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Bull Management Program:

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New Bulls:

1. Mouthed for age, reject if greater than 18 months (erupted mature incisor)
2. Must weight at least 700 lb.
3. Ear notch for PI BVDV
4. Vaccinate
 - a. Vista 5 + 5L SQ with Vibrio repeat in 3-8 weeks
 - b. Calvary 9 repeat in 3-8 weeks
5. Parasite Control with pour-on for lice and internal parasites
6. SQ Oxytet-200 4.5ml per 100 lb (to clear Lepto Hardjo kidney colonization)O

Current Breeding Bulls:

1. Vet check every bull on the premises every 6 months
2. No bull should be used for more than 12 months.
3. Booster Vista with Vibrio every 6 months
4. Check for lameness daily and move to rest pen immediately if lame.
5. Establish a resting pen that feeds lactating cow TMR refusals (higher in fiber with less cottonseed and energy)
6. Monitor attitude daily, cull ASAP if bull becomes aggressive or difficult to handle.
7. Check daily that bulls are in the correct pen and that the bull to cow ratio is correct. For free-stall dairy, maintain 1 bull for every 20 open cows, for pastured herds maintain 1 bull for 25 open cows. Rotate in fresh bulls every 14 days from the resting pen. After pregnancy palpation day, reevaluate these ratios and adjust accordingly.