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SCENARIO 1

- 1** All calves are vaccinated with a modified live vaccine (MLV) after the age of 5 months (required by the Producteurs de bovins du Québec for marketing through the Circuit).
- 2** Heifers are revaccinated with an FP MLV at least one month before the first breeding occurs.
- 3** All cows in the herd are vaccinated postpartum with an FP MLV or an inactivated vaccine against bovine viral diarrhea (BVD) that is approved for FP, in accordance with the instructions on the label.
- 4** An annual booster shot is administered in accordance with the directions on the label in order to obtain FP.

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SCENARIO 2

- 1** All calves are vaccinated with a modified live vaccine (MLV) after the age of 5 months (required by the Producteurs de bovins du Québec for marketing through the Circuit).
- 2** Heifers are revaccinated with an FP MLV at least one month before the first breeding occurs, then revaccinated over the course of the second trimester of gestation with an inactivated vaccine against bovine viral diarrhea (BVD) that is approved for FP.
- 3** Cows receive an FP MLV at least one month before the first breeding occurs and are revaccinated over the course of the second trimester of gestation with an inactivated vaccine against BVD that is approved for FP.
- 4** After this point, an annual booster shot is given during the second trimester of gestation with an inactivated vaccine against BVD that is approved for FP.

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