# UNIVERSITY RESEARCH TRIAL **DATA & KEY FINDINGS**

## TRIAL 1 - OKLAHOMA STATE UNIVERSITY

**BESSIE, OK** 

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The 2019 and 2020 trials at Bessie were designed to test the difference in cattle performance when supplementing distillers cubes all summer versus late summer only. Group 1 was fed 2.5 lbs/day at normal stocking rate, and Group 2 was fed 0.75% of bodyweight adjusted through the season with a 33% increase in stocking rate. Feedlot and carcass data were collected in 2020 only.

2019	GROUP 1 - SUPPLEMENTED IN LATE SUMMER ONLY - NORMAL STOCKING RATE								
2019	GROUP	2 - SUPPLE	MENTED FULL TI	ME ON GRASS	S - INCREAS	ED STOCKING	G RATE		
GRAZING DATA	IN WT	END WT	DAYS ON GRASS	ADG EARL	Y SUMMER	ADG LATE S	UMMER	ADG TOTAL	BW GAIN/ACRE
GROUP 1	533	770	130	1.76		2.58		2.06	39.6
GROUP 2	526 849		130	2.72		2.30		2.50	80.8
2020	ALL GRO	OUPS SAME	AS 2019 TRIALS						
GRAZING DATA	IN WT	END WT	DAYS ON GRASS	ADG EARLY SUMMER		ADG LATE SUMMER		ADG TOTAL	BW GAIN/ACRE
GROUP 1	563	817	135	1.67		2.19		1.92	42.5
GROUP 2	564	859	135	2.3	2.33		2.19		74
FEEDLOT DATA	AVG IN	WEIGHT	VEIGHT AVG DAYS ON FEED		AVG D	AILY GAIN CON		/ERSION	CONSUMPTION
GROUP 1	803		193		3	3.32		5.71	2.75%
GROUP 2	853		165	5		3.4		6.4	2.78%
CARCASS DATA	AVG LIVE WEIGHT		PRIME	CHOICE		SELECT		OTHER	CAB
GROUP 1	1453		0.0%	64.9	%	32.21%		2.89%	11.53%
GROUP 2	1424		0.0%	72.37	'%	26.25%		1.38%	18.53%
	HOT CARCASS YIELD		YG 1	YG	2	YG 3		YG 4	YG 5
GROUP 1	63.77%		16.97%	44.76	5%	34.88%		3.39%	0%
GROUP 2	64.50%		17.41%	37.87	'%	38.71%	6.01%		0%
ULTRASOUND OFF GRASS	WEIGHT	STRES		REA/CWT	%IMF	PRIME	СНОІ	CE SELEO	CT STANDARD
GROUP 1	813	0.67	9.33	1.15	3.41	0%	75%	6 15%	5 10%
GROUP 2	860	0.62	9.73	1.12	3.29	0%	779	6 19%	5 4%
ULTRASOUND AT REIMPLANT	WEIGHT	STRES		REA/CWT	%IMF	PRIME	СНОІ	CE SELEO	CT STANDARD
GROUP 1	1174		12.71	1.09	4.99	6%	92%	6 2%	0%
GROUP 2	1223		13.35	1.10	4.64	3%	929	6 4%	1%

## **KEY FINDINGS**

#### GAINS ON GRASS

Cattle fed all season averaged 0.5 lb. increase in gain and doubled gain per acre, even with increased stocking rate.

#### FEEDLOT PERFORMANCE

Group 2 cattle had higher daily gains, converted more efficiently and took fewer days to finish than Group 1 cattle.

### CARCASS QUALITY

Ultrasound data showed Group 2 had lower stress scores, more intramuscular fat and larger ribeye area than Group 1. Group 2 also had a higher percentage grade Choice.