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Intake & Behavior Data Collection Feedlot Service Information

Description

The Feedlot is comprised of 4 pens, and each pen contains:

- An area of 2,912 ft² (270.5 m²)
- Fresh water delivery system
- Two SmartFeed bunks*
- Potential to hold 20 cattle per pen when fed a high-grain diet
 - Pen capacity differs based on diet and cattle-type

Deliverables

- Feed intake
- Feeding behavior

A typical report for cattle on test, provided at the end of the test, contains:

- Initial and final body weight
- Average daily gain
- Dry matter intake
 - Dry matter intake as a percentage of body weight
- Residual feed intake & rank (within cohort)
- Feed to gain & rank (within cohort)

Health Requirements & Sick Cattle Management

Health records are requested prior to delivery

- Cattle should be up-to-date on vaccinations

If veterinary assistance is required, the client will be notified immediately

- Sick cattle will be handled on a case-by-case basis

Service Rates

UF-affiliated clients \$1.30 / head / day

Non-UF affiliated clients \$2.00 / head / day

The service rate includes facility maintenance, labor, data management and associated service contract fees, and supplies related to service. *Service rates are for use of the Feedlot only and do not include feed costs.

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