Table: The Advantages and Disadvantages of castration in bulls.

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| Advantages | Disadvantages |
| Decreased aggression between animals | Lower leaner meat |
| Management control: Prevention of unwanted pregnancies | Increase in fat deposition |
| Steers and heifers can be housed together – less space required | Lower FCR by 13% |
| Meat/carcass is sold at a higher price/increased value of animal | Decreased daily weight gain 10 – 20% |
| Increased quality of meat – palatable, marbling, higher shelf life |  |
| Hides are easy to remove |  |
| Decreased dark cut wrt muscle pH |  |

Picture: Castrating a bull using a Burdizzo

