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Growth implant strategy outlined

30-second story

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60-second story

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Fike notes there was little performance benefit to using a higher level of TBA on heifers, but as the potency stepped up quality grade dropped off.

Fike, actuality :7: “In other words, TBA is probably good and it’s fine on heifers as long as you don’t go to that highest dose.”

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He says it does not make economic sense to completely avoid implants in the feedlot unless a producer is involved in natural production. Instead, Fike recommends delayed implanting and judicious use of products to reap those performance rewards without putting quality grade and grid premiums at risk.

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