



Cattle farming includes:

A VEAL SECTOR

A BEEF SECTOR

**VACCINATION of breeding herd**

Vaccination of the breeding herd is strongly recommended in the feeder calf vaccination protocol for sale at specialized auctions.

The potential presence of the *Salmonella* Dublin disease in the cow-calf inventory reminds us how important it is to implement internal biosecurity measures, including the vaccination of the breeding herd. Vaccination also guards against the persistence of the bovine viral diarrhea virus (BVD) in the herd.

These are good reasons why the breeding herd should be vaccinated in every cow-calf operation. Your veterinarian can advise you as to which protocol you should adopt.

**TAG activation**

To ensure actual birthdates are listed when your calves are sold at auction, it is recommended that tags be applied and activated within seven days of birth (or 150 days if calves are born on pasture). Having regular declarations that fall within the prescribed timeframes will allow you to market your calves with an actual birthdate.

**QUEBEC SPECIALIZED FEEDER CALF AUCTIONS CIRCUIT**

Greetings to all,

I am pleased to be sending you the new pocket calendar for the 2017–2018 season. You will also find some reminders and information pertaining to the Quebec Specialized Feeder Calf Auctions Circuit below.

The production and distribution of the pocket calendar were made possible through the generosity of our valued sponsors, which are listed inside the calendar.

On behalf of the Feeder Calf Marketing Committee, I wish you a successful 2017–2018 season with the Specialized Feeder Calf Auctions Circuit.

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## DETAILS ABOUT THE QUEBEC SPECIALIZED

### Feeder Calf Auctions Circuit

- Preregistration of feeder calves prior to sale is mandatory. This allows buyers to plan properly, thereby ensuring the best possible price for your calves.
- Vaccination of calves in accordance with the vaccination protocol remains a key part of the Circuit.
- In cases where the producer-seller has declared a birthdate to Agri-Traçabilité Québec within the required timeframe, the calf's age is displayed with actual birthdate status. Producers are invited to activate their calves' tags as early as possible after birth to be in compliance with applicable regulations and providing buyers with quality information.
- Calves identified according to certain characteristics are indicated on the sign.
- Auctioning of Charolais calves will take place on Thursday, October 5, 2017 in Sawyerville.
- The Quebec Cattle Producers operates a toll-free phone line at 1-855-ENCAN-VE (1-855-362-2683) to:
  - Receive comments and complaints from Circuit's buyers and sellers
  - Obtain market prices on the Monday following an auction week<sup>1</sup>

<sup>1</sup> You can subscribe to Info-Prix alerts by contacting the sales agency. In addition to receiving feeder calf market prices for Quebec and Canada, subscribers gain access to various communications from the Quebec Cattle Producers or consult Info-Prix directly at bovin.qc.ca.

## NEW THIS YEAR

### VACCINATION **declaration**

A new section has been added to the Vaccination Declaration. It is an optional loading slip that can be filled out jointly with the transporter. Auction staff keep the non-detachable section on file along with the other required documents, and these can be referred to as needed.

### LIVE **grading**

The calendar committee and the feeder calf marketing committee have both agreed to do away with live grading at auction. The partners agreed that price is the best indicator of an animal's quality. Starting in the 2017–2018 season, live grading will no longer appear on the scale ticket that accompanies your remittance slip, nor will it appear on the feeder calf producers' extranet site.

TIME BY WHICH  
ANIMALS MUST BE  
**received on day of sale**

From now on, animals must arrive  
no later than 12:00 p.m.  
on the day of sale.

## FEEDER CALF PRODUCERS'

### Extranet site

Certain improvements have been made to the feeder calf producers' extranet site. From now on, producers who market their animals at auction are no longer required to write down their tags. The following information must be provided if you wish to obtain sale and slaughter data for your calves:

- Telephone number
- Beginning of sale period
- End of sale period

The American classification of steers slaughtered in the United States has also been added to the site.

You can register by contacting the sales agency at 450-679-0540, ext. 8361.



## REMINDERS

### ANIMALS WITH **signs of infection**

Animals showing signs of infection should never be brought to market in this condition.

Auctions will return all animals showing signs of infection following castration or dehorning to their farm of origin.

Certain methods of castration may require up to 60 days for the animal to heal properly before it can be marketed.

### SALES AGENCY Q&A SESSIONS FOR **feeder calf producers**

Castration and dehorning training sessions have been taking place since January 2017. These meetings will conclude with question periods hosted by your regional representatives. They are a golden opportunity to discuss issues facing the sector as well as producers' needs, expectations, and suggestions for improvement when it comes to their sales agency.

