

# Clare County Livestock Auction, LLC

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Dear Livestock Producer:

It is time to prepare for our upcoming Fall Feeder Cattle Sales at the Clare County Livestock Auction starting with the first fall Sale in September. As the economy is rapidly changing fewer and fewer producers are feeding cattle so it is imperative to add value to your calf crop and herd wherever possible. Our regular buyers are putting more pressure on us as a Livestock Sale Facility to request our sellers precondition their feeder cattle. As sellers preconditioning your cattle only adds value and the need for repeat business/buyers. We understand that preconditioning cattle is an expense but try penciling it out, comparing to past sales, it costs around \$3.00 - \$5.00/head, but the return in the sale barn is \$.5 - .10/cwt more and with the added gain and performance you will see from preconditioned cattle this could mean approximately \$25.00+/head more. **Preconditioning your cattle includes vaccinating, deworming, dehorning and castrating.**

This is not a requirement just a recommendation for those interesting in adding value to your calf crop. Attached you will find a form to help you keep track of your vaccination program. This form can be copied for future uses and if you opted to utilize a preconditioning program bring this form with you or send it with your trucker when bringing cattle to the feeder sales. Additionally, we have included a vaccination time line example listing when and what to give your feeder cattle.

Let's develop a plan to provide the market with a calf vaccination/preconditioning program you can offer to your customers, with the goal of maximizing the quality, health and value of your calves. Suggested vaccination a 5-way Viral, 7-way Clostridial, Pasteurella, Hemophilus, & a DeWormer, please refer to the recorded vaccination program form included. If you have any questions or concerns please contact Dave at 810-441-6191 or Randi at 810-441-9715.

## Reason Re-Cap: provided by LMA (Livestock Marketing Association)

- 1 to provide livestock markets with a calf vaccination/preventive health program that their consignors can use to help maximize the quality, health and value of their cattle
- 2 to give buyers greater confidence in the vaccination status of the animals they purchase through livestock markets
- 3 to develop an industry-wide calf vaccination/preventive health program that will provide greater program uniformity from market-to-market
- 4 to deter health problems as cattle are marketed and commingled
- 5 to meet consumer demand for safe, wholesome meat products

Sincerely,

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Fall Feeder Sale Dates: 9/11/08, 10/9/08, 11/6/08, & 12/4/08

## EXAMPLES OF BASIC VACCINATION PROGRAM

Timing	Vaccines Used		
	Example 1	Example 2	Example 3
1-3 months of age	Blackleg / Malignant edema Enterotoxemia C & D IBR, PI3 (intranasal) Dehorn, castration	7 or 8-way Clostridial vaccine IBR, PI3 (intranasal) Dehorn, castration BRSV, Pasteurella (If problem with summer pneumonia)	7 or 8-way Clostridial Chem. Alt. MLV-IBR/PI3, K-BVD, MLV-BRSV Dehorn, castration
4 weeks later		Repeat of Clostridial vaccine BRSV, Pasteurella (if booster directed)	
2-6 weeks pre-weaning		Repeat of Clostridial vaccine Killed IBR, PI3, BVD, BRSV Pasteurella	Repeat of Clostridial Chem. Alt. MLV-IBR/PI3, K-BVD, MLV-BRSV
Weaning	Blackleg / Malignant edema Enterotoxemia C & D MLV - IBR, PI3, BVD, BRSV	MLV- IBR, PI3, BVD, BRSV (Pasteurella - if booster needed)	MLV- IBR, PI3, BVD, BRSV
2-3 weeks post weaning	MLV - IBR, PI3, BVD, BRSV	MLV - IBR, PI3, BVD, BRSV	MLV- IBR, PI3, BVD, BRSV
Replacement heifers at 8 months	Brucellosis	Brucellosis	Brucellosis
1 month pre-breeding of replacement heifers	Blackleg / Malignant edema Enterotoxemia C & D MLV -IBR,PI3, BVD, BRSV Lepto (5 strain)	Repeat of Clostridial vaccine MLV-IBR, PI3, BVD, BRSV Lepto (5 strain)	Repeat of Clostridial vaccine MLV-IBR, PI3, BVD, BRSV Lepto (5 strain)

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**NOTE:**

1. Contact your local vet or elevator for products
2. BVD should be Type I and II
3. Lepto is not necessarily for steers before administering Lepto check with your vet.
4. EXAMPLE PROGRAMS:
  - a. MERIAL SureHealth - [http://us.merial.com/producers/cow\\_calf/surehealth.asp](http://us.merial.com/producers/cow_calf/surehealth.asp)
  - b. PFIZER SelectVac - <http://www.selectvac.com/>
  - c. BOEHRINGER INGELHEIM Range Ready – <http://www.rangeready.com/>

THIS LIST IS JUST A SAMLE PULLED FROM A UNIVERSITY WEBSITE TO BE USED AS A GENERIC GUIDLINE TO HELP ADD VALUE TO YOUR CATTLE PROGRAM.