



BC LIVESTOCK PRODUCERS CO-OPERATIVE ASSOCIATION

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ESSENTIAL SERVICE NOTICE

BC Livestock Coop has been deemed an “ESSENTIAL SERVICE” during the COVID-19 pandemic. We would like to remind people that while we are facing a global health emergency, the population needs to eat, and grocery store shelves are being cleaned out at an unprecedented rate. BC Livestock Coop, and the ranchers/farmers it serves are a key cog in the wheel in helping to supply food to our country and all of North America. Meat plants and grocery stores cannot keep up with the demand for beef right now, and in order to make sure that people do not go hungry tomorrow, or next year, we will be continuing to operate as an essential service, but with strict guidelines in place (guidelines are posted on our Facebook page & website). Please remember the big picture; the meat supply chain is not just affected now by supply & demand, but in the future as well, hence the importance of ranchers still being able to purchase bulls this spring and cattle continuing to be sold. BC Livestock Coop will continue to follow guidelines set forth by the Province of BC & the Government of Canada, so check often for changes. We also ask that you respect our cattle ranchers/food producers as well as our hard working staff by practicing social distancing, and remaining respectful in your comments; remember they are working as part of an Essential Service to keep our population fed, and are making sacrifices by working. Please see our guidelines during the COVID-19 pandemic on our website www.bclivestock.bc.ca and also take note of the following as well:

- All bull sales are available for online bidding and all bulls will be in the respective sale yards early for viewing to maintain proper social distancing measures, and in order to follow the guidelines on gatherings. **We strongly encourage you to come and view the bulls ahead of time, and then bid online from the safety of your home.** You must pre-register with DLMS or TEAM ahead of time to bid/purchase bulls online.
- ****Please note the annual Williams Lake Bull Sale will be an online sale only and bulls will not be available for viewing at the yards – online viewing only****
- DLMS will be the online bidding agent for: Still Meadows Sale, Bulls from The Heart Sale, Best Bet Bull Sale, Vanderhoof All Breeds Sale. Please visit www.dlms.ca to register for online bidding.
- TEAM Auctions will be the online bidding service for the Williams Lake Bull Sale. Visit www.teamauctionsales.com to register to bid/purchase bulls online.
- If you are unable to purchase your bulls online and must attend the sale in person, you are required to pre-register with the respective stockyard where the sale is being held for a bidding number. We will be following and enforcing gathering numbers so please register early or you may be turned away. Keep in mind gathering guidelines apply to **Indoor and Outdoor** parts of our premises.
- If you attend a bull sale in person you will always be required to maintain safe social distancing and it will be enforced, so please do your part to keep our staff and others safe. You must remain 1-2 meters from staff and others. **Visitors will not be accepted, Prospective Buyers Only!!!**
- **There will be no complimentary meals served and the restaurants are closed to in-house dining. Take out only.**
- Our marketing team representatives will be available to purchase bulls for you over the phone if you cannot bid online and are not attending in person. Please make arrangements with any of our team!
- **CASH will not be accepted** until further notice. Credit cards will be accepted as a payment option during this time; however, a 2% admin fee will be charged for that service. Cheques are still accepted.
- If you have tag, Hi-Hog or lick tub orders, please make your orders by phone and arrange a pick-up and payment option ahead of time.
- **Regular cattle sales are open to order buyers and prospective buyers only! Please drop your cattle off and watch them sell online.** Cheques will still be mailed, or payments done by automatic deposit. If you are not set up for auto deposit and would like to be, please contact one of our offices.