

SIMPLY THE BEST!

I was looking to increase my farming operation income when I heard about the Linebacker Program from a neighbor. Cash rent and land prices continue to escalate which make these options less attractive. This is my third year of finishing cattle on the Linebacker Program and to-date it has provided me with the income possibilities I was searching for. Making use of existing facilities and not "Going to town for a job" are good reasons to consider the Linebacker Program.

Ed Dykstra, Thomson, IL

We have found the U.S. Feeds Linebacker program to be reliable and predictable. This program has helped many of our customers improve on farm cash flows and helped some stay on the farm. Profits can be made when producers purchase quality calves, apply basic management skills and follow the Linebacker feed program. Simply put, it works!

Joe and Tim Johnson, Carpenter, Iowa

ANTICIPATED FEED AND COST PROJECTION

LINEBACKER Feed	Recommended pounds/head	Actual pounds/head	Number head	Tons needed	Cost per ton	Total cost	Cost per head
Milk Replacer	30						
Professional Flakes	50						
Starter BV80	130						
Grower RM 100	422						
Finisher RTY	582						
Corn	6522						
Fiber Charge							
Feedlot Mineral							
Buff R Block							

TOTAL FEED COST \$ _____

Vet Cost \$ _____ + Yardage \$ _____ + Trucking \$ _____ + Interest \$ _____ = Other \$ _____

TOTAL COST \$ _____ PER HEAD \$ _____



HIGH ENERGY



CATTLE FEEDING

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HIGH ENERGY CATTLE FEEDING

This proven program offers the simplest, fastest, most direct method of raising dairy beef steers from birth to market.

Linebacker formulas are formulated with the same, high-quality ingredients used every week and feature a high level of beet pulp. Beet pulp is a superior source of fiber and is highly digestible. You'll not find inferior ingredients like forage and grain products listed on our Linebacker tags nor in the formula.

The LINEBACKER program outlines a continuous, full feed of corn and supplement, with no roughage fed separately. *No roughage* means no planting, harvesting, storing and feeding of hay or silage...and much less manure handling as a result.

With your careful management, rapid gains and early finishing are assured.

FAST GAINS

High energy ration with built-in roughage

LESS LABOR

Self-fed rations, no roughage handling, less manure

LOW INVESTMENT

Just self feeders...no TMR wagon, augers, chopper, silo, etc.

CONTROLLED HIGH QUALITY

Durable pellets, textured grains, consistent formula

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LINEBACKER GROWER

A 28% protein all-natural supplement formulated with linseed meal and beet pulp for proper balance of energy, protein and fiber delivery. Fortified with high levels of vitamins, minerals and trace minerals and is available with Rumensin® for improved feed efficiency.



LINEBACKER FINISHER

A 30% protein supplement with 10% NPN, formulated with beet pulp and linseed meal for the proper balance of energy, protein and fiber. Fortified with high levels of vitamins, minerals and trace minerals to insure maximum performance from cattle on high-energy diets. Contains 250 grams per ton of Rumensin® and 90 grams per ton of Tylan® for improved feed efficiency and reduction of liver abscesses associated with high-energy cattle feeding. Careful selection of ingredients and manufacturing procedures assure consistent pellet durability and animal performance.



FIBER CHARGE

A pelleted fiber source designed for use in high-energy diets fed to cattle. Effective management tool for rumen acidosis and also to help ease ration changes fed to incoming cattle. Fiber Charge contains soy hulls and beet pulp for a highly digestible source of fiber.

FEEDLOT MINERAL BLOCK

A 50# block containing high levels of calcium (18.5% to 21.5%) for use in feedlots where extra calcium supplementation is desired. This block is also a source of trace minerals and salt.

BUFF R BLOCK

An excellent combination of buffers; sodium bicarbonate, magnesium oxide and calcium carbonate. This 40# block can act as a diagnostic tool for all cattle fed high-energy, Linebacker diets. Rapid consumption and increased intake of Buff R Block indicate a digestive disorder, such as acidosis, that needs to be managed through changes in diet.

H.E.L.P.S BUFFER

An economical insurance package against bloat and acidosis. It contains high levels of calcium, salt, diatomaceous earth, and zinc. Cattle will consume 2 oz. per head per day during periods of non-stress and as much as 4 oz. during stressful conditions. By providing Linebacker HELPS Buffer daily, cattle will have more consistent intake, better daily gains and conversions.



BASIC FEEDING RECOMMENDATIONS

1st month - to 130 lbs. 2nd month* - 130 to 190 lbs. 3rd month - 190 to 255 lbs. 4th month - 255 to 330 lbs. 5th month - 330 to 410 lbs.

FEED	U. S FEEDS	PRO	PRO	LINEBACKER	LINEBACKER	LINEBACKER	LINEBACKER	LINEBACKER		
	MILK REPLACER	FLAKES	FLAKES	STARTER	GROWER	CORN	GROWER	CORN	GROWER	CORN
Lbs feed/head/day	1 gal. after colostrum	3	3.....then.....3-5		6 to 8		8 to 11		11 to 14	
Lbs/ton mix					800	1200	600	1400	400	1600
Monthly lbs. feed/hd	30	30	20.....then.....130		82	123	79	183	73	292

* 2nd month feeding alternative: full feed Linebacker Starter - approximately 150 lbs/head

6th month - 410 to 510 lbs. 7th month - 510 to 610 lbs. 8th month - 610 to 710 lbs. 9th month - 710 to 810 lbs. 10th month - 810 to 920 lbs.

FEED	LINEBACKER		LINEBACKER		LINEBACKER		LINEBACKER		LINEBACKER	
	GROWER	CORN	GROWER**	CORN	FINISHER	CORN	FINISHER	CORN	FINISHER	CORN
Avg. lbs/day	14 to 16		16 to 19		19		20		23	
Lbs/ton mix	400	1600	350	1650	250	1750	200	1800	200	1800
Monthly lbs. feed/hd	94	376	94	454	71	495	60	540	70	630

** Monitor cattle carefully from 500 to 600 lbs. If cattle bloat, switch immediately to Linebacker finishing ration.

11th month - 920 to 1020 lbs. 12th month - 1020 to 1100 lbs. 13th month - 1100 to 1190 lbs. 14th month - 1190 to 1250 lbs. 15th month - 1250 to 1310 lbs. 16th month - 1310 to 1370 lbs.

FEED	LINEBACKER		LINEBACKER		LINEBACKER		LINEBACKER		LINEBACKER		LINEBACKER	
	FINISHER	CORN	FINISHER	CORN	FINISHER	CORN	FINISHER	CORN	FINISHER	CORN	FINISHER	CORN
Avg. lbs/day	23		22		20		20		20		20	
Lbs/ton mix	200	1800	200	1800	200	1800	200	1800	200	1800	200	1800
Monthly lbs. feed/hd	70	630	67	603	61	549	61	549	61	549	61	549

Self-feeding rations for starting 350-550 lb. calves on the Linebacker Program

WEEK	LINEBACKER GROWER	FIBER CHARGE	CORN	TOTAL
1	400 lbs.	350 lbs.	1250 lbs.	2000 lbs.
2	400 lbs.	250 lbs.	1350 lbs.	2000 lbs.
3	400 lbs.	100 lbs.	1500 lbs.	2000 lbs.
4	350 lbs.	50 lbs.	1600 lbs.	2000 lbs.

From week 5 on, follow the Linebacker ration balancer or chart above based on weight of cattle.

- Work cattle up to recommended feeding levels gradually.
- Keep Feedlot Mineral Blocks and Buff R Blocks available at all times.

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LINEBACKER PRODUCTS

These are the key products that will make your Linebacker Feeding experience simple and successful.

START 'EM OUT RIGHT...

U.S. FEEDS MILK REPLACER PRODUCTS

Carefully formulated to match the energy and intake needs of all types of calves with appropriate levels of calcium, phosphorus and vitamins A, D, & E. U.S. Feeds Milk Replacer products will encourage grain consumption and strong average daily gains. Available in a variety of medication levels and combinations to suit your specific needs.

LINEBACKER PROFESSIONAL FLAKES

A complete, texturized starter feed specifically designed for calves raised for beef. An 18% starter featuring steam-flaked corn and heavy test weight racehorse oats for optimum digestibility, Professional Flakes is medicated with Deccox to help prevent the outbreak of coccidiosis.

LINEBACKER STARTER BV80

A texturized feed formulated with steam-flaked corn for maximum digestibility, pure cane molasses for palatability and high levels of vitamins and minerals for superior animal performance. Major ingredients beet pulp and soy hulls target gut health and yucca extract is incorporated for control of ammonia levels. Available with Bovatec®.

LINEBACKER MANAGEMENT

While feeding cattle on the Linebacker Program is simpler than any other feeding program, several management activities are critical for calf health and maximizing profits. Your U.S. Feeds representative can provide great detail, but here's a brief outline of issues that must be considered.

CALF MANAGEMENT

The facility, bedding, self-feeders and waterers must meet some simple but specific standards, and cattle pens should be walked once or twice every day for close observation.

CALF SOURCE

Careful selection based on full knowledge of calves' history can be crucial to feeding success. New calves should never be commingled with existing cattle as severe health issues can develop. U.S. Feeds recommends placing calves at a minimum weight of 90 lbs.

PROPER BUNK MANAGEMENT

Adequate bunk space on well-positioned feeders will encourage proper feed consumption. Cleaning feeders after storms or during high humidity will help allow for free flow of feed.

IMPLANT STRATEGY

The substantial improvement in rate of gain and feed efficiency due to implanting must be evaluated and balanced carefully with your feeding goals. A well thought-out program should be initiated, based on your projected harvest date.

MARKETING

Tactics such as hedging, options and packer contracts may offer protection and profit opportunities and should be considered. The exceptional quality and consistency of Linebacker fed cattle make them very desirable in the marketplace.

RATION BALANCING & PERFORMANCE PROJECTION

U.S. Feeds Representatives provide precise feeding and ration recommendations for each stage of growth, plus cost, consumption and gain projections to help track performance. Comparing visual observations and actual consumption records with computer projections is a valuable management activity.