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The Beef Quality Assurance Program’s mission is to maximize consumer confidence in and acceptance of beef by focusing the producer’s attention to daily production practices that influence the safety, wholesomeness and quality of beef and beef products through the use of science, research and education initiatives.
THE BQA NETWORK

- Covers 49 States
- Nearly 100 State Coordinators
- Hundreds of trainers that work with producers to implement BQA
BQA ADVISORY BOARD

- Veterinarians
- Producers
- Meat Scientists
- Dairy Stakeholders
- Beef Packers
- Auction Markets
1970’s and 80’s
- Violative Residues / Withdrawal Time Issues
- Beef Safety Assurance

1990’s
- First National Beef Quality Audits
- Injection Site Lesions
- Checkoff funded BQA programs begin

2000’s
- BQA Trainers Manual
- Guidelines for Care and Handling of Beef Cattle
- Transportation BQA Manual
- BQA Feedyard Assessment
- Dairy BQA Manual

2010’s
- BQA Stocker Assessment
- BQA Cow-Calf Assessment
- Online training modules
- BQA Supplemental Guidelines
- BQA Awards Program Initiated

2015
- Cattle Care and Handling Guide (UPDATE)
- New Dairy Collaboration outlined - FARM

2016
- BQA Feedyard Assessment (REVISED)
- Antibiotic Stewardship for Beef Producers Handbook

2017
- Dairy FARM 3.0 partnership
- New Online Modules
- New Youth Quality Assurance platform
- Transportation Certification
- NBQA Rollout
CONTENT THAT MATTERS

- Cattle and Herd Health
- Feedstuffs and Sources
- Biosecurity
- Feed Additives and Medications
- Recordkeeping
- Cattle Care and Husbandry
- Stockmanship
- Transportation
BQA DOWN THE SUPPLY CHAIN

“By 2019, we will only source beef from cattle feeders who are Beef Quality Assurance (BQA) certified ...”

“Cargill will also increase to 90 percent the Beef Quality Assurance (BQA) certified feed yards that supply it cattle by 2018...”

Animal Health & Well-Being
- Cow-calf: Are BQA or similar program principles incorporated in management of farm or ranch?
- Feedyard: Are employees trained and BQA principles being implemented at the feedyard?
ON FARM PRACTICES AND RESOURCES

- Training and Certification
- BQA Assessments
  - Cow-Calf
  - Stocker
  - Feedyard
- Self Assessment
  - 2nd party
  - 3rd party
- Assess and improve practices and facilities
Feedyard Assessment

The feedyard must have the BQA feedyard assessment (or an audit/assessment that contains all the components of the BQA Feed Yard Assessment) conducted a minimum of once every 3 years by the consulting/staff veterinarian, consulting/staff nutritionist, feedyard staff member, university/extension personnel, industry auditor, or a 3rd party auditor.

Employee Training

Employee training will be accomplished by utilizing one of the following: online BQA training platform supported by NCBA and the Beef Checkoff (animalcaretraining.org), face-to-face meetings, on-site training at the feedyard, or other means of training that meet the BQA training requirements as determined by the national BQA standards and state BQA program.

- Manager/key employee - BQA training/re-training a minimum of every three years.
- All employees receive training in their respective area of work, prior to conducting job duties in an unsupervised capacity.
- Certification and/or documented training record will be maintained in state and/or national BQA database.

Information Release

The feedyard authorizes their state BQA coordinator to provide the following information to the national feedyard assessment database; which is available to packers by request:

- Feedyard name, city and state, year of feedyard assessment completion.
RECENTLY DEVELOPED RESOURCES
NEW DAIRY STOCKMANSHIP RESOURCE

Collaborating with FARM:
http://www.nationaldairyfarm.com/dairy-stockmanship-training
NBQA ROLLED OUT AND AT THE FOREFRONT
WHAT WE’RE WORKING ON

- Lost Opportunities in Beef Production
- More Collaboration: FARM and YQCA
Questions?

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