

2026 - 2027 Tifton HERD Program Calendar

Prior to 9/1/26	Heifers must be weaned, dehorned, dewormed, permanently identified with a readable tattoo or brand, vaccinated with a 5 way Respiratory & Reproductive (IBR, BVD, PI3, BRSV, & Lepto/Vibrio), 7-way Clostridial, Pasteurella, and started on feed.
10/6/26 (Tuesday)	- Heifers are received. - TSU's are taken for testing for Persistently Infected - BVD. - Heifers are dewormed and given an intranasal vaccine. - Record weights and disposition scores.
10/27/26	- Weights and hip heights are recorded. - Heifers are boosted with a 5 way Respiratory & reproductive (IBR, BVD, PI3, BRSV, & Lepto/Vibrio) & 7-way Clostridial. <u>Report 1</u>
11/11/26	- Reproductive tract scores, weights, pelvic areas, and disposition scores are collected. CIDRs are inserted. <u>Report 2</u>
11/25/26	CIDRs are removed.
12/11/26	- Lutalyse is administered (between 2-5 p.m.). - Apply heat detection patches. - Record weights.
12/14/26	- Time breed all heifers (7-11am) - GnRH is administered. <u>Report 3</u>
Prior to 12/21/26	Breeding soundness exams should be conducted on the cleanup bulls.
12/21/26	Clean-up bulls turned out with the heifers.
1/19/27	- Ultrasound to determine which heifers settled AI. (36 days after heifers are artificially inseminated). Heifers are weighed, measured for hip heights, given disposition scores, <u>Report 4</u>
2/9/27	- Cleanup bulls are removed - 50 days with the heifers. (12/14/26 - 2/9/27 = 57 days from start of AI to bull removal)
4/13/27	Final ultrasound check on the heifers. (64 days after bull removal) Heifers are graded by three different individuals to determine sale order, sorted out of chute into Sale and Non-Sale Groups, EIDs confirmed, and fly control applied.
4/20/27 (Tuesday)	28th Tifton HERD Sale