



# Carcass Weight

**ADD WEIGHT**  
to your bank account

HEAVIER CARCASS WEIGHT = MORE DESIRABLE YIELD GRADE & DRESSING % = GREATER CARCASS VALUE

## PRODUCE CARCASSES

that meet market weight specifications & optimize profit potential

Acceptable Range:  
650 to 850 lbs

750 to 775 lbs  
Industry Target

VALUE LOST WITH  
LIGHTWEIGHT (<600 LBS)  
AND HEAVYWEIGHT (>1,000 LBS)  
CARCASSES

## CONSISTENCY IS KEY

Eliminate carcass variability through:



**GENETICS**  
44% Heritability



**MANAGEMENT**  
More days on feed  
= greater carcass weights



**NUTRITION**  
8% higher dressing %  
with steers fed high grain  
vs. roughage diets

**+\$53/ HEAD**

when industry standards are met



62% average  
dressing percentage

Arkansas Steer Feedout Program 2007-2008

INCREASED  
WEANING  
WEIGHT  
GREATER YEARLING  
WEIGHT  
LARGER  
RIBEYE AREA

TRADEOFFS  
RELATED TO  
CARCASS  
WEIGHTS

REDUCED  
EFFICIENCY  
HIGHER  
MAINTENANCE  
COST

