

# GRAHAM FLYNN

## GLENFYNE FEEDLOT, NARRANDERA, NSW

Its role in assisting lotfeeders to show they run their operations responsibly, safely and sustainably is one of the key attributes of the National Feedlot Accreditation Scheme, according to GRAHAM FLYNN.

The National Feedlot Accreditation Scheme gives valuable guidance and market access to Graham Flynn's Glenfyne Feedlot.

Graham has been part of the voluntary scheme since he established Glenfyne Feedlot at Narrandera in southern NSW in 2010. With the help of two full-time staff, Graham runs the feedlot and the Glenfyne Farm next door. The feedlot has a capacity of 960 head and Graham said they feed cattle "52 weeks of the year". They buy in cattle from within a 300-kilometre radius.

"I'd say 70 per cent of the cattle come out of saleyards and 30 per cent are purchased direct," Graham said.

It's all British breed cattle at Glenfyne Feedlot, including mostly Angus and Angus cross cattle. The cattle are purchased as milk to two-tooth, fed for at least 70 days, and turned off at an average weight of 520 kilograms liveweight.

"We supply predominantly the domestic market, including the supermarkets, and if there's an opportunity we might look to do some export," Graham said.

Graham said the Glenfyne team work to continually improve the operation, including how they induct, handle and ensure the welfare of the cattle.

Being accredited under NFAS means Graham can demonstrate he manages his feedlot responsibly.

"NFAS is important to our business," he said.

"It provides a quality system that gives lot feeders guidelines to ensure we not only produce quality, certified grain-fed beef but also meet other stakeholders' needs in terms of food safety, environmental sustainability and animal welfare," Graham said.

He said NFAS provided market access and gave minimum standards for beef to be described as grain fed. He said NFAS underpinned other quality assurance schemes, including those of supermarket chains.





“NFAS is backed by AUSMEAT and is independently audited as well, which gives it credence and integrity,” Graham said.

“If you look at the development of systems and food safety, environmental sustainability, animal welfare and more in the world market, I can only see it becoming more important for the grain fed beef industry.”

He said the changes to NFAS announced in November have been made to improve the system and ensure it stays up-to-date and meets stakeholders’, including customers’, needs.

The changes strengthen accredited feedlots’ production, welfare and environmental management.

Graham said accredited feedlot operators had to educate themselves on the changes. He said at Glenfyne, they won’t have to make big changes to what they do on a day to day basis.

“Rather, what and how we investigate and report things has changed.

“I don’t think there’s anything there that would be an impediment for a small or large feed lot operator.”

He said the quality system had to be consistent throughout the industry.

“It doesn’t matter if you’re feeding 500 or 50,000 you’ve still got to have the same assurance system in place, if you want to deliver a certified product to the market.”

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