

Five Buckles



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Each year, millions of cattle are fattened in large feedlots across the United States. Many are first backgrounded in smaller feedlots, like those popular in North Dakota. All feedlots, regardless of the size of the operation, work for the same result: economical gains for cattle on feed.

April's wet snow and rainy conditions brought muddy pens and a real struggle for animals' health and comfort. The concrete heavy-use pads in feedlots help produce faster gains and simplify the job of cleaning the pens. We can all agree that adding concrete

to your existing feedlot can be an expensive endeavor; however, I believe the return on investment is realized sooner than most think.

When you incorporate concrete feedlot improvements, you invest in long-lasting serviceable structures. These improvements give you the benefits of faster gains, better animal health and increased feedlot profits. Concrete is the preferred material for feedlot improvements.

Randy tells his friends conflicting stories about himself. So, when they gossip about him, they will all agree!

Concrete heavy-use pads are beneficial in feedlots for improving cattle health, increasing feed efficiency and reducing environmental impact. They limit mud, enhance sanitation and provide a stable surface that reduces lameness and improves daily gains.

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HOW THE SERVICE WORKS

- Members contact the NDSA.
- A site visit is scheduled.
- A site visit and evaluation are conducted.
- NDSA recommendations are prepared and delivered to members.
- The NDSA helps members file appropriate paperwork, seek cost-share assistance and identify qualified resource people, if applicable.