**Carcass Weight**

**ADD WEIGHT to your bank account**

- Heavier carcass weight = More desirable yield grade & dressing % = Greater carcass value

**PRODUCE CARCASSES**

- That meet market weight specifications & optimize profit potential

- Acceptable Range: 650 to 850 lbs
- 750 to 775 lbs Industry Target

**VALUE LOST WITH LIGHTWEIGHT (<600 LBS) AND HEAVYWEIGHT (>1,000 LBS) CARCASSES**

**CONSISTENCY IS KEY**

Eliminate carcass variability through:

- **GENETICS**
  - 44% Heritability

- **MANAGEMENT**
  - More days on feed = greater carcass weights

- **NUTRITION**
  - 8% higher dressing % with steers fed high grain vs. roughage diets

**+$53/ HEAD**

- When industry standards are met

- 1,250 lb
- 775 lb
- 62% average dressing percentage

**INCREASED WEANING WEIGHT**

**GREATER YEARLING WEIGHT**

**LARGER RIBEYE AREA**

**TRADEOFFS RELATED TO CARCASS WEIGHTS**

- Reduced efficiency
- Higher maintenance cost

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