

Nebraska BQA Feedyard Assessment Checklist

Step 1: Beef Quality Assurance Training

Employee training will be accomplished by utilizing one of the BQA training platforms supported by National BQA, Nebraska BQA and the Beef Checkoff. This can be accomplished through a number of options: face- to-face meetings, on-site training at the feedyard, or online at animalcaretraining.org. Many Nebraska Veterinarians and Nebraska Extension Beef Extension Educators are trainers. The training must meet the BQA training requirements as determined by the National BQA standards and Nebraska BQA program.

- Manager/key employee – Certification must be up-to-date and current.
- 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.

Step 2: 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 (Example: Farm Check, Progressive Beef) 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. The BQA Feedyard Assessment document can be found at bqa.unl.edu or bqa.org .

Step 3: Information Release

The feedyard authorizes the Nebraska 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

Step 4: Send Documentation

Mail Information Release Form and copy of completed BQA Feedyard Assessment (or Third Party Audit) to:

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