

Beef calendar of operations: monthly summary

South East region

Assumes a July calving

Year:

	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August *	September	October	November	December	
Bulls				Drench: fluke ⁴		Prepare for bull purchase and review your breed objectives		Pre-join physical examination for existing bull	Purchase new bull Vaccinate: 7-in-1 booster, Pestivirus ¹ including Vibrio ⁴	Bulls with cows and heifers		Remove from cows and heifers	
Cows	Target 2.5 fat score Drench: fluke ⁴ Monitor for pink eye	Monitor for 3-day sickness Pregnancy test breeders Sell empty breeders when necessary	Fat score breeders at weaning. Aim to reach fat score 2.5-3.5 at point of calving	Drench: fluke ⁴	Fat score breeders Assess pasture for last trimester pregnancy		Ensure adequate quality and quantity of feed						Remove bull
Heifers (yearlings / 2yo)							Drench: worms/ fluke ⁴	Calving		Vaccinate: 7-in-1 booster, Pestivirus ¹ booster	Joining (approx. 6-9weeks)		
	Monitor for milk fever and grass tetany												
	Dry years: assess breeder condition for early weaning requirements						Calving	After first calving go to cow, October	Joining (6 weeks only)		Remove bull Worm test <i>drench if required</i>		
Calves			Wean calves (7-8 months) Depending on season, sell young stock as weaners or grown out to heavier weights							Vaccinate: 5-in-1 or 7-in-1 (first dose) 3 months of age	Vaccinate: 5-in-1 or 7-in-1 booster, 4-6 weeks later mark/dehorn/NLIS and management tag		
Heifer weaners/ vealers			Vaccinate: 5-in-1 Drench ⁵ : (worms/fluke ⁴)			Select replacements	Vaccinate: Pestivirus ¹ (primary dose)		Vaccinate: Pestivirus ¹ (secondary dose) Go to heifers (yearlings) October				
Target growth weights	Ensure heifers reach critical mating weights 60-65% of mature cow weight: British breeds minimum 330 kg. Other breeds may be higher												
	Summer/Autumn: 0.7-0.8 kg/day					Winter: 0.2-0.3 kg/day			Spring: 1.0-1.5 kg/day			0.7-0.8 kg/day	
Steer weaners/ vealers			Vaccinate: 5-in-1 booster Drench ⁵ : (worms/fluke ⁴)									Worm test <i>drench if required</i>	
			Weigh every 6 weeks to monitor performance and confirm target market weight specifications: target >0.7 kg/day										
Steer yearlings		Sell as 18 month old target weight 450 kg											
	Target growth rate >0.7 kg/day												
Bulls													
Cows													
Heifers (yearlings / 2yo)													
Calves													
Heifer weaners/ vealers													
Steer weaners/ vealers													
Steer yearlings													

^{*}Drench all stock classes for fluke. An adult flukicide maybe sufficient; ¹Pestivirus vaccination may be required, consult your local vet; ² Test for level of fluke burden, an additional flukicide may be required for any class over 6 months if fluke burden is deemed heavy; ³Drench of adult cattle is not usually required due to acquired immunity; ⁴ Use an effective drench against immature fluke; ⁵ Drench carry over heifers and steers at weaning.



Rainfall chart

Year:

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*Rainfall year to date totals