Table 11. Digestible energy (Kcal/kg) of key forages and by key forage class across 3 time periods. Jarbidge Mountains, Nevada, 1999. Daily requirements for an adult cow elk, gravid in spring and lactating through mid-autumn, with average consumption rates, daily activities, and metabolic demands (from Cook; In Press).

Species	June		August		Autumn	
	$\bar{x}$	SE	$\bar{x}$	SE	$\bar{x}$	SE
Forbs	3,230.4	108.5	2,729.9	61.0	2,157.6	45.0
Arrowleaf balsamroot	3,200.6	45.6	2,756.0	115.5	2,158.3	94.5
Lupine spp.	3,260.2	236.4	2,703.8	67.6	2,156.8	34.3
Grasses	2,692.4	65.7	2,198.9	83.9	2,034.9	71.0
Bluebunch wheatgrass	2,564.2	209.5	2,230.6	120.0	1,754.5	189.9
Kentucky bluegrass	2,672.0	51.1	2,069.4	220.1	1,972.1	85.8
Idaho fescue	2,624.5	146.4	2,369.0	215.8	1,959.1	190.7
Mountain brome	3,147.5	35.9	2,651.0	94.7	1,806.2	101.7
Needlegrass spp.	2,660.6	93.3	1,924.4	39.5	1,388.7	112.0
Sandberg's bluegrass	2,485.4	76.4	1,948.8	210.9	1,656.1	191.1
Woody Plants	2,692.0	188.3	2,462.3	107.8	2,397.7	66.7
Curlleaf mountain mahogany	2,184.8	223.1	2,090.5	113.0	2,205.2	37.6
Mountain snowberry	3,320.3	127.7	2,746.5	78.2	2,410.9	90.0
Snowbrush ceanothus	2,570.9	160.9	2,550.0	85.5	2,577.1	95.6
Requirements	3,000		2,700		2,400	