

COMPARISON OF THE 1999-2000 TO THE 1998-99 RANCH TO RAIL RESULTS

<u>Item</u>	<u>1998-99</u>	<u>1999-2000</u>	<u>Difference</u>
Off Truck Weight, lb.	609	619	↑ 10 lbs.
Sale Weight, lb.	1,134	1,237	↑ 103 lbs.
Average Daily Gain, lb.	3.04	3.01	↓ .03 lbs.
Average Days on Feed	172	200	↑ 28 days
Carcass Weight, lb.	727	805	- 78 lbs.
Fat, in.	.34	.48	↑ .14 in.
Ribeye Area, sq. in.	13.7	14.0	↑ .3 sq in.
Ribeye Area/Cwt, sq. in.	1.90	1.75	↓ .15 sq. in.
Yield Grades 1 & 2, %	82	58	↓ 24%
Yield Grade 4, %	2	10	↑ 8%
Choice, %	39	51	↑ 12%

WHEN YOU COMPARE THE 1999-2000 RANCH TO RAIL ENTRIES TO THE 1998-99 RESULTS, YOU WILL NOTE THE FOLLOWING OBSERVATIONS.

- **STEERS WERE SLIGHTLY HEAVIER ON ARRIVAL**
- **THEY WERE ON FEED 28 DAYS LONGER AND WERE 103 POUNDS HEAVIER WHEN MARKETED.**
- **STEER PERFORMANCE WAS EXCELLENT IN BOTH YEARS.**
- **CARCASSES WERE HEAVIER, FATTER, AND LESS MUSCULAR**
- **QUALITY GRADES WERE IMPROVED, BUT YIELD GRADES WERE LESS DESIRABLE**
- **HEAVIER MARKET WEIGHTS, HEAVIER, FATTER CARCASSES, AND HIGHER QUALITY GRADES WERE MOST LIKELY DUE TO MORE DAYS ON FEED.**
- **STEERS WERE FED LONGER DUE TO A STRONG FED CATTLE MARKET AND A MORE LIMITED SLAUGHTER PLANT CAPACITY (SAM KANE'S)**