

2024 BCA Fall Calving Vaccinations Calendar

January

All cattle: External parasiticide (e.g. Durasect)

February - March

March Pregnancy Checks!

April

All Bull calves must be castrated by April 15th
Bulls: Citadel L5 (Leptoferm 5) booster.
Young cattle (bred heifers, 2 year olds):
Deworm with Dectomax (Injectable recommended).

Calves: Pyramid 5 + Presponse, Calvary 9
Cows and Bred Heifers: Citadel L5 (Leptoferm 5) booster if vaccinated pre-breeding
BCA Production sale, April 26, 2024!

May

Enjoy Spring!

June

All calves weaned by June 15th.

Calves: booster Pyramid 5 + Presponse, Caliber 7, Dectomax/Longrange dewormer (recommended if weaning on pasture), or Valbazen drench if weaning and backgrounding in drylot (cheaper product).

Cows/Bred Heifers: Covexin 8, (Ultrachoice)
Cows and Bred Heifers*: Express FP 10 or 5VL5 (Bovi-Shield Gold FP 5L5 or FP 5VL5)
**** (If they have had Bovi-Shield or Express before within a 12 month interval)****

***Requirements for BCA feeder calf sale are two shots of Pyramid 5+ Presponse, Caliber 7, and dewormer. First vaccination after 120 days of age, second not less than 14 days before VQA sale. Weaned 45 days prior to sale. Calvary 9 can be substituted for Caliber 7 if you need Tetanus included.**

July

Weigh (prior to grading) and grading (8th -11th)
Replacement heifer calves: Brucellosis vaccination (required for VA Premium Assured, recommended for all other replacements), Citadel VL5 (Staybred VL5).

August

BCA Feeder Calf Sale August 5, 2024
Replacement heifer calves: Brucellosis vaccination and PI testing (required for VA Premium Assured, recommended for all other replacements), Citadel VL5 (Staybred VL5). ***If not done in July.**

September

Calving season starts!

October

Plan AI breeding season!
RTS and Pelvic measurements of Heifers
Bulls: Express FP 10 or FP 5VL5 (Bovi-Shield Gold FP 5L5 or FP 5VL5).
Replacement heifers: Express FP 5L5 or FP 5VL5 (Bovi-Shield Gold FP 5L5 or FP 5VL5) 60 days pre-breeding.
Cows*: Express FP 10 or FP 5VL5 (Bovi-Shield Gold FP 5L5 or FP 5VL5) 30 days pre-breeding (if not done in June).

November

Breeding Soundness Exams on bulls!
After hard freeze: Cows, Yearlings, and Bulls:
Deworm with Dectomax (Injectable recommended) or Valbazen drench (Synanthic drench), external parasiticide (e.g. Durasect).

December

AI Breeding
Breed heifers first two weeks, Cows last two weeks!
Cows: Citadel L5 (Leptoferm 5) booster if vaccinated in June/July instead of pre-breeding.

***IN ORDER TO SAFELY VACCINATE PREGNANT FEMALES WITH EXPRESS or PYRAMID PRODUCTS (MODIFIED-LIVE VIRAL), THEY MUST HAVE BEEN PROPERLY VACCINATED AT LEAST 30 DAYS PRE-BREEDING AND THEN WITHIN A 12-MONTH INTERVAL EACH SEASON THEREAFTER!**

Vaccine Storage, Administration, and Handling Tips

Always read and follow label instructions completely!

Storage:

- 1) **35 to 45 degrees F**
- 2) **Monitor refrigerator temp!**
- 3) **Transport in good quality coolers with frozen cold packs**
- 4) **Do not allow vaccines to freeze**
- 5) **Always protect from sunlight**

Handling:

- 1) **Keep vaccines in cooler unmixed until ready for use**
- 2) **ONLY mix what can be used within 30-60 minutes**
- 3) **Consider smaller packages**
- 4) **Protect vaccines and syringes from direct sunlight**
- 5) **Keep vaccines in cooler between animals**
- 6) **DO NOT expose modified live vaccines to detergents, soaps, or disinfectants.**

Administration:

- 1) **Use only label-approved dose and route**
- 2) **Use subQ route whenever possible**
- 3) **Change needles at least every 10 hd or whenever contaminated or damaged**
- 4) **Avoid cross-contaminating syringes**
- 5) **Only enter the vaccine vial with a clean needle**

Sanitation:

- 1) **Clean equipment with hot water only!**
- 2) **No soaps, detergents, or disinfectants. These may leave residues.**
- 3) **Re-usable equipment may be sanitized by boiling or in microwave if wrapped in wet paper towels.**
- 4) **Store equipment wrapped in clean paper towels inside a storage bag in the freezer.**