

### **Case Study**

Farmer: Andrew O'Dea
Farm: Kelvin Falls
Location: Elbow Valley, QLD
Operation: Beef cattle



# Marking a new milestone after 140 years

Andrew O'Dea recommends Tri-Solfen for the calming effect it has on calves during castration.

Andrew O'Dea is a fifth-generation family farmer at Kelvin Falls, a sprawling property in Queensland's Elbow Valley that was first settled by his great great grandparents when they immigrated from Ireland over 140 years ago.

While the farm has always focused on wool and beef production, it has continued to evolve to remain profitable while nurturing and nourishing the resources it relies upon.

"We take a lot of pride in caring for the land which helps sustain our livelihood, our recreation, and our way of life."

Over the years, this has included investing in a solar farm, experimenting with more diverse agricultural streams such as small crops, lucerne hay and pasteurised eggs, and opening the O'Deas' doors to visitors through farmstay accommodation.

And now, the advent of Tri-Solfen will be remembered as yet another milestone that will shape the future of Kelvin Falls.

#### The key to calmer calves.

The O'Deas usually run about 200 head of Angus cattle in a typical season. Their herd is a mix of breeders and weaners which are grown out to yearlings and finished at around 400kg before selling through AuctionsPlus and local (Warwick) saleyards.

"I've had a very positive experience using Tri-Solfen. The application was easy and seamlessly integrated into the procedure. There was much less blood loss and the calves recovered quickly with no issues – just wandered off back to Mum and returned to feeding. They seemed much calmer."



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### "We used Tri-Solfen for the first time this branding season treating our three-month-old castrated calves for pain relief and infection prevention."

#### A no-brainer for branding season.

Andrew notes that Tri-Solfen was the obvious answer given the family's view on treating animal welfare as a top priority.

"All our efforts in handling and working with the cattle is to ensure a really calm space and maintain high animal welfare standards. We practise low-stress stockhandling techniques when mustering and working cattle in the yards."

"It's easy to use, low cost and produces excellent animal welfare outcomes. I recommend it to many people and will continue to do so."



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