

# FEEDLOT MEMBERSHIP

**The Australian Lot Feeders' Association (ALFA) is the peak national body for the Australian Feedlot Industry, providing leadership and services to ensure a sustainable and prosperous Australian grain fed beef industry.**

Applicants for Feedlot Membership must be the Operating Entity of an NFAS Accredited Feedlot, and be responsible for managing the day-to-day operations. There are several benefits associated with being a Member of ALFA. Members are afforded discounts to ALFA-run initiatives and training programs, and have access to member exclusive communications. **The ALFA Membership year runs from 1 July to 30 June.**

## MEMBER BENEFITS AND SERVICES

- Individual Member assistance as required.
- Government and industry representation on feedlot policy and levy related issues.
- ALFA-run initiatives and training programs, and information regarding the latest research and best management practices.
- Eligible to vote at the ALFA Annual General Meeting.
- Eligible to nominate for election to the ALFA Board.
- Discounts to ALFA-run workshops, webinars, events and conferences.

## MEMBER EXCLUSIVE COMMUNICATIONS

- Fortnightly e-newsletter including industry updates.
- Six editions of the ALFA Lotfeeding Journal per year
- Media releases and general industry focused communications.

## ANNUAL FEE (EX GST)

The annual fee is calculated off the lesser of your physical and licenced capacity.

- Under 500 head capacity: \$600/annum
- Over 500 head capacity: \$600 + 46c/head/annum

## ALFA INITIATIVES

### INDUSTRY REPRESENTATION

ALFA represents the feedlot industry on a range of industry and government committees that cover areas relating to the livestock industry including trade, consumer marketing, research and development, animal health and welfare, planning, environment and corporate affairs.

### STRATEGIC LEVY INVESTMENT

Directing the expenditure of the grain fed cattle transaction levy is a key responsibility. ALFA undertakes the member and stakeholder consultation to determine the priorities for the annual levy allocation, and to ensure that our membership services, education programs and communication remains valuable and relevant.

### TRAINING & EVENTS

Specialised feedlot sector conferences (BeefEx), workshop, online courses, webinars and one-to-one industry assistance.

### FEEDLOT CAREER DEVELOPMENT & TRAINING

An online Training, Education and Careers Hub providing the Australian feedlot sector, its businesses and current and prospective employees with career pathways and associated training, tools and professional development networks – [feedlottech.com.au](https://feedlottech.com.au)

### GRAIN FED BEEF WEBSITE

Showcasing the Australian lot feeding industry and supply chain, its production methods, and the high quality beef it produces to promote the attributes and benefits of grain fed beef – [grainfedbeef.com.au](https://grainfedbeef.com.au)

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AUSTRALIAN LOT FEEDERS' ASSOCIATION

## MEMBERSHIP FEES

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### Calculation of Feedlot Membership Fees

In order to satisfy the eligibility criteria for Feedlot Membership, the applicant must be an Operating Entity of at least one Accredited Feedlot (being a feedlot that has NFAS accreditation status equivalent to Accredited, Provisional Accreditation, Voluntary Suspension or Suspended). Applications for Feedlot Membership will be determined by the Board.

In accordance with clause 9 of the Constitution, a Member that is an entity may appoint an individual as its Representative, and does so at time of application. Such Representative will remain in place until such time as the Member notifies the ALFA Secretariat of a change in their Representative in writing.

Membership fees are calculated according to the feedlot(s) constructed capacity as prescribed by the applicant. Please ensure ALFA has the correct feedlot capacity recorded within your membership details at time of application and that you notify ALFA if your capacity changes.

A feedlot with a capacity of 500 head or less pays a set base fee of \$600 (excluding GST).

If the capacity is greater than 500 head the membership fee is calculated by multiplying the total feedlot capacity by 46¢ and then adding the base fee as outlined in the below calculation table.

A maximum membership fee of \$23,600 (excluding GST) applies to feedlots with capacities over 50,000 head.

A pro-rata membership fee applies after 1 October.

## Calculation Table

Use the table below as a guide to work out your Feedlot Membership fee.

		< 500 head		> 501 head
<b>A</b>	Feedlot Capacity		A	
<b>B</b>	Base Fee	\$ 600	B	\$ 600
<b>C</b>	Feedlot Capacity Fee (42¢)		$C = A \times 0.46$	
<b>D</b>	Total (exc. GST)	\$ 600	$D = B + C$	
<b>E</b>	GST (10%)	\$ 60	$E = D \times 0.1$	
<b>F</b>	TOTAL (inc. GST)	\$ 660	$F = D + E$	

### Terms & Conditions

- The Board shall set membership fees for each class and category of membership from time to time at its sole discretion and in sufficient time to allow the fee changes to be incorporated into the annual operating budget.
- Renewing members shall pay the full annual fee for their membership class, and category regardless of the date on which the fee is paid.
- Members subject to an annual membership fee must pay the fee by 1 July each year.
- As per clause 11.4 of the ALFA Constitution, if the membership fee remains unpaid by 1 August, the Member will be notified. If the fee remains unpaid more than two months after the date of the notice, the Member's membership will be terminated. The Board has discretion to resolve for the Member to maintain membership despite non-payment. The Board will exercise this discretion in exceptional circumstances.
- New Members shall have their membership fees calculated on a pro-rata basis as per clause 7.6.
- Feedlot Membership Fees are prescribed by the Board and calculated using the following method:
- The Board prescribes the Base Fee Rate and the Feedlot Capacity Rate on an annual basis. Additionally, a maximum Feedlot Membership Fee is set annually based on a Prescribed Maximum Feedlot Capacity.
- The formula used to calculate Feedlot Membership Fees is:
- $\text{Feedlot Membership Fee} = \text{Prescribed Base Fee} + (\text{Feedlot Capacity} \times \text{Prescribed Feedlot Capacity Rate})$
- Feedlot Capacity is defined as the feedlot's physical Constructed Capacity in cattle head. For the purpose of Feedlot Membership Fee calculation, one Standard Cattle Unit (SCU) is equivalent to one cattle head.
- A Feedlot with a Feedlot Capacity of 500 head or less pays the Prescribed Base Fee Rate.
- A Feedlot with a Feedlot Capacity of greater than 500 head pays the total of the Prescribed Base Fee Rate and the Feedlot Capacity multiplied by the Prescribed Feedlot Capacity Rate.
- A pro-rata Feedlot Membership Fee applies after 1 October for new Feedlot Members joining the Association within a financial year period, with subsequent annual fees reverting to the total Feedlot Membership Fee calculated for that feedlot.
- The Prescribed Maximum Feedlot Capacity is set at 50,000 head. For any capacity over 50,000 head the membership fee is capped at the rate calculated for 50,000 head (i.e. \$23,600 exc GST).