

# LARGE ANIMAL VETERINARY SERVICES

## Bovine (Cattle): PREVENTATIVE HEALTH CARE RECOMMENDATIONS

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Goal for Breeding Season: introduce bull May 1<sup>st</sup> through August 1<sup>st</sup> (more seasonally appropriate for breeding/calving); you can move the beginning of the season one month later each year to adjust. If your cows are too thin, they will not breed back, and they may suffer injuries due to mounting by bulls. Additionally, you may lose bulls due to malnutrition if their body condition is not adequate to withstand the rigors of breeding.

### *At beginning of breeding season (May):*

Calves 0-4 months:           Covexin 8 (or other blackleg vaccine)  
  Virashield 6 vaccine  
  Deworm (Cydectin)  
  Dehorn, castrate, ear tags, if missed at birth

Cows, Bulls 1 year +:       Virashield 6 + L5 vaccine (or Triangle 10)  
  Covexin 8 (if under 2 years old)  
  Deworm (Cydectin)  
  Place fly tags

### *Six months later (November):*

Calves:                         Wean  
  Deworm (Cydectin)  
  Virashield 6 vaccine  
  Covexin 8 (or other blackleg vaccine)

Cow:                             Virashield 6 + L5 (or Triangle 10)  
  Covexin 8 (if under 2 years old)  
  Remove fly tag  
  Pregnancy check, cull open cows

Feed:                            Winter: 25# hay/cow/day  
  Growth, breeding: 50#/cow/day  
  Minerals: free choice granular year-round  
  Protein supplements for winter  
  Grain as needed for groups- replacements, bulls, etc.