

# **Beef Quality Assurance Training**

**Monday, November 17, - 6pm to 9 pm  
Academy Building, Room 212, Dallas, OR**

**or**

**Tuesday, November 18 - 9 am to 12 noon  
North Willamette Research and Extension Center from**

Oregon State University Extension and the Polk County Livestock Association have teamed up to present two Beef Quality Assurance programs in November. These events will feature Beef Quality Assurance educational sessions that will help Oregon beef producers apply quality assurance practices and become BQA certified.

Topics to be covered at the workshop includes: 1. Management practices that inspire a commitment to quality production at every level. 2. Beef production benchmarks through national BQA audits. 3. How to establish best management practices as standard operating procedures. 4. Documenting and verifying management/husbandry practices throughout the supply chain. 5. Managing cattle to reduce the incidence of common cattle diseases. 6. Preventing the introduction and spread of foreign or emerging animal diseases.

We'll demonstrate and discuss some of the cattle management practices that are becoming more important to the cattle industry as we continue to work on improving the quality and consistency of our beef products, says Gene Pirelli, OSU's Extension Regional Livestock and Forage Specialist. Log on to the BQA website at <http://www.bqa.wsu.edu/> for more details. BQA focuses on pre-harvest supply chain management concepts that ensure domestic and international beef consumers enjoy ready access to a beef supply that consistently satisfies customer expectations – and is safe and wholesome.

These trainings are intended to be informative, educational, community-oriented events for the whole family. All beef producers, regardless of the size of the operation, are encouraged to attend and learn about this very important part of our day-to-day business. Oregon BQA programming is sponsored in part by Beef Check-off dollars.

There is no charge for these workshops, however pre-registration is requested in order to plan for workshop materials. To pre-register, call the Polk County OSU Extension Office at 503-623-8395 or email [gene.pirelli@oregonstate.edu](mailto:gene.pirelli@oregonstate.edu)