



# Regional Beef Notes

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## New Animal ID Rules Effective in March

Jessica Anderson, Extension Agent, Anson County Center

The Federal Government has issued new rules and regulations regarding animal identification when animals are moved out of state effective as of March 11, 2013. These rules dictate which animals must have official ID to be transported out of state. Below are the most important rules of note to local beef producers. If you have any questions, please contact your local Extension Office or NCDA Vet Division. Please remember that these rules only apply when crossing state lines. If animals are only moved within North Carolina, these rules do not apply.

### #1- Feeder calves (18 months of age or younger) are exempt from official ID.

If you have feeder calves and live in Chesterfield County, South Carolina and typically take them to a livestock market in North Carolina you are exempt from official ID tags on each animal as long as they are under 18 months of age.

### #2.- Cull cows and bulls going directly to slaughter are exempt.

If you live in North Carolina and take animals for slaughter, old cull cows or bulls to a South Carolina plant, they are exempt from official ID requirements.

### #3- All intact males or females, either dairy or beef, moving interstate are under regulations of this law. They must have:

1. Official ID
2. A Health Certificate from a veterinarian listing each animal individually by their ID number.

This is of note to beef producers who may acquire animals from out of state.

If purchasing replacement females or bulls at a sale out of state, the breeder should provide the health certificate and the animal should be tagged.

### What is official ID for cattle?

1. NUES (brite)  
TAGS – These are the metal ear tags



Metal brite tag

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## Two Field Days - Add to your calendar Part of Stanly County Cattlemen's Bimonthly Education Program

**June 6, 2013, 4 pm**

**Fencing Workshop with**

**Pasture Management Systems, Inc.**

**Location** – Thurman Burleson & Sons Farm (Cow Unit)  
Burris-Burleson Rd, Richfield, NC 28137



- Work will include high tensile fence construction that can be used for perimeter fences or cross fencing, including brace construction, post driving, and more.
- Demonstrations will also include temporary fencing equipment and methods which can be used for rotational or strip grazing to increase forage efficiencies in our pastures.
- We'll also work with the "Gripple System" in a fix-knot wire fence.
- "Gripple is the fastest way to install & repair wire fence and brace fence posts, 4x faster than traditional methods. The Gripple Plus joiners connect all types of wire fencing and can be re-tensioned anytime with the Gripple Torq Tensioning Tool. Gripples eliminate the need for ratchet strainers, stretchers, come-alongs, knots, and crimps, saving time, labor, and materials for every fence-building project."
- We'll also learn and observe how rotational grazing and forage management can increase forage efficiencies therefore cutting winter feed costs and time and labor.

**August 8, 2013, 4 pm**

**Summer Grazing**

**Demonstrations**

**Location** – Hardy Creek Farms

4580 Plank Rd, Norwood, NC 28128

*("Amazing Grazing" Program with Dr. Matt Poore) -*

Summer annual grazing, using pasture management techniques such as strip grazing will be observed and discussed.



We will also work with Sara Milteer, Sales Representative with Dow AgroSciences, on herbicide selection and use as a tool in forage management strategies.

### 2013 Feeder Cattle Sales Schedule

**July 11**

**Feeder Cattle Sale**

**July 18**

**Added Value BQA Feeder Cattle Sale**

**August 15**

**Feeder Cattle Sale**

**September 5**

**Added Value BQA Feeder Cattle Sale**

**September 12**

**Feeder Cattle Sale**

### **Union County Fecal Samples– May 16th**

**Union County Ag Center– Sponsored by Merck and Carolinas Animal Health**

**For more information call the Union County Extension Office or Carolinas Animal Health**

#### **Instructions on collecting fecal samples:**

Begin collecting samples today and keep them cool (refrigerated) **DO NOT FREEZE SAMPLES**. Samples will keep under refrigerated conditions for 30+ days. We can evaluate internal parasite levels as well as coccidiosis levels. To take a sample, take a Ziploc bag, turn it inside out, collect the sample, and pull the bag upright to its normal position. Samples should be taken from every group of animals on the farm (heifers, cows, calves, stockers, horses, goats, sheep, etc...).

Collect up to 17-20 fecal samples from each group (if group is 100 + head) of animals on the farm. If the group is smaller than 100 head collect samples from about 10 % of the animals in the group. All together we need no more than a golf ball size amount of 'fresh' manure in each sample bag.

**Place a golf ball size amount of manure in a zip lock bag. Clearly identify each ziploc bag with a familiar name or code. You will need to know what these different samples represent so they mean something to you. Individual ear tag numbers are not necessary.**



## 2013 Norwood Area Value-Added BQA, Preconditioned Feeder Cattle Sales

Approved by Area Feeder Cattle committee on 11/29/12  
Steve Lemons, NC Cooperative Extension, Livestock Agent

### Sale Requirements

- Producers must have a current BQA (Beef Quality Assurance) certification.
- Farm must have a premise identification number.
- Calves will be tagged with Value-Added BQA sale tags. For further information regarding tagging cattle for these sales please contact Steve Lemons at (704-983-3987 or [steve\\_lemons@ncsu.edu](mailto:steve_lemons@ncsu.edu)) or Bruce Shankle at (704-826-8848 or [ebsfarms@windstream.net](mailto:ebsfarms@windstream.net)).
- Calves must be weaned and bunk broke at least 45 days before the sale date.
- Final vaccinations (2<sup>nd</sup> set of shots) must be given at least 3 weeks before the sale date.
- 1<sup>st</sup> set of shots should be given 2 to 4 weeks before Final Vaccinations according to label directions.
- **All heifers will be guaranteed open and traced back to the individual producer via the sale tags if found otherwise. (How the producer decides to guarantee them open is up to his/her individual management decision.)**
- Vaccination records, dates and products must be maintained and provided to the market operator if requested.
- Cattle will be graded, weighed and penned according to grade, weight, breed and sex. **Over filled cattle will not be graded.** Cattle will be graded and sold in truckload lots whenever possible.
- Sire ID recommended, but not required.

### Health Requirements

**All Beef Quality Assurance (BQA) cattle marketed through the Norwood Area BQA sales will follow the preconditioning protocol detailed below.**

#### **Health Requirements:**

- 2 Doses of modified live respiratory vaccine (**Bovi-Shield GOLD® 5**)
- 2 Doses of clostridial/blackleg (**ULTRABAC® 7/Somubac®** and **One Shot Ultra®**)
- 1 Dose of pasteurella vaccine (**One Shot Ultra®**)
- This dose is administered in combination products in order to reduce the number of injection sites.
- 1 Dose of Haemophilus Somnus (**ULTRABAC® 7/Somubac®**)

- This dose is administered in combination products in order to reduce the number of injection sites.
- Parasite Control with **Dectomax®** (pour-on or injectable) or **Valbazen®**.
- **\*\*\*All animal health products should be administered according to label directions.**

### **Vaccine Schedule Example**

#### **If 1st Set of Vaccinations is given at Weaning**

<b>At Weaning (1st set of shots)</b>	<b>2-4 weeks later (2<sup>nd</sup> Set of Shots)</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• One dose of <b>Bovi-Shield GOLD® 5</b></li> <li>• One dose of <b>ULTRABAC® 7/Somubac®</b></li> <li>• Parasite control with <b>Dectomax®</b> or <b>Valbazen®</b></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Booster dose of <b>Bovi-Shield GOLD® 5</b></li> <li>• Booster dose of <b>ONE SHOT ULTRA®</b></li> <li>• Administer Value-Added BQA Tags</li> </ul>

**\*If cattle are weaned and processed for the first BQA sale and held over for the second BQA sale then a third dose of respiratory vaccine is NOT required. The stress and handling of cattle again outweighs the benefits of a third dose if it was administered correctly the first time.**

**\*The 1st set of vaccinations can be administered after the weaning date to allow cattle to settle.**

<b>Sale Dates</b>	<b>Last Weaning Date</b>	<b>Last date for Final Shots (2nd Set)</b>
<b>July 18</b>	<b>June 3</b>	<b>June 27</b>
<b>Sept 5</b>	<b>July 22</b>	<b>August 15</b>

popular in the TB days. These are free from the State, Contact the NCDA Vet Division for these tags.

2. BANGs (orange) TAGS
3. “840” TAGS
4. “900” Series Manufacturer TAGS- These tags will be phased out by the year 2015.

**#4- All cattle of any age used for rodeo, shows, exhibitions, or recreational events must have official ID and health certificates with each animal listed individually.**

This includes animals taken out of state for

Photos in this article from: [mn.gov/bah](http://mn.gov/bah) Minnesota Board of Ani-

livestock shows. Breed registration numbers will not count as official ID and they must be tagged with one of the four tags listed above.

There are other regulations concerning dairy cows, horses, captive deer, sheep, goats, and swine. For more information or questions, contact your local Extension office or local NCDA Vet Division Tech.



An “840” series RFID Tag – With the US Seal

## Upcoming Events

<i>Union County Fecal Workshop, Union County Ag Center.....</i>	<b>May 16, 2013</b>
<i>For more information contact Carolinas Animal Health or Union County Extension Office</i>	
<i>Anson County Cattlemen’s Association Meeting, 7pm, Anson Extension Office .....</i>	<b>June 11, 2013</b>
<i>Private Pesticide Credits, Anson County, NODX.....</i>	<b>July 9, 2013</b>
<i>Feeder Calf Sale .....</i>	<b>July 11, 2013</b>
<i>BQA Sale .....</i>	<b>July 18, 2013</b>

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