



Toxin Binding

- Security EF contains 5 unique compounds that have shown an ability to bind a portion of the endophyte fungus called ergovaline.
- Binding these toxins causes them to pass through the animal, thereby reducing the toxin loads

Deactivation

 A combination of enzymes that will break down or detoxify a portion of the ergovaline in the rumen thus rendering the toxin harmless to the animal

Vasodilation

- Ergovaline is a vasoconstrictor and when absorbed by cattle causes blood vessels to narrow.
- These circulatory problems result in tail, ear and hoof sloughing in the winter and extreme heat intolerance of in the summer

Impacts of Tall Fescue Toxicosis on the cow herd

- Multiple research reports on the impacts of Tall Fescue toxicosis have been summarized in review articles.
- When averaged the results speak for themselves for cattle grazing highly infected Tall Fescue compared to cattle grazing Tall Fescue with low levels of infection.
 - o ADG lbs/head/day 58.7%
 - Pregnancy Rate 74.4%