

GEORGIA VERIFIED PROGRAM

Enrollment and Guidelines

MANAGEMENT

The Georgia Verified Program (GVP) is a cooperative effort among Georgia Cattlemen's Association, Livestock Marketers, and the University of Georgia. This is a non-profit effort devoted to enhancing producer marketing opportunities.

1. The sale facility will have immediate oversight of all sales and management of funds.
2. The Georgia Cattleman's Association and UGA Extension along with licensed veterinarians will assist producers with enrollment and 3rd party verification.

GVP RULES & REGULATIONS

1. Consignors must be members of the Georgia Cattlemen's Association.
2. Consignors must be Beef Quality Assurance (BQA) certified. If you are not, please contact your local Extension office about the certification process.
3. All GVP calves must be managed according to the health protocol (Pages 5 & 6).
4. Must grade L1, M1 or L&M2 with flesh score of 4 to 6. Non-conforming or low quality calves are not eligible as GVP. (Shorts, Light muscled, Unthrifty, U.S. Inferior)
5. Health management must be 3rd party verified with by UGA Extension, Veterinarian, or GCA Staff on page 4.
6. All heifers are guaranteed by the consigner to be open on sale day. If a heifer is confirmed pregnant by a veterinarian within 30 days of the sale day, the buyer is entitled to a \$200/hd fee to cover the lost value due to pregnancy. Heifers should be given 2 doses of prostaglandin at least 11 days apart.
7. Reservation fee of \$1 per calf must accompany entry.
8. Consignors will receive GVP tags. Unused tags must be returned at, or prior to, the sale.
9. Consignors will be notified of specific delivery dates and times after entries are in.
10. Steers and / or heifers should weigh between 500 and 850 pounds at delivery.
11. All calves will be given individual identification according to the program marketing needs. Additionally, all calves will be identified with an electronic identification (EID). If a producer has his/her own premise ID, they may use their own tags. Otherwise, calves will be tagged at the livestock market, and the owner will be charged \$3/hd.
12. Calves will be weighed and graded at livestock market.
13. The GVP cooperators reserve the right to disqualify any animal at any time for non-conformity, disposition, Grading, or other variation that would heavily discount a load or the reputation of the program.

Enrollment Information

Owner: _____

Farm Name: _____

Premise ID: _____

Beef Quality Assurance Certification #: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone #: _____ Email Address: _____

County: _____ GCA Chapter: _____

Cattle Description

# TO BE MARKETED	TOTAL _____ # STEERS _____ # HEIFERS _____
WEIGHT RANGE	_____ LBS. - _____ LBS.
BIRTH DATE RANGE	_____ - _____. (00/00/2000)
HIDE COLOR	% BLACK _____ % RED _____ % SMOKE _____ % OTHER _____ (DESCRIBE)

Management Records

Please fill out the processing records for nutrition and health management

Owner: _____

Farm: _____

Date Weaned: _____

Nutrition Program:

List all feeds used in preconditioning ration in the table below:

	Description (eg., corn, oats, SBM)	Brand Name (if commercial feed)	% Protein	Amount Per Day
Preconditioning Ration				
Hay				
Silage				
Other				

Minerals: % Ca _____ % P _____

Fortified with Selenium? Yes _____ No _____

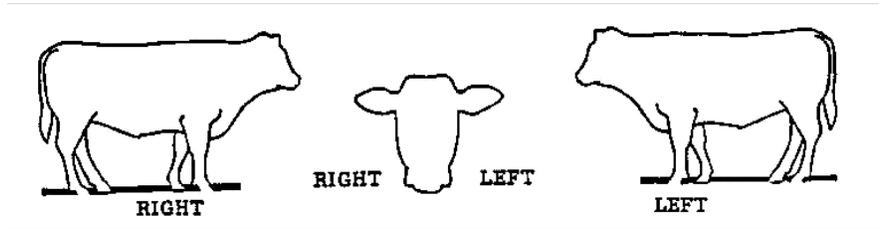
Zinc? Yes _____ No _____

Copper? Yes _____ No _____

*Attach a copy of the mineral tag if available.

Treatment Verification

Number each product administration site above and provide detail below.



Treatment Date	Treatment	Brand Name	Lot No.	Company	Dose	Diagram #
	Castration					
	Dehorn					
	Implant					
	Deworm 1					
	Deworm 2					
	7/8 Way					
	5 Way RSP					
	Pasteurella					
	PGF2 α *Heifers Only (Lutalyse/ Estrumate)					

Comments: _____

Owner Signature: _____ Date: _____

I verify that all practices described herein are accurate and that all heifers are not pregnant.

3rd Party Signature: _____ Date: _____

3rd Party Title: _____

HEALTH PROTOCOL

All entries shall meet the following standards:

1. All calves shall be weaned for a minimum of 45 days prior to sale. I.e., practices 2-5 described below should be completed 45 days prior to the sale.
2. All bull calves should be castrated and healed.
3. Heifers are given prostaglandin (Estrumate, Lutalyse) at second working to ensure they are open.
4. All calves should be treated for internal and external parasites **at the time of weaning** and not before. It is recommended that a combination of an injectable ivermectin-type dewormer **and** white paste dewormer be used. If a combination is not used, a white paste dewormer is preferred over an injectable product. Pour-on dewormers should be avoided. Specific products recommended for use in the Georgia Beef Challenge program are in the table below and any of the injectable and paste products can be used together, regardless of manufacturer.

Company

	Boehringer Ingelheim	Zoetis	Merck	Bayer
Injectable	LongRange	Dectomax	N/A	Cydectin
Paste	Synanthic	Valbazen	SafeGuard/Panacur	N/A

*Specific dewormers used and the dates administered should be recorded. Follow the label directions for dosing and withdrawal on all products used

5. All cattle shall have horns removed with a preference for dehorning prior to weaning
6. All cattle should receive **two doses** of both a modified live viral vaccine (MLV) and 7-or 8-way blackleg vaccine (depending on risk of tetanus). Two doses of 5-way modified live respiratory (MLV) with *Mannheimia haemolytica* and 7- or 8-way blackleg vaccine must be given prior to weaning. The first dose may be given as early as 90 days of age. The second dose should be given at the time of weaning. If it is not possible to administer the first dose prior to weaning, calves should be vaccinated for the first time at weaning and then boosted 3-4 weeks later.

Company

	Boehringer Ingelheim	Zoetis	Merck
5-way MLV	Pyramid 5 + Presponse SQ	Bovishield Gold OneShot	Vista Once SQ
Blackleg	Caliber 7	Ultrachoice 7	Covexin 8/Calvary 9

*Specific dewormers used and the dates each were given should be recorded. Follow the label directions for dosing

7. Adjunct procedures (Not Required for Entry)
 - a. BVD Ear Notch

****PLEASE CONSULT YOUR VETERINARIAN BEFORE USING A MLV VACCINE ON CALVES NURSING PREGNANT COWS****

NUTRITION PROTOCOL

- All calves should maintain an average weight per day of age above 1.7 lb/d. This will help ensure that body condition and muscle is not compromised due to malnutrition.
- All calves should be fed a diet to maintain growth between 1.5 and 3.0 lb per day through the weaning period. This should be based on the condition of the calves at weaning. Gains of 3.0 lb per day should only be targeted if calves are under condition at weaning.
- A mineral that contains trace minerals and a vitamin pack should be offered free choice, or mixed into the ration to ensure a daily intake of 3 oz per day.

Forage	CP (%)	TDN (%)	4-5 cwt Calves^{1,2}
			----lb/head/day----
Poor Forage	<5	<44	10
Fair Forage	6	48	8
Average Forage	10	54	6.5
Above Average Forage	12	60	5
Good Forage	14	65	2.5
Excellent Forage³	>18	>67	0

¹ This can be a commercial weaning ration, or a commodity blend consisting of a 50:50 of an energy and protein supplement

Energy supplements: Soybean hulls, citrus pulp, grain, hominy

Protein supplements: Dried distillers grains, corn gluten feed, cottonseed meal, soybean meal, canola meal, sunflower meal

² If grain is utilized (corn, oats, wheat, hominy, etc), limit daily intake of grain to 0.5% of BW (e.g. 2.5 lb for a 500 lb calf) to minimize chances of digestive disorders. This amount can be increased over time; please contact your local Extension agent for a strategy to increase grain.

³ This is typically well-managed winter annual and summer annual forages