

APPROVED PRACTICES FOR BEEF PRODUCTION

Select the approved practices from the list below which will be of benefit to your enterprise and record them on pages 3 and 4 in your Supervised Agriculture Experience Record Book. (This is only a general suggested list. Detail should be added to match your specific situation.)

1. Select animals which are healthy
2. Choose growthy, structurally sound animals
3. Choose an animal with a good performance pedigree
4. Prepare a clean, draft-free shelter
5. Weigh the calf crop at birth and weaning
6. Sanitize pens
7. Provide exercise lots at 200-300 square feet per animal unit
8. Feed a high-quality balanced ration
9. Provide adequate high-quality roughage
10. Supply a properly balanced mineral mix
11. Use lab analysis of forages
12. Provide plenty of clean, fresh water
13. Develop and implement a sound health plan
14. Control internal and external parasites
15. Vaccinate animals routinely at proper times
16. Train animals for show (start early)
17. Clip and trim animals for show
18. Trim feet on animals as needed
19. Correctly fill out a show entry form
20. Properly wash an animal for show
21. Detect heat in cows
22. Select a genetically superior bull to mate with your cows
23. Use A.I. and estrus synchronization for best breeding improvement
24. Provide a good quality pasture management system
25. Pregnancy check cows 60-90 days after breeding season
26. Prepare a clean fresh calving area not in a building
27. Iodine calf's navel at birth
28. Provide newborn calves with proper shots
29. Dehorn calves
30. Castrate bull calves at less than 2 months of age
31. Blood test breeding animals
32. Replacement heifers should be at least 750 lbs. when bred and calf at 24-28 months of age
33. Cull any cows with low production or structural problems
34. Keep accurate production records on herd
35. Track market trends and habits
36. Market animals through optimum market outlets
37. Develop a permanent identification system
38. Complete a registration application
39. Keep accurate enterprise records
40. Summarize and analyze records