



Dear Valued Supplier:

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National Beef is strongly committed to the highest level of integrity surrounding the quality and food safety of our products and the welfare of the cattle that move through our facilities. Continuing this commitment is not only one of our core philosophies, but also reflects the values and requirements of our valued customers throughout the U.S. and across the world.

National Beef understands that any commitment to quality and food safety begins with the dedication, hard work and expertise of our valued supply partners. With this in mind, National Beef conducted a search and review for a systematic program approach for our direct live animal suppliers that would offer the guidance, training and auditing required for an effective program, while also allowing for the flexibility needed across regions and diverse operations.

After careful consideration, National Beef has determined that the Beef Quality Assurance (BQA) meets our objectives as the certification entity for our direct live animal suppliers.

- **BQA Certification is required by National Beef for all direct beef suppliers as of January 1, 2019.**
- BQA certification is free and information and resources for the program can be found at www.bqa.org.



As we move forward with implementation of the Beef Quality Assurance certification requirement, we strongly urge our direct suppliers to visit the BQA website to familiarize themselves with the resources available. To begin the certification process, visit the BQA certification site at <https://bqa.beeflearningcenter.org/>.

If you have any questions regarding your BQA certification, please contact your National Beef representative.

Sincerely,

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About the Beef Quality Assurance Program



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



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 cattle leave the farm and reach the market place, the producer, packer, and consumer all benefit.

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 and within every segment of the cattle industry.



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