

Beef Quality Assurance Training to be held in Cattaraugus County

Beef Quality Assurance is a national program that provides training to beef and dairy cattle producers in food safety, proper cattle handling techniques, handling of animal health products, injection sites, and record keeping. The goal of this program is to maximize consumer confidence and acceptance of beef by focusing the producer's attention to daily production practices that influence the safety, wholesomeness, and quality of beef and beef products.

All beef producers are welcome to participate in this BQA Certification training to be held in Cattaraugus County on Saturday, October 12, 2019, from 10 am – 3 pm. The classroom training & lunch will be held from 10 am until 12:30 pm, at Bingham Hall, 5381 Depot Street, West Valley, NY. The hands-on chute side training will follow through 3 pm, hosted by Valley View Farm, Nathan & Chelsey Nelson, 8567 Route 240, Machias, NY. Dr. Shannon Carpenter, Veterinarian with the NYS Department of Ag & Markets, will teach this Beef Quality Assurance program. The fee to cover the cost of lunch and the BQA program will be \$15 per adult or \$8 per youth. Producers can access the BQA manual at the following website: https://www.bqa.org/Media/BQA/Docs/bqa_manual_final.pdf OR can request a copy for a fee by contacting Lisa Kempisty at Cornell Cooperative Extension.

To accurately plan for lunch, pre-registration is required by October 4th by contacting Lisa Kempisty, Cornell Cooperative Extension Educator at 716-664-9502 Ext 203 or ljk4@cornell.edu.

We look forward to having interested producers attend this important educational program to learn more to ensure the safety and quality of the beef we produce and market.