

Cattle Newsletter

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Value to the Industry

Beef Quality Assurance (BQA) does more than just help beef producers capture more value from their market cattle, BQA also reflects a positive public image and instills consumer confidence in the beef industry. When producers implement the best management practices of a BQA program, they assure their market steers, heifers, cows, and bulls are the best they can be. Today, the stakes are even higher because of increased public attention on animal welfare. BQA is valuable to all beef and dairy producers because it:

- Demonstrates commitment to food safety and quality
- Safeguards the public image of the dairy industry
- Upholds consumer confidence in valuable beef products
- Protects the beef industry from additional and burdensome government regulation
- Improves sale value of marketed beef cattle
- Enhances herd profitability through better management

Becoming BQA Certified gives cattle producers power in numbers. To schedule a BQA Certified training on your farm or for more information contact Micah Orfield, Extension Agent, Agriculture at (336) 846-5850.

2010-2017 Beef Quality Assurance



Keep in Mind

While Feeding This Winter:

- Frozen ground that thaws just a bit on top can be slick and dangerous.
- Avoid pulling loads up or down slopes when traction conditions are poor such as heavy dew, rain, snow or dry hard soil.
- Check tractor tires to make sure they are properly inflated.
- If on a slope and tractor feels unstable turn downhill if possible unless pulling a load, then turn uphill if possible.
- Always reduce speed when on steep slopes to reduce tipping momentum from hitting unseen holes, bumps, cattle patterns, or other obstacles.
- Scout the area so you are aware of obstacles before hand
- Don't try stopping hay bales that get away.
- Always wear your seatbelt.



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Upcoming Stocker Calves Meeting



GAINING WEIGHT

- FEED
- PASTURE
- HAY

STAYING HEALTHY

- VACCINES
- ANTIBIOTICS

Saturday, January 20, 2018

7:00 A.M. - 8:00 A.M.

**Country House Restaurant
9187 NC HWY 194
Lansing, NC**

***BREAKFAST
PROVIDED!***

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Please RSVP before January 18, 2018 by calling the North Carolina Cooperative Extension, Ashe County Center at (336) 846-5850.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Micah Orfield".

Micah Orfield
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