

# TIP SHEET

## COVID-19 UPDATE



## Resources for Beef Farmers During Market Disruptions

As we work through the current situation and disruption in cattle harvest in Ontario, here is a simple checklist for farmers to consider to ensure heavy cattle remain healthy until normal scheduling resumes.

- ✓ Talk with your attending veterinarian to review health protocols, implant guidelines, vaccine timing, days on feed etc.
- ✓ Work with your nutritionist or feed representative. Rumen health is critical. Discuss on-farm roughage inventory, feed additives, protein and energy requirements for maintenance.
- ✓ Housing requirements - ensure adequate bedding, space and ventilation for heavy cattle. Plan timing on replacement deliveries based on expected marketing dates.
- ✓ Be sure to increase monitoring and observation of heavy cattle for lameness or respiratory concerns over the extended period and take appropriate measures.
- ✓ Reach out to your financial institution. A proactive dialogue is always beneficial with lenders.
- ✓ Talk with your auction market, order buyers, trucking firms and key people on your farm management team. Scheduling and info sharing will be beneficial for planning.
- ✓ As always, if farmers need a safe and judgement free space to talk, we encourage them to call Crisis Services Canada 1-833-456-4566, where trained responders are trained around the clock.
- ✓ Visit the BFO website and social media channels for updated information.

### Additional resources for beef farmers to access during market disruptions:

- Beef Cattle Research Council (BCRC) – [Resources for Beef Producers During Market Disruptions](#)
- Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs (OMAFRA) – [Beef Resources](#)

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