



MEAT EDUCATION



RAISING BEEF



WHY BEEF?

There are many advantages to raising beef cattle:

1. Beef cattle eat roughages. Roughages can be grasses and legume plants.
2. Other livestock cannot digest roughages.
3. While beef cattle are good foragers, they do not necessarily need to be fed daily. Therefore, labor requirements are not as high with beef cattle as with other livestock.
4. If a producer follows good management practices, typically death losses are reasonably low in beef cattle production.
5. Beef cattle can be raised in small numbers or by several thousand head. Beef cattle can adapt to different sizes of operations.
6. Meat is constantly in demand. Beef and beef products are popular nationally and internationally.
7. The beef industry provides many jobs, such as herders, truckers, processors, researchers, veterinarians, and feed suppliers.
8. Beef cattle provide an interest to FFA and 4-H projects. Beef cattle can also provide an interest to older adults as an investment.