



Dear Valued Supplier:

April 2, 2018

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 maintaining the health and welfare of cattle entering our facilities requires the commitment, hard work and expertise of our valued transportation partners. With this in mind, National Beef conducted a search and review for a systematic program approach for our live animal transporters that would offer the guidance, training and auditing required for an effective program, while also allowing for the flexibility needed across diverse operations.

After careful consideration, National Beef has chosen to align itself with Beef Quality Assurance Transportation program (BQAT) as the certification entity for our cattle transporters.

- **BQAT Certification is required by National beef for all cattle transporters delivering to our facilities as of January 1, 2020.**
- BQAT 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 Transportation certification requirement, we strongly urge cattle transporters working with National Beef and our cattle feeders to visit the BQA website to familiarize themselves with the resources available and to begin the certification process. To begin the certification process, please www.BQA.org

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

Sincerely,

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About the BQA Transportation Program



Transportation quality assurance plays a critical role in the health and welfare of cattle. The proper handling and transport of cattle can reduce sickness, prevent bruises and injury, and improve the quality of the meat from these animals.



By using best practices, cattle transporters can drive value and efficiency for themselves and the industry. When a transporter participates in the program they are showing they are ready to take every step possible to keep cattle as healthy and safe as possible.

The BQA Transportation program covers a diverse range of topics critical to managing live animals in the transportation environment. Areas of focus include cattle handling, hot and cold weather strategies and bio-security among other critical considerations. As part of the BQA initiative there is no charge for becoming BQAT certified.



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