

Atlantic Canada's Livestock Marketing Centre

Requirements for Atlantic Stockyards Limited Vaccination Program

All cattle to be sold as vaccinated must adhere to one of the following programs, have vaccine information recorded on an ASL vaccination form, accompanied by a veterinary receipt sent to ASL prior to the sale day or arrive with the cattle to the sale.

It is strongly recommended that producers pre-register vaccinated cattle ahead of the preferred sale date in order to maximize the market return on your calves.

Program 1- a minimum 4 or 5 way killed vaccine with Hempohilus Somnus (Histophilus somni). Killed vaccines should be applied in two shots 2-4 weeks apart. The last application at least 3 weeks prior to the anticipated marketing date.

Program 2- a minimum of 4 or 5 way modified live (ML) vaccine with Hemophilus Somnus given in one application at least 3 weeks prior to the anticipated sale date. Some ML vaccines require a booster-please check the label of the vaccine you are using.

All cattle must be vaccinated within 3 months of sale date. If cattle are vaccinated prior to 3 months of sale date they will be sold through ASL as unvaccinated cattle. All vaccines should be administered to calves **4 months of age** or older. All vaccines should be **given in the muscular region of the neck**.

For best protection calves should come out of cows enrolled in a herd health program that includes BVD vaccination timed to provide optimal immunity in early to mid-gestation.

Be sure to consult your veterinarian for appropriate vaccine products and vaccination programs.

*NOTE: a 4 way vaccine contains IBR, BRSV, BVD and PI3