

A PLANNING CALENDAR FOR BEEF CATTLE

HERD HEALTH – F-3260



Name _____ Date _____

1. In your own words, name the seven steps that must be used before beginning this program.
 - 1) **Make sure the calving interval is set at 12 months.**
 - 2) **The calves must be weaned between 6 and 9 months of age.**
 - 3) **A breeding period must be arranged on a definite schedule.**
 - 4) **The nutrition of the cattle must be set and maintained in accordance with specific requirements of that time of year.**
 - 5) **It is essential to keep records with information on breeding dates, calving dates, birth weights, weaning weights, and parasite control. Records should be kept on individual cow health as well.**
 - 6) **The rancher and local veterinarian should have a good working relationship for developing good health of the herd.**
 - 7) **The veterinarian should be one that is willing and able to assist the rancher in all health-related areas of bettering the program. He should be consulted on any matters that relate to the veterinary field.**
2. At what point should you pregnancy check your cows and cull the ones that are open?
Before precalving months, during weaning
3. List three things to be done during precalving months.
Parasite control, monitor herd for nutrition, prepare for calving, or catch up on records.
4. Why do you think it is important for heifers to calve before cows? Explain in your own words. **Answers may vary.**
Heifers require more monitoring than mature cows during calving. Having the heifers calve before gives you as the owner more time to care for them.
5. Give a list of three maternal health procedures that should be performed after calving cows and heifers.
Proper nutrition, proper calving assistance, care for after calving complications

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6. When is the proper time to give the first Blackleg Malignant Edema shot?
30 days before breeding heifers

7. When should the bulls be put through a breeding soundness exam?
During the calving of mature cows

8. Heifers should be given Bangs Vaccine after the youngest calf is how old?
2 months