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Raising a bull for meat requires careful selection, proper feeding, health management, and humane handling to ensure optimal growth, meat quality, and profitability.

1. Selecting the Right Bull

Best Breeds for Meat Production

- **Angus** - High marbling, tender beef.
- **Hereford** - Efficient growth, good temperament.
- **Charolais** - Fast growth, leaner meat.
- **Simmental** - Dual-purpose, excellent weight gain.
- **Brahman** - Heat-resistant, disease-resistant.
- **Limousin** - Lean meat, high yield.

Genetic Considerations

- Select bulls with **fast growth rates** and good **feed efficiency**.
 - **Muscle development** should be well-defined.
 - Avoid bulls with genetic defects that affect meat quality.
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2. Housing and Space Requirements

- **Provide ample space** (at least 500-1000 square feet per bull in a dry lot system).
 - Ensure **good ventilation** in barns or shelters.
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- **Secure fencing** (strong wooden or steel panels) to prevent aggression or escape.
 - **Shade and water access** are crucial for comfort and stress reduction.
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3. Feeding for Optimal Growth

Stages of Feeding

1. Starter Phase (0-6 months)

- If raised from birth, ensure **colostrum intake** within the first 24 hours.
- Feed **calf starter feed** with **18-22% protein**.
- Provide **fresh milk or milk replacer** for up to 3 months.
- Introduce **hay and grain slowly**.

2. Growing Phase (6-12 months)

- Feed a mix of **quality hay, pasture, and grain**.
- Protein content: **14-16%** for muscle development.
- **Minerals & supplements**: Calcium, phosphorus, selenium, and vitamins A, D, E.
- Ensure **clean, fresh water** at all times.

3. Finishing Phase (12-24 months)

- Transition to a **high-energy diet** to improve marbling.
 - **Corn, barley, soybean meal, and molasses** help with weight gain.
 - Hay and fiber should still be included for digestion.
 - Aim for a **2.5 - 4 lbs daily weight gain**.
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4. Health & Disease Management

- **Deworming**: Every 3-6 months to prevent parasites.
- **Vaccination**: Protect against:
 - Bovine Respiratory Disease (BRD)
 - Clostridial diseases (Blackleg)
 - Bovine Viral Diarrhea (BVD)
- **Hoof care**: Trim hooves if needed.
- **Regular vet check-ups** to monitor weight, growth, and any illnesses.

NyamaPlus - Enhancing Bull Health and Growth

NyamaPlus is a scientifically designed product by **Dairyverse Consulting** that enhances the health and productivity of beef bulls.

Benefits of NyamaPlus

- **Increased weight gain** in finishing bulls and steers.
- **Enhances meat quality** and eliminates the risk of **white muscle disease**.
- **Faster recovery** for previously ill bulls.
- **Improves hoof integrity**, eliminating the risk of **lameness** in grazing bulls and steers.
- **Improves body condition**, enhances **skin tone**, and smoothens **hair coats**.

Directions for Use

- **Suitable for all beef cattle aged 12 months and older** with a body weight above **200 kg**.
 - This **pack lasts for 30 days** when used by **1 bull**.
 - **Dosage:** Add **35 grams (1½ Tablespoons)** to **pollard, other dry minerals, or mineral licks** during feeding.
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5. Behavior and Handling

- Bulls can be aggressive; **train early** for handling.
 - Use **calm, consistent interactions** to prevent stress.
 - Keep bulls **separated from cows** unless used for breeding.
 - Use **proper handling facilities** (chutes, headgates).
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6. Processing & Slaughter Timing

- **Best slaughter weight:** 1,100 – 1,400 lbs.
- **Best age:** 18 – 24 months (for tender meat).
- Ensure **stress-free transport** to slaughter to avoid tough meat.
- Consider **grass-fed vs. grain-fed** based on market preference.

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