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BQA Update

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As you all know, we are revamping the BQA program and moving to an electronic database. This will allow for data searches, such as when we get a call from a buying group or the national BQA program asking if “John Doe” is BQA certified in NM. The ability to answer that question with the existing database is very difficult. A lot of the data we currently have in the database is incomplete. Contact information is crucial for the database to be searchable. Sonja Jo Serna has done a remarkable job in developing the program we will be using. Sonja Jo, along with our student intern, Cheyanne Carlisle, has spent many long hours moving data from a spreadsheet, or from test archives, to the new program. We certainly would not be moving into the electronic age without these two, and the effort they have put into this program.

The summary of how the program will operate moving forward is:

BQA Certification is good for three calendar years; the first year may be shortened depending on the month when initial certification occurs. To recertify, we must have on file a completed Veterinary Client Patient Relationship (VCPR), Critical Management Plan (CMP) and documentation of 6 hours of Continuing Education Units (CEU).

For 2020:

Whenever you (or a local association) host a BQA certification training in your county, you can access the necessary forms from the website. There are two forms that are fillable PDF's, one to register attendees that are seeking BQA certification, and another for registering those attendees seeking Continuing Education Credits (CEU). Once you access the forms online, you can fill in the top of the form, which is asking information about the training, such as location, county, county agent, date.... etc. You can fill it in then print out your anticipated needs for both forms. There will also be the “VCPR and CMP” forms available for you to provide to those becoming certified. They need to fill those forms out and return them to you ASAP after the training. After the training, you can scan and email all of the completed forms back to campus or mail them back to us for the data entry. You will be provided all of these documents, including testing materials and PowerPoints when you attend one of the three “Train the Trainer” events we will be having in each district. Any producer whose BQA certification expired as of December 2019 will need to meet the recertification requirements sometime in 2020. We are using this year to fix our database and therefore are more concerned about acquiring everyone's correct contact info that can be entered into the database, than keeping track of expired

certifications. So 2020 is a “fix it” year, and we need everyone’s help in getting your producers’ information into the database on a county by county basis.

For 2021- when we go “live”:

Once we have an operational program, you will host and document the trainings as above. What will occur in 2021, is you, as the home county agent, will have the ability to view the producer list designated as producers residing or based in your home county. When you view this list, you will be able to see that they have on file a VCPR, CMP, and how many CEU they have to date. You will be able to assist them in making sure they are meeting all necessary requirements for recertification. If all necessary components for recertification are completed and recorded, then no action will be necessary for recertification to occur. Each producer whose file is complete will automatically be recertified when his or her certification is expiring.

If you host a producer meeting that provides training in any areas involving cattle health, well- being or management, this would qualify for BQA CEU’s. It will be one-hour CEU for each hour of active training. This will not include lunch breaks, etc. Hour for hour credit for active time receiving training. We will be in each district for a “Train the Trainer” and will be able to answer any question you may have, and we will provide you with a flash drive with all necessary presentations, forms and testing materials for you to conduct a BQA training. I hope that this information will get you started and at the district training, we can clear up any details you need clarified.

Calendar of Events

Spring Herd Health Let’s Talk Mineral

De Baca County Cooperative Extension Office
905 North 1st Street, Fort Sumner, NM 88119
Free to Attend, RSVP appreciated, 355-2381
March 12, 2020

Bull Production Workshop

March 13, 5:30 pm
Quay County Fair Barn
1100 S. Camino Del Coronado
Tucumcari, NM 88401

Tucumcari Bull Sale, March 14

Northern NM Bull Management Educational Series

When and Where:
March 21-22 Ghost Ranch Feed Lot
(Rio Arriba)

Don't forget to change your
clocks Saturday, March 7th!



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