



Western Beef Resource Committee

Cattle Producer's Library

Management Guide Section

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How to Use the Total Beef Program Management Guide & Cattle Producer's Library

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This management guide is arranged to deal with the biological cycle of the cow and those things that are critical to each stage of that biological cycle. It is arranged also to suggest some management guidance at the times when certain "action" is taking place on the ranch.

The Management Guide is arranged to remind you of:

- 1. The objective of the particular biological cycle or set of activities.** Having a written objective for these activities makes it much easier for you to monitor the management level to keep the program going in the direction you want it to go. Periodically examine what is going on at a given biological cycle to see if all is being done that is important to the objective.
- 2. The important consideration for the objective.** Listed under the objective are some important concerns for this stage of the biological cycle that have a bearing on the outcome of activities at this time. These statements are enlarged upon in the fact sheet listed in the Cattle Producer's Library.
- 3. Good management practices.** These are activities that good managers are doing during this particular biological cycle to keep the program in line with the objective. The Cattle Producer's Library fact sheet, indicated by a CL number, will give information on why this is a good practice at this time.
- 4. Suggestions for planning ahead for the next biological cycle or set of activities.** This section is a reminder that there is an important time period coming up and that certain things need to be done now. Doing these now and planning ahead will make management to reach the next objective much easier.
- 5. More information about each Management Guide statement.** Read the reference fact sheet in the Cattle Producer's Library. As you use the information in the fact sheets, your management to reach the objectives will be much more effective.

Remember, this is a guide to your management plan. Where it doesn't fit, write in recommendations for your ranch, taking into consideration "Mother Nature's facts."



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