



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:

- 1) If you are not a prospective buyer, we would ask you to not enter our facilities and/or sales. Remember all our sales are streamed on our website for your viewing!!
- 2) If you are consigning cattle and have no intention of buying any cattle at the sale, we ask that you please watch the sale of your cattle online from home on our website.
- 3) When dropping your cattle off at the stockyards, please be respectful of our staff and practice social distancing; and allow our staff to unload your cattle.
- 4) If you do intend on buying cattle at a regular sale, there will be a limit on buyers of one (1) buyer per operation or ranch. Please do not bring extra people, and delegate only one person.
- 5) Please respect our staff, our auctioneers, and the order buyers. Please make sure that you practice social distancing and maintain a distance of 1-2 meters apart. Practice multiple hand washes while at our facilities, and cough or sneeze into your sleeve or elbow. Please DO NOT shake hands or touch our staff, buyers or others.
- 6) If you are a buyer or must attend our facilities for a regular sale, the kitchens at each stockyards are privately owned/operated and therefore will be following Provincial Guidelines, so please check ahead of time to make sure they are open, or be prepared to bring your own.
- 7) If you are over 60 and/or have pre-existing medical conditions or live with someone who does, we remind you of your increased risk of COVID-19 and recommend you stay home.
- 8) Telephone bidding is available through any of our Marketing Team as well as on-site Order Buyers.
- 9) If you feel unwell or are sick, DO NOT attend our events and/or facilities.
- 10) BC Livestock Coop is increasing the disinfection of the public areas of our premises.