

# Guidelines For Estimating **Feedlot Finishing Costs** For Weight Range of 650 - 1400 lbs. Based on feeding 500 Steers

**Date: September, 2007**

Cattle feeding is a high risk business requiring large amounts of short term capital to buy feeder cattle and feed. With cyclical price variations for both livestock and feed, successful management involves careful consideration of costs, projection of markets and sound judgement.

The following budget is an estimate of the costs of production encountered in finishing beef cattle in a farm feedlot situation. The purpose of this budget is to assist Manitoba livestock producers to calculate their own cost of production and take into consideration the factors that should be included when budgeting to determine breakeven prices.

The assumptions on which costs are calculated are clearly defined in the supporting pages. When interpreting these costs for an individual situation, adjustments may be required. Note that on farm feed costs are based on market prices at the farm. It is assumed that all feed is grown on the farm, except for supplements. Each assumption must be examined and adjustments made where necessary, to apply to the producer's own situation.

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## Feedlot Finishing Production Costs - Input

### Assumptions

1. This budget outlines the cost of production for a cattle feeder's operation.
2. Buildings and equipment are valued at new cost.
3. All feed is purchased.

<b>Herd Profile</b>	<b><u>Total</u></b>	
Number of Feeders Purchased	<b>500</b>	head
Feeder Cattle Mortality Rate	<b>1.00</b>	%
Feeder Purchased Weight	<b>650</b>	lbs
Feeder Cattle Price	<b>\$105.00</b>	/cwt
Finish Weight	<b>1,400</b>	lbs
Finish Selling Price	<b>\$88.00</b>	/cwt
Percent Shrink - finished	<b>5.00</b>	%
Percent Shrink - feeder	<b>0.00</b>	%
Average Daily Gain	<b>3.15</b>	lbs/day
Days On Feed	238	days

FOOTNOTE: 1 kilogram (kg) = 2.2046 pounds (lbs)

<b>Feed Costs</b>	<b><u>\$/unit</u></b>	<b><u>Feeder Cattle Requirement</u></b>	<b><u>Days on Feed</u></b>
Rolled Barley	<b>\$3.40</b> /bu	<b>18.50</b> (lbs/day )	238
Barley Silage	<b>\$32.00</b> /ton	<b>12.50</b> (lbs/day )	238
Grass Hay	<b>\$55.00</b> /ton	<b>5.00</b> (lbs/day )	<b>15</b>
Supplement 32%	<b>\$285.00</b> /tonne	<b>1.00</b> (lbs/day )	238
Other Feed #2	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b> (lbs/day )	
Salt, Vitamins & Mineral	<b>\$0.00</b> /lb	<b>0.00</b> (lbs/year)	

FOOTNOTE: 1 bushel (bu) barley = 48 lbs = 21.8 kg  
 1 kilogram (kg) = 2.2046 pounds (lbs)  
 1 tonne (t) = 1,000 kg

<b>Other Operating Costs</b>	<b><u>Total</u></b>	
<b>Feeder Purchase Costs</b>		
Buying Commission	<b>\$1.00</b>	/cwt
Insurance	<b>\$1.00</b>	/head
Trucking Cost	<b>\$1.50</b>	/cwt
<b>Straw</b>		
Tons/feeder	<b>0.50</b>	tons

Cost

**\$20.00** /ton

## Veterinary Medicine & Supplies

### Cattle Medication

Cost/Head(IBR,BVD,PI3,BVD,BRSV, Pasteurella)	\$2.55	
Vitamin A-D	\$0.65	
External & Internal Parasites	\$2.50	
Blackleg & Haemophilus	\$2.30	
Growth Implants	\$3.42	
Antibiotics	\$6.00	

### Herd health program

#### Professional Services

Total Yearly Hours	2.50	hours
Charge per Hour	\$135.00	/hour

#### Transportation

Total Kilometres (round trip)	80.00	km
Charge per km	\$1.00	/km
Number of Yearly Visits	4	

### Annual Fuel & Repair Costs

Repairs (Machinery, Equipment & Facilities)	\$1,450.00
Fuel Costs	\$3,000.00

### Utilities

Yearly Telephone & Hydro	\$3,000.00
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### Marketing Costs

#### Trucking Cost

Distance	700	miles
Rate	\$4.25	/loaded mile
Truck Capacity	54,000	lbs/load
Number of head per load	39	per load
Selling commission	\$0.00	/head

#### Other Costs

MCEC Fee	\$2.00	/head
MCPA Levy	\$3.00	/head

### Manure Removal

Annual Cost for Removal	\$3,700.00
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### Insurance

Cost per \$100 Capital Invested in:	
a) Livestock	\$0.00
b) Building & Equipment	\$0.45
Additional Coverage for Liability	\$49.00

**Barn & Office Supplies**

Total yearly expense relating to barn **\$500.00**

**Operating Interest Rate** **6.50** %

**Investment Interest Rate** **4.00** %

FOOTNOTE: cwt = hundred-weight = 100 lbs

**Capital Costs**

	<b>Original Value</b>	<b>Salvage Value</b>	<b>Useful Life</b>
<b>Buildings, Corrals &amp; Water System</b>			
Windbreak fence	<b>\$7,350</b>	<b>10</b> %	<b>20</b> years
Pens	<b>\$4,540</b>	<b>10</b> %	<b>20</b> years
Shelters	<b>\$0</b>	<b>10</b> %	<b>20</b> years
Handling Facilities	<b>\$5,500</b>	<b>10</b> %	<b>20</b> years
Waterers	<b>\$5,000</b>	<b>10</b> %	<b>20</b> years
Gates	<b>\$1,280</b>	<b>10</b> %	<b>20</b> years
Bunk Feeders	<b>\$23,000</b>	<b>10</b> %	<b>20</b> years
Well & Pressure System	<b>\$6,000</b>	<b>10</b> %	<b>20</b> years
Grain Bin	<b>\$3,500</b>	<b>10</b> %	<b>20</b> years
Landscaping	<b>\$15,000</b>	<b>10</b> %	<b>20</b> years
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$71,170</b>		
<b>Machinery &amp; Equipment</b>			
Tractor & Loader	<b>\$50,000</b>	<b>20</b> %	<b>10</b> years
Miscellaneous	<b>\$25,000</b>	<b>20</b> %	<b>10</b> years
<b>Total Investment</b>	<b>\$146,170</b>		

**Labour Costs**

	<b><u>Total</u></b>
Labour Hours	<b>2.00</b> hours/head/year
Labour Rate	<b>\$11.00</b> /hour

## Feedlot Finishing Cost Summary, September, 2007

	<u>Cost/Head</u>	<u>Total Cost</u>	<u>Your Cost</u>
<b>A. Operating Costs</b>			
<b>1. Feed Costs</b>			
1.01 Rolled Barley	\$311.88	\$155,940	_____
1.02 Barley Silage	\$47.60	\$23,800	_____
1.03 Grass Hay	\$2.06	\$1,030	_____
1.04 Supplement	<u>\$30.76</u>	<u>\$15,380</u>	_____
<b>Total Feed Costs</b>	<b>\$392.30</b>	<b>\$196,150</b>	_____
<b>2. Other Operating Costs</b>			
2.01 Feeder Cost	\$699.75	\$349,875	_____
2.02 Straw	\$10.00	\$5,000	_____
2.03 Veterinary Medicine & Supplies	\$18.74	\$9,370	_____
2.04 Annual Fuel & Repair Costs	\$8.90	\$4,450	_____
2.05 Utilities	\$6.00	\$3,000	_____
2.06 Marketing & Transportation	\$81.28	\$40,640	_____
2.07 Insurance	\$1.42	\$710	_____
2.08 Manure Removal	\$7.40	\$3,700	_____
2.09 Barn & Office Supplies	\$1.00	\$500	_____
2.10 Death Loss	<u>\$9.23</u>	<u>\$4,615</u>	_____
Subtotal Operating Costs	\$1,236.02	\$618,010	_____
2.11 Operating Interest	<u>\$40.83</u>	<u>\$20,415</u>	_____
<b>Total Operating Costs</b>	<b>\$1,276.85</b>	<b>\$638,425</b>	_____
<b>B. Fixed Costs</b>			
<b>3. Depreciation</b>			
3.01 Buildings	\$6.41	\$3,205	_____
3.02 Machinery & Equipment	\$12.00	\$6,000	_____
<b>4. Investment</b>			
4.01 Buildings	\$3.13	\$1,565	_____
4.02 Machinery & Equipment	<u>\$3.60</u>	<u>\$1,800</u>	_____
<b>Total Fixed Costs</b>	<b>\$25.14</b>	<b>\$12,570</b>	_____
<b>Total Operating and Fixed Costs</b>	<b>\$1,301.99</b>	<b>\$650,995</b>	_____
<b>C. Labour</b>	\$22.00	\$11,000	_____
<b>TOTAL COST OF PRODUCTION</b>	<b>\$1,323.99</b>	<b>\$661,995</b>	_____

<b>Cost per lb of gain sold</b>	<u>\$/cwt</u>	
Feed Costs	\$57.69	_____
Operating Costs	\$87.40	_____
Operating & Fixed Costs	\$91.10	_____
Total Costs	\$94.34	_____
<b>Breakeven Selling Price</b>		
Operating Costs	\$96.00	_____
Operating & Fixed Costs	\$97.89	_____
Total Costs	\$99.55	_____
<b>Breakeven Purchase Price (based on \$88/cwt market price)</b>		
Operating Costs	\$88.62	_____
Operating & Fixed Costs	\$84.76	_____
Total Costs	\$81.37	_____

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### Assumptions

1. Average daily gain (ADG) was assumed to be 3.15 lbs/day.
2. It was assumed that the feeder steer weighed in at 650 lbs., and finished at 1400 lbs ( 1330 lbs after a 5% shrink.)
3. Days on feed was 238. Hay was fed for 15 days.
4. Investment in feedlot facilities and equipment was assumed to handle 500 head.

### Feedlot Finishing Production Cost Worksheet

**A. Operating Costs**

**Your Cost**

**1. Feed Costs**

**1.01 Rolled Barley**

	238.00	days on grain	
x	18.50	lbs/feeder/day	
÷	48.00	lbs/bushel	
<u>x</u>	<u>\$3.40</u>	<u>/bushel</u>	
<b>=</b>	<b>\$311.88</b>	<b>/feeder</b>	

**1.02 Barley Silage**

	238.00	days on silage	
x	12.50	lbs/feeder/day	
÷	2,000.00	lbs/ton	
<u>x</u>	<u>\$32.00</u>	<u>/ton</u>	
<b>=</b>	<b>\$47.60</b>	<b>/feeder</b>	

**1.03 Grass Hay**

	15.00	days on hay	
x	5.00	lbs/feeder/day	
÷	2,000.00	lbs/ton	
<u>x</u>	<u>\$55.00</u>	<u>/ton</u>	
<b>=</b>	<b>\$2.06</b>	<b>/feeder</b>	

**1.04 Supplement (Salt, Vitamins, Minerals, Ionophore)**

	238.00	days on supplement	
x	1.00	lbs/feeder/day	
÷	2,205.00	lbs/tonne	
<u>x</u>	<u>\$285.00</u>	<u>/tonne</u>	
<b>=</b>	<b>\$30.76</b>	<b>/feeder</b>	

## 2. Other Operating Costs

### 2.01 Feeder Cattle Cost

Buying Commission & insurance

\$6.50	commision/feeder	
\$1.00	insurance/feeder	

Trucking-in

\$1.50	/cwt	
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x	650.00	lbs/feeder	
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÷	<u>100.00</u>	<u>lbs/cwt</u>	
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=	\$9.75	/feeder	
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650.00	lbs/feeder	
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x	\$105.00	/cwt	
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÷	<u>100.00</u>	<u>lbs/cwt</u>	
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=	\$682.50	/feeder	
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<b>Total</b>	<b>=</b>	<b>\$699.75</b>	<b>/feeder</b>	
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### 2.02 Straw

0.50	tons/feeder/year	
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x	<u>\$20.00</u>	<u>/ton</u>	
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=	<b>\$10.00</b>	<b>/feeder</b>	
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### 2.03 Veterinary Medicine & Supplies

Cattle Medication

\$2.55	IBR,PI3,BVD,BRSV & Pasteurella	
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+	\$0.65	Vitamin A,D & E	
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+	\$2.50	External & Internal Parasites	
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+	\$2.30	Blackleg & Haemphilus	
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+	\$3.42	Implant	
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+	<u>\$6.00</u>	<u>Antibiotics</u>	
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=	\$17.42	/feeder	
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Professional Services

\$135.00	/hour charge	
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x	2.50	hours	
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÷	<u>500</u>	<u>feeder cattle</u>	
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=	\$0.68	/feeder	
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Transportation Costs

		\$1.00	/km charge	_____
x		80.00	kilometres	_____
x		4.00	visits	_____
÷		<u>500</u>	<u>feeder cattle</u>	_____
=		\$0.64	/feeder	_____
<b>Total</b>	<b>=</b>	<b>\$18.74</b>	<b>/feeder</b>	_____

**2.04 Annual Fuel & Repair Costs**

		\$1,450	repairs	_____
+		\$3,000	fuel costs	_____
÷		<u>500</u>	<u>feeder cattle</u>	_____
=		<b>\$8.90</b>	<b>/feeder</b>	_____

**2.05 Utilities**

		\$3,000	utilities	_____
÷		<u>500</u>	<u>feeder cattle</u>	_____
=		<b>\$6.00</b>	<b>/feeder</b>	_____

**2.06 Marketing & Transportation**

		\$2.00	MCEC Fee	_____
		\$3.00	MCPA Levy	_____
Trucking		700.00	miles	_____
x		\$4.25	/loaded mile	_____
÷		<u>39.00</u>	<u>head/load</u>	_____
=		\$76.28	/feeder	_____
<b>Total</b>	<b>=</b>	<b>\$81.28</b>	<b>/feeder</b>	_____

**2.07 Insurance**

		\$146,170	building & equipment investment	_____
x		\$0.45	/\$100 capital	_____
÷		100.00	/\$100 capital	_____
÷		<u>500</u>	<u>feeder cattle</u>	_____
=		\$1.32	/feeder/year	_____
		\$478,625	feeder investment	_____
x		\$0.00	/\$100 capital	_____
÷		100.00	/\$100	_____
÷		<u>500</u>	<u>feeder cattle</u>	_____
=		\$0.00	/feeder/year	_____

		\$49.00	liability premium	_____
	÷	<u>500</u>	<u>feeder cattle</u>	_____
	=	\$0.10	/feeder/year	_____
<b>Total</b>	=	<b>\$1.42</b>	<b>/feeder</b>	_____
<b>2.08 Manure Removal</b>				
		\$3,700	removal cost	_____
	÷	<u>500</u>	<u>feeder cattle</u>	_____
	=	<b>\$7.40</b>	<b>/feeder</b>	_____
<b>2.09 Barn &amp; Office Supplies</b>				
		\$500.00	total barn expenses	_____
	÷	<u>500</u>	<u>feeder cattle</u>	_____
	=	<b>\$1.00</b>	<b>/feeder</b>	_____
<b>2.10 Death Loss</b>				
		\$699.75	feeder cattle cost	_____
	+	\$1,226.79	maximum value	_____
	-	\$81.28	marketing costs	_____
	÷	2.00	average value	_____
	x	1.00	% mortality rate	_____
	=	<b>\$9.23</b>	<b>/feeder</b>	_____
<b>2.11 Operating Interest</b>				
		\$699.75	feeder cost	_____
	+	\$263.52	½ of feed & other costs	_____
	x	6.50	% operating interest	_____
	x	238.00	days on feed	_____
	÷	<u>365.00</u>	<u>365 days</u>	_____
	=	<b>\$40.83</b>	<b>/feeder</b>	_____

### Capital Costs

#### Buildings, Corrals & Water System

Windbreak fence	\$7,350	_____
Pens	\$4,540	_____
Handling Facilities	\$5,500	_____
Waterers	\$5,000	_____
Gates	\$1,280	_____
Bunk Feeders	\$23,000	_____
Well & Pressure System	\$6,000	_____
Grain Bin	\$3,500	_____
Landscaping	<u>\$15,000</u>	_____
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$71,170</b>	_____

#### Machinery & Equipment

Tractor & Loader	\$50,000	_____
Miscellaneous	<u>\$25,000</u>	_____
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$75,000</b>	_____

<b>Total Investment</b>	<b>\$146,170</b>	_____
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#### B. Fixed Costs

##### 3. Depreciation

##### Original Cost - Salvage Value Useful Life

##### 3.01 Buildings

	\$71,170	original cost	_____
-	\$7,117	salvage value	_____
÷	20.00	years useful life	_____
÷	<u>500</u>	<u>feeder cattle</u>	_____
=	<b>\$6.41</b>	<b>/feeder</b>	_____

##### 3.02 Machinery & Equipment

	\$75,000	original cost	_____
-	\$15,000	salvage value	_____
÷	10.00	years useful life	_____
÷	<u>500</u>	<u>feeder cattle</u>	_____
=	<b>\$12.00</b>	<b>/feeder</b>	_____

<b>4. Investment</b>	<b><u>Original Cost + Salvage Value</u> x Investment Rate</b>		
	<b>2</b>		
<b>4.01 Buildings</b>			
	\$71,170	original cost	_____
+	\$7,117	salvage value	_____
÷	2.00	average	_____
x	4.00	% investment rate	_____
÷	<u>500</u>	<u>feeder cattle</u>	_____
<b>=</b>	<b>\$3.13</b>	<b>/feeder</b>	_____
<b>4.02 Machinery &amp; Equipment</b>			
	\$75,000	original cost	_____
+	\$15,000	salvage value	_____
÷	2.00	average	_____
x	4.00	% investment rate	_____
÷	<u>500</u>	<u>feeder cattle</u>	_____
<b>=</b>	<b>\$3.60</b>	<b>/feeder</b>	_____
<b>C. Labour</b>			
	2.00	hours/feeder/year	_____
x	<u>\$11.00</u>	<u>/hour</u>	_____
<b>=</b>	<b>\$22.00</b>	<b>/feeder</b>	_____

### Breakeven Calculations

				<u><b>Your Farm</b></u>
<b>Cost per lb of gain sold</b>				
<b>Feed Costs</b>	\$392.30		feed cost	_____
	<u>680.00</u>		<u>weight gain</u>	_____
	<b>= \$0.58</b>		<b>/lb</b>	_____
<b>Operating Costs</b>	\$1,276.85		operating costs	_____
	- \$682.50		feeder cost	_____
	<u>680.00</u>		<u>weight gain</u>	_____
	<b>= \$0.87</b>		<b>/lb</b>	_____
<b>Total Operating &amp; Fixed</b>	\$1,301.99		operating & fixed	_____
	- \$682.50		feeder cost	_____
	<u>680.00</u>		<u>weight gain</u>	_____
	<b>= \$0.91</b>		<b>/lb</b>	_____
<b>Total Costs</b>	\$1,323.99		total	_____
	- \$682.50		feeder cost	_____
	<u>680.00</u>		<u>weight gain</u>	_____
	<b>= \$0.94</b>		<b>/lb</b>	_____
<b>Breakeven selling price</b>				
<b>Operating Costs</b>	\$1,276.85		operating costs	_____
	<u>1,330.00</u>		<u>lbs shrunk weight</u>	_____
	<b>= \$0.96</b>		<b>/lb</b>	_____
<b>Operating &amp; Fixed</b>	\$1,301.99		operating & fixed costs	_____
	<u>1,330.00</u>		<u>lbs shrunk weight</u>	_____
	<b>= \$0.98</b>		<b>/lb</b>	_____
<b>Total Costs</b>	\$1,323.99		total costs	_____
	<u>1,330.00</u>		<u>lbs shrunk weight</u>	_____
	<b>= \$1.00</b>		<b>/lb</b>	_____
<b>Breakeven purchase price</b>				
<b>Operating Costs</b>	1,330.00		lbs shrunk weight	_____
	x \$88.00		\$/cwt selling price	_____
	<b>= \$1,170.40</b>		income	_____
	- \$594.35		operating less feeder cost	_____
	<u>650.00</u>		<u>lbs purchase net weight</u>	_____
	<b>= \$0.89</b>		<b>/lb</b>	_____

<b>Operating &amp; Fixed</b>	1,330.00	lbs shrunk weight	_____
x	\$88.00	\$/cwt selling price	_____
=	\$1,170.40	income	_____
-	\$619.49	op & fixed less feeder cost	_____
÷	<u>650.00</u>	<u>lbs purchase weight</u>	_____
=	<b>\$0.85</b>	<b>/lb</b>	_____
<b>Total Costs</b>	1,330.00	lbs shrunk weight	_____
x	\$88.00	\$/cwt selling price	_____
=	\$1,170.40	income	_____
-	\$641.49	total less feeder cost	_____
÷	<u>650.00</u>	<u>lbs purchase weight</u>	_____
=	<b>\$0.81</b>	<b>/lb</b>	_____

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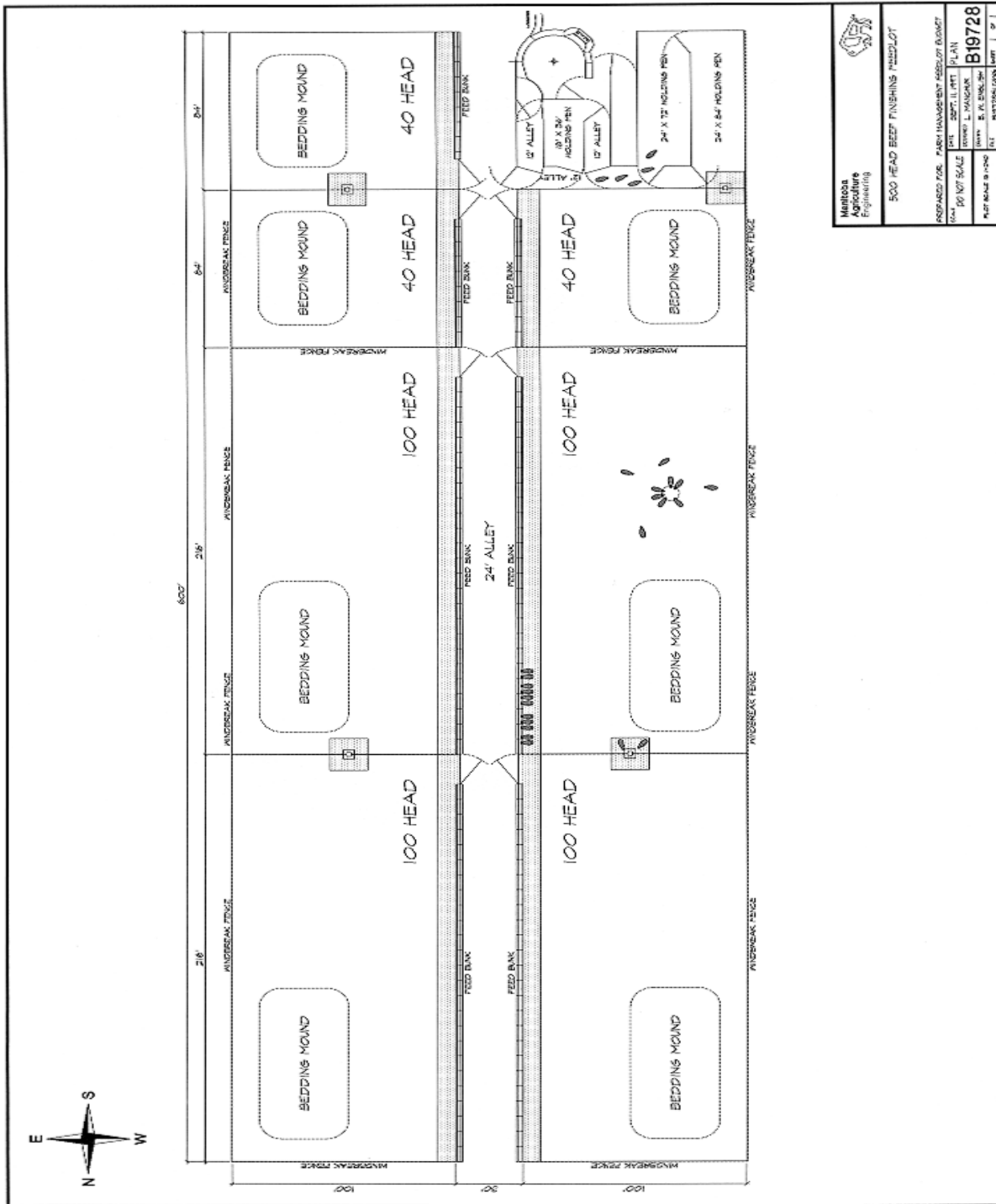
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## Beef Finishing Feedlot 500 Head



<b>500 HEAD BEEF FINISHING FEEDLOT</b>	
<small>PREPARED FOR: FARM MANAGEMENT CONSULTING GROUP</small>	
<small>DATE: 08/07/11</small>	<small>BY: JLN</small>
<small>DO NOT SCALE</small>	
<small>DESIGNED BY: L. HANSEN</small>	
<small>PROJECT NO: B-19728</small>	
<small>PLOT NO: 1000</small>	<small>PL: 1 OF 1</small>