



# QUEBEC SPECIALIZED FEEDER Calf Auctions Circuit

Hello Everyone,

I am pleased to share with you the new 2025 2026 edition of the Quebec Specialized Feeder Calf Auctions Circuit pocket calendar. I have no doubt you will come across valuable information about the feeder calf marketing.

Since August 1, 2023, a producer can only market a feeder calf at specialized auctions if it was born to a breeding herd vaccinated for fetal protection (FP) according to a protocol recognized by a veterinarian. CattleMaster Gold FP5 is the only inactivated bovine viral diarrhea (BVD) vaccine licensed by Health Canada for FP. However, this vaccine was out of stock from November 2024 to February 7, 2025.

Les Producteurs de bovins du Québec (PBQ) submitted a request to the Régie des marchés agricoles et alimentaires du Québec (RMAAQ) for exemption from vaccination of the breeding herd for FP for the 2025-2026 season. On June 17, 2025, the RMAAQ handed down its decision, allowing veal calf producers who were unable to vaccinate their breeding herds due to a shortage of "CattleMaster Gold FP5" vaccine to market veal calves at specialized auctions, even if they are not from a breeding herd vaccinated for FP. **Exceptionally, proof of purchase of vaccines administered to the breeding herd for FP will not be required with the vaccination form to market feeder calves at specialized auctions for the 2025-2026 season.**

For several years now, feeder calf producers have been able to receive the complete calendar booklet by e-mail. To do so, simply fill out a form available at [www.surveymonkey.com/r/circuitve](http://www.surveymonkey.com/r/circuitve).

The production and mailing of this calendar booklet were made possible thanks to the contribution of our valued sponsors: Merck Santé animale, CIAQ, Attestra, Association Charolais du Québec and Service Agricole de l'Estrie inc. I would like to thank them for their invaluable collaboration. On behalf of the Comité de mise en marché des veaux d'embouche (CMMVE), I wish you a successful season.

**Martin Drainville**

President

Feeder Calf Marketing Committee

July 21, 2025



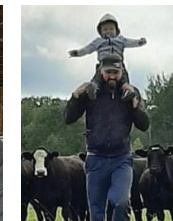
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## GET RECOGNIZED!

An excellent way to promote your feeder calves to buyers is to display your company name when your calves are offered for sale at specialized auctions.

Don't forget to check the corresponding box on the vaccination declaration form.

### VACCINATION STATEMENT 2025-2026

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#### Check if Applicable

- ☐ Calves weaned for 40 days at least.
- ☐ An injection of selenium has been administered to calves in the last two weeks.
- ☐ A protocol for managing unintentional gestations of females is available on the farm.
- ☐ I hereby certify that the farm is certified VBP+. (validation of retirement period, breaking needles and completed transportability).
- ☒ I want the farm's name to be displayed when the animals are put up for sale.
- ☐ I hereby certify that the calves targeted by this statement have not received growth hormones<sup>1</sup> or any other growth factor (ionophores<sup>2</sup>) or antibiotics as a preventive measure since birth.
- ☐ I have a cattle squeeze chute.

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

## VACCINATION DECLARATION



Over the past season, there has been a noticeable slackening of the vaccination declaration forms. This document must be completed and signed by the producer, then submitted with proof of purchase of vaccines administered when calves are unloaded. When the vaccination declaration form is not complete, auctioneers must follow up with the producer, and may have to delay the sale of the batch in question.

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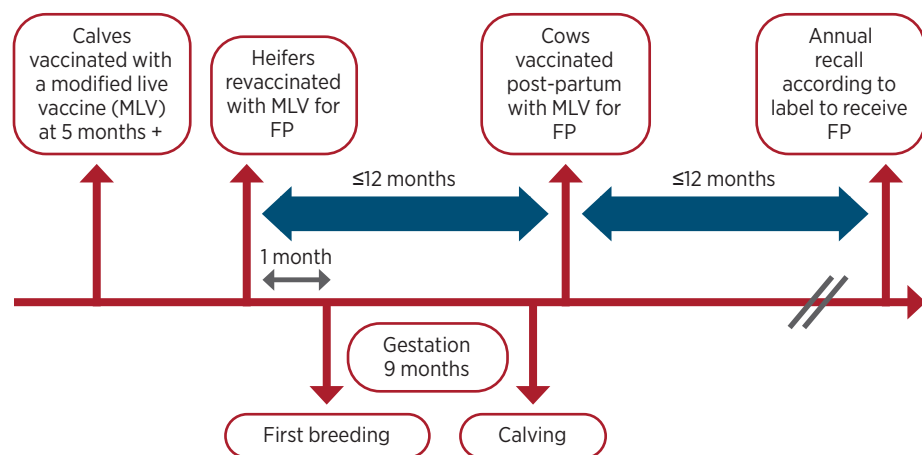




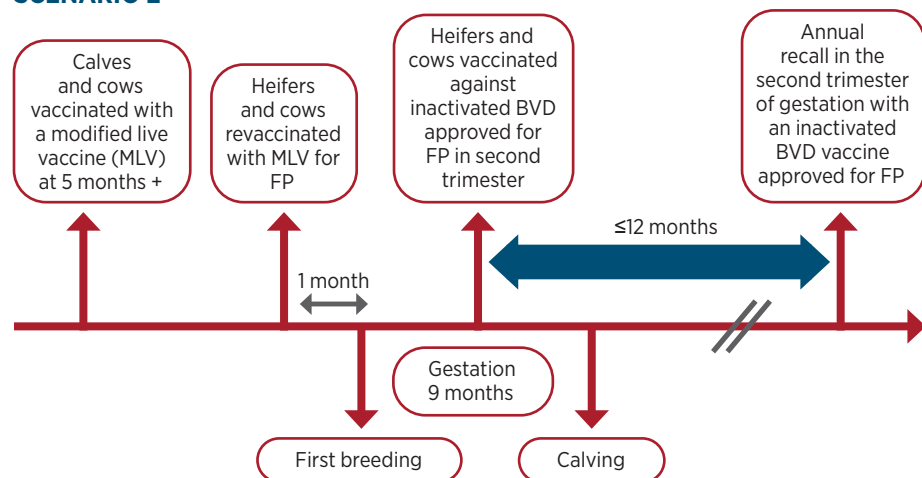
## VACCINATION OF THE BREEDING HERD FOR FETAL PROTECTION

Based on current knowledge, only feeder calves from a breeding herd vaccinated for fetal protection and in accordance with one of the following two vaccination scenarios will be allowed at specialized auctions.

### SCENARIO 1



### SCENARIO 2

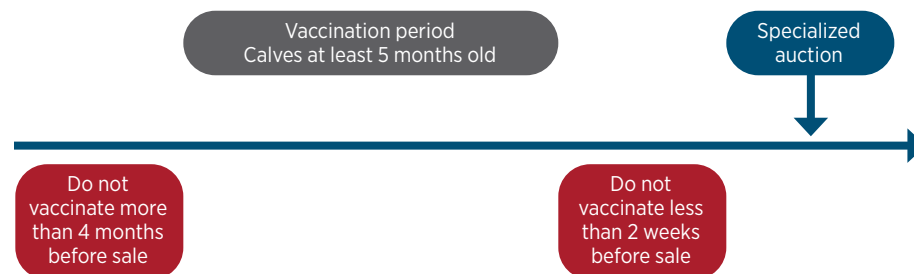


New females entering the herd with no known vaccination status must receive two doses of modified live vaccine (MLV) FP pre-calving before being included in this vaccination protocol.

## FEEDER CALF VACCINATION

Feeder calves sold through specialized auctions must be vaccinated against the following diseases:

- Infectious Bovine Rhinotracheitis Virus (IBR)
- Parainfluenza type 3 Virus (PI3)
- Bovine Respiratory Syncytial Virus (BRSV)
- Bovine Viral Diarrhea Virus (BVD)



Killed vaccines are not eligible under the Feeder Calf Vaccination Protocol.



## REMINDER

### Castration: Is it complete and well done?

To maximize the value of quality feeder calves, males marketed at specialized auctions must be castrated and completely healed before sale. Proper castration improves calf quality and conformation, facilitates herd management by making animals more docile, and reduces economic losses due to stress and aggressive behavior.

Incidentally, an animal with a wound that has not completely healed after a procedure, including dehorning or castration, is considered a compromised animal under the Health of Animals Regulations, Part XII: Transportation of Animals, and cannot be delivered to an assembly center as an auction.

Since January 1, 2018, an analgesic must be used for the castration of males over 6 months of age. To comply with this requirement of the Code of Practice for the Care and Handling of Beef Cattle, consult your veterinarian.