



GRASS *to* GRID

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What is Grass to Grid?

- A program that provides Arkansas adult and youth cattle producers the opportunity to retain ownership of calves through a feedlot finishing and marketing
- The goal of this program is to provide small to medium size cow/calf operators opportunity to experience the finishing phase of the cattle industry while gaining herd genetic insights

Calf Qualifications

- A minimum entry of 5 mixed-sex or 3 same-sex calves
- There is no maximum entry
- No bulls, stags or pregnant females allowed
- Cattle must be weaned, vaccinated, and documented according to the Health Protocol and Verification Document
- Cattle must weigh 500 to 800 pounds at delivery
- No more than 3/8 Brahman influence

How do I enroll?

- Contact your county extension agent
- Complete the enrollment form and health verification form
- Pay \$5/calf processing fee to your local county Extension office (All entries and checks are submitted through the local county Extension office)
- The local county Extension agent will forward entries to Shane Gadberry at the Little Rock State Office
- At entry deadline, all entries will be sent to TCSCF

Animal Identification

- EID tags will be provided following enrollment and must be applied prior to shipping
- At the feedlot calves will receive feedlot tags

Delivery

- Following entry deadline, pick-up locations will be identified throughout the state
- On the day of delivery, participants will be responsible for bringing cattle to the nearest pick-up location
- Trucking expenses from the pick-up location to the feedyard will be handled by TSCSF and deducted from the final payment

TSCSF Specific Regulations

- Ownership will be transferred to TCSCF for \$5 per steer or heifer. All ownership rights are thus conveyed to, and steers/heifers become the property of TCSCF. This eliminates the need for a feed deposit. Death will be a loss to TCSCF and the former owner.
- Steers/heifers will be fed a warm-up ration for 28 days. They will be weighed on test at the end of warm-up. Steers/heifers will be placed on approximately 80% concentrate ration as soon as possible.
- Steers/heifers will be weighed individually at least 4 times: upon delivery, start of test period, time of re-implant, and prior to harvest.
- Steers/heifers will be harvested on at least two different dates five weeks apart, determined by the TCSCF Board.
- The TCSCF Board reserves the right to disqualify any animal at any time if a problem arises with a steer/heifer entered in the program. Animals may be sold or returned to original owner upon reimbursement for expenses.

How do I prepare my cattle for Grass to Grid?

- Use an injectable dewormer at the time of booster shots
- Wean and bunk break cattle at least 45 days before shipping (60 days is better)
- Ensure heifers are open
- De-horn and castrate cattle (if applicable)
- We recommend you use 1 of 3 different health protocol options:

Health Protocol Option 1

Branding & Weaning: requires the use of two rounds of 5-way MLV respiratory vaccine (BVD 1& 2, IBR, PI3 and BRSV), requires the use of two rounds of at least a 7- way clostridial (blackleg) vaccine, and one dose of *M. haemolytica* / *P. multocida* (a.k.a Shipping Fever) given at weaning.

Health Protocol Option 2

- Preweaning and Weaning: requires the use of two rounds of 5-way respiratory vaccine. The first dose at preweaning may be MLV or KV, with the second dose at weaning being MLV (required). Requires two rounds of at least a 7-way clostridial vaccine and one dose of *M. haemolytica* / *P. multocida* given at weaning.

Health Protocol Option 3

- Weaning and Postweaning: Requires the use of two rounds of 5-way MLV respiratory vaccine, requires the use of at least a 7-way clostridial vaccine, and one dose of *M. haemolytica* / *P. multocida* given at weaning