

Beef Quality Assurance Training is coming to Kansas

BQA is an acronym from Beef Quality Assurance. It's a program designed to equip cattle producing farmers and ranchers with best management practices, and an awareness of animal welfare issues that are in the public eye. Often times this training is a requirement for value added programs. Like source verified or certified beef programs.

In 2020, the program will be held in four auction markets across the state including Holton, Hutchinson, Mankato, and Fort Scott. The Fort Scott, Kansas session will take place from 6:00 pm until 9:00 pm on Tuesday, March 24, at the Fort Scott Livestock Market located at 2132 Maple Road.

Anyone with an interest in producing cattle in a sustainable manner can attend, free of charge. All local farmers and ranchers are invited, and I would even suggest an invitation to older 4-H and FFA members who participate in a beef project!

The topics will include, animal husbandry best management practices, downed animal care and humane euthanasia, low stress handling techniques, improving working facilities, and how antibiotics and vaccines work.

To register to attend, and receive a free meal - courtesy of Kansas.beef.org, e-mail john@kansasbeef.org or call 785-273-5225. Also, you can always contact me, Christopher Petty, at the Southwind Extension District – Fort Scott Office at 620-223-3720.