

TRAINING GUIDE

Autonomous Weighing (WOW)

Cattle Training [Global]

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Cattle training - before you start



This cattle training guide is intended for use outside of Australia and New Zealand. For Australia/New Zealand please refer to:

- *Autonomous Weighing (WOW) Cattle Training Guide [AU NZ]*

Prior to operating your Autonomous Weighing (WOW) system (such as the Flexi Mobile 4000C) you are recommended to:

- 1 Read this Autonomous Weighing (WOW) Cattle Training Guide [GLOBAL] thoroughly.
- 2 Implement the training programmes in this guide to ensure cattle acclimation to the weighing equipment.
- 3 Read the Installation guide for your Autonomous Weighing (WOW) system.

Training tips



Training your cattle to adapt to the system is the most critical step in achieving accurate weights and drafts.



You should never pressure your cattle through the system, instead let them become comfortable with it in their own time.



Progression through the training steps should only proceed once animals become comfortable with the undertaken training step - be guided by your animal rather than the described timelines.



We strongly recommend you work through this guide in full for your first training. This will provide the necessary experience to modify the training programme to suit your livestock and preferred method of deployment infrastructure for subsequent trainings.



If you introduce a new animal to an existing trained group, the trained animals behave as "coaches". However, special care must be taken to ensure all new animals acclimate to the system.



If you experience any training issues with your cattle, revert to the last successful step before continuing to proceed.

Cattle training process

How long does it take?

Each step in the training takes approximately a week:

- If your cattle have not adjusted to the step do not move on to the next.
- Resist the urge to muster your cattle through the entry/exit as this teaches animals to only walk through the entry/exit when being pressured.



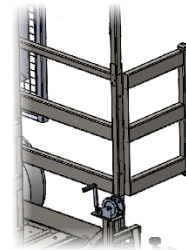
We recommend that you start training your cattle as soon as you have read this so that your cattle are ready when your new system arrives.

Fencing options for your Autonomous Weighing (WOW) system

The fencing shown in the diagrams can be steel panels, temporary or permanent electric fencing.



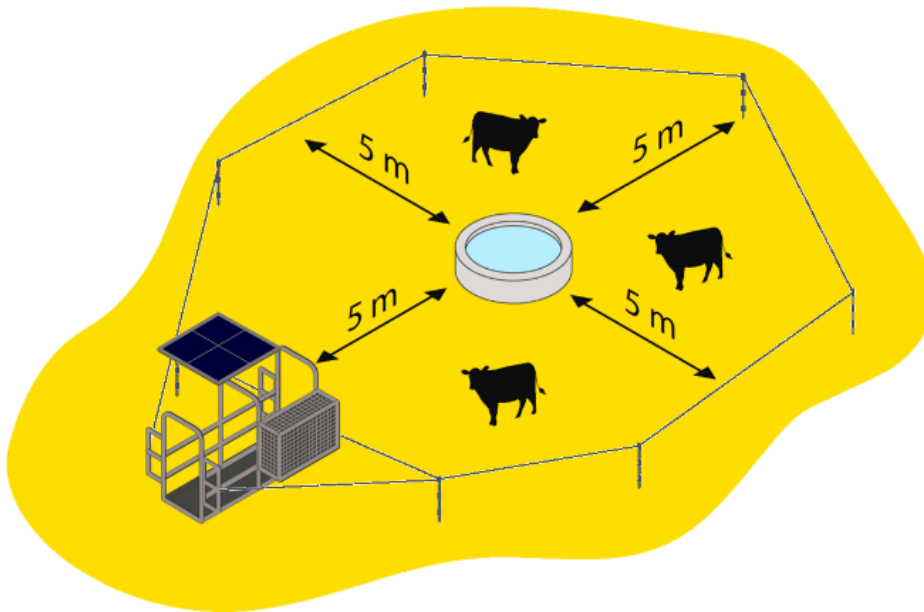
If you are using electric fencing, ensure that the fence is attached to the electric fence standoffs on all four corners of the WOW system.



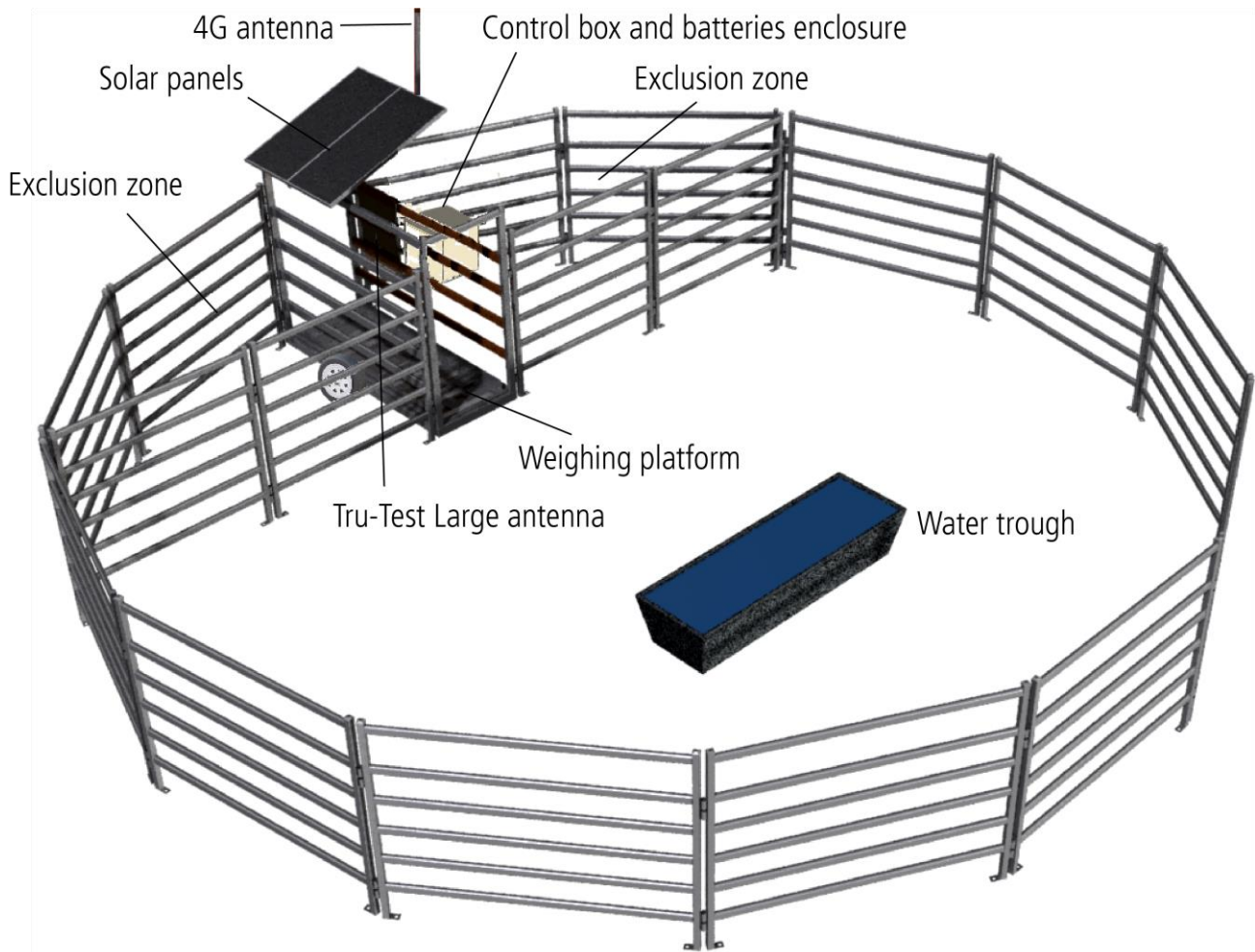
Autonomous Weighing (WOW) cattle training

Training steps: Use the following diagrams to guide you through the process.

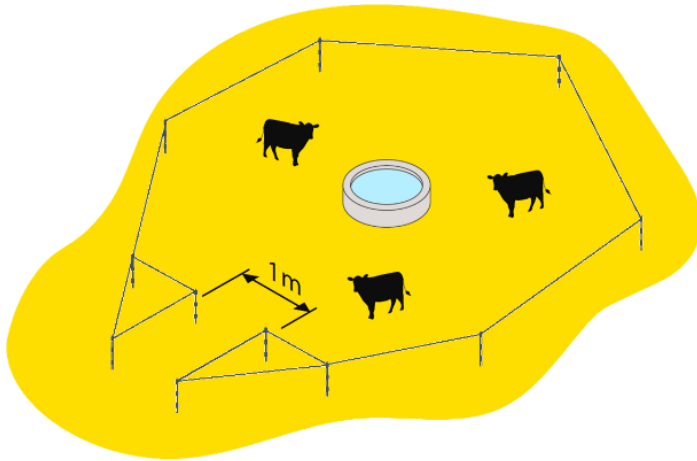
Fencing with temporary electric fencing



Fencing with steel panels

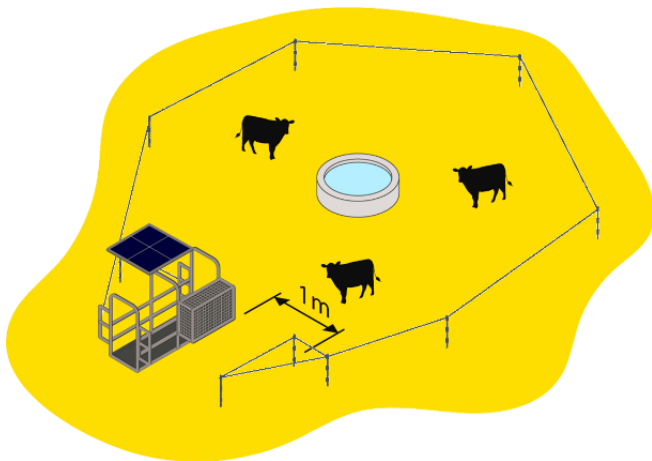


Walk Over Weighing – Week 1 training



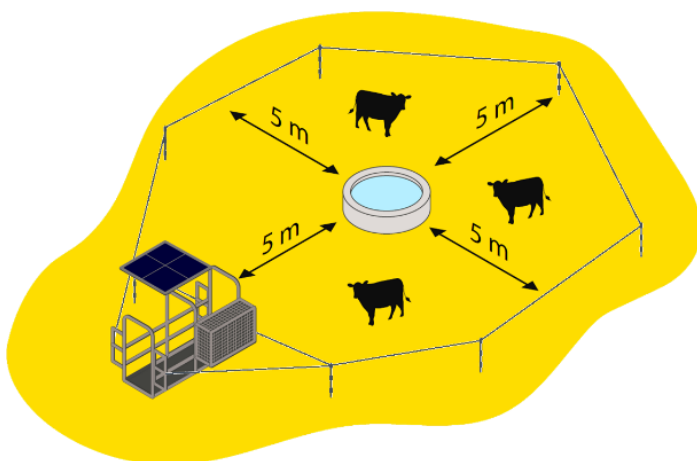
- Fence an area around the water trough, with an approximate radius of 5 m.
- Leave a 1 m wide gap in the fencing as the entry/exit point for the cattle.
- The fenced area should be large enough for cattle to drink and move around each other, but not too large that they camp in the area.

Walk Over Weighing – Week 2 training



- Introduce the Autonomous Weighing (WOW) system leaving a 1m opening to the non-Tru-Test Large antenna side. This allows cattle free choice to enter/exit via the WOW system or the 1m opening.

Walk Over Weighing – Week 3 training



- Fence the open area creating one entry/exit.
- Use cattle panels (or electric fencing) to fence around the Tru-Test Large antenna, so cattle are unable to have their EID tag read from outside the Autonomous Weighing (WOW) system.
- Cattle will now enter and exit through the Autonomous Weighing (WOW) system.
- Weights will start being collected and displayed in [Datamars Livestock](#).
- If you have any problems during the training process, always go back to the step before the problems began.
- If you continue to have problems, contact your local [Datamars Territory Manager](#).