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HERD HEALTH PLAN

Nutrition:

The idea of 'grass-fed is best' will be a major guide to animal nutrition. All pasture will be managed organically using sustainable methods to ensure the highest possible soil quality in order to produce the best quality forage for the herd. Given that the herd is seasonal (approx. April through mid November); grass and clover pasture will be the only feed. Mineral supplements will be used as necessary. If the need arises to give supplemental feed, all efforts will be made to procure hay which has not been treated with herbicide or pesticide.

Calves will remain with their mothers until weaning at approximately 9-10 weeks of age.

Vaccinations:

Replacement heifers between 4 and 12 months of age will receive vaccinations for brucellosis.

If necessary, other vaccination programs will be used to ensure herd health and milk quality.

Testing:

All replacements, raised heifers or new stock will be tested for tuberculosis and brucellosis before entering the milking herd.

All milking cows will be tested annually for tuberculosis and brucellosis.