 (IU/KG)	5000
Vitamin E	410
Vitamin K3	18
Vitamin B1	80
Vitamin B2	33
Vitamin B6	30
Vitamin B12	0.14
Nicotinic acid	112
Pantothenic acid	92
Folic acid	19
Biotin	0.7
Choline	1700
Vitamin C	4000

Amino acids (%)

Arginine	1.0
Lysine	1.0
Methionine	0.3
Methionine + Cystine	0.6
Tryptophan	0.2
Threonine	0.6

Ingredients

Wheat mill by-products, minerals, fish meal, vitamin and trace element premix, fish oil, potassium sorbate, linseed products, brewer's yeast, beta carotenoids

Remarks

- ◇ Given values are calculated averages in air-dry feed.
- ◇ Energy values calculated according to Kamphues et al. 2014. GE=gross energy, ME=metabolisable energy.
- ◇ ME calculated according to modified Atwater factors (3.5/8.5/3.5).
- ◇ Trace elements: calculated total content. Vitamin declaration: vitamins added before production. Estimated total vitamin content for ration calculations on request.
- ◇ Nutrients are subject to natural variation of the raw materials and their production process.

OUR FEED RECOMMENDATION

- ◇ The meal should be made freely available to the feeder insects in the last 48 hours before feeding
- ◇ No other feed sources should be offered at the same time
- ◇ Water, on the other hand, should be accessible to the feeder insects
- ◇ For additional supplementation, the feeder insects can be dusted with this flour before being fed
- ◇ The feed should be mixed well before each use because of possible segregation
- ◇ The feed should ideally be stored in the refrigerator (2-12°C) after delivery.

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