

Moisture Proof Barrel Mineral Feeder for Most Livestock



The water proof barrel mineral feeder pictured above was made by SeaAgri dealer Patricia and Bill Ingram of Jay OK. It is created from a 55 gallon plastic drum and is hung from a tree limb by a heavy duty chain. Bill has several on his ranch and is able to move his cattle from one pasture to another simply by filling the feeder where he wishes his cows to move with SEA-90 Essential Elements and not replenishing SEA-90 in the feeder where they are currently grazing. They gravitate to the new pasture in search of SEA-90 mineral.

This type of mineral feeder is available for sale but Bill made his own at a fraction of the cost and all the materials can be purchased at your local tractor supply or hardware store. Here's what you'll need and how to construct it.

Materials List:

- 55 gallon plastic drum
- ½" x 4" threaded eye bolt
- 2 - 1½" x ½" washers
- 2 - ½" nuts
- 25' ⅜" chain
- ⅜" Crown Bolt Slip Hook

Directions:

Cut opening in side of barrel large enough to comfortably accommodate the livestock head starting 5" from the bottom side. Drill ½" hole in top center of barrel. Thread on nut and washer to ½" eye bolt and place through the 1'2" hole drilled in top of barrel with the eye on the outside. Place washer and thread nut on to eye bolt from the inside until wrench tight. Throw chain over tree limb where you want your feeder located and connect to chain and eye bolt with Crown Bolt Slip Hook. Fill with 25 lbs of SEA-90 Essential Elements and you're ready to go.

If you don't have any trees with low hanging limbs you can throw the chain over you may want to consider a covered standing feeder and pull it from pasture to pasture with your tractor or 4 wheel drive truck.