

# Setting your weaners for success

## Investing in weaner and post-weaning nutrition delivers multiple benefits

Matching feed quality with a weaner's nutritional needs has a direct effect on post-weaning and long-term growth, overall health, meat quality and, importantly, the reproductive performance of replacement heifers.

To maintain rumen function and minimise the stress of the weaning process, calves should be yard-weaned for 7-10 days and fed good quality hay.

Once they're moved out of the yards, weaners would ideally be put into good pasture, high in protein and with adequate energy.

But the quality and quantity of forage and hay often aren't good enough to achieve your production targets.

Filling this gap between available nutrition and your weaners' needs is best achieved with a protein/energy supplement.

It's all about getting young animals on a rising plane of nutrition throughout their lives, ideally with an average growth rate of at least 0.6kg/day.

**Solution:** *If your hay is medium to low quality, you can add protein using **Molafos 15** or **Molafos 15S**. And if your weaner pastures are dry and without high green content (and therefore nutritional value), then boost your weaners' protein and energy intake with **Molafos 20**.*



Days to sell@ 320kg LBW assuming weaned on 01/07/2022 @ 160kg

Average Daily Gain	ADG .4kg	ADG .6kg	ADG .8kg	ADG .1kg	ADG 1.2kg	ADG 1.4kg
Days to sell weight	400 Days	268 Days	201 Days	161 Days	135 Days	161 Days
Difference	0	(-132 Days)	(-198 Days)	(-239 Days)	(-265 Days)	(-284 Days)
Sell Date/ADG	5/08/2023	26/03/2023	18/01/2023	9/12/2022	13/11/2022	25/10/2022
\$/GAIN/DAY (3-month AVG)	\$2.64	\$3.95	\$5.27	\$6.59	\$7.90	\$9.22
\$/GAIN/DAY (6-month AVG)	\$2.47	\$3.71	\$4.94	\$6.18	\$7.41	\$8.65
Supplement recommendation		Molafos 15/20 range	Molafos 20 range	GLF 60% Grain mix	GLF 60% Grain mix	

6 & 3 month AVG c/kg LWT of steers 280-330kg from the three largest cattle sale centres in QLD/NSW

Sale Location	Wagga	Dalby	Roma
3-month Avg Combined		658.9 C/Kg LWT	
3-month Avg C/Kg Lwt Nov21-Jan22	649.5 C/Kg LWT	648.4 C/Kg LWT	678.8 C/Kg LWT
6-month Avg Combined		617.6 C/Kg LWT	
6-month Avg C/Kg Lwt Aug21-Jan22	626.7 C/Kg LWT	602.4 C/Kg LWT	623.7 C/Kg LWT

## Getting to sale weight at the right time

These tables highlight a dollar value per-gain for each steer, using the three largest cattle-selling centres in QLD/NSW and their average cents/kg price for 280-330kg yearling steers, in the last three and six months.

Our technical sales staff can work through these figures with you to help decide which supplement program fits your operation.

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