

Region 4 NY Beef Producers Association Preconditioning Calf & Replacement Program Steps and Guidelines

Please consult your veterinarian when selecting vaccines- take the list of vaccines with you and circle the ones you are going to use after talking to your vet. The products listed are suggestions. There may be others that provide coverage of the diseases listed. Please write in specific name of product under other on form.

Ideally calves would have their vaccines ahead of weaning (a minimum of 3 weeks) in time to build their immunity. Talk to your vet about which vaccines and timing will work for your operation. Always read and follow vaccine label directions. Always use proper injection sites and techniques. Whenever possible, use Sub Q labeled products; administer all shots per [Beef Quality Assurance Guidelines](#).

Provide adequate nutrition and minerals to enhance immune system.

Feeder calves should be:

- Owned by seller for at least 60 days
- Weaned a minimum of 30 days (45 days is better)
- Bunk broke and broke to water tank or fountain
- Vaccinated for:
 - IBR, BVD, PI3, BRSV
 - M. haemolytica, 7-way clostridial
- Treated for Internal and external parasite control
- Dehorned - All horn tissue including scurs should be removed
- Castrated - All surgical procedures completed minimum 30 days before sale and wounds healed.
- All feeder Heifers guaranteed open

***Optional Procedures**

- List all additional vaccines administered
- Coccidiostat fed (may make calves ineligible for some Natural programs)
- Management practices that are unique to your operation or are of value to the calf purchaser
- If implanted, give product name and date administered
- Provide third party verification of procedures for Organic, All natural, Grass fed

All procedures will be announced before sale of animal. Cattle not meeting preconditioning protocol will be separated and sold as non-conforming cattle.

Replacement Cattle:

- Owned by seller for at least 60 days
- Vaccinated for: IBR, BVD, PI3, BRSV
- Provide verification of status: Open or Bred
- If bred or exposed to bull provide dates and details
- Include information on genetic or disease tests.