

MFA Health Track Beef Alliance Program Requirements



Source & Age Requirements

Producer must have owned all cows at the time they gave birth to the calves enrolled in MFA Health Track. Producer must also supply, at a minimum, the birth date of the oldest calf enrolled. Producer premises IDs are not required but highly recommended.

Nutrition Requirements

Cattle must be full fed or hand fed MFA Cattle Charge a minimum of 10 lbs. per head per day for at least the first 14 days of the 45-day post weaning period. Depending on desired gain, health, weather, amount and quality of forage, etc., producers may feed Cattle Charge longer or switch to an approved MFA feeding program for the remaining period until the calves are sold.

Approved MFA Feeding programs after the first 14 days include:

- Cattle Charge
- Cadence, self fed
- Cadence mixed with no more than 50% corn
- TrendSetter Developer Ration, hand-fed at 1.5 to 2% of bodyweight
- Your MFA feed representative can assist you in designing a program with additional options to optimize your resources and profitability. Feeding programs other than those listed above must be approved by the MFA Area Sales Manger

Weaning and Processing Requirements

Calves must be born and raised at the ranch of origin and individually identified prior to any approved movements. They must be weaned a minimum of 45 days prior to sale. Calves may be weaned off-site if pre-approved by the Health Track office. Off-site weaning requires at least the first round of vaccinations to be administered at branding or pre-weaning, and the initial post-wean Cattle Charge must contain CS-700 or CTC.

Health Program Requirements

7-way Blackleg – 2 doses

IBR, BVD, PI3, BRSV – 2 doses [Second dose (and first dose if given at branding) must be modified live IBR, BVD, PI3; Recommended giving 2nd round to calves >150 days of age]

Pasteurella hemolytica – 1 dose required to be given at the pre-weaning, weaning or post-weaning round (If vaccinating with Pasteurella at branding, a booster round is required)

Dewormed and treated for external parasites

Castrated with a knife (preferred) or verified to be a steer**

All calves must be polled or dehorned completely

Haemophilus somnus (optional – must record product and date if used)

Implanted (optional – must record product and date if used)

Available timing of Vaccinations

1st Round

*Branding (>60 days prior to weaning)

Pre-Weaning (within 60 days of weaning)

Weaning

Post-Weaning

2nd Round

Pre-Weaning (within 60 days of

weaning)

Weaning

Post-Weaning

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*To optimize immunity and avoid maternal antibody interference, all calves must be 60 days of age or older when the 1st round of vaccinations are administered.

All vaccinations and treatments must comply with either label directions or as prescribed by a veterinarian with a valid Veterinarian/Client/Patient relationship.

Calves must receive their second dose at least 7 days before movement to sale.

Animal health supplies must be purchased from MFA or participant's veterinarian.

Reporting Requirements

1. Approved Producer/Supplier Evaluation(s)
2. Tag Application
3. Signed copy of this page (Program Requirements)
4. Processing Information Sheet
5. Individual Calf Treatment and Death Form

Livestock Owner's Ruminant Protein Certificate

To the best of the owner's knowledge, none of the cattle enrolled in the MFA Health Track Beef Alliance, have been, is, or will be, adulterated within the meaning of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (i.e., none of the cattle or other ruminants will be, or have been fed any feed containing protein derived from mammalian tissues, e.g. meat and bone meal, as that term is defined in 21 CFR 589.2000 and none of the livestock will have an illegal level of drug residues).

Beef Quality Assurance

1. A quality feed program will be maintained for all incoming ingredients. This program will analyze any suspect contamination and eliminate any contaminated products as a result of molds, mycotoxins, or chemicals.
 2. Only FDA approved medicated feed additives will be used in rations and they will be used in accordance with the FDA label, including administration procedure, dosage, and withdrawal time. Extra label use of feed additives will not be used at any time for any reason.
 3. All individual treatments will be given in the neck region regardless of being administered subcutaneously or intramuscularly. This includes treatments and/or vaccinations given prior to the Health Track requirements.
 4. All individual treatments will strictly follow only FDA/USDA/EPA guidelines and products which cause tissue damage will be avoided.
 5. Products will be administered at the lowest dosage recommended and will be administered in such a manner where there will not be more than 10cc/IM or SQ site administered.
 6. All treatments administered extra label will be kept to a minimum and when extra label treatments are given, they will comply with the prescribed extended withdrawal time.
 7. Withdrawal times have been met on all cattle shipped.
 8. The operation will strive to prevent bruising during animal handling.
- **Health Track tags must be removed from any non-qualified calves prior to sale.**

****Producer will be charged \$0.10/lb. of sale weight for verified bulls &/or stags.**

I have read, understand, and will follow all of the requirements outlined here:

Producer Signature

Date