**Animal (Carcass) Disposal**

Carcass disposal is an important consideration for any feedyard. Federal, state and local regulations concerning the disposal and handling of the carcasses from animal mortalities should be reviewed as they vary between locations. An often overlooked aspect of carcass disposal is employee safety. Employees should be trained in the operation of equipment used to move a carcass. If possible, do not use the same loader for carcass movement as is used for handling of feed. If this is unavoidable, the carcass should be moved without use of the bucket and the loader should be washed and disinfected immediately after moving the carcass. Consideration should be given to the manner in which carcasses are moved and the location where carcasses are placed should be minimally visible.

**Protocol for Animal Disposal**

Any employee of the feedyard must notify \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ as soon as a suspected dead animal is found.

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_will confirm that the animal is dead. If the animal is alive, the decision to treat or humanely euthanize should be made immediately (see Handling of Non-Ambulatory Cattle protocol or

Humane Euthanasia protocol).

The \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ will be notified to retrieve the dead animal within a reasonable amount of time.

The dead animal will be moved from the pen using \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to the carcass pick-up area.

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_will be in charge of determining the cause of death as is outlined for them by \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and recording it in the feedyard’s animal health records.

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_will be responsible for recording the pen number, ear tag number and description/cause of death of the animal in the feedyard’s animal health records and notification of the office manager prior to removal of ID for rendering or carcass disposal.

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ should then contact \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ for final removal (rendering) or burial/ composting of the mortality.

* Contact information: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_