

Spring Checklist

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VETERINARY PROCEDURES Annual vaccinations Nutrition and body condition assessment Dentistry Sheath cleaning for male horses Final foaling preparations for pregnant mares Review of deworming schedules: frequency and products Fecal check for internal parasite eggs Discuss fitness and conditioning program Check in on your horse's current soundness and address and diagnose any concerns **FARM MANAGEMENT and PREPARATION** Stock insect repellents Order predatory wasps Prepare a clean fly sheet and fly mask Drain and remove areas of standing water and mud where possible Compost manure and soiled bedding Protect the barn and stalls against insects Check fences and arrange paddocks for safety Determine living arrangements that create the best herd dynamics Check saddle and equipment and repair as necessary Clean out horse trailer and check floor boards and latches, trailer brakes and hitch

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