

Routine Herd Work

FARM ANIMAL FIELD SERVICES

The University of Tennessee Veterinary Medical Center offers several options for routine herd work. While some producers provide some or all of the supplies, many producers prefer the UTCVM Farm Animal Field Service to provide the vaccines, dewormers, fly tags, number tags, and other supplies.

Typical herd services provided:

Vaccines

- **CattleMaster FP5 L5:** (BVD type 1 and 2, IBR, BRSV, PI3, and 5 serovars of leptospirosis). Most people think of it as the respiratory/reproduction combo vaccine. This is the vaccine that we most commonly use, although there are others available. CattleMaster FP5 L5 is labeled for fetal protection, and is safe for use in pregnant animals.
- **Vision7:** (protects against 7 types of clostridial bacteria, including *Clostridium chauvoei* commonly known as **Blackleg**).
- **SolidBac:** (protects against **pinkeye** caused by *Moraxella bovis*). This particular vaccine is an implant with two releases — an instant vaccine and a sustained release. Since it essentially provides a vaccine and booster at the same time, cattle don't have to be rounded up a second time 3-4 weeks later.
- Other vaccines are available upon request

Dewormer

- **Dectomax:** GI parasites, lungworms, lice, and mites
- **Cydectin:** GI parasites, lungworms, lice, and mites (waterproof)

Fly control: we recommend rotating fly tags yearly to decrease the chance of resistance. Information on an often referred to rotation may be found at www.leadstone.com/insecticide-tags-rotation.

Number tags: we usually keep several number tags stocked on the Field Service ambulatory truck. In addition to the regular number tags, RFID 840 tags that are recognized as official identification by state and federal officials are also available.

Growth implants: some producers request growth implants in calves that they are not planning to retain. Calves have been shown to grow about 10% more efficiently after administration of growth implants. We offer two types of implants Ralgro (lasts about 90 days) and Compudose/Encore (lasts about 120 days)

Pregnancy exams

Castrations

De-horning

Sample collection for diagnostic tests/screenings: Johne's disease, Bovine Leukosis Virus, Bovine Viral Diarrhea Virus, Anaplasmosis, etc.

Breeding soundness exams

Herd wellness plan

For interested clients, the herd wellness plan includes two visits per year, vaccines, dewormer, pregnancy exams, one breeding soundness exam for the bull, and all of the other services listed above. For a herd with 100 animals, the fee would be approximately \$35 per head per year. Rather than having to pay for services all at one time, producers are billed quarterly for this service. In addition, producers enrolled in the herd wellness plan have the added benefit of receiving reduced rates for emergency services and other visits that need to be made to the farm. For any visit (other than the 2 visits scheduled for routine work) the trip fee and time fees are charged at a reduced price. That includes after-hours emergency calls. If you have further questions please call 865-974-5701 and ask for the Farm Animal Field Services department.