

LARGE ANIMAL VETERINARY SERVICES

Bovine (Cattle): PREVENTATIVE HEALTH CARE RECOMMENDATIONS

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Goal for Breeding Season: introduce bull May 1st through August 1st (more seasonally appropriate for breeding/calving); you can move the beginning of the season one month later each year to adjust. If your cows are too thin, they will not breed back, and they may suffer injuries due to mounting by bulls. Additionally, you may lose bulls due to malnutrition if their body condition is not adequate to withstand the rigors of breeding.

- Breeding Season: May 1st to July 31st
- Fly Control: “Justifly” mixed with minerals from March through November. As needed-topical “Clean-Up II” monthly

Fall: October/November

- Calves:
- Wean, castrate, dehorn, replace lost tags
 - Deworm (Cydectin)
 - Offer Bov-A-Min or BovaTech mineral free choice for 1 month to help control coccidia *note this mineral is toxic to horses*
 - Virashield 6 vaccine – *booster in 3-4weeks*
 - Covexin 8 (or other blackleg vaccine) – *booster in 3-4 weeks*
 - Injection of BoSe or MultiMin
- Cow:
- Virashield 6 + L5 (or Triangle 10)
 - Covexin 8 (if under 2 years old)
 - Injection of BoSe, MuSe or MultiMin
 - Offer Bov-A-Min or BovaTech mineral free choice for 1 month to help control coccidia *note this mineral is toxic to horses*
 - Pregnancy check, cull open cows
- Feed:
- Winter:* 25# hay/cow/day
- Growth, breeding:* 50#/cow/day
- Minerals:* free choice granular year-round. Offer Bov-A-Min or BovaTech mineral for one month in the spring and one month in the fall to all groups to control coccidia
- Protein:* supplements for winter
- Grain:* as needed for groups- replacements, bulls, etc.
- ***Other calving seasons such as Fall calving will require 2-3x the feed intake of spring calving