

Short Ribs.....Did you know that:

- A milliliter (mL) is the same as a cubic centimeter (cc)
- All bulling cows are not necessarily open cows. 5% of all pregnant cows bull for “recreation”!
- For a pregnant beef cow, the minimum daily intake of selenium should be 3 mg per head per day, starting sixty days ahead of calving
- When a modified live vaccine has been re-hydrated, it is stable for up to 2 to 4 hours. It cannot be exposed to direct sunlight or high temperatures
- Cattle are usually considered to febrile (have a fever) if they have a temperature of 40°C or 104°F
- Abide by the label dose of an antibiotic. Multiples of the prescribed amounts do not necessarily carry a bigger punch but have a very prolonged withdrawal time
- Do not mix injectables in the same syringe, nor give any more than one antibiotic at a time. Use of a combination should only be upon the advice of a veterinarian
- Implanting of suckling calves with a growth promoting ear implant will yield an average increase in weaning weight of 18 lbs
- Never implant replacement heifers or bulls
- No single management tool, other than adequate nutrition, offers beef producers a greater return on investment than a growth promoting implant (only with proper nutrition)
- An open beef cow COSTS you money
- A newborn calf should have 1- 1 ½ liters of colostrum within the first 6 hours of life. A limp, stressed calf must be given small meals of colostrum. Have a supply frozen and ready before calving season.
- Five cattle management practices that have consistently proven to give the highest economic return are:
 - crossbreeding
 - shortening the calving season
 - implanting
 - well planned nutrition program
 - deworming
- A newborn calf can be stimulated to breathe if cold water or snow is rubbed onto the head or ears. Sticking straw in its nose often works as well---there is a proven acupuncture point on the nose that is connected to the breathing response
- Mastitic cows—studies show that calves from cows with one or two dry quarters weigh 18.7% less than calves raised on four milking quarters. Calves from cows with three or four infected quarters weighed 25.5kg less (J. Animal Science, 2001)
- Reduce, reuse, recycle----empty plastic containers can be used to store sharps like needles, scalpel blades, pins, etc. The full containers can be brought to the clinic for incineration
- When a product is expired it is no longer useful. Pay attention to expiry dates and dispose of the product immediately.
- If you like working in the dark, at the end of a rope, and in the cold, you should not assume that others like doing the same
- IF YOU DO NO GOOD THEN DO NO HARM!!
- Keep those syringes and needles clean!!!!