

## Performance Testing Beef Cattle

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### **[Abstract]**

Seven (7) batches comprising 270 weaner bull calves of the Jamaica Brahman, Jamaica Red Poll, Jamaica Black and composite breeds have completed the 140-day post-weaning performance at the Minard facility since 1992.

Calves were fed on a group basis, and data on pre-weaning and weaning parameters collated. Final indices and ranking were based on average daily gain, 400-day weight, and weight per day of age. Average daily gains on test over all breed groups by batch were: 3.07lb, 2.62 lb, 2.52 lb, 2.82 lb, 2.95 lb, 2.73 lb, and 2.71 lb respectively. Over all breed groups' 400-day weights by batch were: 803.8 lb, 840.7 lb, 855.4 lb, 927.2 lb, 913.9 lb, 863.3 lb, 891.1 lb. Weight per day of age was 1.6 lb, 1.9 lb, 1.97 lb, 2.05 lb, 1.89 lb, 1.93 lb, and 2.12 lb. Breed and batch differences were seen among the three traits.