**UK beef “feedlots”**

Desktop research and satellite images currently identify the following large US-style ‘feedlot’ units (ten in total, a further 2 or 3 are believed to exist) in the UK. Please refer to the Google Earth folder to view relevant stills. Key background is collated in the documents folder with links in the footnotes.

**● Burden Brothers, Old Rides Farm, Isle of Sheppey , Kent, ME12 4BD** The unit is part of a wider agri-business enterprise1 and believed to hold up to 2000 cattle2 although it is possible some livestock are conventionally grazed. Company literature claims livestock are grazing, but makes little mention of the feedlot system.

**● Berryfields Farms Ltd, Daventry, Northants, NN11 8NP**

A large agri-enterprise which includes a feed business and contract cattle feeding operation3. According to various public records, the unit finishes around 2000 cattle a year and supplies the Co-op and Lidl via Dunbia4.

**● Beckhithe Farms Ltd, Reedham, Norfolk, NR13, 3HW**

One of the UK’s biggest beef producers5, with around 3000 cattle, and which supplies Waitrose via Dovecote Park6.

**● Laughtons, Southfields, Louth, Lincolnshire, LN11 8LQ**

The first UK ‘feedlot’ to receive scrutiny by way of a Compassion In World Farming / Sunday Times investigation in 20137, Laughton’s Southfield site is believed to finish around 3000 cattle a year8. The farm had been the subject of complaints around air pollution9.

**● Laughtons, Manby Airfield Unit, Lincolnshire**

A linked unit, situated near to the main Southfields site, is again believed to finish around 3000 cattle a year (combined the units finish around 6000 cattle per annum10).

**● Bankhouse Farm, Repton, Derbyshire, DE65 6FB**

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7 https://www.thetimes.co.uk/article/grassless-pens-feed-britains-taste-for-cheap-beef-gtzpwb86cgv 8 https://laughtonsoflouth.co.uk/faq/

9 https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-england-lincolnshire-24457226

10 https://laughtonsoflouth.co.uk/faq/

A cattle unit holding around 1000 cattle at any one time, and with an annual turnover of cattle of up to 6000-800011.

**● Somerset Farm, Wisbech, Cambridgeshire, PE13 4HN**

An intensive beef unit in Cambridgeshire that is reported to finish 3000 cattle per year12

**● Burridge Farm, North Muskham, Nottinghamshire, NG23 7PW** An intensive fattening unit that is believed to finish around 5000 cattle a year13. The farm is understood to supply Morrisons via Woodhead Bros14

**● Furze Hill Farm, Bilsby, Lincolnshire, LN13 9PL**

Understood to now finish up to 1300 cattle per annum15

**● Manor Farm, Thetford, Norfolk, NR16 2RX**

Reported to be “one of the biggest beef producers in the UK”, with meat (at least previously) supplied to Waitrose and Morrisons, according to some coverage16.

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