



RECOMMENDATIONS FOR HEIFERS COMING TO THE TEST STATION

1. All heifers being entered on test for 2012-2013 must weigh a minimum of 600 lbs. upon entry to the Test Station.
2. All purebred heifers must be tattooed before being delivered to the Test Station.
3. Heifers must be born between December 1 2011 and April 30, 2012
4. Animals may be delivered to the Test Station on November 9, 10 or 11, 2012.
5. Heifers with visible disease (lice, ringworm, pinkeye, warts, etc) will not be admitted to the test.
6. Wean heifers one month prior to delivery to the Test Station.
7. Heifers will be evaluated using a Total Mixed Ration. This ration will be incorporate grass silage and a grain component along with suitable mineral mix. This ration will be a least cost formulating developed with the resources grown at the Nappan Experimental Farm. It is recommended that all cattle be accustomed to eating such a ration and be able to drink from a water bowl to ensure a successful start to the program.
8. Perform the procedures listed below for weaning, if possible, wait for one week after weaning or three weeks before coming to the Test Station before performing these procedures.
 - a. Dehorning, preferably carried out on young calves, but at least three weeks before coming to the Test Station to ensure proper healing; and
 - b. All heifers must be vaccinated at least three weeks before coming to the Test Station and documented on the **Health Certification Form**. Consult with your local veterinarian for advice on this matter. **The Test Station will not administer booster shots on arrival.**
9. **All cattle must be identified with a CCIA Tag.** Make sure to place this tag in the opposite ear from the tattoo.
10. It is recommended that cattle coming off pasture be treated with a wormer to condition cattle. This will be the decision of the breeder. As previously indicated, new policy dictates that all cattle will be treated with Ivomec at the time of entry and this will be charged back to the producer.