



Department of Primary Industries

Beef Cattle– Hay requirements for short-term maintenance following fire

For longer term feeding requirements refer to the 'Drought Feeding and Management of Beef Cattle' booklet available from DPI.

These figures are based on average quality hay (8MJ / Kg).

Small Hay Bales (ave 25kg)

Class of Cattle	Kg / Day	No Hd / bale / day	bales / 10 Hd / day
Weaners (150-250 kg)	3-5	5-8	1 - 2
Dry cows/heifers/steers (350-450 kg)	7-8	3	3
Lactating Cows (400-550 kg)	10	2.5	4

Round Bales - Small 4'x5' (ave 350Kg)

Class of Cattle	No Head / bale / day	No Head/ bale / Week	No days for 10 Hd / bale
Weaners (150-250 kg)	70-100	13 - 20	7 – 10 days
Dry cows/heifers/steers (350-450 kg)	45	8 - 9	4 - 5 days
Lactating Cows (400-550 kg)	35	6	3 days

Round Bales - Large 6'x4' (ave 450kg)

Class of Cattle	No Head / bale / day	No Head / bale / week	No days for 10 Hd / bale
Weaners (150-250 kg)	90 - 150	13 - 20	9 - 14 days
Dry cows/heifers/steers (350-450 kg)	60	8 - 9	6 days
Lactating Cows (400-550 kg)	45	6	4 days

