

February 2019

News & Info

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[Fundamentals of Ration Balancing for Beef Cattle Part VI: The Mechanics of Putting a Ration Together](#)

BEEF QUALITY ASSURANCE EXPLAINED

What is BQA?

Beef Quality Assurance is a nationally coordinated, state implemented program that provides systematic information to U.S. beef producers and beef consumers of how common sense husbandry techniques can be coupled with accepted scientific knowledge to raise cattle under optimum management and environmental conditions. BQA guidelines are 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.

BQA programs have evolved to include best practices around good record keeping and protecting herd health, which can result in more profits for producers. When better quality cows leave the farm and reach the market place, the producer, packer, and consumer all benefit. When better quality beef reaches the supermarket, consumers are more confident in the beef they are buying, and this increases beef consumption.

The efforts of BQA across the nation have been instrumental in recent successes that continue to re-build and sustain beef demand. Through BQA programs, producers recognize the economic value of committing to quality beef production at every level - not just at the feedlot or packing plant, but within every segment of the cattle industry.

Why Do You Need BQA?

In 2019 several major processors will require BQA Certification including:

- Cattle Feeders
- Cattle Suppliers
- Cattle Sellers
- Cattle Haulers

How Do You Get Certified?

1) Go online at www.bqa.org/certification/missouri

2) Take the **FREE** Training and Certification Course Presented by:

Dr. Craig Payne, Veterinary Extension & Continuing Education for the University of Missouri
in person at the Sale Barn in Gainesville on Thursday, February 21st 1-3pm

- Sponsored by BQA, Ozark County Extension, Missouri Farm Bureau and Soil and Water Conservation District of Ozark County

ANNUAL Publications available at the Ozark County Extension Office



Events & Programs

4-H Feeding Missouri Food Drive - Fighting Hunger Across Missouri

Synthetic Auxin Herbicide Training Lab – 3 Locations

January 16th in Barton County

January 24th in Dade County

January 29th in Jasper County

Warm Season Grass Cattle Grazing Workshop – Monday, January 28th at 6pm at the Vernon County Fairground Diner in Nevada

Warm Season Grass Cattle Grazing Workshop – Friday, February 1st at the Immanuel Lutheran Church and School in Lockwood

Missouri's Complex Fence Law Explained - Monday, February 4th 6:30-8:30 at the Ozark County Extension Office in Gainesville

Area Private Applicator Training Classes – This face-to-face training provides certification to obtain a Missouri Private Pesticide Applicators License for agricultural producers and will also count for recertification requirements by the state. The training will not certify for commercial application licenses. Must be 18 years or older. The license is valid for 5 years and may be renewed. Cost is \$25 for materials and Pre-Registration is required.

Texas County – January 29th

Howell County – February 5th

Stone County – February 8th

Ozark County – Monday, February 11th at 6pm at the Ozark County Extension Office in Gainesville

Lawrence County – February 11th

Wright County – February 13th

Greene County – February 15th

Webster County – February 18th

Douglas County – February 20th

Christian County – February 27th

Barry County – February 28th

Taney County – March 11th

ReproGene 2019 – ~~Thursday, February 7th at 4:30 in Nevada~~ **CANCELLED DUE TO WEATHER**

Cattle Producers Workshop – Monday, February 11th at 6pm in Stockton

50th Annual Beef Cattlemen’s Conference – Tuesday, February 12th first session starts at 3:30pm in Monett

Building Your Business Plan – Thursday, February 14th from 5:30-8:30pm in Springfield

Taney County Livestock & Forage Conference – Thursday, February 19th from 6-8:45pm in Forsyth

Regional Hay Workshop – Thursday, February 21st at 8:30am in Lamar

Beef Quality Assurance Training and Certification Class –Thursday, February 21st 1-3pm at the Gainesville Livestock Auction, **Gainesville**

REGISTER FOR THIS FREE CLASS at the Ozark County Extension Office –

CALL 417-679-3525 OR EMAIL OzarkCo@missouri.edu

Growing Local Food Economies Conference – Thursday, February 21st offered in four locations- Columbia, Kansas City, St. Louis & Springfield

*****NEW*** Woodland Stewards for Landowners Webinar Series** – Thursday’s beginning February 21st – March 14th

Blueberry School – Two-Day Conference February 22nd & 23rd in Springfield

35th Annual Southwest Missouri Spring Forage Conference – Tuesday, February 26th at the Oasis Hotel and Convention Center in Springfield

Called to Care for Kids – Saturday, March 2nd in Springfield

Preventing and Responding to Disease Outbreak Workshops – Five locations from 10am-3:15pm

Versailles – March 6th

Springfield – March 8th

Jackson – March 13th

Kirksville – March 15th

St. Joseph – March 18th

Spring Beef & Forage Conference - Thursday, March 14th 5:30-8:30pm at the High School in **Gainesville**

Alliance for Grassland Renewal 1-Day School Monday, March 18, 2019, 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. at the Southwest Research Center in Mt. Vernon

Science on Wheels Let us know if you're interested in having a Science on Wheels Event!



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