Management and Health Calendar for a South Carolina Spring Calving Commercial Cowherd

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January 8  
Calving Begins - Heifers  
Tag and/or tattoo calves at birth  
Castrate male calves and implant with Ralgro (males only)

January 22  
Calving Begins - Mature Cows  
Tag and/or tattoo calves at birth  
Castrate male calves and implant with Ralgro (males only)

February 1  
Conduct Breeding Soundness Exam on herd bulls  
Vaccinate herd bulls  
Campylobacterosis  
Leptospirosis (5-way)  
Re-vaccinate virgin heifers  
Campylobacterosis  
Weigh heifers for yearling weight

April 1  
Begin breeding - Virgin yearling heifers (45-day breeding season) - OPTIMUM

April 15  
Begin breeding - Mature cows (65-day breeding season) - OPTIMUM  
Vaccinate all calves  
IBR and PI-3 (intranasal vaccine)  
Leptospirosis (5-way)  
Clostridial diseases (7-way Clostridia)  
Dehorn calves needing procedure
Re-implant steer calves with Ralgro or Synovex-C

**May 16**
End breeding - Virgin yearling heifers (45-day breeding season) - OPTIMUM

**June 20**
End breeding - Mature cows (65-day breeding season) - OPTIMUM August 25

Prewearning Preparation

- Re-vaccinate all calves
- IBR and PI-3 (intranasal vaccine)
- Leptospirosis (5-way)
- Clostridial diseases (7-way Clostridia)

Weigh calves for weaning weight

**September 15**
Weaning

Vaccinate all calves

- IBR, PI-3, BVD, BRSV (modified live intramuscular vaccine)

Inject all calves with Vitamin A-D-E

Implant all steers and cull heifer calves with growth promotant (if retaining)

Number brand replacement heifer calves

Treat all cows, bulls, heifers and calves with grubacide

Pregnancy test and cull open heifers and cows

**December 1**
Calving Begins - Heifers

Vaccinate all cows

- Campylobacterosis
- Leptospirosis (5-way)

**NOTE** - Cows in some areas may need 5-way Leptospirosis vaccine twice or more each year

Re-vaccinate virgin heifers

- IBR, PI-3, BVD, BRSV (modified live intramuscular vaccine)

Campylobacterosis

Inject all bulls, cows and virgin heifers with Vitamin A-D-E

**Other Management**

Lice control program?

Internal parasite (worms) control program - cows - calves (consider mid-summer program)?

Precondition calves prior to marketing
Fly control program

Summer and winter mineral supplementation programs

Other Possible Vaccinations
Brucellosis (heifer calves only - less than 8-months-old)

Haemophilus somnus

Pasteurella multocida - Pasteurella haemolytica

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