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BEEF QUALITY ASSURANCE

All producers supplying “fed cattle” to Tyson must be BQA certified after January 1, 2019

Beef Quality Assurance (BQA) training and certification is now required for beef producers selling “fed cattle” (finished beef steers and heifers coming out of a feedlot) that ultimately are processed through Tyson and National Beef packers come January 1, 2019. This BQA requirement currently only applies to “fed beef cattle” and does not include market cows, market bulls, or any dairy animals. Currently, other packers are making plans to also require BQA training and the industry anticipates that more than “fed beef cattle” will be included in the future. When/if that happens, all cow-calf producers, stocker/background, and dairy producers will more than likely need to be BQA certified at some point in the future. BQA certification is good for 3 years and the program is free to producers either in the face-to-face or on-line formats.

On-line BQA training: On-line BQA training is available for producers through the national BQA training/certification program at www.bqa.org. There are three modules available to producers at this site; cow-calf, stocker/background, and feedlot. As of Jan 1, 2019, Producers only need to complete one module to receive a BQA number and this is currently accepted by Tyson. Upon completion of the on-line training, the producer will need to print their BQA certificate and provide that information to their auction market or packer buyer just like the state BQA procedure.