How We Manage Our Barn

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Overall Layout

Barn Length: 480’  2 End Pens  Working Area

Why Two End Pens?

West End: 24’x88’  East End: 30’x88’

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Barn Width – 100’ with Back Alley

Barn Alleys & Bunks

Back: 12’ x 480’

Front: 16’ x 480’

Pens

Two Pens: 234’x88’

Center Manure Bay: 12’x78’

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Density

- One-time feedlot capacity: 999 head
- Pen capacity: 499 head
- Square ft/animal: 41

Walls

- End of Barn
- Center of Barn

Roof & Curtain

- Roof - Steel
- Curtain – Split
Why We Chose This Type of Facility

- Like concrete and steel
  - long-term use
  - durability
- Good air flow
- Provides cattle comfort
- Ease of working cattle
- Size of cattle lot
- Easier manure handling
- Built for “Bad” days

Kind of Cattle We Feed

Beef Steers: Calves Weighing 500-550 lbs
Feed Mixing

- Balancer
- High Moisture Corn
- Wet Distillers Grains with Solubles
- Corn Silage

Feeding

- Two times/day
- 3 loads/day

Structures for Manure Handling
Scraping and Cleaning

- Usually once per week
- 12-16' around the pack

Scraping and Cleaning

- 8-12 loads/week
- Try to maintain the pack between closeouts

Scraping and Cleaning

- 5-6 hours/week
- Depends on distance manure is hauled
Bedding

- 4-6 bales/pen
- Twice/week
- After feeding
- 1 hour/bedding event (2 people)
- Who enjoys it?

What Would You Change?

- More room to get into manure alley
- Less lights
- Put working facility in barn
- Have only one door in end walls
- Omit outside end pens
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