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Dear Valued Clients,

With only 4 weeks to go until our 2025 annual weaner sales commence, we thought it was timely to remind our clients of some useful tips to consider when preparing your weaners. This year we will be running four weaner sales to allow vendors to offer their weaners across a wider market. After the overwhelming numbers in the May show and Sale last year and the difficult decision to have to split the sale, we will be capping the numbers on this year's May weaner sale to allow us to run the steers and heifers combined, easing pressure of weaning process for our producers. Our dates will be the 11th of April, 16th of May, 20th of June & 18th of July.

On the back of ten highly successful years with our tick clearing dip, we once again encourage all vendors to pre-clear their weaners for the sale. In previous years we have had fantastic results with 90% of the weaners that were presented for pre-scratching, passing their inspections and able to go into tick free zones with one dipping after the sale. This is continuing to be a major drawcard for buyers, allowing them to bid with confidence knowing they can have their weaners home to clean country within 24 hours of purchase.

After a very wet approach leading into this year's weaner sale, we strongly recommend all our vendors consider treating their weaners with Bovi-Shield to help minimise risks of pneumonia and give buyers added reassurance of purchasing healthy weaners. There is some information on the benefits of vaccinating with Bovi-Shield included with this letter. Nutrien Ag Solutions Toogoolawah have Bovi-shield stocks on hand at competitive prices. Please contact Nutrien Toogoolawah (07) 54231251 to secure your requirements.

The feedback was incredibly positive from buyers last year regarding the health status of the weaners they purchased, and they commend the vendors on the quality and doing ability of their weaners. Buyers were particularly impressed with the health status of the weaners that had been treated with the Bovi-shield and pre-treated clean, resulting in less time spent in the yards, quicker gains, and minimal illness. Whilst we understand the amount of extra planning, time, and cost in preparation; we believe the better health and returns on cattle, coupled with buyer's satisfaction, makes it worthwhile to vendors.

We aim to offer all vendors the best opportunity to attain the maximum result that good quality weaners deserve in our 2024 weaner sale. We thank all previous vendors for their support and commend you on an outstanding effort in preparing your cattle in 2023 and welcome all new vendors to this highly successful event.

Please do not hesitate to call us with any enquiries.

Forms enclosed with this letter:

- ✓ Recommended cattle tick treatment guidelines
- ✓ G.B.O - tick treatment form. (To return with NVD)
- ✓ Grasslands Form (To return with NVD)
- ✓ Information regarding pneumonia vaccine
- ✓ **PLEASE CHECK YOUR WEANERS HAVE NLIS TAGS.**
- ✓ **& Q.6. on NVD is Carefully Completed**

We encourage you to book your weaner numbers in early as space is Limited.

Bookings are essential!!

Yours sincerely,

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