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## Management and Health Calendar for Spring Calving Commercial Beef Herd

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| January 1    | Begin heifer calving season<br>Tag calves at birth<br>Castrate and implant male calves at birth<br>Dip navel with disinfectant at birth<br>Dehorn calves at birth<br>Begin feeding high magnesium mineral   |
| January 22   | Begin calving cows<br>Process baby calves as for heifers' calves except also implant heifer calves born the last half of the breeding season  |
| February 1   | Have bulls checked for breeding soundness   |
| February 15  | Heifer calving season ends  |
| March 23     | Mature cow calving season ends  |
| March 24     | Begin heifer breeding season  |
| April 15     | Begin mature cow breeding season  |
| May 8        | End heifer breeding season<br>Give pinkeye vaccine<br>Begin fly control   |
| June 15      | Re-implant calves<br>Deworm calves<br>Blackleg vaccinate calves<br>Dehorn and castrate any calves not done before<br>Deworm mature cows?<br>End mature cow breeding season  |
| September 15 | Wean all calves:<br>For heifer calves being kept as replacements:<br>Deworm, vaccinate against IBR, BVD, PI3, Leptospirosis and<br>Campylobacteriosis using oil based vaccine<br>Treat for lice and grubs<br>Consider Pasteurella, Hemophilus vaccine<br><br>For mature cows, yearling heifers and bulls:<br>Deworm yearling heifers<br>Treat for grubs and lice<br>Vaccinate against IBR, BVD, PI3 and Leptospirosis<br>Vaccinate against Campylobacteriosis (using oil based vaccine).<br>Remove fly tags<br>Pregnancy test, check age, feet, udders, ID tags<br>Body condition score cows, yearling heifers and bulls<br>Cull cows |
| October 7    | Give replacement heifers booster vaccinations as needed   |

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