Advantages vs Disadvantages of Castration

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| **Advantages** | **Disadvantages**  |
| Hides are easy to remove | Can cause a decrease in production shortly after proceudure |
| Less testosterone making the bulls less aggressive and easier to handle | Decreased feed conversion ratios (can be countered with growth promoters)  |
| Prevents accidental breeding especially if that bull has undesired traits or genetic flaws | Meat becomes less lean due to more fat depositing |
| Meat is more marketable and tastes better making this more profitable to the farmer  | Risks of complications such as infections, swelling, bleeding |
| Meat grades better in steers than bulls since they do not get stressed as easily  | Animal welfare issues such as pain and discomfort |

\*Complications can be minimised when the proper techniques are done at the youngest age possible and clean techniques with good equipment are used. It is important to treat with the necessary antibacterial agents topically to further reduce complications.

\*\* It is important to administer sedatives and analgesics coupled with local anaesthetics to reduce pain.