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Highlights

- Crude protein (CP) value from red clover silage (RCS) and soybean meal were studied.
- Undegraded and intestinal digestibility of CP reduced with increasing level of RCS.
- Increasing level of RCS shifted the site of CP utilization from rumen to intestine.
- The CP value of diets reduced with each increasing level of RCS.
- RCS can be included up to 0.30 without impairment of protein value of diets.