

HIDDEN COSTS OF INCREASING DAYS ON FEED

When cattle values are up and feed costs are low, producers often take advantage of the market and add more pounds by increasing days on feed. However, it's important to recognize how increasing DOF can impact your implant program.

INCREASING DAYS ON FEED (DOF)

Elanco data suggests producers added an average of **15-20 DOF** for a seven-weight steer in 2015 compared to 2014.*



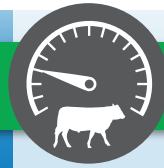
INCREASING TERMINAL IMPLANT WINDOWS

As DOF increased, many producers didn't adjust their terminal implant windows so they extended out an average of **5-10 more days**.†



↑ TERMINAL WINDOWS = ↓ ANIMAL PERFORMANCE

For example, for every 10 day increase in terminal implant window, feed conversion increases by **.077 units of conversion**.**



KEY POINTS

- Since 2010, DOF have increased dramatically
- As DOF increase, terminal implant windows should also be adjusted
- Increased terminal implant windows impact animal performance & producer profitability
- Tightening your terminal implant window can pay for the cost of the implant



For help projecting DOF and managing terminal implant programs for your feeding operation, contact your Elanco sales representative.

*An analysis from Elanco's Benchmark database. Jan. 2014 to Aug. 2015. All regions. Data on file.

†An analysis of Elanco's Benchmark database from 2010-2015 on 7-wt steers and heifers; all regions. Cattle given 2-4 implants.

**An analysis of Elanco's Benchmark database from 2010-2015 on 7-wt steers fed 140-159 days, 160-179 days and 180-199 days; all regions. Cattle given 2-4 implants; mortality 0-3%.

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