**Reasons for castration**

Reasons given for castrating beef calves include to:

1. stop the production of male hormones and semen
2. historically, tame oxen for draught purposes
3. prevent mating and reproduction after the age of puberty
4. produce docile cattle that are easier to handle compared to bulls
5. decrease aggressiveness, mounting activity, injuries, frequency of dark-cutting carcasses
6. enhance on-farm safety for animals, producers and employees
7. decrease costs associated with fencing and handling facilities compared to bulls
8. avoid discounted price that packers pay for bull carcasses
9. provide meat products of the quality consumers demand
10. Correction of scrotal hernia
11. Malignant disease of irreversible injury to the testes