

UNIVERSITY RESEARCH TRIAL DATA & KEY FINDINGS



TRIAL 3 - OKLAHOMA STATE UNIVERSITY BESSIE, OK

The 2021-2022 grazing trial at Bessie was a new design testing supplementation rate throughout the summer grazing season. Three treatment groups included an unsupplemented control, a low supplement rate at 2 lbs. per head per day and a high supplement rate at 4 lbs. per head per day.

| 2021 | GROUP 1 - NO SUPPLEMENT CONTROL | | | GROUP 3 - SUPPLEMENTED 4LBS/HD/DAY | | |
|--------------|-------------------------------------|------------|---------------|------------------------------------|-----------------|-----------|
| | GROUP 2 - SUPPLEMENTED 2 LBS/HD/DAY | | | | | |
| GRAZING DATA | IN WEIGHT | END WEIGHT | DAYS ON GRASS | ADG EARLY SUMMER | ADG LATE SUMMER | ADG TOTAL |
| GROUP 1 | 545 | 716 | 145 | 0.93 | 1.40 | 1.20 |
| GROUP 2 | 544 | 815 | 145 | 1.88 | 1.86 | 1.87 |
| GROUP 3 | 547 | 854 | 145 | 2.2 | 2.04 | 2.12 |

| FEEDLOT DATA | AVG IN WEIGHT | AVG OUT WEIGHT | AVG DAYS ON FEED | AVG DAILY GAIN | CONVERSION FACTOR | CONSUMPTION |
|--------------|---------------|----------------|------------------|----------------|-------------------|-------------|
| GROUP 1 | 699 | 1419 | 190 | 3.65 | 5.74 | 2.86% |
| GROUP 2 | 793 | 1545 | 192 | 3.79 | 5.80 | 2.78% |
| GROUP 3 | 826 | 1514 | 184 | 3.65 | 5.98 | 2.60% |

| CARCASS DATA | AVG HOT WEIGHT | PRIME | CHOICE | SELECT | OTHER | CAB |
|--------------|-------------------|-------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| GROUP 1 | 892 | 4.13% | 82.24% | 17.76% | 0% | 26.39% |
| GROUP 2 | 984 | 3.09% | 80.86% | 13.42% | 5.73% | 11.81% |
| GROUP 3 | 973 | 0.0% | 75.74% | 24.26% | 0.0% | 2.14% |
| | HOT CARCASS YIELD | YG 1 | YG 2 | YG 3 | YG 4 | YG 5 |
| GROUP 1 | 62.86% | 9.34% | 53.34% | 33.26% | 4.06% | 0.0% |
| GROUP 2 | 63.69% | 5.26% | 25.09% | 57.32% | 9.01% | 3.31% |
| GROUP 3 | 64.27% | 1.94% | 26.13% | 60.30% | 11.63% | 0.0% |



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TRIAL 3 - CONTINUED

BESSIE, OK

| 2022 | GROUP 1 - NO SUPPLEMENT CONTROL | | | GROUP 3 - SUPPLEMENTED 4LBS/HD/DAY | | |
|--------------|-------------------------------------|----------------|------------------|------------------------------------|-------------------|-----------|
| | GROUP 2 - SUPPLEMENTED 2 LBS/HD/DAY | | | | | |
| GRAZING DATA | IN WEIGHT | END WEIGHT | DAYS ON GRASS | ADG EARLY SUMMER | ADG LATE SUMMER | ADG TOTAL |
| GROUP 1 | 584 | 776 | 136 | 1.79 | 1.06 | 1.41 |
| GROUP 2 | 580 | 847 | 136 | 2.23 | 1.65 | 1.92 |
| GROUP 3 | 584 | 882 | 136 | 2.23 | 2.21 | 2.23 |
| FEEDLOT DATA | AVG IN WEIGHT | AVG OUT WEIGHT | AVG DAYS ON FEED | AVG DAILY GAIN | CONVERSION FACTOR | DMI |
| GROUP 1 | 789 | 1513 | 169 | 3.88 | 6.28 | 24.39 |
| GROUP 2 | 840 | 1491 | 168 | 3.56 | 6.81 | 24.27 |
| GROUP 3 | 856 | 1506 | 163 | 3.52 | 6.91 | 24.35 |
| CARCASS DATA | AVG HOT WEIGHT | PRIME | CHOICE | SELECT | OTHER | CAB |
| GROUP 1 | 972 | 0% | 85.5% | 14.7% | 0% | 26.5% |
| GROUP 2 | 959 | 0% | 91.9% | 8.1% | 0% | 9.7% |
| GROUP 3 | 968 | 0% | 74.2% | 25.8% | 0% | 19.4% |
| | HOT CARCASS YIELD | YG 1 | YG 2 | YG 3 | YG 4 | YG 5 |
| GROUP 1 | 64.24% | 5.9% | 38.2% | 41.2% | 11.8% | 2.9% |
| GROUP 2 | 64.32% | 12.9% | 43.5% | 35.5% | 6.5% | 1.6% |
| GROUP 3 | 64.27% | 0% | 38.7% | 58.1% | 3.2% | 0.0% |

KEY FINDINGS

MORE FEED, MORE GAIN

Group 3 cattle fed at a higher rate throughout the season consistently had higher average daily gains in both years.

DIMINISHING RETURN

While cattle fed more gained more, a point of diminishing return begins to be apparent as the increase in gain is less between Group 2 and Group 3.

FEED EFFICIENCY

While unfed cattle showed significant compensatory gain in the feedlot, Group 3 cattle still yielded a larger carcass with fewer days on feed.

“I’ve always liked using distillers grain as a supplement, but having it in cube form gives you a lot more flexibility. I think there’s a lot of power in feeding these distillers cubes in the summer. Increasing stocking rate, increasing gain, and nearly doubling gain per acre certainly has economic power.”

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