

2021 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: Leptoform 5 (Citadel L5) booster.
Young cattle (bred heifers, 2 year olds):
Deworm with Dectomax (Injectable recommended).
Calves: Bovi-Shield Gold 5/One Shot, Ultrabac 7.
Cows and Bred Heifers: Leptoform 5 (Citadel L5) booster if vaccinated pre-breeding
BCA Production sale, April 30, 2021!

May

Enjoy Spring!

June

All calves weaned by June 20th. Calves second vaccination no later than July 14th
Calves: booster Bovi-Shield Gold 5/One Shot, Ultrabac 7, Dectomax/Longrange dewormer (recommended if weaning on pasture), or Valbazen drench if weaning and backgrounding in drylot (cheaper product).
Cows and Bred Heifers: Ultrabac 7/ Caliber 7
Cows and Bred Heifers*: Bovi-Shield Gold FP 5L5 or FP 5VL5 (Express FP 10 or 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 Bovi-Shield Gold 5, One Shot, Ultrabac 7, and dewormer. First vaccination after 120 days of age, second not less than 21 days before VQA sale.
Weaned 45 days prior to sale.

July

Weigh calves (1st – 4th) and grading (5th -9th)
Replacement heifer calves: Brucellosis vaccination (required for VA Premium Assured, recommended for all other replacements), Staybred VL5 (Citadel VL5).

August

BCA Feeder Calf Sale August 2, 2021
Replacement heifer calves: Brucellosis vaccination and PI testing (required for VA Premium Assured, recommended for all other replacements), Staybred VL5 (Citadel VL5). *If not done in July.

September

Calving season starts!

October

Plan AI breeding season!
RTS and Pelvic measurements of Heifers
Bulls: Bovi-Shield Gold FP 5L5 or FP 5VL5 (Express FP 10 or FP 5VL5).
Replacement heifers: Bovi-Shield Gold FP 5L5 or FP 5VL5 (Express FP 5L5 or FP 5VL5) 60 days pre-breeding.
Cows*: Bovi-Shield Gold FP 5L5 or FP 5VL5 (Express FP 10 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: Leptoform 5 (Citadel L5) booster if vaccinated in June/July instead of pre-breeding.

*IN ORDER TO SAFELY VACCINATE PREGNANT FEMALES WITH BOVISHIELD OR PREG-GUARD 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! UltraChoice can be substituted for Ultrabac 7.

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.**