

## Cottonseed

White ('fuzzy') cottonseed, or black (delinted) cottonseed can be used as an energy source, at no more than 15% of the ration. It is high in crude protein.

### WARNING

**White cottonseed (WCS)** and **de-linted cottonseed** (black cottonseed) may contain residue of chemicals applied to the cotton crop during the growing season. The National Registration Authority (NRA) calculates maximum residue levels on the basis of a **30% maximum dry matter (DM) intake of cottonseed** (WCS and black cottonseed) in the diet. This means that using WCS at levels above 30% of the total dry matter intake could result in excessive residues in cattle. This is particularly true for cattle destined for **export markets**, where the 30% limit set to comply with domestic MRLs may not apply. If you have fed WCS from crops treated with chemicals within 60 days of harvest (all cotton would be in this category) to cattle within 60 days of sending them for sale/slaughter, then **you must disclose this** at Question 7 of the National Vendor Declaration (Cattle). NSW Department of Primary Industries does **not** recommend the use of cottonseed at more than 30% of the total dry matter intake, even in severe droughts.

NSW Department of Primary Industries and the cattle and cotton industries recommend that cotton **trash** NOT be fed to livestock due to residue concerns.