

2011 VBPA SPRING FEEDER CATTLE SALE

The Vermont Beef Producers Association will hold the annual Spring Feeder Cattle Sale on **Saturday, May 7th, 2011 at 11am** at the Champlain Valley Exposition in Essex Jct., VT. Cattle are delivered to the sale grounds on Friday, May 6th. We are expecting another great sale. (See the VBPA website, vermontbeefproducers.org, for recent sale data.)

We encourage all area beef producers to take advantage of this sale. You don't have to be a member of VBPA to attend, and cattle growers from surrounding areas outside Vermont are encouraged to participate. This is one of the premiere cattle sales in the area and helps set the prices for the market throughout the year.

Whether you're new in the industry or an old hand, you can find cattle to start or to grow your operation with the confidence that they have been pre-conditioned, inspected, graded and priced accordingly. If you are selling cattle, you'll get fair prices and be exposed to a wide range of buyers with the opportunity to get more money for your cattle than you may get by selling direct from the farm.

VBPA will help you if you have questions. Just call or email and we'll walk you through this process. It's easy and helps build the beef industry in the area. Let's work together!

This sale is put on by VOLUNTEERS! There is a tremendous amount of work that goes into each sale. We can use your help! The consignment form has a special area for volunteers to sign up. If you are unable to help, we will gladly accept any monetary donations to put toward hired labor costs.

Even if you don't consign animals, volunteering to help with handling the cattle is a great way to meet fellow beef producers, see a wide variety of cattle in a single location, and get a good feel for what's happening in the cattle business.

The VBPA Board of Directors, along with UVM Extension and the VT Agency of Agriculture are working hard to keep these Feeder/Stocker Sales successful so that the beef industry in the state continues to grow. If you have any questions regarding the sale, please contact Nelson Lamson at 802-457-5140 wildapple1@myfairpoint.net

STOCK DELIVERY DATE – May 6,2011. SALE DATE May 7,2011

EARLY REGISTRATION DEADLINE 3 weeks before sale – Postmarked by April 15,2011

LATE REGISTRATION DEADLINE 2 weeks before sale – Postmarked by April 22, 2011

VACCINATION PERIOD 2 to 4 weeks before sale – Between April 9 and April 23,2011

WEANING DEADLINE 2 weeks before sale – April 22,2011

WAYBILLS MAILED TO CONSIGNORS – approximately 10 days before sale

THANKS FOR SUPPORTING THE VBPA FEEDER CATTLE SALES