



## PrimeVAC™ programs designed for transfer of calf health data.

by Merck Animal Health Canada

PrimeVAC™, from Merck Animal Health Canada, provides the tools to exchange vaccination, pre-conditioning and pre-vaccination status of calves between buyers and sellers. PrimeVAC™'s simple certification process facilitates the transfer of clearly defined cattle health information between buyers and sellers along the beef value chain.

PrimeVAC™ programs are founded on the core principles: **vaccinating**, **pre-vaccinating** and **pre-conditioning**. Though widely discussed in the beef cattle industry, the terms pre-vaccinated and pre-conditioned are often used interchangeably or misunderstood.

**Pre-vaccination:** refers to vaccinating cattle 2-4 weeks prior to a high disease risk period or event such as weaning or transport when maximum immunity is required. This allows time for the cattle's immune system to function optimally and respond to a vaccine prior to the disease challenge.

**Pre-conditioning:** includes a group of time specific management components that together can reduce the risk of bovine respiratory disease. These components are:

- Pre-vaccination prior to weaning (against respiratory and clostridial pathogens)
- Calves weaned, minimum 45 days prior to sale
- All processing (castration/dehorning/branding) completed at least 3 weeks prior to transport
- Accustomed to eating from a bunk and drinking from a water bowl

# PrimeVAC™

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PrimeVAC™ programs make exchanging information for animal health event dates, product usage, and timing transparent and verifiable. Depending on your marketing needs, take a look at the Merck Animal Health cattle portfolio and choose from four PrimeVac™ programs:

	PrimeVAC™	PrimeVAC™ 14	PrimeVAC™ 45	PrimeVAC™ Heifer
Vaccination	✓			
Pre-vaccination		✓	✓	✓
Pre-conditioning			✓	
Reproductive Health				✓

**MERCK ANIMAL HEALTH VACCINES TO HELP PREVENT BOVINE RESPIRATORY AND CLOSTRIDIAL DISEASES**

Injectable Modified Live Vaccines (MLV)	Intranasal MLV Vaccines	Clostridial Vaccines
Bovilis® Vista® Once CFP Bovilis® Vista® 5 CFP Bovilis® Vista® 5 VL5 CFP Bovilis® Vista® BVD CFP Once PMH® SQ (To be rebranded Bovilis® Once PMH® SQ)	Bovilis® Nasalgen® 3-PMH Bovilis® Once PMH® IN	Bovilis® Vision® 8 somnus with SPUR® Bovilis® Vision® 8 with SPUR® Bovilis® Covexin® Plus Bovilis® Tasvax® 8

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