**Feed Plan Example**

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| **Feed Plan** | | |
| **Cattle type:** | Yearling heifers | |
| **Production objective:** | Reach and maintain condition score 2 to 3 and minimum weight of 275 kg at 12-14 months.  Average weight gain 1 kg per day. | |
| **Condition monitoring:** | Assess condition and liveweight of 20% of the herd every week. | |
| **Feed program:**  Paddock feeding  Place yearling heifers on lucence crop immediately after harvest while it is green and growing vigorously.  Stock paddocks at 2 heifers/ha to minimise overgrazing and maximise recovery.  Directions for supplementary feeding  Start feeding grain when condition score and liveweight fall below the target for two consecutive weeks.  Continue until growth rate targets are achieved, or until pasture recovers in late winter.  Feed out once daily in troughs.  Introducing grain  Introduce grain slowly. Start heifers on a hay ration to encourage them to come to the trough, because the hay is more palatable. Then gradually transfer them onto grain.  While on grain, cattle must continue to be always given access to good-quality hay.  Process for introduction grain  Day 1 – Hay ration  Day 2 – 90% hay and and 10% grain  Day 3 – 80% hay and 20% grain  Day 4 - 70% hay and 30% grain  Day 5 – 60% hay and 40% grain  Day 6 – 50% hay and 50% grain  Day 7 – 40% hay and 60% grain  Day 8 – 30% hay and 70% grain  Day 9 – 20% hay and 80% grain  Day 10 – 15% hay and 85% grain  After 10 days – 1 kg/head of grain per 100 g of body weight and access to hay. | | |
| **Special problems to look for…** | | **Record and report (date and time)** |
| Shy feeders  Grain poisoning  Sudden death | | Any feeding or general health problems  Condition scores  Amount of feed distributed |