

### **Case Study**

Farm: Reg Carlyle
Wonga Hills

Location: Chincilla, QLD

Operation: Cattle



# Doing the right thing for the calves.

### Reg Carlyle chooses Tri-Solfen for the peace of mind of less stress on calves during dehorning.

Reg Carlyle is a cattle farmer at Wonga Hills, a 4,990 hectare family property 90km north of Chincilla, Queensland.

He's been full time on the farm since 1980, which celebrated its century of being within the Carlyle family last year.

Reg runs 350 composite (British/Euro/Tropical) breeders and purchases grass-eligible steers for fattening. Wonga Hills targets the certified grass fed and EU accredited markets.

#### Making dehorning stress free.

Running a primarily poll herd, dehorning is rare. Calves that missed being rung at an early age are castrated and dehorned with a knife at around two months of age. But even though it's not a mass operation, Reg still prioritises the product that makes it easier on his calves, even travelling a 200-kilometre round trip to get his hands on a fresh bottle.

Prior to discovering Tri-Solfen four years ago, Reg used other products on the market. He had seen Tri-Solfen advertised, and decided to see if it was better.

Since making the switch, he's noticed a big difference and hasn't looked back.

"Since using Tri-Solfen, calves show less stress after dehorning and mother up quickly with their mothers. This makes management easier, particularly when the cows and calves leave the yards. We don't see calves lying down looking miserable and not following their mothers."





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#### A growing trend towards animal welfare.

For Reg, as with many other farmers, it's a case of putting the wellbeing of livestock first.

"Animal welfare is important, and anything that benefits the animals benefits us also. We do it knowing there is less stress on our calves, less bleeding and it's doing the right thing for our animals."

Encouragingly, it's a trend he's seeing catch on in his region, with many producers in his networks embracing new products like Tri-Solfen.



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