

February 11, 2022

Dear Consignor:



Thank you for consigning a calf to the Massachusetts Blue Ribbon Calf Sale to be held on **Saturday, March 19, 2022 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 16<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 16, 2022 or later.

Animal needs to be identified on the health charts by official RFID Premise tag. **The sale will be requiring RFID tags.** 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**

**A) Brucellosis**

1. From Class Free States – No Test Required

**B) Tuberculosis**

Note: No age exceptions

1. Accredited Free Herd or State – No Test Required
2. Other – Negative TB test within the last 12 months

**C) Rabies** vaccinated within 30 days for heifers 3 mos. and older.

**D) BVD** test required..

Cattle should arrive on Wednesday, March 16<sup>th</sup> after 1 pm at the Big E Fairgrounds.

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

Our best,

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