

2017 – 2018 Georgia HERD Program – Calhoun

Prior to November 2, 2017	Heifers must be weaned, dehorned, dewormed, permanently identified with a readable tattoo or brand, vaccinated for IBR, BVD, PI3, BRSV, 7-way Blackleg, 5-way Lepto, Pasteurella, Pinkeye, and started on feed.
November 30, 2017 (Thursday)	Heifers enter the program with a valid health certificate. HERD ear tags and 840 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, 7-way Blackleg, and 5-way Lepto-Vibrio. Heifers are dewormed and given an intranasal vaccine. Record weights and disposition scores.
January 3, 2018	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.)
January 24, 2018	Reproductive tract scores, weights, pelvic areas, and disposition scores are collected. CIDRs are inserted. (REPORT)
February 7, 2018	CIDRs are removed.
February 23, 2018	Give 5 ml of Lutalyse (Give shot between 2-5 p.m.); take weights. (REPORT)
February 26, 2018	Time breed all heifers (7-11am); GnRH is injected.
Prior to March 9, 2018	Breeding soundness exams should be conducted on the cleanup bulls.
March 9, 2018	Cleanup bulls are placed with the heifers.
March 26, 2018	Heifers are weighed, measured for hip heights, given disposition scores, and graded by three different individuals; blood is pulled to determine which heifers settled AI. (REPORT)
April 23, 2018	Cleanup bulls are removed - 45 days with the heifers (2/26/18 – 4/23/18 = 56 days from start of AI to removal of bulls)
May 24, 2018	Final pregnancy check on the heifers. (31 days after bull removal) Sort out of chute into Sale and Non-Sale Groups. Check 840 tag.
May 30, 2018 (Wednesday)	HERD Sale