



Stud Cattle Newsletter. January 2012 Edition

The Beef Australia 2012 Stud Cattle Committee would like to wish you all a happy new year. It is hard to believe that 2012 is here already and the Beef Expo is just around the corner.

Preparations are **Beefing** up as the event gets closer.

Nominations: With the closing date for nominations of **February 3**, fast approaching, we would like to give you a reminder to nominate your cattle if you haven't already done so. We encourage you to take advantage of the new **Cattle Online** program to submit your cattle nominations and camping applications. For details, visit our website www.beefaustralia.com.au

CORRECTION All cattle being shown – either from the Pavilions or Trade Fair Outdoor Cattle Sites must be on the grounds by 8.00 am Saturday, May 5th, 2012. Weighing, Measuring & Scanning commences 11am.

Please note: All nominations for the **Junior Competitions including Junior Judging and Young Parader's** are now open on our website www.beefaustralia.com.au with nominations closing on 1 May, 2012. Please be aware **Junior Led**

Steer nominations close on February 3, 2012.

Camping: To accommodate the high demand for Stud Cattle Exhibitors camping requirements, restrictions will be placed on the space allocated per exhibitor in 2012. The following options are therefore available per exhibitor:

- 1 x Semi Trailer only**
- 2 x Body Trucks only**
- 1 x Gooseneck & 1 x Caravan only**
- 1 x Caravan & 1 x Body Truck**
- 2 x Goosenecks only**
- 2 x Caravans only**

We will endeavor to meet your camping "Special Requests" taking into consideration all exhibitor's requests.

Judging: The Judging timetable will be available in Mid-February on our Website.

Fodder: The provision of fodder is the responsibility of the exhibitor. Fodder purchased on the grounds can only be obtained from the committee-authorized supplier, Rocky Feed & Seed, 2/11 Gladstone Road Rockhampton. Telephone: 07 49 227307 Facsimile: 07 49 227095. The friendly team at Rocky Feed & Seed will endeavor to accommodate your fodder requirements and have indicated that if you require any "Special" fodder you will need to place your order with them no later than two weeks prior to the expo.

Cattle Exhibitor Passes:

Exhibitor passes will be available from the Stud Cattle Steward's Office at the Rockhampton Showgrounds on arrival. Passes will be allocated in accordance with the number of entries as follows:

- 1-5 head 3 passes
- 6-10 head 4 passes
- 11-20 head 6 passes
- 21-40 head 8 passes
- 41+ head 10 passes

Additional weekly passes can be purchased at the Stud Office at the Showgrounds at a cost of \$40 per person.

Substitutions of Classes:

All substitutions can only be made **within classes** and will be accepted in writing up until Friday, 2 March 2012. Any substitutions can be emailed to rebecca@beefaustralia.com.au or Beef Australia PO Box 199 Rockhampton Qld 4700.

Vaccination of cattle to be exhibited at Beef 2012 as recommended by Ced Wise, Artificial Breeding Services:

RECOMMENDATION ONLY **VACCINATION OF ANIMALS TO** **BE EXHIBITED AT BEEF 2012**

Bovine Ephemeral Fever (3-Day sickness) and Bovine Viral Diarrhea (Pesti-virus) are both endemic in Central Queensland and it is therefore strongly recommended that

animals that have not been vaccinated or are not up to date in their vaccination program, be fully vaccinated before being brought to Beef 2012.

Those animals that have never been vaccinated should be given two injections (four to six weeks apart) for each disease. Preferable the last injection should be given around two weeks before trucking.

To better understand the potential risks of presenting naïve cattle at Beef 2012 the following is a brief summary of each disease.

3-Day

- Caused by a virus that is spread by mosquitoes and therefore the greatest risk period is summer and autumn.
- Usually a mild and transient disease with few mortalities.
- Affects all cattle but rarely in calves under six months of age.
- Symptoms include, fever, salivation, stiffness and joint pain. Affects larger and heavier animals more severely often resulting in reoccurrence.
- Most often animals recover in two to three days but can take up to weeks or months to fully recover and occasionally can cause death.
- Can permanently affect the animal's gait (ataxic).
- Can cause abortion – especially in the 2nd trimester of pregnancy.
- Bulls can be infertile for up to six months.

Pestivirus (BVD)

- Virus is excreted from a wide range of body fluids in infected cattle, including, saliva, nasal droplets, urine, faeces, semen and milk.
- Infection occurs after ingestion or inhalation of the virus. Transmission requires close contact e.g. nose to nose.
- Infection transmitted from transiently infected cattle (relatively low risk) or persistently infected cattle (very high risk).
- Naïve cattle that become infected, only remain infected for a short period (four -15 days), and have only a mild or sub-clinical disease. Pregnant cows (0-150 days gestation) can have embryo loss, abortion, calves born with congenital defects (resulting in low birth weights and very weak calves) or calves that survive but remain persistently infected.
- Transiently infected bulls secrete the virus in semen and it can result in infection of the cows he serves.

If you require any further information please contact the Cattle Competitions Coordinator, Rebecca Reid rebecca@beefaustralia.com.au or Telephone: 07 49 222 989. Full details available on our website www.beefaustralia.com.au

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