

Backgrounding Performance of Weaned Steers

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	Early Weaned*	Traditionally Weaned
Number of steers	68	66
Days on feed	52.5	52.5
Start weight (pounds)	411	576
End weight (pounds)	592	741
Average daily gain (pounds)	3.4	3.1
Feed per pound of gain	10.7	14.8

* Mid-August calves were approximately three months younger at the conclusion of the backgrounding phase.

“Effects of Weaning Date and Retained Ownership on Cattle Performance and Forage Disappearance in Spring Calving Beef Systems” by D.G. Landblom, S. Paisley, P. Johnson, R. Gates, S.W. Fausti and H.H. Patterson