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Case Study

Farmer:	Caroline McEwan
Farm:	Beeac
Location:	Western Victoria
Operation:	Angus breeders



'Worth every cent'.

Veterinarian Caroline McEwan thinks the world of Tri-Solfen for aiding in pain relief during castration.

Caroline McEwan is a long-time Colac region local. Fringed by a scenic lake and the dense fern glades of Great Otway National Park, this idyllic farming district has always been home to Caroline and her husband, Karl.

Together, they own and operate a first-generation farm in nearby Beeac. For the past two decades it's been their labour of love, raising Angus breeders on 300 acres of land ready for the Colac saleyards in January.

The McEwans also operate McEwan's Livestock Transport, carrying cattle, sheep, goats and even buffalo throughout Victoria and beyond.

Creating a new McEwan legacy.

Unlike many regional farmers, Karl didn't inherit his career by blood. Instead, he began with a dairy farming apprenticeship before working at Rhys Evans and Langdon's Stockfeed, and then spending more than a decade as the Operations Manager for Wettenhan's Transport.

Caroline works in a complementary career as a local veterinarian, sharing a love for animals and passion for their welfare – something that she brings home with her from the clinic to the farm.

"I won't dehorn or castrate without it. If there is none on hand, I will skip the procedure until I have some."

"The best thing is the cattle don't seem to be in pain, there is no shaking heads and suffering after dehorning and they heal up quicker."

The hunt for a local anaesthetic.

Tri-Solfen was a recent discovery for the McEwans. In fact, 2022 is their first year of use.

"As a veterinarian, I wanted a local anaesthetic when we were castrating our calves for welfare reasons."

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“I see how the stock agents castrate calves using no pain relief and I keep saying to them that if they decide to use pain relief that they are going to be ahead of the game.”

Soon after, Caroline came across Tri-Solfen. It seemed like exactly what she had been searching for and the results were a revolution. After immediate success with castrating their bull calves, they now use Tri-Solfen during dehorning as well.

“It has been a big step up. It is so easy to use and the animals are definitely better off. The calves settle quicker and are back mothering so quickly and they don’t go backwards at all after the procedure. We just don’t have any problems.”

“The next day is the real teller. No cattle sitting down, the little calves don’t look sad and they don’t seem to miss a beat. You can’t tell they’ve been castrated the day before.”

“We have been doing this for 20 years. Nobody enjoys the castration process, but this year it all went smoothly due to Tri-Solfen and its fast-acting pain relief. Absolutely worth every cent and hands down I will definitely use it again.”



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