



VERMONT BEEF PRODUCERS ASSOCIATION

FEEDER/STOCKER CATTLE CONSIGNMENT SALES

SALE REGULATIONS

1. The graded sale will be held on **Saturday, May 3rd** at 12 noon. **Cattle that do not conform to sale requirements, with the exception of #7, will be sold at the end of the sale as non-conforming cattle.**
2. Cattle must be healthy and not more than 24 months of age at the time of the sale.
3. Cattle must weigh at least 300 lbs.
4. **Stags, bulls, dwarfs, cattle with horns, warts, ringworm, pinkeye and ill cattle will be sold as non-conforming cattle.** All animals must be polled or dehorned and healed. All steers must be properly castrated and healed. *It is recommended that castrations be performed at least 90 days prior to the sale to allow for proper healing.* All animals in which a testicle can be detected, or which are unhealed or infected (i.e., scab, puss or blood) from being castrated or dehorned **will be sold as non-conforming. The decision made at the chute is final.** The consignor of any animal deemed to be non-conforming under the conditions of this paragraph agrees to a \$25.00 penalty, which will be withheld from the check from the Sale Management Team.
5. All heifers must be open, with producer liability of \$100.00 per head on Vet. Certified claims by buyers within 60 days of the sale.
6. All animals must be weaned by April 19th - two weeks before sale day.
7. All **vaccinated cattle MUST** receive “Vista Once SQ” by Intervet (a respiratory-BRSV, PI3, BVD and IBR-- and pasteurilla vaccine), which must be administered in the animal’s neck, following label directions, between March 28th and April 19th 2008 and certified by the producer. Make sure to record the serial number and expiration date for the vaccine, and keep the information in a safe place. The serial number and expiration date **MUST** be recorded on the Waybill which will be sent to you prior to the sale. The purchase and cost of the vaccine is the responsibility of the producer. **Failure to comply with this regulation will result in cattle being sold with the non-vaccinated cattle.**
8. All cattle must be identified by an easy to read ear tag. The **ear tag must be a large jumbo size** and **inscribed with a combination of alpha and numeric characters.** All cattle from a single consignor shall use the same pair of alpha characters. Example 1: John Doe consigns 10 animals, so the tags should read JD1, JD 2, etc., through JD10. Example 2: Vermont Farm consigns 15 animals, and the tags should read VF1, VF2, VF3, etc., VF15. Be sure to remove all other “plastic” farm applied ear tags. The

consignor agrees that cattle not tagged in conformance with this regulation will be subject to a penalty of \$10.00 per head, withheld from the check from the Sale Management Team. Please do not use more than 6 characters total.

9. All animals entering from out of state must receive an import permit from the Animal Health Section of the Vermont Agency of Agriculture by calling (802) 828-2421. In addition, all animals entering from out of state must have a Certificate of Veterinary Inspection. **The Waybill must still be filled out completely, including the serial number and expiration date for the required vaccine.**

10. Cattle must be delivered to Champlain Valley Exposition in Essex Jct., VT at the time indicated on the Waybill on **Friday, May 2nd 2008**. A fully completed and signed Waybill must accompany the cattle. A Waybill form will be mailed to each consignor approximately ten days before sale day.

11. At the sale, cattle will be weighed, graded and inspected at VBPA expense. Conforming cattle will be co-mingled in groups deemed to be the most advantageously marketed. These groups will be identified with a Pen number. The winning bidder will have the option to take the entire Pen or to take the first 5 animals brought into the sale ring.

12. Cattle remain the property of the consignor until sold as determined by the auctioneer.

13. Participants may consign their cattle by filling out the attached form and sending it with a check made out to "Vermont Beef Producers' Association" to the address on the form. The consignment fee will be \$8.00 per head if the consignment is postmarked on or before April 5th 2008. Consignments postmarked on or before April 19th and after April 5th will require a \$16.00 per head consignment fee. **No telephone consignments will be accepted. ALL ENTRIES MUST BE POSTMARKED BY APRIL 19th 2008.** Non-members of VBPA (a non-member is defined as anyone who hasn't paid the current year dues) should include an additional \$40.00 entry fee. *The consignment fee is a promise that animals will be delivered to the sale and is non-refundable.*

14. An additional per head fee will be deducted for sale expenses, commission, and beef check-off. Consignors will pay in total, no more than \$20 per head (unless late consignment or penalty fees are incurred). A check and bill of sale including weight and price paid for each animal will be mailed to each consignor by 10 days from the date of the sale.

15. No soliciting is allowed at the sale.

16. Any questions regarding the sale can be addressed to Ed Jackson at (802) 828-3092 or ed.jackson@state.vt.us OR Steve Brown at (802) 457-1196 or Stephen.G.Brown@valley.net.