**Feed Plan Example**

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| **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 feedingStart 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 grainIntroduce 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 grainDay 1 – Hay rationDay 2 – 90% hay and and 10% grainDay 3 – 80% hay and 20% grainDay 4 - 70% hay and 30% grainDay 5 – 60% hay and 40% grainDay 6 – 50% hay and 50% grainDay 7 – 40% hay and 60% grainDay 8 – 30% hay and 70% grainDay 9 – 20% hay and 80% grainDay 10 – 15% hay and 85% grainAfter 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 feedersGrain poisoningSudden death | Any feeding or general health problemsCondition scoresAmount of feed distributed |