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There are a number of reasons why beef producers could consider crossbreeding rather than traditional straight-breeding programs for their beef enterprises. The first of these is 'grading up' from one breed to another. This has rather limited opportunity other than for those who are establishing new breeds of cattle. The other two reasons are to combine the attributes of two or more breeds to produce an end product that fits market requirements and/or to take advantage of hybrid vigour.