

Table 1. Performance of backgrounding calves fed a ration either as a total mixed ration (TMR; feed ingredients were mixed and delivered daily in a feed bunk) or as an ensiled ration (ingredients were mixed, ensiled, and offered in a self-feeding system; SF).

<i>Item</i>	Treatments		SED ¹	<i>P</i> -value
	TMR	SF		
Initial BW, kg	224	223	1.6	0.37
Final BW, kg	299	308	2.9	0.03
DMI, kg/d	7.37	8.59	0.193	< 0.01
DMI:BW, %	2.91	3.24	0.062	< 0.01
ADG, kg/d	1.07	1.22	0.039	< 0.01
ADG:DMI	0.139	0.147	0.0029	0.36
Coefficient of variation, %				
Final BW	5.3	5.3	0.68	0.95
ADG	14.5	14.7	2.18	0.93
Δ BW coefficient of variation ² , percent units	1.20	1.19	0.706	0.98

¹Standard error of the difference between means

²Final BW coefficient of variation minus Initial BW coefficient of variation