



VPP Beef Niche Market Cull Cow earns a premium BCS #3

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Unworthy of selling into the VPP Beef Niche Market BCS #1

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Make Treatment Protocols That Work For You!

All eyes are focusing on the dairy industry be it right or not, the unfortunate truth is that the USDA/FSIS Violative Drug Listing is **loaded** with dairy producers.

Many of the dairies are on the listing due to selling a calf that did not go on to be raised as fed veal but went directly to a slaughter facility (bob veal). The calf had violative residues from colostrum, dry cow therapies, or had received an antibiotic to help give him a boost in life.

Once the calf leaves your dairy you have no control over where it will go. If the calf is not thrifty, going to a harvesting facility (bob veal) is likely.

We can't blame the market. We **must** treat suspect young calves without antibiotics.

You are in business to make a profit. Having FSIS put your name on the violator list can make you infamous.

Note the protocol below. How does it prevent a drug residue if one of your calves becomes

bob veal?

Early treatment of bull calves that may go to market should not include antibiotics.

However, if your protocol calls for antibiotic treatment, do **not** sell treated calves. Assume they might be slaughtered in one or two days.

Other self-imposed rules might include: never sell the calf with a wet naval. Or, do not rush an antibiotic treated bull calf to market to avoid further health problems.

If the calf is sick you are responsible. Producers who work with their veterinarians and have protocols in place need to make sure that they "fit" and can be implemented as written.

If you have an outdated protocol or if your employees and family do not use it, know about it, or understand it, then you are at risk!

But, if you do have veterinarian-approved protocols in place, and follow them, then they will work to keep you on the "A" list and off of USDA's "F" list!

CALF DIARRHEA PROTOCOL - D1

WHO: Calves less than 1 week of age
 INDICATIONS: Diarrhea; no blood visible
 CLINICAL SIGNS: Normal temperature (rectal temp. 100 -102.5); can stand unassisted; minimal to no skin tenting;
 PROTOCOL: 2 liters of oral electrolytes by nipple bottle at noon only for 3 days
 NO antibiotics or other medications
 OTHER: Feed and water as usual. Re-evaluate every 12 hours.
 WITHDRAWAL: None required

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The "bob veal" antibiotic issue starts with the milk cow. Keep records of antibiotic use before calving. Carefully review new born calf treatment protocols with your herd veterinarian.

Practice an approved method of euthanasia on bull calves that are not healthy -- avoid the temptation to sell them.

Euthanasia methods for young stock is under close scrutiny by consumers and retail establishments.



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