

Beef Quality Assurance Certification Class

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Cumberland County Cooperative Extension will present a Beef Quality Assurance (BQA) Certification Class on March 3 starting at 6:30 p.m. at the Bladen County Cooperative Extension Office located at 450 Smith Circle in Elizabethtown. The BQA Program's mission is to maximize consumer confidence of beef by focusing the producers' attention to daily production practices that influence the safety, wholesomeness, and quality of beef. BQA includes record keeping, injection site management, feeding, and animal care. Some cattle sales require BQA certification.

This training is open to all Cumberland County beef producers free of charge. Producers who want to become certified must attend the class, pass the test, and pay certification fees. Costs are \$15 for three years of certification for NC Cattlemen's Association members and \$40 for non-members. The fee for non-members includes a membership to the NC Cattlemen's Association.

Please bring a check to the training made payable to NC Cattlemen's Association. To register, contact Liz Joseph at the Cumberland County Extension office at (910) 321-6862 by Feb. 27.

For accommodations for persons with disabilities, contact Liz Joseph at (910)321-6862 or elizabeth_joseph@ncsu.edu at least five days before the event.

