

## QUICK GUIDE TO OMEGA FATTY ACIDS & IMMUNE BALANCE



INFLAMMATORY OMEGA-6s



ANTI-INFLAMMATORY OMEGA-3s

Overreact = Lost Energy. Underreact = Lost Health.

Omega fatty acids are located in the phospholipid layer of **every cell in the cow's body** (except for red blood cells).

The cow's balance of omega fatty acids is **completely controlled by what she is fed**, because she cannot manufacture them on her own.

The balance of **inflammatory omega-6s vs. anti-inflammatory omega-3s** determines how the cow responds to immune stressors in her environment at the most basic level.



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PATHWAYS FOR IMMUNE REGULATION

## **STRESSORS**

Trigger production of substrates from omega fatty acids to activate immune response.

## INFLAMMATORY OMEGA-6s LINOLEIC ACID RACHIDONIC ACID

Lipoxygenases

12-HETE, 15-HETE, LTA<sub>4</sub>

Leukotrienes

LTD, LTE

Lipoxins

LXA<sub>4</sub>, LXB<sub>4</sub> ANTI-INFLAMMATORY
OMEGA-3s
LINOLENIC ACID
EPA/DHA

Resolvins

RVE<sub>1</sub>, RVE<sub>2</sub>, RVD<sub>1</sub>, RVD<sub>2</sub>, RVD<sub>3</sub>, RVD<sub>4</sub>

**Protectins** PD<sub>1</sub>

**Cyclooxegenase** COX-1 & COS-2

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Prostaglandins

PGD<sub>2</sub>, PGE<sub>2</sub>, PGF<sub>2</sub>, PGI<sub>2</sub>

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Thromboxanes

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