

WV Quality Assurance Feeder Cattle Marketing Enrollment Checklist

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The following is a guide for the general qualifications and requirements for a producer interested in joining a marketing pool or for a group of producers wanting to develop a marketing pool. Many items are handled by individual marketing pools in accordance with their desired marketing time table.

1. Prepare and implement comprehensive herd health program (spring)
2. Evaluate genetic potential of bulls—purchase performance evaluated sires with desirable growth and carcass values.
3. Complete Beef Quality Assurance Training and /or attend a Level II continuing education program.
4. Enroll in a source and age verification program. Contact Ronnie Helmondollar for QA ear tag needs if enrolled with Integrated Technology Services (ITS).
5. Contact a marketing pool for possible membership or one of the livestock marketing agents if you have load lot potential (49,000 lbs. of same sex calves).
6. Maintain detailed treatment records, particularly for calves requiring antibiotic treatment.

Management Calendar

July:

- Prepare fields and begin stockpiling forage to wean calves
- Pull bulls to avoid pregnant heifer penalties

August:

- Order vaccine and preconditioning feed
- Initiate calf vaccination protocol

September:

- Wean calves and contact WVDA to have calves graded
- Review grade sheet for accuracy and submit data to program coordinator ASAP
- Review sale sheet for accuracy
- Monitor calf health and performance

October/November:

- Make transportation arrangements for hauling calves to delivery site
- Confirm delivery date and location