

## WHAT IS BEEF QUALITY ASSURANCE TRANSPORTATION?

Beef Quality Assurance Transportation (BQAT) plays a critical role in the health and welfare of cattle. The proper handling and transport of cattle can reduce sickness in calves, prevent bruises, and improve the quality of the meat from these animals. When a transporter participates in the BQAT program, they are showing their customers and beef consumers they are ready to take every step possible to ensure the health and safety of the cattle in which they are transporting.

The program covers many topics including:

- Cattle handling principles and guidelines
- Checklists for loading/unloading
- Checklists for hot/cold weather factors
- Evaluation of Fitness for Transport
- Checklist for traveling
- Loading suggestions and worksheets
- Biosecurity & Emergency Action Plans



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Beef Quality Assurance (BQA) is a nationally coordinated, state implemented program which provides science-based education to producers to enhance carcass quality and safety while also improving animal care. The program has evolved to include best practices around stockmanship, good record keeping, and herd health, which can result in increased profit for producers.

BQA is designed to make certain all beef consumers can take pride in what they purchase – and can trust and have confidence in the entire beef industry.

## BEEF QUALITY ASSURANCE CERTIFICATION:

- Complete your certification online by visiting [www.BQA.org](http://www.BQA.org)
  - » Available on-demand. Start and stop as you please. Estimated time to complete the training is 2.5 hours.
  - » Select the training most appropriate for your cattle operation: Cow-Calf, Stocker/Backgrounder, or Feedyard.
- Or attend a local, in-person training
  - » Trainings organized by local BQA trainers and experts, contact your BQA state coordinator to learn about opportunities.



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