



# Why the Northern Territory?

## Experience in:

- ▶ Tropical beef cattle production
- ▶ Live cattle transportation
- ▶ Feedlot operations in Tropical Areas
- ▶ Provision of training in beef cattle production in SE Asia.

## Proximity:

- ▶ Similar geographical location = lower transport costs
- ▶ Easier for personal interaction
- ▶ Acclimatised livestock

## Mutual Benefits:

- ▶ Bilateral trade
- ▶ Development of personal and business relationships
- ▶ Improved confidence between Governments
- ▶ Better cultural understanding

# the Territory

The difference is opportunity

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# Feedlotting Northern Territory Cattle

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# Feedlot operation

## Objective

- To make a profit by feeding live cattle
- Buy live cattle weighing approx 325 kg
- Feed them for 90-100 days
- Sell them at approx. 400-425 kg live weight

## Factors

- Northern Territory cattle will perform well in Asian feedlots. On well-formulated feed ration cattle will gain body weight at over 1kg/day
- \*Northern Territory can provide extensive technical information to current and potential importers:
  - ▶ Advice on facilities and design
  - ▶ Advice on cattle nutrition
  - ▶ Advice on animal health
  - ▶ Advice on meat handling
  - ▶ Feed supply and management
  - ▶ Enterprise quality management

## Benefits of importing NT Cattle

- Substantial value adding / local input
- Cattle in feedlots 60-120 days
- Feed supplies – local farmer cooperatives
- Transport requirement
- Labour for feedlot
- Abattoirs to kill animals
- Meat distribution

## Training Opportunities

\*Overseas training can provide industry training to train trainers:

- Forage management
- Breeder management
- Feeder management
- Abattoir management
- Meat handling
- Other areas if required

\*(subject to funding availability)

# Why Northern Territory cattle

- High quality Brahman/Brahman Cross (*bos indicus*)
- 1.8 million cattle
- Extensive farming with minimal chemicals - “clean green”
- Low fat breeds ideally suited for the markets in Asia and tropical conditions:
  - ▶ Heat tolerant, disease resistant
  - ▶ Good growth rates (75-100 kg in 90 days)
  - ▶ Proven performers in tropical feedlot situations
  - ▶ Choice of early or late maturing breeds
  - ▶ Good quality meats

Most of Australia's cattle are exported through the Port of Darwin

Facilities for handling cattle are excellent:

- ▶ Depots and export yards
- ▶ Deep water port
- ▶ Feed manufacturers available (hay, cubes and pellets)
- ▶ Cattle subject to veterinary inspection prior to departure



## Why lotfeed cattle?

Feedlots stimulate the local economy:

- ▶ Provide employment (transport, construction, farming and retail)
- ▶ Provide food for sale, beef and sweetmeats (offals)
- ▶ Stimulate Secondary Industry (leather goods and fertilisers)

