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# The Calves are Coming!

As with every fall, cattle producers are faced with juggling field work, family and the receipt of new calves, many of whom come from the west. This year, the wet weather is making everything more difficult as many crops are still out and the wet, cold weather will make it even harder for new calves to settle in and get off to the start they need.



#### Following are a few steps to help your new arrivals transition easier:

#### 1. Be Prepared

Have a plan in place with your family and/or staff as well as your vet and feed advisor. This plan should include what to do ahead of your cattle arriving, your receiving day, your processing day and monitoring your cattle thereafter. Before your cattle arrive, ensure you will have enough people available to assist with receiving the cattle, have your receiving ration defined and have the feed on hand. Be sure to have your pens clean and bedded and your feed bunks clean and free of any residue. Water troughs should be placed where they can be easily seen and should be wide and open as opposed to smaller bowls. Talk to your vet about booking your processing day and discuss which receiving protocols they recommend.

#### 2. Receiving Day

On receiving day allow your calves to settle into their new environment with as little stress as possible. Waterers may need to be left on (overflowing) so cattle can find them, as they will be dehydrated from their travel. Fresh hay should be in ample supply and unrestricted as to the number of cattle needing to eat. Try to avoid any outside stresses such as equipment noises, dogs, other livestock in the area etc. Be sure to take note of any sick looking calves and notify your vet of these animals. On processing day, ensure you have enough help and that your handling facility is ready for the task. Afterwards, provide a stress-free environment so your calves can settle back in and begin to get used to their new environment. Introduce transition feeds as described by your JFM Beef Sales Consultant.

#### 3. Monitoring

Always monitor your calves' behavior and performance by recording events and identifying any that appear to be not transitioning. Be sure to keep your vet aware of all issues and address them as seen. Your JFM Beef Sales Rep is always available as a good reference for helping you design a receiving protocol. Best of luck!

## **FUTURES**

Oct 31, 2018

Live Cattle (\$/CWT)

Dec 153.32

Feb 160.01

April 161.58

June 151.85

# Dressed Hogs (\$/CKG)

<u>(a)</u>

Dec 144.48

Feb 162.89

April 174.19

May 187.60

Canadian Dollar \$ 1.31 Dec 2018

Source: farms.com

#### On the Calendar!

Nov 1-2- Ontario Sheep Convention - Allistion

Nov 2-11 – Royal Ag Winter Fair – Toronto

Nov 5- Artisanal Chicken Community Workshop -Alliston

Nov 18-19- Ontario Young Farmers Forum - Hamilton

Nov 19-24- Canadian Western Agribition - Regina

Nov 27- Healthy Calf Conference - Stratford

# Toxin Warning! 📤

As many of you have heard, early reports on the corn harvest suggest higher than normal levels of toxins present, depending on the area. JFM encourages all users of corn and corn bi-products to test them for toxin levels to ensure the appropriate actions are being taken where necessary. Talk to your JFM Sales Representative to have your samples picked up and to learn more.

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  - Candid Animals



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