

Management and Health Calendar for Fall Calving Commercial Beef Herd

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September 1	Begin feeding high magnesium mineral
September 15	Begin heifer calving season Tag calves at birth Castrate and implant bull calves at birth Dip navel with disinfectant at birth Dehorn calves at birth Treat for grubs and lice Remove fly tags
October 1	Begin calving cows Process baby calves as for heifer's calves except also implant heifer calves born the last half of the breeding season Have bulls checked for breeding soundness
November 1	Heifer calving season ends
December 1	Mature cow calving season ends
December 20	Begin heifer breeding season
January 15	Begin mature cow breeding season
February 7	End heifer breeding season
March 15	End mature cow breeding season Re-implant calves Blackleg vaccinate calves Dehorn and castrate any calves not done before
April 15	Begin fly control Deworm calves Deworm mature cows? Give pinkeye vaccine
June 15	Wean all calves: For heifers calves being kept as replacements: Deworm, vaccinate against IBR, BVD, PI3 and Leptospirosis and Campylobacteriosis using oil based vaccine. Consider Pasturella and Hemophilus vaccine For mature cows, yearling heifers and bulls: Vaccinate against IBR, BVD, PI3 and Leptospirosis Vaccinate against Campylobacteriosis (using oil based vaccine.) Pregnancy test, check age, feet, udders, ID tags Body condition score cows, yearling heifers and bulls Cull cows
July 7	Give replacement heifers booster vaccinations as needed

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