

February 7, 2019

Dear Consignor:

Thank you for consigning a calf to the Massachusetts Blue Ribbon Calf Sale to be held on **Saturday, March 23, 2019 in the Mallary Complex at the Big E Fairgrounds in West Springfield, MA.**



Prior to the sale, make sure to dehorn your calf and halter train. A calf that leads well will usually present herself better in the line-up and sale ring. This year has been bad for lice, so you may want to check soon to get the lice powder on her. Also please have your **heifer's head clipped prior to the sale**. If heifer's head is not clipped then you will be charged \$10.00.

**We will not accept any animals with ringworm or warts.** Heifers will be checked prior to unloading. If you have any questions, contact Moira or Carrie. Below are the required health tests for shipment to the sale. Please make sure that the below required information is contained on the health chart that will need to accompany your calf. You will also send a signed/dated registration /transfer paper along with any updates on your sale heifer. You may also email Moira updates prior so that we can keep our website current. The commission for the sale is 15%.

**Thirty days prior to shipment: (February 20<sup>th</sup> on)**

**Health Certificates** - All animals, entering Massachusetts must be accompanied by a valid health certificate signed by an accredited veterinarian certifying that the animals are clinically free of infectious or contagious disease and exposure from such disease. . All Health Certificates must be dated February 20, 2019 or later. Animal needs to be identified on the health charts by official USDA eartag (silver tags) or RFID Premise Tag. Some states are in the process of requiring a RFID Tag that can be obtained from your breed association. **The Big E will be requiring RFID Tags for the 2019 show.** You must have a premise id in order to get your RFID Tag. Premise ID's may be obtained from your State Division of Animal Health. Example - USDA 840 tag. Address to be used on health certificates: **MA Blue Ribbon Calf Sale, Eastern States Exposition, 1305 Memorial Avenue, West Springfield, MA 01089**

- 1) TB testing is required within 60 days of the sale if the calf is 4 mos. or older.
- 2) All animals must be free of visual evidence of the following diseases and conditions: foot rot, mange, pink-eye, ringworm, warts, cow-pox and open or draining wounds.
- 3) No Brucellosis testing is required if animal originates from a certified Brucellosis free herd.  
The following animals, at the time of importation, shall be negative to an official test for brucellosis within 30 days before importation: a) non-brucellosis vaccinated female cattle 6 months of age and older and official calfhood vaccinates 18 mos. of age and older.
- 4) Within 30 days: please have your calf receive a shipping fever shot and for animals 4 mos. and older-rabies vaccination.

Cattle should arrive on Wednesday, March 20<sup>th</sup> after 1 pm at the Big E Fairgrounds. Trucking can be arranged through the following: **Lee Clark** (315) 276-8318 Northern New York; **Brian Belder** (413) 427-7548 western Massachusetts, central and eastern New York and southern New Hampshire; **Greg Clark** – (814)602-7101, New Hampshire, **Rob Morrill** – (603)496-4820 , **Richard Giddings** (802)770-8660 pick-up Vermont and New Hampshire and eastern Massachusetts and Connecticut. **Blaine Moon** (207)650-9736 Maine and points north, **Zach Tarryk** – (860)576-0939, Connecticut, and **Paul Skarka** – (518)527-1234 New York.

Thank you again, and if you have any questions please do not hesitate to call.

Our best,

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