



STEER A YEAR

March 2010

PARTICIPATING BREEDS

Alberta Angus Assoc.
Alberta Blonde D'Aquitaine Assoc.
Alberta Braunvieh Assoc.
Alberta Charolais Assoc.
Canadian Dexter Assoc.
Alberta Galloway Assoc.
Alberta Gelbvieh Assoc.
Alberta Hereford Assoc.
Alberta Maine Anjou Assoc.
Alberta Murray Grey Assoc.
Alberta Pinzgauer Assoc.
Canadian Red Poll Assoc.
Alberta Salers Assoc.
Alberta Shorthorn Assoc.
Alberta Simmental Assoc.
Canadian South Devon Assoc.
Canadian Speckle Park Assoc.
Alberta Welsh Black Assoc.

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We have a nicely full barn with 18 beef breeds participating this year. Most of the calves arrived at the end of October. Our students processed the calves shortly after arrival. The calves received Liquamycin LA, Tasvax 8, Pyramid 5 w/Presponse, and Noromectin. All but the Dexter calves were implanted with Synovex S. The Feedlot Management students were assigned the feeding, pen checking, and treating. We have treated very few calves since they arrived on campus.

The initial ration consisted of 26% Barley, 70% Barley/Wheat Silage, and 4% Supplement. The steers were gradually stepped up to their current ration of 24% Barley/Wheat Silage, 35% Wheat, 35% Barley, 4% Corn Distillers Grain, and 2% Supplement.

Once the calves were well settled on their ration, the students weighed them Nov. 11 to start this demonstration feeding session. The calves were weighed again December 22, at which time the students chose two calves from each pen to move to a group feedlot pen directly behind the Steer A Year barn. We

started doing this a few years ago as the pens in the Steer A Year barn are pretty small and difficult to keep clean for five big steers. This is working very well for us.

We ultrasounded the steers Jan 28 as a demonstration for the students and to help determine optimum finish dates for the cattle.

Our course curriculum is evolving this year and as a result **we will not have our traditional Open House student presentations of the breeds.** If you have any good ideas about an informal meet and greet event with the students and your fellow cattle producers we would love to hear from you. Many of you have supported our students by attending their presentations in past and we really appreciate your support.

Several of the calves are missing their birthdates and breed information. If you could forward this information to us we would include it in the data. Don't hesitate to contact Trevor or Laura if you need more information or have any great new ideas to share with us. Please feel free to stop and see the calves any time that you are in town!