



NY Beef Farm of Excellence Score Card

200 Points Total – must get 90% (180 points)

A. Physical/Visual Farm Judging – 60 points

Buildings, Grounds and Surroundings

30 Points Max

- 10 points** - Building condition, clean and attractively finished – farmstead should be visually welcoming, buildings maintained appropriately, free of visible damage and deterioration (eg broken windows, missing siding, roof damage, etc)
- 10 points** - Landscaping – should be neat and appropriate, extent of landscaping should not be weighed heavily
- 5 points** - Ditches, fences, roads and lanes – neat and free of debris and excessive weeds, well graded and have neat and uniform appearance, good repair and free of debris (eg fence line free of plastic caught on it)
- 5 points** - Machinery – stored or parked in an orderly manner

Farm Operations

30 Points Max

- 10 points** - Animals – all livestock visible from public roads should represent a live, healthy & clean appearance
- 8 points** - Barnyard – livestock areas should be neat and free of manure piles and unsightly conditions
- 6 points** - Manure Handling & Cleanliness of Roads – manure storage facility and equipment should be neat, tracking of mud and manure from handling should be minimal
- 3 points** - Feed Storage Areas – feed areas should be free from plastic, garbage and other unsightly debris, maintained in a neat and orderly way
- 3 points** - Unnecessary Items – the property should be free of debris and garbage, obviously deteriorated machinery and other unnecessary items

B. Farm Practices - 140 points possible (listed below)

- 50 points - Must have at least BQA Level I Certified
- 30 more points - BQA Level II Certified
- 30 points - Vaccination Protocol in place – documentation?
- 30 points - Record Keeping – how they keep records

C. Additional Points Awarded

- 20 points AEM Tiers 1 and 2 – SWCD can provide a certificate to farm
- 20 points NYSCHAP – state vet can provide confirmation to farm
- 20 points MBA – the farmer can print out their certificate