

## ***PRUDENT BIO SECURITY PRACTICES***

The Cattle Exchange takes Bio-Security very seriously and makes the following recommendations to all buyers of livestock. Upon purchasing your livestock, be sure to transport in a clean, well bedded, trailer/truck. New livestock entering your facility should be kept segregated from animals already in the herd for at least 10 days, with close inspection several times daily. We recommend that every new milking female that enters a herd be milked last and milk samples cultured before officially mixing with the existing herd. Upon calving, all fresh cows should have milk cultures screened.

Additionally, the Cattle Exchange recommends that further tests be performed on all cattle entering buyers' herds for BVD and Johne's disease. These tests are relatively inexpensive and are nothing more than prudent animal husbandry practices.

While precaution is taken to assure buyers' protection from infectious diseases, buyers assume responsibility for all cattle purchased when gavel falls and auctioneer pronounces said animal sold. As always, we will convey to prospective buyers any health risk we may be aware of prior to sale, however, buyers must take the prudent measures stated above for adequate protection.

Purchasing livestock can be a rewarding and exhilarating experience for everyone. The Cattle Exchange recommends that no matter where or when you buy livestock, call your herd Veterinarian and take the extra precautions above to insure your utmost security.

***Together we can all make a difference!***

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