

R&D Snapshot

Reducing variation in finisher performance – early (<35 kg) intervention

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Purpose:

- Reduce variation in slaughter stock by enhancing the performance of light weight weaners with nutritional interventions.

Take home messages:

- Outcomes show that a compromised weaner will remain a compromised grower and finisher and therefore will take longer to reach slaughter weight. The performance of light weight weaners could not be boosted to that of their heavier counterparts
- The extended period of nutritional intervention of light weight weaners (15.0 MJ DE/kg, 0.80 g available lysine/MJ DE creep diet) increased feed costs per kg of gain by 15%
- Producers should focus on reducing the proportion of light weight weaners.

Additional information:

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