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## SLATTED FLOOR COVERINGS FOR BULL FATTENING: REPORT FROM PRACTICE

**Slatted floor coverings made of rubber for bull fattening bring many advantages:**

- improved surefootedness ▶ reduced risk of injuries and animal losses
- less problems with getting up and lying down
- vet and treatment costs decrease
- higher fattening performance on slatted floor coverings made of rubber than on concrete<sup>1)</sup>
- considerably shorter fattening period on rubber mats<sup>2)</sup>



### LOSPA SB:

- tailor-made for common longitudinal and transverse slats
- with curved surface



## Operation Kobold, Langenpreising, DE



### PROFILE:

- approx. 150 bulls
- fully slatted pens with LOSPA SB

**Mr. Kobold, Langenpreising, Germany, operates a bull fattening farm since 1971 with approx. 150 animals at the moment. The bulls are kept in fully slatted pens. Since 2016 the new construction is covered with the curved LOSPA SB mats.**

„The rubber mats are like an oasis for the bulls, they significantly contribute to animal health and welfare. Furthermore, the bulls achieve very high fattening performances on the mats. Before installing the LOSPA SB mats, the bulls were kept on bedded stalls. In comparison to this I could notice an additional weight gain of 50 kg per animal within 10 months on the rubber mats!“



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Sources:

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<sup>2)</sup> Graunke et al.: „Does rubber flooring improve welfare and production in growing bulls in fully slatted floor pens?“, 2011