



VERMONT BEEF PRODUCERS ASSOCIATION FEEDER/STOCKER CATTLE SALE

FALL 2009 SALE REGULATIONS

1. Cattle must be healthy and not more than 24 months of age at the time of the sale.
2. Cattle must weigh at least 300 lbs.
3. 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. Stags, bulls, dwarfs, cattle with horns, warts, ringworm, pinkeye or other non-conforming conditions will be sold at the end of the sale. 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 by the Sale Management Team.
4. 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.
5. All animals must be weaned a minimum of two weeks prior to sale date
6. All vaccinated cattle MUST receive “Pyramid 5 + Presponse SQ” by Fort Dodge Labs (a modified live protection against IBR, BVD Types I and II, PI3, BRSV and Mannheimia haemolytica), administered in the animal’s neck, following label directions, during the vaccination period as stated on the consignment form and must be 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 as non-vaccinated cattle.
7. 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: John Doe consigns 10 animals, so the tags should read JD1, JD 2, etc., through JD10. 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.

8. 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 and be accompanied by a Certificate of Veterinary Inspection. In addition, the Waybill must still be filled out completely, including the serial number and expiration date for the required vaccine.
9. Cattle must be delivered to Champlain Valley Exposition in Essex Jct., VT at the time and date indicated on the Waybill that will be sent to consignors approximately 10 days before the sale. A fully completed and signed Waybill must accompany the cattle.
10. 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.
11. Cattle remain the property of the consignor until sold as determined by the auctioneer.
12. Participants may consign their cattle by filling out the appropriate form and sending it with a check made out to “Vermont Beef Producers Association” to the address on the form and postmarked by the dates on the form. 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, which includes VBPA membership through the end of the year. *The consignment fee is a promise that animals will be delivered to the sale and is non-refundable. Consignments received without payment will be returned.*
13. 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 within approximately 14 days from the date of the sale.
14. All sales are final. Grading and sorting decisions made at the chute are final. No soliciting is allowed at the sale.

Any questions regarding the sale can be addressed to:

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