

## VBP+ annual assessment



Year 1

**F**

Year 2

**R**

Year 3

**S**

Year 4

**R**

Year 5

**S**

... then repeat as per year 1

**F**

Full On-Site Validation Audit

**R**

Records Assessment

**S**

Self-Declaration with Checklist

*Note 1: For cattle operations audited prior to Sept 2018 the annual assessment pattern remains with the 8 year cycle. When entering a 9<sup>th</sup> year, cattle operations will move to the 5 year cycle.*

*Note 2: Beef cattle operations meeting VBP+ requirements in an exemplary manner may be moved to 6 year cycle based on performance.*

VBP's annual assessment is similar to other livestock programs in Canada. The initial on-site validation audit is a requirement of the Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA) food safety recognition program. VBP+ has adjusted its annual assessments to a 5 year cycle to meet requirements as a certification body for the Sustainable Beef Production Standard owned by the Canadian Roundtable for Sustainable Beef.

In year 2 and 4 certified beef cattle operations submit a sample of records for review, to demonstrate due diligence and adherence to VBP+ program requirements.

In year 3 and 5 certified beef cattle operations complete a Self-Declaration with its associated checklist. This is submitted by the operation as a review of conformance with VBP+ program requirements.

Provincial VBP+ coordinators will inform VBP+ certified cattle operations when they are due for annual assessments ahead of the anniversary date. A window of two (2) months is allowed to make sure it isn't due in a busy time period for the cattle operation.