**Central Queensland Herd Management Calendar – Herd selling store steers and cull heifers as yearlings *(Developed by Mick Sullivan)***

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| **Month** | **Jan** | **Feb** | **Mar** | **Apr** | **May** | **Jun** | **Jul** | **Aug** | **Sep** | **Oct** | **Nov** | **Dec** |
| **Season** | Wet | Wet | Wet | Late wet | Early dry | Early dry | Mid dry | Mid dry | Late dry | Late dry | Late dry | Early wet |
| **Cow status** | Wet | Wet | Wet | Wet | Dry pregnant | Dry pregnant | Dry pregnant | Dry pregnant | Calving & wet | Calving & wet | Calving & wet | Calving & wet |
| **Management** **activity** | Brand |  |  | Bulls out6 Apr (16 weeks mating)Mop up branding | Weaning Pregnancy testing |  | Select heifers for joining at next mating |  |  | Check and vaccinate bulls |  | Bulls in15 DecBrand |
| **Movements** |  |  |  | Draft off cows that failed to calve | Draft cull cows for sale & fattening |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| **Marketing** |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Cull cows |  | Cull cows retained previous year for finishing |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  | Cows that failed to calve i.e. dry at branding or weaning |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  | Fat cows culled at PD |  |  |  |  |  |
| Steers |  | Yearling steers i.e. previous year’s weaners |  |  |  |  |
| Cull heifers |  | Yearling cull heifers |  |  |  |  |
| **Health Treatments** |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| **Calves/Weaners** |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 5 in 1 vaccine | **X** |  |  |  | **X** |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Longrange Botulism vaccine |  |  |  |  | **X** |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Tick fever vaccine |  |  |  |  | **X** |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| **1-2 Year old heifers**1 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Bivalent botulism vaccine |  |  |  |  |  |  | **X** |  |  |  |  |  |
| Pestivirus vaccine |  |  |  |  |  |  | **X** | **X** |  |  |  |  |
| Leptoshield vaccine |  |  |  |  |  |  | **X** | **X** |  |  |  |  |
| **Breeders**2 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Bivalent botulism vaccine |  |  |  |  | **X** |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Pestivirus vaccine |  |  |  |  | **X** |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Leptoshield vaccine |  |  |  |  | **X** |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| **1-2 Year old steers** |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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| **Bulls**3 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Bivalent botulism vaccine |  |  |  |  | **X** |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| BEF vaccine  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | **X** |  |  |
| Leptoshield vaccine |  |  |  |  | **X** |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Pestivirus vaccine |  |  |  |  | **X** |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Vibriovax vaccine |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | **X** |  |  |

**Notes** 1. Heifers joined at 2 years. Only retained heifers vaccinated 2. Only retained breeders vaccinated 3. New bulls need 2 doses of vaccines if not vaccinated by breeder e.g. Vibriovax