

2016 – 2017 Georgia HERD Program – Tifton

Prior to September 5, 2016	Heifers must be weaned, dehorned, dewormed, vaccinated for IBR, BVD, PI3, BRSV, 5-way Lepto, 7-way Blackleg, Pasteurella, Pinkeye, and started on feed.
October 3, 2016	Heifers enter the program with a valid health certificate. HERD ear tags are installed to ID each heifer, tattoos are checked, and calfhood vaccination shields are checked. Ear notches are taken for testing for Persistently Infected - BVD. Booster vaccinations for IBR, BVD, PI3, BRSV, 5-way Lepto-Vibrio, and 7-way Blackleg are given. Heifers are dewormed and given an intranasal vaccine. Record weights and disposition scores.
October 25, 2016	Weights and hip heights are recorded. (REPORT) Heifers are re-vaccinated for IBR, BVD, PI3, BRSV, 5-way Lepto-Vibrio, and 7-way Blackleg. (This procedure is to insure better health for all these co-mingled heifers. This may not be necessary in a single producer's program.)
November 9, 2016	Reproductive tract scores, weights, pelvic areas, and disposition scores are collected. CIDRs are inserted. (REPORT)
November 23, 2016	CIDRs are removed.
December 9, 2016	Give 5 ml of Lutalyse. (Give shot between 2-5 p.m.)
December 12, 2016	Time breed all heifers (7-11 a.m.). GnRH (FACTREL) is injected. Weights are taken on all heifers. (REPORT)
Prior to December 20, 2016	Breeding soundness evaluations should be conducted on the cleanup bulls.
December 20, 2016	Cleanup bulls are placed with the heifers.
February 3, 2017	Cleanup bulls are removed - 52 days with the heifers. (12/12/16 – 2/3/17 = 60 days from start of AI to removal of bulls)
March 15, 2017	Pregnancy check to determine which heifers settled AI. (40 days after bull removal). Heifers are weighed, measured for hip heights, given disposition scores, and graded by three different individuals (REPORT)
April 11, 2017	Final pregnancy check on the heifers. (67 days after bull removal) Sort out of chute into Sale and Non-Sale Groups. Apply fly control product as needed. If necessary, install metal tags.
April 18, 2017 (Tuesday)	HERD Sale