



Australian Feedlot Industry Statistics

Gross value of production	\$2.5 billion ¹
People employed in feedlot industry	28,500 ²
Location of feedlots in Australia	Qld 55%, NSW 30%, WA 4%, SA 3%, Vic 7% ³
Number of accredited feedlots	400 ⁴
Number of cattle held in feedlots	956,927 (at end of June 2015) ⁵
Average feedlot capacity in Australia	2,793 head ⁶
Proportion of Australian cattle herd located in feedlots	2-3% ⁷
Contribution to Australian adult cattle slaughter	2.69 million (ie 29%) (2014) ⁸
Average number of day's cattle spend in an Australian feedlot	95 ⁹ (approx 10-15% of their life span)
Key grain fed beef markets	Australia, Japan, South Korea, China, South East Asia, EU, US (2014) ¹⁰ .
Average age of feedlot employees	35-44 years ¹¹
% of feedlot employees who are female	21-30% ¹²
% of feedlot managers who have a Bachelor/ Masters degree	29% ¹³
% of feedlots that are Australian owned	96% ¹⁴
% of feedlots in the industry that are owned by processors	2%
% of total industry feedlot capacity owned by processors	22%

¹ Deloitte (2015), *Regional feedlot investment study*, A report commissioned by MLA.

² Yates, W et al (2003), *The impact of feedlot investment*, A report commissioned by MLA.

³ ALFA/ MLA quarterly feedlot survey, http://www.feedlots.com.au/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=54&Itemid=80

⁴ National Feedlot Accreditation Scheme database, as at August 2015

⁵ ALFA/ MLA quarterly feedlot survey, http://www.feedlots.com.au/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=54&Itemid=80

⁶ As of August 2015

⁷ MLA website and ALFA/ MLA quarterly feedlot survey, <http://www.mla.com.au/About-the-red-meat-industry/Industry-overview/Cattle> and http://www.feedlots.com.au/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=54&Itemid=80

⁸ ALFA/ MLA quarterly survey and MLA data

⁹ ALFA analysis

¹⁰ MLA data and ALFA/ MLA quarterly feedlot survey http://www.feedlots.com.au/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=54&Itemid=80

¹¹ ALFA feedlot industry survey, February 2013.

¹² ALFA feedlot industry survey, February 2013.

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¹⁴ ABARES (2012), *Foreign Investment and Australian Agriculture*, sourced from the internet, <https://rirdc.infoservices.com.au/items/11-173>