



ON THE RIGHT TRACK

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The calendar should be your watchdog



Use your management programme to record important dates, send out follow-up notices and to make sure that important dates and management activities have not been missed. New-generation management software is making it easy to set and achieve these objectives.

Heifers can be recorded at birth and a reminder sent by email to ensure that the specific animal is immunised with a brucellosis vaccine strain (S19) between the ages of four and eight months. Alternatively additional immunisations can be done at the age of four to ten months and between 12 and 16 months with a vaccine such as RB51.

The RB51 immunisation schedule can also be done a month after calving when cows are exposed to a brucellosis infected herd or environment. The calendar notice can be set to show the follow-up date or to function as an electronic reminder. In this way farmers can ensure that the right actions are taken.

Purchasing vaccines

Another advantage which the management system offers the producer, is the ability to plan the purchase of vaccines and veterinary medicine for certain immunisations, dip or possible treatments. The producer can email the notice automatically to the local veterinarian in cases where he is needed. The salesperson, nutritionist, animal scientist, veterinarian, auctioneer and feedlot buyer who have to provide the service or product, may also receive the emailed notice.

The notice functions are especially handy closer to calving and lambing time. One can also record expected calving and lambing dates in the calendar function to remind the producer of a particular animal's due date.

Those animals that must calve under supervision, can be brought closer to the pen or camp, especially if they are likely to fall prey to predators.

Make appointments and co-ordinate the necessary arrangements with all relevant parties for pregnancy tests and sonar scans.

Planning the year

When a producer uses a programme to plan his year, the management programme function can be useful to set targets, milestones and management actions in the beginning of the year or season. Such a calendar function supports the automatic email notice which the system sends on the day and date corresponding with the year planner.

It can be utilised with the comfort of cellphone technology together with your management software. This means that you can send emails directly to the producer's email address and cell number. Producers who don't stay on the farm, can receive these notices by email and follow up with farm managers and herdsman.

From: webmaster@gmptags.co.za [mailto:webmaster@gmptags.co.za]
Sent: Thursday, August 29, 2013 9:10 AM
To: contact@gmpbasic.co.za
Cc: development@gmpbasic.co.za
Subject: GMPBasic Calendar Reminder - Faecal Egg /Parasite Collection

Calendar Date: 9/26/2013 1:26:01 PM
 Action to Perform: Faecal Egg /Parasite Collection
 Number of Animals: 1
 Consultant: Dr Test
 Comments: liverfluke

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