



## REMINDERS

### **PISAQ** PROGRAMME INTÉGRÉ DE SANTÉ ANIMALE DU QUÉBEC

On November 28 of last year, the Ministère de l'Agriculture, des Pêcheries et de l'Alimentation du Québec (MAPAQ) launched an awareness campaign to optimize immune resistance in cow-calf operations as part of the Programme intégré de santé animale du Québec (PISAQ).

The PISAQ provides you with two 90-minute zoosanitary visits, free of charge, to discuss colostrum management and vaccination with your veterinarian. You will receive standardized colostrum management procedures and vaccination protocols for the different animal categories within your herd.

All cow-calf operations that have a department identification number (NIM) and five or more adult cattle are eligible for the PISAQ. Contact your veterinarian to take part in this useful program.

### TAG **Activation**

To ensure actual birthdate status is available for calves at the time of auction, it is recommended that tags be applied and activated **within seven days of birth, or within 150 days** for pasture-born calves. Ensuring that declarations are made consistently and within the prescribed timelines will enable you to market your calves with actual birthdate status.



## **QUEBEC SPECIALIZED** FEEDER CALF AUCTIONS CIRCUIT

Greetings to all,

I am pleased to be sending you the new pocket calendar for the 2019–2020 season. Below you will find a list of reminders along with some information on the many enhancements made to the *Quebec Specialized Feeder Calf Auctions Circuit*.

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 very successful 2019-2020 season with the *Quebec Specialized Feeder Calf Auctions Circuit*.

**Jean-Thomas Maltais**

Chair

Feeder Calf Marketing Committee

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## A REMINDER OF SOME 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 new 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 along with actual birthdate status.
- Calves identified according to certain characteristics are indicated on the sign.
- Auctioning of Charolais calves will take place on Thursday, October 3, 2019 in Sawyerville.
- The Quebec Cattle Producers (PBQ) operates a toll-free phone line at 1-855-ENCAN-VE (1-855-362-2683) in order to:
  - Receive comments and complaints from the Circuit's buyers and sellers
  - Provide 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 450 679-0540, ext. 8361. In addition to receiving feeder calf market prices for Quebec and Canada, subscribers gain access to various communications from the PBQ. Alternatively, you can consult Info-Prix directly at [www.bovin.qc.ca](http://www.bovin.qc.ca).

## ENHANCEMENTS AND NEW FEATURES

### VACCINATION Protocol

In response to comments and recommendations received from a number of sector stakeholders, including veterinarians, feeder calf producers have opted to modify the feeder calf vaccination protocol for specialized auctions.

**Starting in August 2019, only the modified live vaccine will be included in the vaccination protocol. This is to be administered to calves at least 5 months of age, between 2 weeks and 4 months prior to sale.**

#### Vaccination program

Calves must be vaccinated against the following:

- Infectious Bovine Rhinotracheitis (IBR)
- Parainfluenza 3 (PI<sub>3</sub>)
- Bovine Respiratory Syncytial Virus (BRSV)
- Bovine Viral Diarrhea (BVD)

Calves marketed must be vaccinated according to the following vaccination program:

**Modified live vaccine (1 dose):**

Administered to a calf at least 5 months of age, between 2 weeks and 4 months prior to the sale.

**The maximum time allowed between the date of sale and the date of vaccination is 4 months.**

**The veterinarian's recommendations must be followed at all times.**

#### New

**Only the attenuated live vaccine will be included in the vaccination protocol.**

**This is to be administered to calves at least 5 months old.**



## VACCINATION Declaration

Changes have been made to the vaccination declaration to reflect enhancements and new features in the sector. A line has been added to the declaration allowing you to record the other vaccines you have administered to your calves. This information stands to enrich the sales agency's database on the entry of feeder calves into feedlots.

In addition, two checkboxes have been added to indicate whether:

- Your business is certified VBP+
- Your breeding herd is vaccinated annually

The sharing of this information was requested by feeder calf producers at regional meetings; it is on a voluntary basis.

#### Check only if applicable

- My business is certified VBP+.
- The breeding herd is vaccinated annually.
- I would like the name of my business to be displayed when my animals are put up for sale.
  
- I certify that the calves targeted by this declaration have not received growth hormones<sup>1</sup> or any other growth factor (ionophores<sup>2</sup>, antibiotics<sup>3</sup>) or antibiotics as a preventive measure since birth<sup>4</sup>.

<sup>1</sup>Growth hormones: Ralgro, Component, Compudose, Revalor, Synovex, MGA • <sup>2</sup> Ionophores: Rumensin, Bovatec, Posistac • <sup>3</sup> Chlor-100, Auréo S-700, etc. •

<sup>4</sup> Any injectable or oral antibiotic in the absence of fever.

If you have any questions, ask your veterinarian or your animal feed advisor.

## VBP+ AND BREEDING HERD Vaccination Display

Given the increase in number of feeder calf businesses indicating an interest in VBP+ certification, we have made changes to reflect certification in the display. Feeder calves from VBP+ certified businesses may now be identified as such at auction. Additionally, as of this coming fall, it will be possible to display whether the breeding herd is vaccinated annually. In both cases, producers simply tick the appropriate box on the vaccination declaration.



## PREREGISTRATION OF FEEDER CALVES by email

Feeder calves can now be preregistered by email to simplify this important task as much as possible. Here are the email addresses for each auction:

**BIC** – [coop.encanbsl@globetrotter.net](mailto:coop.encanbsl@globetrotter.net)

**LA GUADELOUPE** – [brigittepevilleux@hotmail.com](mailto:brigittepevilleux@hotmail.com)

**SAWYERVILLE** – [sawyerville@saestrie.ca](mailto:sawyerville@saestrie.ca)

**SAINT-ISIDORE** – [s.vachon@r-encan.quebec](mailto:s.vachon@r-encan.quebec)

