



# TROUBLESHOOTING UNCERTAIN TIMES IN THE BEEF INDUSTRY

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## TROUBLESHOOTING UNCERTAIN TIMES IN THE BEEF INDUSTRY

- Market Outlook
  - Dr. Glynn Tonsor, Department of Agricultural Economics
- “No Distillers, Now What?”--Alternative Protein Options for Beef Producers
  - Dr. Jaymelynn Farney, Department of Animal Sciences & Industry, Southeast Research & Extension Center, Parsons, KS
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- Feeding Options for Growing Diets
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Market outlook

"No distillers?  
Now what?"

Feeding options for  
growing diets

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## We live in interesting & complex times...

- Society is asking: How can we have this?
  - less meat for consumers at grocery stores & restaurants with limited meat for menus
  - animals with no where to go & calls for gov't to make euthanasia payments and set-aside programs,
  - increasing meat prices,
  - decreasing livestock prices, &
  - lower stock prices of processors
  - Reflects COVID19 impact on supply chain
    - Bottleneck in harvesting & processing +
    - perishability +
    - markets having time dimensionality = our current, dynamic situation



<https://www.purdue.edu/newsroom/releases/2020/02/questions-and-answers-about-the-road-from-farm-to-table.html>




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## Example Resources List, Since March 17<sup>th</sup>

- Management and Nutritional Considerations for Growing Cattle Under COVID-19 Conditions <https://www.agmanager.info/livestock-meat/production-economics/management-and-nutritional-considerations-growing-cattle-under>
- K-State Feeder Cattle Risk Management Tool <https://www.agmanager.info/k-state-feeder-cattle-risk-management-tool>
- Meat Availability and Shortages Overview <https://www.agmanager.info/livestock-meat/marketing-extension-bulletins/trade-and-demand/meat-availability-and-shortages>
- Fed Cattle Flows - Demonstrative Scenario Examples <https://www.agmanager.info/livestock-meat/marketing-extension-bulletins/marketing-strategies-and-livestock-pricing/fed-cattle>
- Meat Demand Monitor - April 2020 <https://www.agmanager.info/livestock-meat/meat-demand/monthly-meat-demand-monitor-survey-data/meat-demand-monitor-april-2020>
- Recent Domestic Demand Indices <https://www.agmanager.info/livestock-meat/meat-demand/monthly-domestic-meat-demand-indices-usdabls-data/recent-domestic-demand>
- Recent Export Demand Indices <https://www.agmanager.info/livestock-meat/meat-demand/monthly-export-beef-demand-indices-usdabls-data/recent-export-demand>
- Cattle Feeding Returns-April 2020 <https://www.agmanager.info/livestock-meat/cattle-finishing-historical-and-projected-returns/cattle-feeding-returns-april-2020>
- Assessing Impact of Packing Plant Utilization on Livestock Prices <https://www.agmanager.info/livestock-meat/marketing-extension-bulletins/price-risk/assessing-impact-packing-plant-utilization>
- Meat Demand Monitor - COVID19 Impact Special Report <https://www.agmanager.info/livestock-meat/meat-demand/monthly-meat-demand-monitor-survey-data/meat-demand-monitor-covid19>
- Cattle Industry's COVID19 Economic Damage Assessment <https://www.agmanager.info/livestock-meat/marketing-extension-bulletins/price-risk/cattle-industry%E2%80%99s-covid19-economic-damage>



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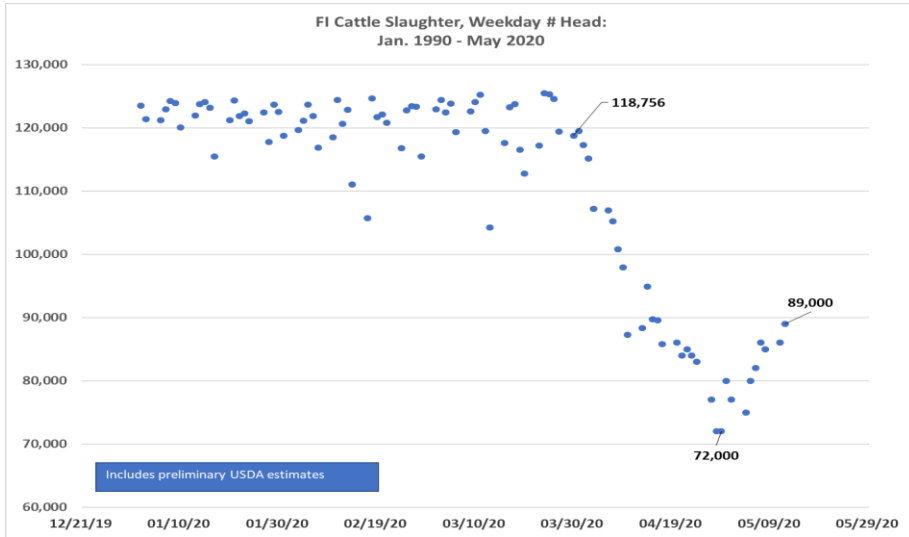
## Example Resources List, Since March 17<sup>th</sup>

- Economic Damages to the U.S. Beef Cattle Industry Due to COVID-19  
<https://extension.okstate.edu/fact-sheets/economic-damages-to-the-u-s-beef-cattle-industry-due-to-covid-19.html>
- Webinars/Long Interviews:
  - 98.1 KMBZ – May 5<sup>th</sup> <https://kmbz.radio.com/media/audio-channel/will-there-be-a-meat-shortage-and-what-does-that-mean-for-us>
  - Brownfield: COVID-19 THE IMPACT ON AGRICULTURE <https://brownfieldagnews.com/covid19/>
  - Loos Tales – April 21<sup>st</sup> <https://anchor.fm/trent-loos/episodes/Loos-Tales-for-April-21--2020-Dr-Glynn-Tonsor-on-whether-grocery-store-shelves-will-be-void-of-meat-soon-but-you-must-have-gas-to-get-there-ed22v1>
  - Beef-Cattle Sector Thoughts - April 16<sup>th</sup> <https://www.agmanager.info/news/recent-videos/beef-cattle-sector-thoughts-april-16-2020>
  - US Farm Report – April 11<sup>th</sup>: <https://www.agweb.com/usfr>
  - Ongoing Effects on Livestock Markets from COVID-19 Pandemic <https://www.agmanager.info/news/recent-videos/ongoing-effects-livestock-markets-covid-19-pandemic>
  - Big Picture Look: Coronavirus Impact on Pork-Swine Industry <https://www.agmanager.info/news/recent-videos/big-picture-look-coronavirus-impact-pork-swine-industry>
  - Big Picture Look: Coronavirus Impact on Beef-Cattle Industry <https://www.agmanager.info/news/recent-videos/big-picture-look-coronavirus-impact-beef-cattle-industry>
- Other interviews, general media engagement, etc. cross-linked on AgM (<https://www.agmanager.info/contributors/tonsor>) and Twitter (@TonsorGlynn)



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# FI Cattle: Progress Being Made...



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# Fed Cattle Flows: “Carryovers” Continue

Week ending May 2 = 425k FI

May 1<sup>st</sup>: 510k that “should” have been marketed in April?

Kansas State University Department Of Agricultural Economics Extension Publication 04/28/2020

## Fed Cattle Flows: Demonstrative Scenario Examples

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May 22<sup>nd</sup> – USDA Cattle on Feed report

Demonstrative Possible June 1st, Fed Cattle Overflow Situations (1,000 hd)		
	Scenario Description	Overflow
Scenario 1	450k constant week-ending 5/2 to 5/30	1,219
Scenario 2	425k constant week-ending 5/2 to 5/30	1,344
Scenario 3	450k constant week-ending 5/2 to week-ending 5/9 and then 500k to 5/30	1,069
Scenario 4	425k constant week-ending 5/2 to 5/9 and then 450k to 5/30	1,269



<https://www.agmanager.info/livestock-meat/marketing-extension-bulletins/marketing-strategies-and-livestock-pricing/fed-cattle>



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## Quarterly Forecasts (LMIC: 5/8/20)

Year	Comm'l	% Chg.	Average	% Chg.	Comm'l	% Chg.
Quarter	Slaughter	from	Dressed	from	Beef	from
		Year Ago	Weight	Year Ago	Production	Year Ago
2019						
I	7,934	0.7	808.4	-1.5	6,414	-0.8
II	8,573	1.7	794.8	-0.4	6,814	1.3
III	8,541	2.2	810.5	-0.6	6,923	1.5
IV	8,502	1.9	823.0	0.1	7,000	2.0
<b>Year</b>	<b>33,550</b>	<b>1.7</b>	<b>809.0</b>	<b>-0.6</b>	<b>27,151</b>	<b>1.0</b>
2020						
I	8,399	5.9	825.0	2.1	6,929	8.0
II	7,296	-14.9	810.0	1.9	5,910	-13.3
III	8,796	3.0	830.0	2.4	7,300	5.4
IV	8,460	-0.5	831.0	0.9	7,031	0.4
<b>Year</b>	<b>32,952</b>	<b>-1.8</b>	<b>825.0</b>	<b>1.9</b>	<b>27,170</b>	<b>0.1</b>
2021						
I	8,029	-4.4	818.0	-0.8	6,569	-5.2
II	8,130	11.4	809.0	-0.1	6,579	11.3
III	8,581	-2.4	825.0	-0.6	7,076	-3.1
IV	8,096	-4.3	827.0	-0.5	6,698	-4.8
<b>Year</b>	<b>32,836</b>	<b>-0.4</b>	<b>820.0</b>	<b>-0.6</b>	<b>26,918</b>	<b>-0.9</b>



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## Quarterly Forecasts: Cattle (LMIC: 5/8/20)

Year	Live Sltr. Steer Price 5-Mkt Avg	% Chg. from Year Ago	Feeder Steer Price Southern Plains	
			7-800#	5-600#
2019				
I	125.27	-0.3	142.87	171.41
II	118.79	1.8	143.23	167.22
III	108	-2.4	144	157
IV	115	-0.4	148	158
<b>Year</b>	<b>117</b>	<b>-0.3</b>	<b>145</b>	<b>163</b>
2020				
I	118.27	-6.6	138.90	166.38
II	99-102	-15.4	120-123	150-153
III	103-108	-2.5	126-130	155-159
IV	117-122	4.0	135-140	160-165
<b>Year</b>	<b>109-111</b>	<b>-5.8</b>	<b>131-134</b>	<b>157-161</b>
2021				
I	120-125	3.6	142-148	168-174
II	121-127	23.4	145-152	170-177
III	114-121	11.4	151-160	167-175
IV	117-125	1.3	153-163	167-176
<b>Year</b>	<b>119-122</b>	<b>9.5</b>	<b>150-154</b>	<b>169-173</b>

### USDA Reported, Week-ending May 10

KS Fed (Live Steers): \$108

- {low of \$99.04 last week of April}
- Low volumes reflecting FI #s

KS Feeders: "Uneven; up to \$14 higher"

- 740 lbs @ \$126
- 920 lbs @ \$111



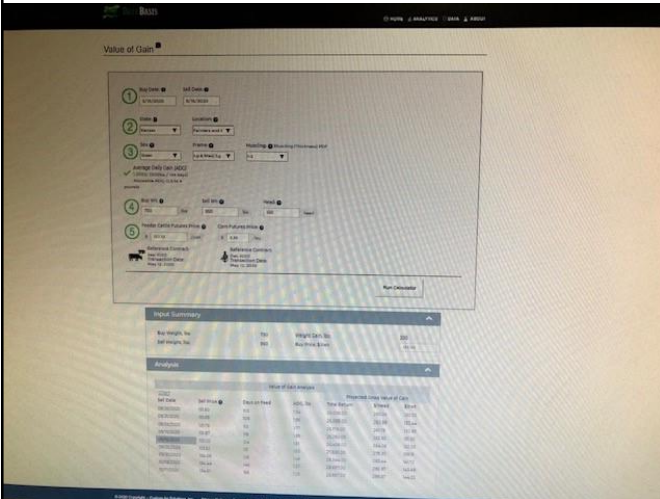
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# Feeder Cattle Price, Basis, & VOG Use BeefBasis.com

Salina Market, as of May 13<sup>th</sup>

5/15 "Buy" 750 lbs Steer  
9/16 Sell @ 950 lbs  
=1.6 lbs ADG

- Buy Price: \$132/cwt
- Sell Price: \$132/cwt
- "Flat" price slide = Projected VOG of \$132/cwt (\$264/head)



<https://www.agmanager.info/livestock-meat/marketing-extension-bulletins/marketing-strategies-and-livestock-pricing/fed-cattle>

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## Additional questions: *Should I hold on to my feeder cattle or sell now?*

### Response

1. Do you think the COVID impacts are "nearly complete?"
2. Are you comfortable with extended price risk exposure?
3. Use BeefBasis.com to project VOG & compare to your COG
4. Compare price risk management alternatives:

#### KSU-Feeder Cattle Risk Management Tool

An Excel spreadsheet for evaluating feeder cattle risk management strategies



<https://www.agmanager.info/k-state-feeder-cattle-risk-management-tool>



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## Final Remarks

**Meat Flow Altered – Actually Likely Up in 2020 (Use “shortage” carefully)**

LMIC As of 3/31	2020	Commercial Beef Prod (mil lbs)	Per Capita Beef Cons. (lbs)	Carcass Wt (lbs)		Commercial Pork Prod (mil lbs)	Per Capita Pork Cons. (lbs)	Carcass Wt (lbs)
	Q1	6,842	14.5	822		7,386	13.4	215
	Q2	6,969	14.7	811		6,891	12.5	215
	Q3	6,937	14.3	824		6,939	12.7	210
	Q4	6,918	14.3	827		7,698	13.8	214
	Year	27,666	57.8	821		28,914	52.4	214
LMIC As of 4/28	2020	Commercial Beef Prod (mil lbs)	Per Capita Beef Cons. (lbs)	Carcass Wt (lbs)		Commercial Pork Prod (mil lbs)	Per Capita Pork Cons. (lbs)	Carcass Wt (lbs)
	Q1	6,929	14.7	825		7,426	13.3	215
	Q2	6,447	13.7	815		6,910	12.7	216
	Q3	7,319	14.6	832		6,981	12.8	211
	Q4	7,186	14.9	833		7,665	13.7	215
	Year	27,881	57.9	827		28,982	52.5	214
% Change vs Last Year:		0.78%	0.17%	0.73%		0.24%	0.19%	0.00%



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## Final Remarks

- **Main economic impact to-date is on production sector**
- **Efforts to “solve the problem” must be approached with caution!**
  - **Delicate balance: peace-time system efficiency with crisis-time resiliency/survival**
  - **Keep comparative advantages in mind!**
    - ❖ **Global competitiveness at stake = long-term econ consequences**



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# ALTERNATIVE PROTEIN OPTIONS FOR BEEF PRODUCERS

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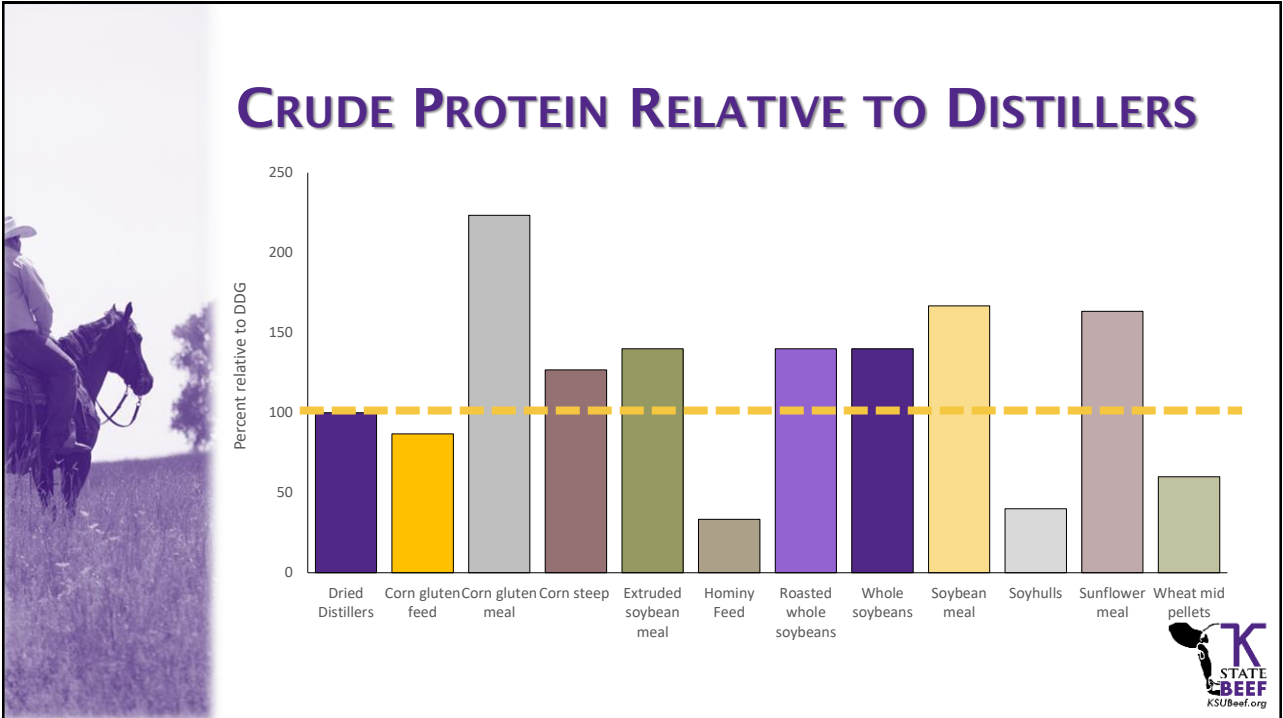
## “NO DISTILLERS? NOW WHAT?”

- Distillers commodities are reduced due to COVID-19 and crude oil prices
  - Distillers plants can't compete
  - Some planning to shut down, most have slowed production
- If have access to distillers, prices have increased
- **Purpose of today: talk about some alternatives to distillers in feed rations**

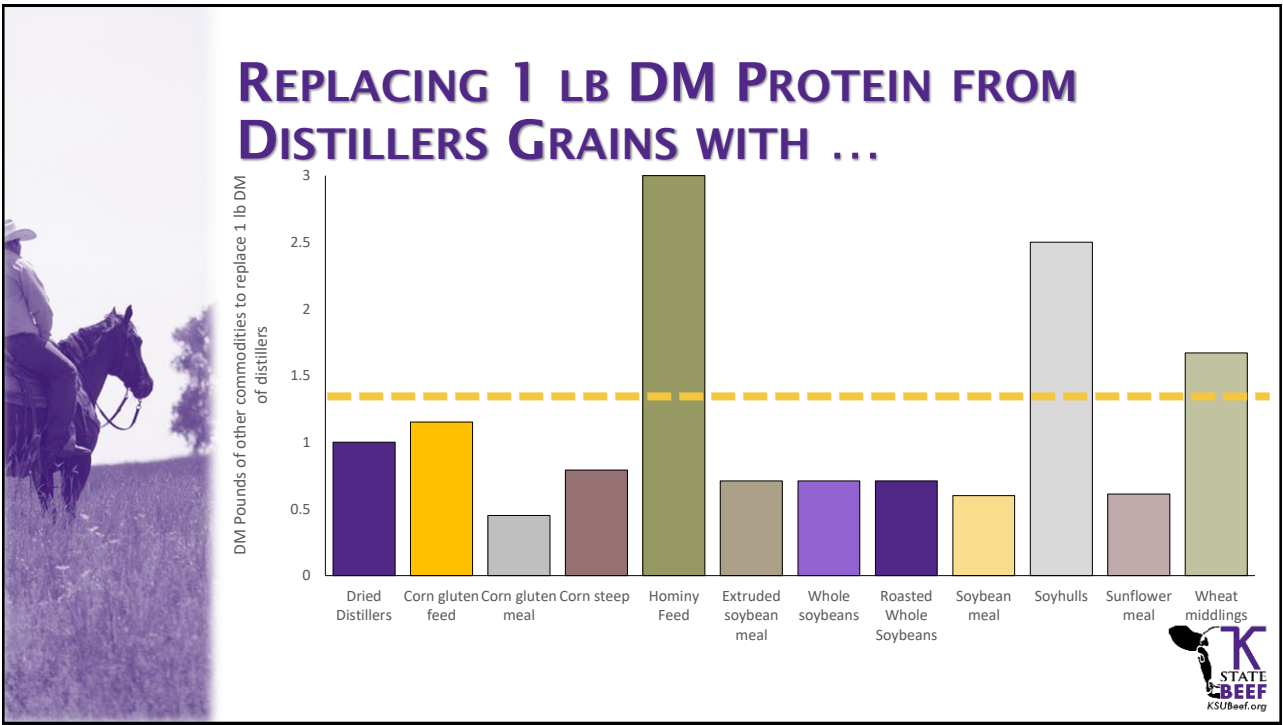


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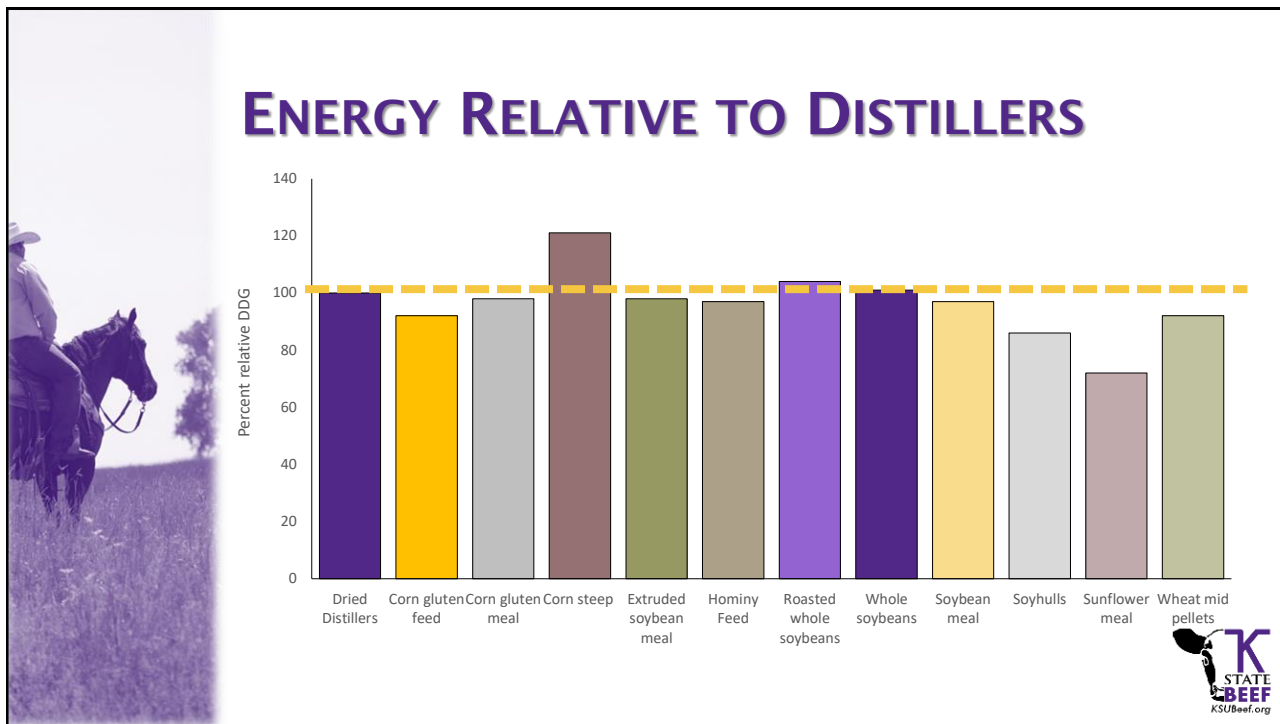




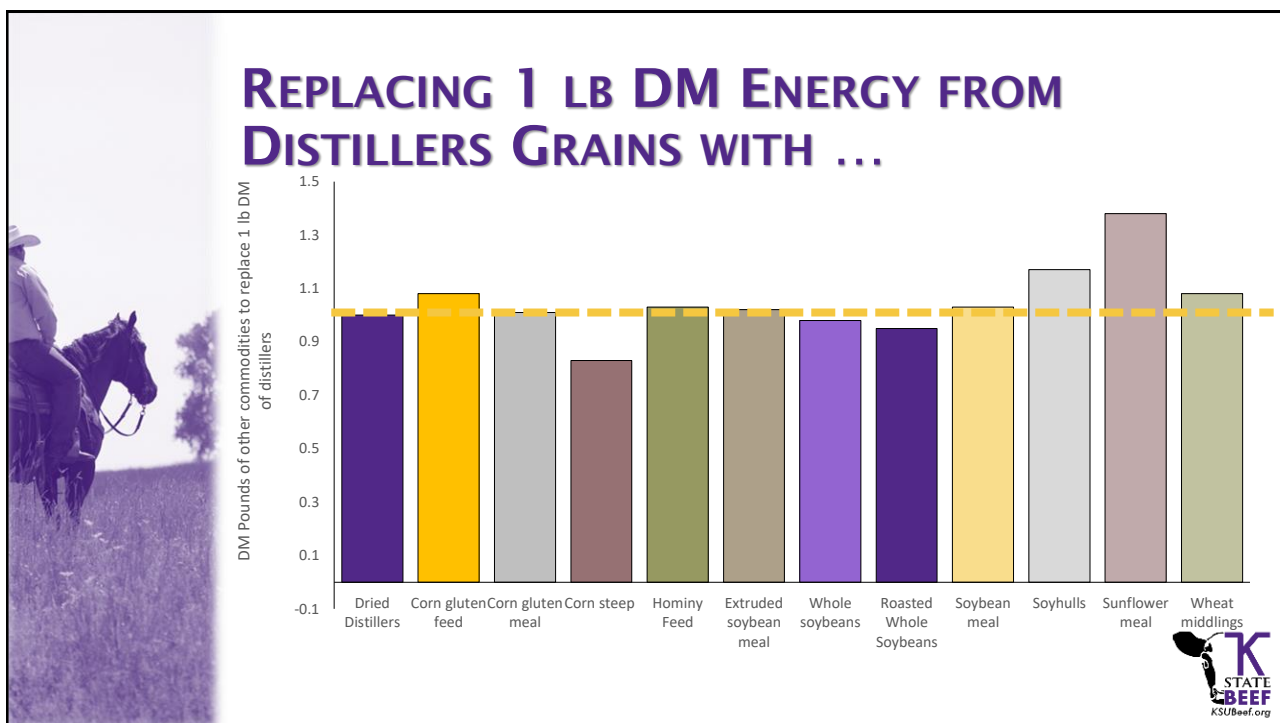
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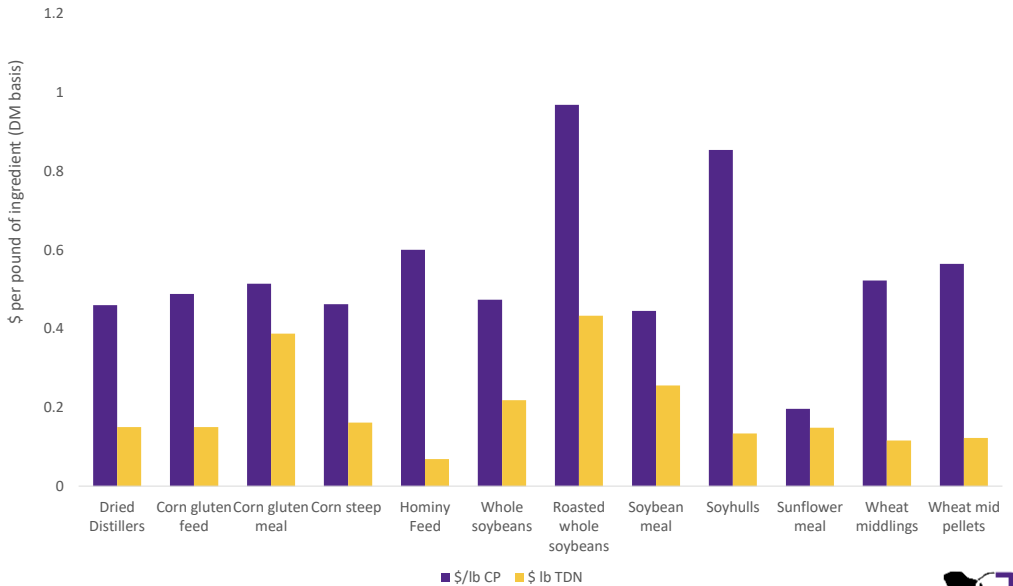
# EVALUATE BASED ON COST/XX DM

- Use distillers as protein or as an energy in ration

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
1	Feed	Cost/ton	Cost/lb	DM%	CP%	TDN%	Cost/ lb CP DM	Cost/lb TDN DM
2	Corn gluten feed	\$ 225.00	\$ 0.11	90%	26%	83%	\$ 0.49	\$ 0.15
3	Corn gluten meal	\$ 620.00	\$ 0.31	90%	67%	89%	\$ 0.51	\$ 0.39
4	Corn steep	\$ 200.00	\$ 0.10	57%	38%	109%	\$ 0.46	\$ 0.16
5	Hominy Feed	\$ 108.00	\$ 0.05	90%	10%	87%	\$ 0.60	\$ 0.07
6	Extruded soybean meal		\$ -	90%	42%	88%	\$ -	\$ -
7	Whole soybeans	\$ 350.00	\$ 0.18	88%	42%	91%	\$ 0.47	\$ 0.22
8	Roasted whole soybeans	\$ 740.00	\$ 0.37	91%	42%	94%	\$ 0.97	\$ 0.43
9	Soybean meal	\$ 392.00	\$ 0.20	88%	50%	87%	\$ 0.45	\$ 0.26
10	Soyhulls	\$ 188.00	\$ 0.09	91%	12%	77%	\$ 0.85	\$ 0.13
11	Sunflower meal	\$ 177.50	\$ 0.09	92%	49%	65%	\$ 0.20	\$ 0.15
12	Wheat middlings	\$ 175.00	\$ 0.09	91%	18%	83%	\$ 0.52	\$ 0.12
13	Wheat mid pellets	\$ 185.00	\$ 0.09	91%	18%	83%	\$ 0.56	\$ 0.12
14	Dried Distillers	\$ 250.00	\$ 0.13	90%	30%	90%	\$ 0.46	\$ 0.15



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## OTHER THOUGHTS

- Make sure inclusion levels are appropriate
  - Watch fat levels in diet
- Cattle preference for some of these might be less than what was previously observed with distillers feeds
- Balancing on MP system may help with reducing costs



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## ALTERNATIVE PROTEIN OPTIONS

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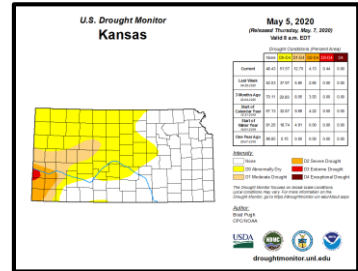
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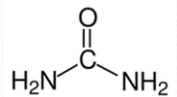
# ALFALFA



- Traditional protein source, readily accessible in the current situation (old crop \$180-\$230/ton-W. KS)
- Nutrient quality and protein content vary
  - CP content 14-25% DM basis
- Challenges
  - Difficult to meet 100% of protein need without energy dilution
  - Dry rations may impact palatability/intake



# UREA (NON PROTEIN NITROGEN)



- Urea most common source of NPN, contains 42-45% Nitrogen, 262-281% crude protein (\$0.30-0.40/lb urea)
- Rapidly converted to ammonia in the rumen, urea toxicity
- Well utilized by cattle consuming grain-based diets as rumen microbes require energy to incorporate and produce microbial protein



## UREA (NON PROTEIN NITROGEN)



- Supplemental source of nitrogen, not protein
- Urea inclusion 0.5-1.0% of diet dry matter common in growing rations
  - Lower inclusion on lightweight, newly received cattle
- Precautions
  - Urea should always be included via a premix or liquid supplement to facilitate mixing
  - Many issues regarding urea result from inclusion and mixing errors



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## SOYBEANS



- Raw soybeans contain approximately 40% crude protein and 20% fat
- Diet inclusion is limited by fat content, which reduces diet digestibility (Loesch et al., 1989)
  - maximum inclusion 10-15% diet DM
  - Growing rations target 4% fat, not exceed 5%
- Raw soybeans have urease activity (*urea* → *ammonia*)
  - Recommended that raw soybeans not be used in combination with urea
  - Many commercial supplements contain urea
    - Few studies have evaluated combination of soybeans and urea



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# MARSTON ET AL.,

## FEEDING RAW SOYBEANS TO FINISHING CATTLE

T. T. Marston, K. K. Kreikemeier<sup>1</sup>, J. F. Gleghorn,  
G. L. Huck, and T. J. Wistuba

- Evaluated inclusion of dry-rolled raw soybeans in finishing diets that contained 1.0 and 0.7% urea

**Table 1. Final Diets for Trial 1, Steers, and Trial 2, Heifers<sup>a</sup>**

Ingredient	Treatments		
	NEG	SBM	DRB
----- % of DM -----			
<i>Trial 1, Steers</i>			
Steamed-flaked corn	86	81	81
Alfalfa hay	5	5	5
Soybean meal	0	6	0
Dry-rolled soybeans	0	0	7.5
Urea	2	1	1
Beef tallow	4	4	2.5
Supplement	3	3	3
<i>Trial 2, Heifers</i>			
High-moisture corn	41.65	40	10
Steamed-flaked milo	41.65	40	40
Com silage	10	10	40
Soybean meal	0	4	0
Dry-rolled soybeans	0	0	5
Urea	1.7	0.7	0.7
Beef tallow	3	3	2
Supplement	2	2.3	2.3

<sup>a</sup>Balanced to contain 14% CP, .7% K, .6% Ca, .4% P, and .2% Mg. Vitamins A, D, and E were included at 2,000, 200, and 20 IU/lb of diet DM. Monensin and tylosin were fed at 30 and 10 g/ton of diet DM. Supplements provided 1% urea to all diets.



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**Table 2. Treatment Effects of Finishing Trial 1, Steers**

Item	Treatments			P value
	NEG	SBM	DRB	
<i>Feeding traits</i>				
Average daily gain, lb	3.10	3.23	3.13	.23
Daily dry matter intake, lb	23.2	24.1	23.6	.10
Feed:gain	7.48	7.45	7.56	.84

**Table 3. Treatment Effects of Finishing Trial 2, Heifers**

Item	Treatments			P value
	NEG	SBM	DRB	
<i>Feeding traits</i>				
Average daily gain, lb	2.84	3.07	3.01	.11
Daily dry matter intake, lb	17.0	17.7	17.8	.06
Feed:gain	6.00	5.78	5.94	.46

Raw soybeans were fed at 7.5% diet with 1.0% urea without negatively impacting finishing performance, but **caution should be used if urea is included in supplements!**



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## CONCLUSION(S)

- Alternative sources of protein
  - Availability varies by region
  - Evaluate on a cost/unit protein basis
  - Consider management factors
- Commodity situation changes daily

***“Price is important by supply is everything”***



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## FEEDING OPTIONS FOR GROWING DIETS

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**U.S. Meat Packing Plants**

45,900 Views  
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Beef Plants  
 Open  
 Closed

Pork Plants.xlsx  
 Open  
 Closed

The map displays numerous meat packing plants across the United States, with labels for many locations such as JBS Swift, Tyson, and Cargill. The plants are color-coded according to the filters: green for open and red for closed.



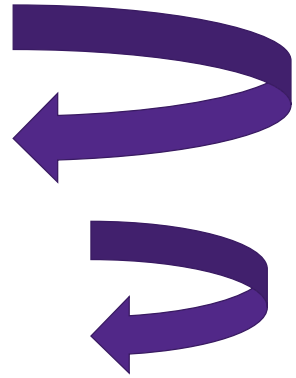
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## BEEF SUPPLY CHAIN CONGESTION - CASCADING IMPACTS

- Meat processing plant harvest disruptions
- Extended feedlot delivery dates
- Subsequent shortage of “planned” pen space
- Backlog of feeder cattle



**What to do with them?**

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## SOME QUESTIONS THAT BEAR ASKING?

- Do you know the present day, average weight of your calves?
  - Knowing this is critical to assess your marketing strategy
  - Examine how management and rations can be formulated with available feed ingredients at the least possible cost.
- Department of Agricultural Economics
  - Feeder cattle risk management tool (updated April 28, 2020)
    - Compare net sell prices under futures market hedging, buying puts and USDA LRP coverage
    - <https://www.agmanager.info/k-state-feeder-cattle-risk-management-tool>



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# Today's Scenario

Present Day weights

Future Weights

700 to 850 lbs

Pasture (if available)  
@ \$90/head – 90 days

Drylot

Unknown - pasture growing conditions  
Unknown – out weights (performance),  
Unknown – price  
Heifers – future cows ?

850 to 950 lbs

Availability of home raised hay/silage  
Availability of “economic” feedstuffs  
Yardage costs  
Known – cattle growth rate

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## GROWING CATTLE MANAGEMENT & NUTRITION

- Home raised forages – Do you have a good estimate of existing inventory for an extended feeding period of 1 to even 4 months?
  - Do you have a recent nutrient analysis that represents what you have to feed?
- Anticipate higher new crop forage prices – This will have a large impact on COG with diets formulated with higher % of roughages included in the diet.



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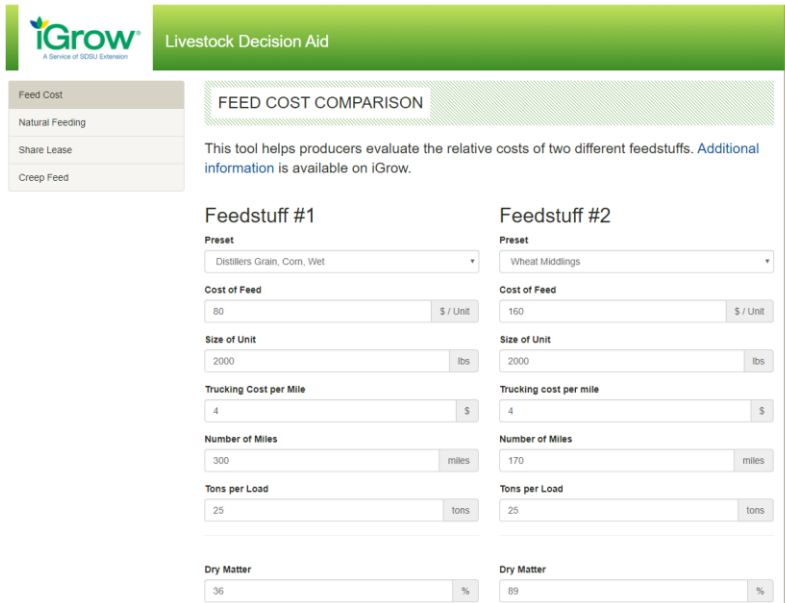
### By-Product Feed Price Listing

April 30, 2020

Company Name & Address	Feed	Price/Ton	Price Quote Notes
5 ADM 540 South Street Lincoln, NE 68501 Tom KC/Ark City/Minneapolis-Lloyd Lincoln Tom Lexi 866-268-6196	Wheat midds	\$140.00	4/30/2020 FOB Arkansas City KS
	Wheat midds	\$170.00	FOB Lincoln
	Wheat midds	\$145.00	FOB Minneapolis MN All quotes bulk \$140-150
	Wheat midds, pelleted	\$155.00	FOB Arkansas City KS (limited supply)
10 CyberAg Feed Co., Inc. Box 12707 N. Kansas City, MO 64116 Ann Shippee 1-800-892-5859 ann.cyberag@gmail.com	Cottonseed hulls, sacked	\$245.00	4/2/2020 FOB Jonestown MS (45s) (\$220 Apr-Sep)
	Cottonseed Pellets	\$150.00	
11 Diversified Ingredients 143 W. Clinton Place St. Louis, MO 63122 Greg McArthur 636-200-9024 Cell 314-650-9772 636-200-9099 gmcArthur@diversifiedingredients.com	Alfalfa pellets	\$225.00	1/16/2020 FOB St Louis MO
	Cereal Tailings	call	FOB Perryville MO
	Rice Bran	call	FOB St Louis MO (BAGGED Call)
	Rice Hulls	\$65.00	FOB St Louis MO
15 Livestock Nutrition Center - LNC	DDG Pellets	\$258.00	4/30/2020 FOB KC MO, only spot available

<http://agebb.missouri.edu/dairy/byprod/bplist.asp>

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**iGrow**  
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#### Livestock Decision Aid

### FEED COST COMPARISON

This tool helps producers evaluate the relative costs of two different feedstuffs. **Additional information** is available on iGrow.

<b>Feed Cost</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Natural Feeding <input type="checkbox"/> Share Lease <input type="checkbox"/> Creep Feed	<b>Feedstuff #1</b> Preset: Distillers Grain, Corn, Wet Cost of Feed: 80 \$ / Unit Size of Unit: 2000 lbs Trucking Cost per Mile: 4 \$ Number of Miles: 300 miles Tons per Load: 25 tons Dry Matter: 36 %	<b>Feedstuff #2</b> Preset: Wheat Middings Cost of Feed: 160 \$ / Unit Size of Unit: 2000 lbs Trucking cost per mile: 4 \$ Number of Miles: 170 miles Tons per Load: 25 tons Dry Matter: 89 %
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<https://www.igrowlivestocktools.org/#!/calculators/feed-cost>

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### Feed Cost Results

	Distillers Grain, Corn, Wet	Wheat Middlings	Max Price for Wheat Middlings
Feed Cost per Ton (As Fed)	\$80.00	\$160.00	
Shipping Cost per Load	\$1,200.00	\$680.00	
Shipping Cost per Ton	\$48.00	\$27.20	
Total Cost per Ton As Fed Delivered	\$128.00	\$187.20	
Delivered Cost per Ton DM	\$355.56	\$210.34	
Delivered Cost of Crude Protein (\$/ton)	\$1,226.05	\$1,168.54	\$169.21
Delivered Cost of TDN (\$/ton)	\$352.04	\$262.92	\$223.45
Delivered Cost of NE m (\$/Mcal/ton)	\$309.18	\$244.58	\$209.45
Delivered Cost of NE g (\$/Mcal/ton)	\$461.76	\$375.60	\$202.94
Delivered Cost of NE l (\$/Mcal/ton)	\$329.22	\$253.42	\$215.99

The highlighted cell is the better buy for that ingredient.

OK

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## You must know the Value of Gain



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### Value of Gain <sup>1</sup>

**1** Buy Date:

**2** State:

**3** Sex:

**4** Buy Wt:  lbs

**5** Feeder Cattle Futures Price:  /cwt

Sell Date:

Location:

Frame:

Muscling:

Sell Wt:  lbs

Corn Futures Price:  /bu

Head:  head

**Average Daily Gain (ADG)**  
 1.28(lbs, 100lbs / 100 days)  
 Allowable ADG: 0.5 to 4 pounds

Reference Contract: Oct 2020

Transaction Date: May 05, 2020

Reference Contract: Dec 2020

Transaction Date: May 05, 2020

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# Value of gain - analysis



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## Value of Gain <sup>1</sup>

Analysis ↑

Value of Gain Analysis						
<a href="#">Chart</a>				Projected Gross Value of Gain		
Sell Date	Sell Price <sup>?</sup>	Days on Feed	ADG, lbs	Total Return	\$/Head	\$/cwt
09/20/2020	123.32	129	1.54	31,076.00	310.76	156.16
09/26/2020	123.62	135	1.47	31,377.00	313.77	157.67
10/02/2020	123.65	141	1.41	31,411.00	314.11	157.85
10/09/2020	123.48	148	1.34	31,241.00	312.41	156.99
10/16/2020	123.23	155	1.28	30,990.00	309.90	155.73
10/24/2020	123.49	163	1.22	31,247.00	312.47	157.02
11/02/2020	124.70	172	1.16	32,455.00	324.55	163.09
11/12/2020	125.01	182	1.09	32,766.00	327.66	164.65
11/24/2020	124.66	194	1.03	32,414.00	324.14	162.88

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## ADVANTAGES OF LIMIT FED PROGRAMS PREVIOUS UNIVERSITY RESEARCH RESULTS

- Reduced cost of gain
- Flexibility in commodity trading
- Less roughage and, consequently, less manure handling
- Decreased feed wastage
- Less labor, equipment and feeding expense
- Marketing

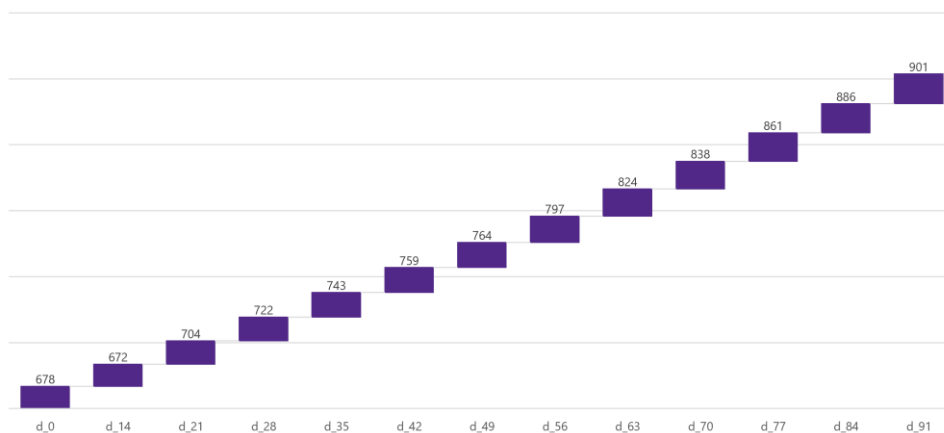


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## LIMIT FEEDING CAN CONTROL INTENDED GROWTH

Shrunk weights

■ Increase ■ Decrease ■ Total



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## RATION MANAGEMENT CONSIDERATIONS

- Adaptation to limit feeding – One to two weeks.
- With mostly corn as energy source, will require twice day feeding with @ 2 hour interval between feedings.
- Bunk space is essential.
- Dry ingredients – blending
  - Liquid supplement or water addition
- Increased mixing time
- Be wary of potential mixer overload with added roughages.



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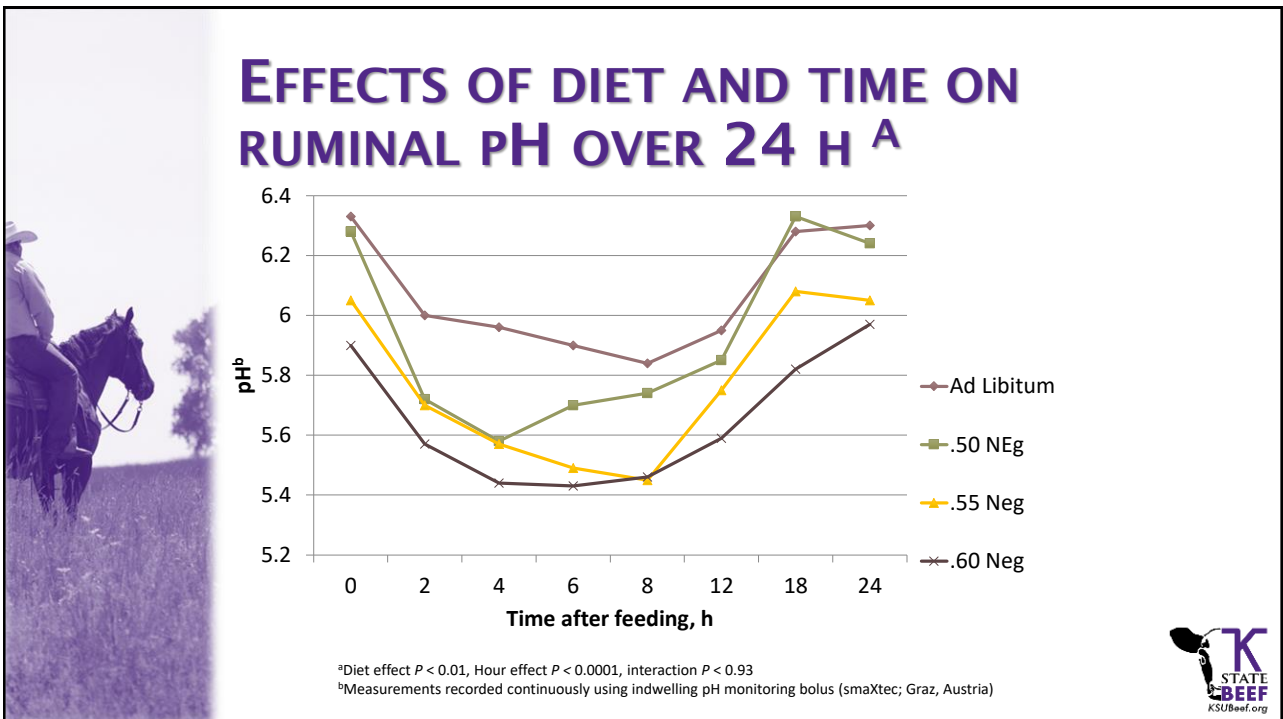


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# High roughage -based

# High grain -based



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## Feedyard Summary Sheet

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COVID 19 Examples	Ration: 800 lb steers limit feeding high roughage		dBlasi@ksu.edu	
Feeding Period	5/15/20	7/15/20	Wind Exposure	some protection
Average Weight	800 lbs	range: 100	Hair Condition	clean/dry
WT. @ 50% Choice	1078		Hair Coat	summer coat
Breed Type	Beef		Avg. Air Temp. F	64.8
Current Condition Score	5		no Beta agonist	
Gender	steer		Hide Thickness	thick
			Maintenance Adj.	0%

Ration Formulation		1 head	
Feed	% of DMI	% AsFed	Pounds
prairiehaylateb	33.44%	27.5%	7.0
mod_distillers			
soybean meal 44			
corn rolled	36.5%	31.4%	8.0
feedlot mineral	1.0%	0.8%	0.2
alfalfa: mid bl	26.3%	23.6%	6.0
urea	0.5%	0.4%	0.1
water	0.2%	16.4%	4.2
Storage Shrink	0.8%	Delivered	25.5 lbs
Bunk Loss		Consumed	25.5 lbs

Ration Summary		61 days		
		750 lb	800 lb	850 lb
DMI /lb		17.8	18.6	19.5
Est. DMI		19.4	20.3	21.3
NE -Gain		1.5	1.5	1.5
MP -Gain		1.8	1.9	2.1
NE/DFE %		29.9%	121.8%	6.11
RDP Ratio		91.6%	91.6%	91.6%
Rumen pH		2.37%	2.33%	2.29%
DMI Ratio		118%	123%	129%
DMI/BWt		0.20	0.20	0.19
MP Reqmt		12.21	12.77	13.32
NE/MP adj		1.45	1.46	1.46
Feed/Gain		859	889	939
Daily Gain		1.4	1.4	1.4
Final Wt.		\$1.4	\$1.40	\$1.47
S/Hd/Day		\$0.92	\$0.96	\$1.00
S/lb Gain				
		\$/ton DM		\$/ton DE
		\$150.72	\$149.23	\$110.24
				\$109.15



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mod_distillers			
soybean meal 44			
corn rolled	60.7%	50.9%	12.0
feedlot mineral	1.4%	1.1%	0.3
alfalfa: mid bl	20.9%	17.0%	4.0
urea	0.8%	0.6%	0.2
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DMI /lb		16.0	16.8	17.6
Est. DMI		18.6	19.6	20.5
NE -Gain		1.9	1.9	1.9
MP -Gain		1.7	1.8	2.0
NE/DFE %		19.1%	139.2%	5.92
RDP Ratio		85.9%	85.9%	85.9%
Rumen pH		2.13%	2.10%	2.07%
DMI Ratio		93%	97%	103%
DMI/BWt		0.30	0.30	0.30
MP Reqmt		9.21	9.09	9.21
NE/MP adj		1.74	1.85	1.91
Feed/Gain		856	913	967
Daily Gain		\$1.28	\$1.34	\$1.41
Final Wt.		\$0.14	\$0.73	\$0.74
S/Hd/Day				
S/lb Gain				
		\$/ton DM		\$/ton DE
		\$160.06	\$158.48	\$114.12
				\$112.59

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# HOW MANY DAYS ARE NECESSARY ON FULL FEED TO ACHIEVE ACCEPTABLE CARCASS MERIT WITH HEAVY STOCKER CATTLE?

- Stickel et al., (2011)
- 955 lb. crossbred steers that were fed 75, 100 or 125 days



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**Table 1. Feedlot performance of heavy stocker cattle fed for 75, 100, or 125 days**

Trait	Days on feed			SEM
	75	100	125	
Average daily gain, lb	3.42	3.52	3.37	0.110
Average daily dry matter intake, lb	27.67	27.30	27.82	0.471
Gain:feed ratio	0.125	0.128	0.120	0.005
Total gain, lb	257.7 <sup>a</sup>	354.4 <sup>b</sup>	419.1 <sup>c</sup>	11.23

<sup>abc</sup> Means within a row with different superscripts differ (P<0.05).

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**Table 2. Carcass characteristics and composition of heavy stocker cattle fed for 75, 100, or 125 days**

Trait	Days on feed			SEM
	75	100	125	
Hot carcass weight, lb	704.7 <sup>a</sup>	758.6 <sup>b</sup>	820.9 <sup>c</sup>	8.85
Dressing percentage	60.5	61.7	62.0	0.004
Yield grade	2.1	2.1	2.4	0.100
Fat thickness, in.	0.27 <sup>a</sup>	0.27 <sup>a</sup>	0.35 <sup>b</sup>	0.022
Ribeye area, in. <sup>2</sup>	13.05 <sup>a</sup>	13.71 <sup>ab</sup>	14.13 <sup>b</sup>	0.217
Marbling score <sup>1</sup>	363.6 <sup>a</sup>	407.1 <sup>b</sup>	409.5 <sup>b</sup>	11.12
Kidney, pelvic, and heart fat, %	2.08	2.07	2.36	0.100
Carcass composition				
Protein, %	17.0 <sup>b</sup>	16.5 <sup>ab</sup>	16.0 <sup>a</sup>	0.261
Fat, %	24.2 <sup>a</sup>	25.0 <sup>a</sup>	28.9 <sup>b</sup>	0.554
Moisture, %	57.8 <sup>b</sup>	56.9 <sup>b</sup>	54.0 <sup>a</sup>	0.393

<sup>1</sup> Marbling score: small = 400 to 499; slight = 300 to 399.

<sup>abc</sup> Means within a row with different superscripts differ (P<0.05).

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## CONCLUSION(S)

- Take stock of your existing situation
  - Available feedstuffs
  - Available equipment
  - Available labor
- Stringently sort by size and if possible, check weights frequently
- Evaluate marketing options
- Get the pen space reserved



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# THANK YOU!

# QUESTIONS?

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