

## **Virginia Hereford Association – Bull Development Program**

### **Bull Health Requirements**

Health Certificate – A valid Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (CVI) (Health Paper) issued by a veterinarian, must accompany all bulls at delivery. The CVI must be completed within 30 days of delivery to the BDP facility.

Weaning and Vaccination Program – All bulls must be weaned at least 45 days prior to delivery to the test station, bunk-broke, and adapted to feed. Bulls must be vaccinated for 7-strain Clostridial, IBR, PI3, BVD (both Type I and Type II), BRSV, and Pasturella (with leukotoxoid) at least 14 days prior to delivery. Modified live vaccines are required for IBR, PI3, BVD (Type I and Type II), and BRSV. All vaccines should be administered following label directions (including booster vaccinations if required). A signed pre-test health record form must accompany bulls at delivery.

Brucellosis and Tuberculosis - Bulls originating from Virginia herds need not be tested for Brucellosis or TB prior to delivery. Bulls originating from out-of-state herds must have Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (CVI) (health paper) for interstate shipment, and comply with their respective state's interstate shipment regulations regarding TB and Brucellosis for transport into Virginia, including permanent identification.

Anaplasmosis - All bulls must be tested negative for Anaplasmosis 30 days prior to delivery, and must be accompanied by documentation of negative test at delivery.

Persistent Infection with BVD - All bulls must be tested negative for PI BVD prior to delivery, and must be accompanied by documentation of negative test at delivery. Bulls may be tested any time prior to delivery (Note: Do not vaccinate bulls for BVD within 2 weeks prior to testing for PI BVD).

Bull Soundness, Attitude, Health Documents – Bulls will be evaluated at delivery. Unsound bulls, Bulls with poor attitude and Bulls that do not meet Health Requirements will be sent home.

Vaccinations at Test Station – Upon arrival at the test stations bulls will receive a MLV 3-way intranasal BRSV/IBR/PI3 vaccination, and be and will be treated for internal and external parasites with an endectocide product. The trade name of the product will be announced in advance so that consignors may take this into account when they make their vaccination decisions.