



**RALGRO**<sup>®</sup>  
(z e r a n o l)

## Setting the standard in calf implants.

Heavier weaning weights for 50 years – and going.

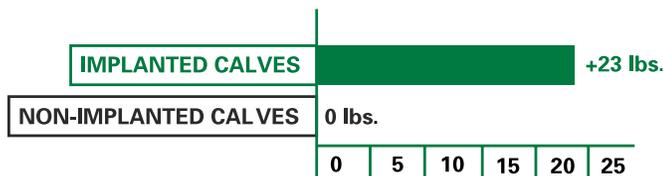
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# RALGRO® Performs (zeranol)

## Increased weight gain through weaning.

A 23-trial summary comparing the weaning weight gain of 2,358 suckling calves showed an average 23-lb. weaning weight advantage (163 days) with those implanted with RALGRO over non-implanted controls.<sup>1</sup>



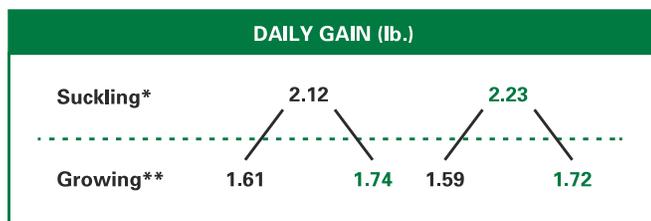
TOTAL ADDED WEIGHT, LBS.

Additional weight gain produced by a single RALGRO implant vs. no implant.

## No negative performance effects during post-weaning and finishing.

In a study that looked at the carryover effects of implanting and not implanting calves from pre-weaning through 179 days and then followed them through the growing phase (168 days),<sup>2</sup> RALGRO-implanted calves were 19 lbs. heavier entering the growing phase and continued to perform at an improved growth rate in the grower phase.

### IMPLANT CARRYOVER EFFECTS<sup>2</sup>



\*Impl. P<.01 \*\*Impl. P<.05

■ IMPLANT ■ NO IMPLANT

Gave up 17 lbs. by not implanting in the suckling phase.

Another study looked at RALGRO administration vs. non-implanted control in three phases: prior to weaning, post-weaning and finishing (re-implant programs). There was a 15.1% increase in ADG, and feed efficiency improved 8.2% with the RALGRO-implanted protocols.<sup>3</sup> There was no loss of subsequent performance in later phases after using RALGRO – it's pure added gain.

## Goes to work fast.

The zeranol released from RALGRO reaches effective levels within the first day of administration.<sup>4</sup> This quick response allows cattlemen to capitalize on good pasture conditions when the nutrition levels tend to be at their highest, making RALGRO a good fit for calves on pasture.

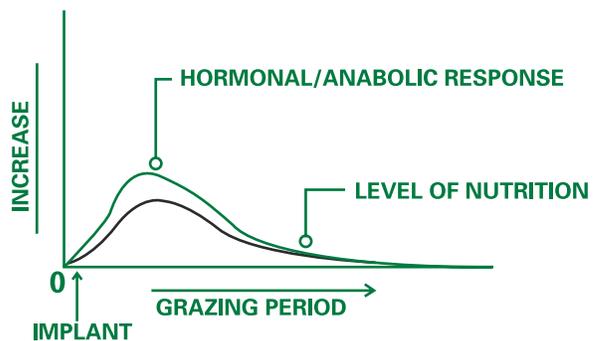


Illustration of good fit between anabolic stimulus and level of nutrition.

## Proven return on investments.

Weaning weights of calves implanted with RALGRO can increase as much as 35 lbs. with the average being 23, compared to non-implanted cattle. That increase can make a significant impact to your bottom line – even when correcting for the price slide of heavier calves.

	NON-IMPLANTED	RALGRO
Average weaning weight	500	523
Sell price	\$1.75	\$1.727*
Value per steer	\$875	\$903.22
		<b>+\$28.22</b>

\*Correcting for a non-implanted premium, a weight/price slide was applied. Assuming a slide of 10 cents, the price for the implanted steer would be \$1.727.  $\$1.75 - (\$0.23 \times \$0.10 = \$0.023) = \$1.727$ .

With more than 90% of calves eventually implanted at the feedlot, producers not implanting suckling and growing calves are leaving money in the pasture.<sup>5</sup>



### Proven versatility for steers and heifers.

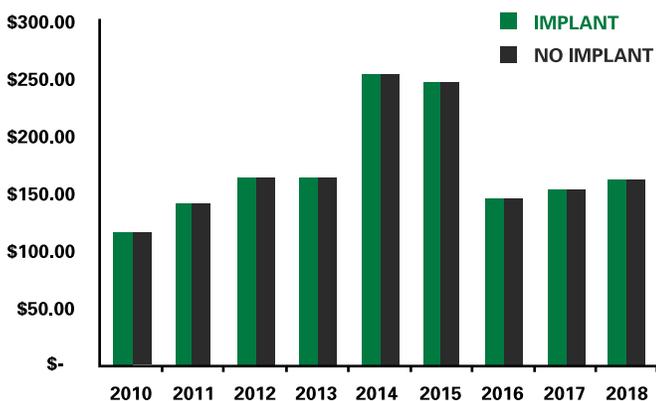
RALGRO is approved for calves, stockers and feedlot cattle, on both steers and heifers – easily making it the most versatile implant available.

### Implanted calves gain more weight and are in high demand.

A Superior Livestock data analysis over nine years shows no difference in sale price between implanted calves and non-implanted calves.<sup>6</sup>

Even assuming a price slide of \$2-3 per cwt. for non-implanted calves, that difference is more than offset by the 23 lbs. of additional weight gain realized by RALGRO implanted calves.

**CALF PRICE RECEIVED BY IMPLANT STATUS (\$/CWT.)  
SUPERIOR LIVESTOCK AUCTION**



2010-2013 Data from Rogers, et al.,  
2015 *Prof Anim Sci.*:  
27,746 lots of cattle  
2.75 million calves

2014-2018 Data from Superior  
Livestock Summaries:  
31,000+ lots of cattle  
3+ million calves

### No adverse effects on reproduction of healthy heifers.

Data demonstrates there is an 18-lb. weaning weight advantage and no negative impact on conception rates of heifers implanted with RALGRO as calves when compared to non-implanted controls.<sup>7</sup>

Do not implant heifers intended for breeding stock before 30 days of age or after weaning.

### Significant results. Significant value.

RALGRO has been tested in 53 trials with 4,070 suckling calves.<sup>8</sup> Compared to the closest competitor, RALGRO calves averaged a 3-lb. gain over Synovex<sup>®</sup>-C calves – a \$5.25 per head advantage at \$1.75/cwt. The right choice makes a serious difference to your profit potential.

### The RALGRO Ralogun<sup>®</sup> makes it easy to get implanting right.

The ergonomic design combined with a small implant size reduces fatigue while making it easier to administer pellets accurately.

- Sturdy, durable construction
- Use right- or left-handed
- 24-count wheel





## Get heavier weaning weights and greater revenue for your calf crop with Ralgro®.

Just another way  
**Merck Animal Health Works**  
for you.

1. Data on file, Merck Animal Health.
2. Laudert, et al. 1981.
3. Pritchard, 1999.
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5. Data on file, Merck Animal Health.
6. Superior Livestock Auction data 2014-2018.
7. Data on file, Merck Animal Health.
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**IMPORTANT SAFETY INFORMATION:** A withdrawal period has not been established for Ralgro® in pre-ruminating calves. Do not use in calves to be processed for veal. For complete information, refer to product label.

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