

Case Study

Farmer:	Blake Smith
Farm:	Glenellerslie
Location: Adelong in the NSW Riverina region	
Operation:	Hereford stud



Getting calves back on their hooves

Blake Smith chooses Tri-Solfen when he dehorns his Hereford calves for its fast-healing properties.

Blake Smith is a cattle farmer at Glenellerslie in Adelong in the NSW Riverina region, set on a picturesque landscape overlooking rolling hills and valleys.

The Yaven Creed Road property is rich with history, having been divided into soldier settler blocks after World War II. Blake's grandfather Gordon, an army veteran, secured block eight and began to build a life on the land and what would become a family farming legacy.

It was in 1974 that Gordon started Glenellerslie Hereford Stud, an operation that has earned a strong reputation for breeding quality cattle with traditional Hereford traits. Glenellerslie will be celebrating its 30th on property sale in 2023.

Today, Blake runs 300+ Hereford and poll Hereford breeders on the 2,000-acre property with his dad Ross, mainly selling heavy steers to grassfed markets.

Five years ago, during the August dehorning season, Blake began investigating products that would assist in minimising the pain for his four month old calves. So when he received a personal recommendation for Tri-Solfen via his Elders store, he was willing to give it a go.

"We used to use Stockholm Tar but that wasn't as effective with the bleeding. Since we started using Tri-Solfen for dehorning our Hereford calves, we have noted that they heal quicker and do better."

An advocate for enhanced animal welfare.

Blake immediately noticed that his calves seemed to be in much less pain after the switch. And these incredible first-hand results were all the proof he needed to make the switch permanent and has never looked back.

What's more, he made it his mission to tell everyone about Tri-Solfen and get more farmers onto the product, believing that farmers have a duty to do the best they can for their animals' welfare.

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"If you're dehorning, you should be using this product."

Blake goes through at least 2.5L of Tri-Solfen every season, using it to relieve pain and promote healing. This year alone, he's dehorned 140 calves.

A better product, clean and simple.

In addition to the benefits for the animals, Blake notes that the product makes the entire process cleaner and simpler for the farmers too.

"It's a very good product. You just spray it on and there is barely any blood. Within the afternoon they are back grazing, not lounging around or upset."



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