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ExPro® is a rapeseed based protein feed with an exceptionally high share of by-pass protein. It is specifically developed for high yielding dairy cows and fast growing cattle and can completely replace soybean meal in most feed rations. ExPro® is manufactured from non-GM rapeseed with the highest hygienic standard and is guaranteed free from salmonella.

Protein Nutrition
In early and peak lactation the cow needs a concentrate with high share of rumen un-degradable protein (RUP), so called by-pass protein. The requirement for essential amino acids, e.g. methionine, lysine and histidine, also increases with high milk yield.

In intensive production of growing cattle, the protein requirement is high, especially in the first eight months. At birth the calf’s rumen is not yet developed and it cannot utilize roughage. In parallel, growth capacity, feed efficiency and muscle growth are the highest up until the animals weigh 250–300 kg. To take full advantage of this, the protein feed must be of good quality and contain a large proportion of bypass protein.

The degradation rate of feed proteins in the rumen is measured by the EPD parameter (Effective Protein Degradation). A high value indicates that a high share of the protein is degraded in the rumen and a low value that a high share passes undigested to the small intestine.

The unique ExPro® process assures a low rumen digestibility without lowering the intestine digestibility.

The ExPro® process and its benefits
In the patented ExPro® process steam is applied on standard rapeseed meal. This results in a modified protein structure which is much less degradable in the cow’s rumen than standard rapeseed meal or soybean meal. In vitro-studies have established the effective protein degradation rate (EPD) to 35%, which means that 65% of the high grade amino acids pass the rumen unaffected and are digested in the small intestine instead.

No adverse effects on intestine digestibility have been found. In trials at the Swedish University of Agricultural Science intestine digestibility for ExPro® was determined to 87%, while it has been determined to 82% for standard rapeseed meal.

The heat applied in the ExPro® process also kills off any harmful bacteria.
**Recommendations**

AAK recommends approximately 25% ExPro® in concentrates for cattle or up to 5.5 kg per animal and day.

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### ExPro® vs. common protein feeds

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<th>Feed material</th>
<th>Crude protein (%/kg DM)</th>
<th>Share of by-pass protein (%)</th>
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<tr>
<td>ExPro®</td>
<td>39</td>
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<td>Rapeseed meal</td>
<td>39</td>
<td>28</td>
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<td>Soybean meal</td>
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Comparison of ExPro®, standard untreated rapeseed meal and soybean meal. The total amount of by-pass protein is much higher for ExPro® than for soybean meal and standard rapeseed meal.

- ExPro® provides twice as much by-pass protein as standard rapeseed meal and 40% more by-pass protein than soybean meal.
- ExPro® is a non-GM protein feed which can completely replace soybean meal.
- The use of ExPro® prevents excessive protein feeding.
- ExPro® is guaranteed free from salmonella.
- ExPro® is rich in essential amino acids.

### ExPro® gives more milk

![Graph showing milk yield comparison](image)

Milk yield, in kg, and kg ECM per cow and day, for cows fed an ExPro®-based concentrate compared to cows fed a conventional soybean meal-based concentrate.

**Other recommended reading:**


### Amino acid content in common protein feeds

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<th>Lysine (g/kg)</th>
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<td>Soybean meal</td>
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Amount of intestine digestible lysine, methionine and histidine from three different protein feeds.

**Feed studies**

The efficiency of ExPro® has been confirmed in several field trials as well as by the Swedish University of Agricultural Sciences in Uppsala, Sweden. Results showed that ExPro® yielded 2–3 kg more milk per cow and day than soybean meal or standard rapeseed meal, when the cows were fed the same amount of crude protein.
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