

BQA Feedyard Assessment

Operation Name:

Location:

Date:

Operation contact Name/Phone:

Assessors Name/Phone:

	Category Point	Measure	Acceptable/Yes	Requires Action ▲	Unacceptable/No ▲	Not Applicable	
Abuse/Neglect		<p>Willful abuse of animals will not be tolerated. Willful abuse is defined as acts outside of accepted BQA production practices that intentionally cause pain, injury or suffering including, but not limited to: Intentionally applying any type of driving aid to a sensitive part of the animal including, but not limited to: eye, ear, nose, rectum or genitalia</p> <p>Malicious hitting or beating of an animal</p> <p>Movement of non-ambulatory cattle in a manner inconsistent with BQA recommendations</p> <p>If no abuse was witnessed, mark Acceptable/Yes. If not, make an appropriate mark and fill out the comments section.</p> <p><i>If abuse is observed, assessor should report the abuse to Feedyard Management immediately.</i></p>					
	Animal Abuse	No animal abuse was observed during assessment.					
	Comments:						
		<p>Animal neglect will not be tolerated. Animal neglect is defined as purposely not providing adequate amounts of feed, water or other necessary care, which results in significant harm to or death of an animal.</p> <p>If an adequate amount of feed, water and other necessary care was provided mark Acceptable/Yes. If not, make an appropriate mark and fill out the comments section.</p> <p><i>If neglect is observed, assessor should report the neglect to Feedyard Management immediately.</i></p>					
Animal Neglect	Feed, water and other necessary care was available during assessment.						
Comments:							

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Withdrawal/Residue Avoidance	<p>Management techniques must be in place, and currently utilized, to prevent treated cattle that have been treated from being marketed until the withdrawal time has been completed and there is no risk of an animal being marketed with a violative residue level.</p> <p>If management techniques to avoid violative residue are in place and are being utilized, mark Acceptable/Yes. If not, make an appropriate mark and fill out the comments section.</p>					
	Residue Avoidance					
	Comments:					
Protocols (BMPs/SOPs/Records)	<p>Protocols, BMPs, procedures or SOPs must be provided and documented for the following category points, and, when specifics are described, that protocol must contain each of the item(s) noted within the measure.</p> <p>If the measure is fully met, mark Acceptable/Yes. If not, make an appropriate mark and fill out the comments section.</p>					
	Training	<p>Employee training is accomplished by utilizing one of the following: online BQA training platform (<i>bqa.org</i>), 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.</p> <hr/> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Manager/key employee - BQA training/re-training a minimum of every three years is documented. • Demonstrate that employees and contractors receive BQA training in their respective area(s) of work, prior to conducting job duties in an unsupervised capacity. <p>BQA certification is encouraged for all employees and contractors.</p>				
	Pen Surface Maintenance	Is a documented protocol in place for pen surface maintenance?				
	Euthanasia	Is a documented euthanasia protocol in place that meets American Association of Bovine Practitioners (AABP) guidelines?				
	Non-ambulatory Cattle	Is a documented protocol in place for dealing with non-ambulatory cattle?				
	Comments:					

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Protocols (BMPs/SOPs/Records)	BMPs [Protocols or Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs)] must be provided and documented for the following category points, and when specifics are described, that protocol must contain each of the item(s) noted within the measure. If the measure is fully met, mark Acceptable/Yes. If not, make an appropriate mark and fill out the comments section.					
	Herd Health	Are documented herd health protocols in place that address disease prevention, management, and treatment?				
	Antibiotic Stewardship	Have treatment protocols for diseases, lameness, digestive disorders and other cattle health and well-being issues been developed with the feedyard veterinarian, in accordance with current FDA guidance and BQA guidelines for the judicious use of antibiotics?				
	Biosecurity	Is a documented biosecurity protocol in place that addresses visitor logs, staff training, physical security and a current biosecurity plan?				
	Carcass Disposal	Is a documented carcass disposal protocol in place that meets federal, state and local disposal regulations?				
	Medication Receiving, Storage, Handling	Are documented protocols available for receiving, handling and storing pharmaceuticals including inventory records, expiration dates, and disposal?				
	Broken Needles	Is a documented broken needle protocol in place?				
	Medicated Feed	Is a documented protocol in place for medicated feed and are feed delivery records available?				
	Feed Quality	Is a documented protocol in place for feed quality which includes consultation with a nutritionist, and, the need to collect, store and analyze feed samples, especially related to potential quality issues such as aflatoxin and/or pesticide residue?				
	Receiving/ Processing	Is a documented protocol available for receiving/processing cattle including processing crew responsibilities, number of cattle received, proper use of implants, processing map and animal/group ID?				
	Shipping	Is a documented protocol available for shipping cattle including withdrawal verification and safe-to-ship documents?				
	Emergency Action Plan (EAP)	Is an Emergency Action Plan in place (completed and available)?				
	Supplements	Is there documentation that no ruminant-derived proteins were received or fed?				
	Veterinary/ Client/ Patient Relationship (VCPR)	Is there documentation of a valid VCPR? Documentation may include items such as visit reports, billing records, or other proof documents. <i>*In the BQA Feedyard Assessment, all references to feedyard veterinarian are within the context of a valid VCPR.</i>				
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CATTLE	Evaluate a minimum of 100 head of cattle; if the pen does not contain 100 head evaluate all cattle in the pen. Evaluate a minimum of 10 pens; if the site has less than 10 pens then evaluate all pens on the site.					
Chutes	<p>Use* of electric prods should be minimized. Record the number of cattle on which an electric prod is used. Calculate the percentage that are prodded and record the percentage. Number of cattle prodded ÷ Total cattle observed x 100 = ____% prodded</p> <p>*Use is defined as discharging electric current while in contact with the animal.</p> <p>If 10% or more of the cattle are prodded, mark Unacceptable/No and complete the comments section.</p>					
	Driving aides	Is an electric prod used on < 10% of cattle? ____% (Acceptable is <10.0%)				
	Comments:					
	<p>Cattle should not fall* upon release from the chute. Record the number of cattle that fall. Calculate the percentage that fall and record the percentage. Number of cattle that fall ÷ Total cattle observed x 100 = ____% falling</p> <p>*Falling is defined by the animal's torso/belly touching the ground.</p> <p>If 2% or more of the cattle fall, mark Unacceptable/No and complete the comments section.</p>					
	Cattle falling	Falling ____% (Acceptable is <2.0%)				
	Comments:					
	<p>Cattle should not stumble/trip* upon release from the chute. Record the number of cattle that stumble following release from the chute. Calculate the percentage that stumble/trip and record the percentage. Number of cattle that stumble ÷ Total cattle observed x 100 = ____% stumbling/tripping</p> <p>*Stumbling/tripping is defined as an animal contacting the ground with a knee.</p> <p>If 10% or more of the cattle stumble/trip, mark Unacceptable/No and complete the comments section.</p>					
	Cattle stumbling/tripping	Stumbling/tripping ____% (Acceptable is <10.0%)				
	Comments:					
	<p>Most cattle will not vocalize when in the chute, following restraint but prior to occurrence of a procedure. Record the number or cattle that vocalize following restraint but prior to occurrence of a procedure. Calculate the percentage that vocalize and record the percentage. Number of cattle that vocalize ÷ Total cattle observed x 100 = ____% vocalizing</p> <p>If 5% or more of the cattle vocalize following restraint but prior to occurrence of a procedure mark Unacceptable/No and complete the comments section.</p>					
Cattle vocalizing	Vocalizing ____% (Acceptable is <5.0%)					
Comments:						

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Chutes	<p>Most cattle will not jump or run* out of the chute following release. Record the number or cattle that jump or run upon release. Calculate the percentage that jump or run and record the percentage. Number of cattle that jump or run ÷ Total cattle observed x 100 = ____% jumping or running</p> <p>*Do not count trotting as running.</p> <p>If 25% or more of the cattle jump or run upon release from the chute, mark Unacceptable/No and complete the comments section.</p>					
	Cattle jumping or running	Jumping or running ____% (Acceptable is <25.0%)				
	Comments:					
Chute Operation	<p>Chutes should be operated such that the position of the animal is readjusted if it is improperly caught*. Record the number of cattle that are miscaught. Calculate the percentage that are miscaught and record the percentage. Number of cattle that are miscaught ÷ Total cattle observed x 100 = ____% miscaught</p> <p>*Miscaught is defined as the animal being in any position other than with its head fully outside of the chute and the balance of the body within the chute, or if an animal is caught in the tail/back gate and not released.</p> <p>If any cattle are miscaught and not readjusted, mark Unacceptable/No and complete the comments section.</p>					
	Chute operation / Miscaught	Miscaught ____% (Acceptable is 0.0%)				
	Comments:					
Stocking Rate/Space	<p>Is space available for cattle to be able to stand up, lie down, move freely and allow for feedyard environmental management? Evaluate a minimum of 10 pens of cattle and evaluate the stocking (if feedyard has less than 10 pens, evaluate all pens). Calculate the percentage that have sufficient space and record the percentage. Number of pens that have sufficient space ÷ Total pens observed x 100 = ____% with sufficient space</p> <p>If all of the pens have sufficient space, mark Acceptable/Yes. If not, mark Unacceptable/No and complete the comments section.</p>					
	Stocking rate / space	Cattle can stand up, lie down and move freely?				
	Comments:					

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Mud Score	<p>Cattle should have a dry area to lie down and rest. Additionally, they should be able to get to feed and water without being required to wade through mud more than four inches above their fetlock or mid cannon bone. Evaluate a minimum of 10 pens of cattle and review the pen including the cattle and the pen/mud conditions (if feedyard has less than 10 pens, evaluate all pens). Calculate the percentage of pens where pens are maintained to help cattle have a dry resting area and eliminate wading through mud and record the percentage.</p> <p>Number of pens maintained as noted above ÷ Total pens observed x 100 = ____% pens maintained to help cattle have a dry resting area and eliminate wading through mud.</p> <p>If 70% or more of pens are maintained in a manner to help cattle have a dry resting area and eliminate wading through mud, or mud is present yet there are obvious preparations or current efforts underway to manage muddy conditions, mark Acceptable/Yes. If not, mark Unacceptable/No and complete the comments section.</p>					
	Mud score	Are pens maintained in a manner to help cattle have a dry resting area and eliminate wading through mud?				
	Comments:					
FEEDING/WATER						
Water	<p>Clean and clear water should be available at all times. Tanks should not have manure, excessive buildup of algae, or other foreign material. Evaluate a minimum of 10 tanks (if the site has less than 10 tanks then evaluate all tanks). Calculate the percentage that have clean and clear water and record the percentage. Number of tanks with clean and clear water ÷ Total tanks observed x 100 = ____% with clean and clear water.</p> <p>If 70% or more of the tanks have clean and clear water, mark Acceptable/Yes. If not, mark Unacceptable/No and complete the comments section.</p>					
	Water access / cleanliness	Adequate, clean and clear water supply (i.e. no long-term build-up of manure, algae, etc.)				
	Comments:					
Feeding	<p>Feed bunks should be accessible for cattle and they should be clean and free of spoiled, moldy, sour, packed, or unpalatable feed. Evaluate a minimum of 10 bunks (if the site has less than 10 bunks then evaluate all bunks). Calculate the percentage that are clean and free of spoiled, moldy, sour, packed or unpalatable feed and record the percentage. Number of bunks clean ÷ Total bunks observed x 100 = ____% clean bunks.</p> <p>If 70% or more of the bunks are clean and free of spoiled, moldy, sour, packed or unpalatable feed, mark Acceptable/Yes. If not, mark Unacceptable/No and complete the comments section.</p>					
	Feed bunks	Are feed bunks clean and accessible?				
	Comments:					
MAINTAINANCE						
Feeding	<p>The unloading area should be well-maintained, have non-slip footing, and be free of distractions and potentially harmful items.</p> <p>If the unloading area meets the above criteria, mark Acceptable/Yes. If not, mark Unacceptable/No and complete the comments section.</p>					
	Unloading area	Well-maintained, non-slip footing, no broken gates/fencing/etc.				
	Comments:					

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Maintenance	<p>The loading area should be well-maintained, have non-slip footing, and be free of distractions and potentially harmful items.</p> <p>If the loading area meets the above criteria, mark Acceptable/Yes. If not, mark Unacceptable/No and complete the comments section.</p>					
	Loading area	Well-maintained, non-slip footing, no broken gates/fencing/etc.				
	Comments:					
	<p>The processing area should be well-maintained, have non-slip footing, and be free of distractions and potentially harmful items.</p> <p>If the processing area meets the above criteria, mark Acceptable/Yes. If not, mark Unacceptable/No and complete the comments section.</p>					
	Processing area	Well-maintained, non-slip footing, no broken gates/fencing/etc.				
	Comments:					
	<p>The hospital area should be well-maintained, have non-slip footing, and be free of distractions and potentially harmful items.</p> <p>If the hospital area meets the above criteria, mark Acceptable/Yes. If not, mark Unacceptable/No and complete the comments section.</p>					
	Hospital area	Well-maintained, non-slip footing, no broken gates/fencing, feed and water readily available, etc.				
	Comments:					
	<p>Euthanasia equipment should be maintained in good repair and available to trained personnel at all times or ready access to veterinary services should be available.</p> <p>If primary and secondary euthanasia tools are in good repair and accessible to trained personnel or veterinary access is readily available, mark Acceptable/Yes. If not, mark Unacceptable/No and complete the comments section.</p>					
	Euthanasia area	Are primary and secondary euthanasia tools in good repair and accessible for use by trained personnel, or is veterinary access readily available?				
	Comments:					
<p>Machinery should be cleaned and disinfected when different materials are to be contacted (i.e. use for dead animals vs. manure vs. feed).</p> <p>If machinery is cleaned and disinfected when use is changed, mark Acceptable/Yes. If not, mark Unacceptable/No and complete the comments section.</p>						
Machinery	Is machinery, including trucks and loaders, cleaned and disinfected to maintain biosecurity?					
Comments:						



Each box represents 1 observed animal. If a “criteria” item listed is observed, place each corresponding letter in the box for that animal. If none are observed the box will remain blank. For example, if the 5th animal observed is prodded with an electric prod and the animal jumped when exiting the chute, then Box 5 would have an “E” and “J” entered in it.

Cattle Handling Observation Scoresheet

TO - Total Observed _____	Max. less than	P/F
E - Electric Prod used _____ / TO x 100 = _____%	10%	P/F
F - Fell upon release from chute _____ / TO x 100 = _____%	2%	P/F
S - Stumbled / Tripped when released _____ / TO x 100 = _____%	10%	P/F
V - Vocalized in chute before procedures _____ / TO x 100 = _____%	5%	P/F
J - Jumped or Ran when released _____ / TO x 100 = _____%	25%	P/F
M - Miscaught and not readjusted _____ / TO x 100 = _____%	0%	P/F

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11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30
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51	52	53	54	55	56	57	58	59	60
61	62	63	64	65	66	67	68	69	70
71	72	73	74	75	76	77	78	79	80
81	82	83	84	85	86	87	88	89	90
91	92	93	94	95	96	97	98	99	100

Comments:

Pen/Equipment Observation Scoresheet

TO - Total Observed _____	Min. =	P/F
S - Stocking Rate/Space is o.k. _____ / TO x 100 = _____%	0%	P/F
PM - Pen/Mud is o.k. _____ / TO x 100 = _____%	70%	P/F
W - Water is accessible _____ / TO x 100 = _____%	70%	P/F
F - Feedbunks accessible/clean _____ / TO x 100 = _____%	70%	P/F

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30

Comments: