

# **MEMBERSHIP FEES**

FY25

### **Calculation of Feedlot Membership Fees**

In order to satisfy the eligibility criteria for Feedlot Membership, the applicant must be an Operating Entity of at least one Accredited Feedlot (being a feedlot that has NFAS accreditation status equivalent to Accredited, Provisional Accreditation, Voluntary Suspension or Suspended). Applications for Feedlot Membership will be determined by the Board.

In accordance with clause 9 of the Constitution, a Member that is an entity may appoint an individual as its Representative, and does so at time of application. Such Representative will remain in place until such time as the Member notifies the ALFA Secretariat of a change in their Representative in writing.

Membership fees are calculated according to the feedlot(s) constructed capacity as prescribed by the applicant. Please ensure ALFA has the correct feedlot capacity recorded within your membership details at time of application and that you notify ALFA if your capacity changes.

A feedlot with a capacity of 500 head or less pays a set base fee of \$500 (excluding GST).

If the capacity is greater than 500 head the membership fee is calculated by multiplying the feedlot capacity by 42¢ and then adding the base fee as outlined in the below calculation table.

A maximum membership fee of \$21,500 (excluding GST) applies to feedlots with capacities over 50,000 head.

A pro-rata membership fee applies after 1 October.

## **Calculation Table**

Use the table below as a guide to work out your Feedlot Membership fee.

		< 500 head		> 501 head
Α	Feedlot Capacity		А	
В	Base Fee	\$ 500	В	\$ 500
С	Feedlot Capacity Fee (42¢)		C = A X 0.42	
D	Total (exc. GST)	\$ 500	D=B+C	
E	GST (10%)	\$ 50	E = D X 0.1	
F	TOTAL (inc. GST)	\$ 550	F = D + E	

#### **Terms & Conditions**

- The Board shall set membership fees for each class and category of membership from time to time at its sole discretion and in sufficient time to allow the fee changes to be incorporated into the annual operating budget.
- Renewing members shall pay the full annual fee for their membership class, and category regardless of the date on which the fee is paid.
- Members subject to an annual membership fee must pay the fee by 1 July each year.
- As per clause 11.4 of the ALFA Constitution, if the membership fee remains unpaid by 1 August, the Member will be notified. If the fee remains unpaid more than two months after the date of the notice, the Member's membership will be terminated. The Board has discretion to resolve for the Member to maintain membership despite non-payment. The Board will exercise this discretion in exceptional circumstances.
- New Members shall have their membership fees calculated on a pro-rata basis as per clause 7.6.
- Feedlot Membership Fees are prescribed by the Board and calculated using the following method:
- The Board prescribes the Base Fee Rate and the Feedlot Capacity Rate on an annual basis. Additionally, a maximum Feedlot Membership Fee is set annually based on a Prescribed Maximum Feedlot Capacity.
- The formula used to calculate Feedlot Membership Fees is:
- Feedlot Membership Fee = Prescribed Base Fee + (Feedlot Capacity x Prescribed Feedlot Capacity Rate)
- Feedlot Capacity is defined as the feedlot's physical Constructed Capacity in cattle head. For the purpose of Feedlot Membership Fee calculation, one Standard Cattle Unit (SCU) is equivalent to one cattle head.
- A Feedlot with a Feedlot Capacity of 500 head or less pays the Prescribed Base Fee Rate.
- A Feedlot with a Feedlot Capacity of greater than 500 head pays the total of the Prescribed Base Fee Rate and the Feedlot Capacity multiplied by the Prescribed Feedlot Capacity Rate.
- A pro-rata Feedlot Membership Fee applies after 1 October for new Feedlot Members joining the Association within a financial year period, with subsequent annual fees reverting to the total Feedlot Membership Fee calculated for that feedlot.
- The Prescribed Maximum Feedlot Capacity is set at 50,000 head. For any capacity over 50,000 head the membership fee is capped at the rate calculated for 50,000 head (i.e. \$21,500 exc GST).

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