

Top Stock Agencies Newsletter

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Weaner Mayhem

With the dry season and first round mustering nearing full swing, weaner management is hot on everyone's mind. At Top Stock, we recognise that successful weaner management stems from a combination of factors.

- Effective animal health programs covering;
 - Clostridial diseases such as tetanus, black disease, malignant oedema, pulpy kidney and black leg
 - Leptospirosis & Pestivirus
 - Bovine Respiratory Disease (BRD)
 - Internal and external parasites
- Reducing stress through;
 - Correct stocking densities allowing for free movement and access to feed and water. Recommended 3-4m² per head up to 200kg
 - Separation of weaners based on age and weight
- Supportive nutrition
 - Ensure weaners have access to clean, fresh water with adequate trough space
 - Providing quality roughage
 - Addition of extra protein supplements to aid in rumen development and body growth
 - Removal of feed for extended periods of time, where cattle begin to visually hollow out can result in growth setbacks, with rumen microbes taking weeks to recover to previous population sizes
 - Plenty of grass and legumes in weaner paddocks, with addition of supplements to correct mineral deficiencies and provide extra protein

Come have a chat to our friendly team about how we can help during the weaning process!

Getting to know your pastures

Pastures are a vital part of the majority of livestock enterprises, whether it is dairy, beef or horses, a large proportion of their diets are made up through grazing pastures. Understanding the various species of grasses, legumes and browse available to livestock, their different nutritional properties and how it affects production is integral in managing a successful business. However, with different soil and land types, and varying environmental factors, the theoretical nutritional value of the pasture can be vastly different to what is actually being consumed by the animal. Conducting a plant tissue test is an efficient way to truly understand your pastures.

What are the benefits?

Whilst our standard diets have been scientifically formulated to meet nutritional requirements of varying physiological states of livestock to achieve specific production targets, the efficiency of these diets can be altered dramatically by the nutrients available in the pasture. We encourage the use of plant tissue testing so that we can provide a tailored diet optimising productivity and maximising profitability.

For more information, please reach out to us. We are here to help!



Upcoming Events

Top Stock is proud to be sponsoring and attending the following events;

- ◊ Mt Surprise Campdraft, June 23-26nd, 2022
- ◊ Eureka Creek Rodeo, July 22-25th, 2022
- ◊ Tableland Better Beef Open Day, August 14, 2022