October is BQA Month!

October is Beef Quality Assurance Month in New York! For beef producers who are not currently BQA certified, trainings are being offered across the state to provide easy access to BQA certification. Again this year, producers who certify or recertify during the promotion will be entered in a drawing with a Grand Prize $250 gift certificate for Boehringer Ingelheim animal health products. Also Kent Feeds will be offering one 50# bag of FrameWork Minerals at each training.

BQA is a national program for beef producers that provides science based management practices that enhance carcass quality and safety and improve animal care. BQA works to return more profits to producers and to protect consumer confidence in our beef supply. The BQA program is producer based, voluntary and locally led.

Details for trainings can also be found on the New York Beef Council website www.nybeef.org in the Cattlemen’s Corner or contact the NY Beef Council at 315.339.6922 or email cgillis@nybeef.org. Preregistration is required.

October 2, Friday
Area: Steuben & surrounding counties
Time: 6-9 pm
Location: Empire Livestock, Bath
Cost: $20/person, $10 each additional person from farm includes dinner & manual
DVM Trainer: Dr. Guy Hammond DVM, Steuben veterinary Clinic
Registration: Kerri Bartlett, CCE Steuben, ksb29@cornell.edu , 607.583.3170

October 3, Saturday
Area: Delaware and surrounding counties
Time: 9:30 am – 2:30 pm
Location: Ed & Donna Weber, Webcrest Farm, 340 Paul Rabeler Rd, Bovina Center
Cost: $10 per person, 1 manual provided per farm
Sponsored by NYC Watershed Agricultural Program and CCE Delaware County
DVM trainer: Dr. Dwight Bruno
Registration: Janet Aldrich, CCE Delaware, 607.865.6531, jla14@cornell.edu

October 8, Thursday
Area: Columbia & surrounding counties
Time: 5 - 8:30 pm
Location: Trowbridge Farms, 164 Waltermire Rd, Ghent
Cost: $5 per person plus $10 manual (one per farm/family)
DVM trainer: Copake Animal Hospital
Registration: Tom Gallagher  tjg3@cornell.edu, 518.577.0958

October 10, Saturday
Area: Yates and surrounding counties
Time: 9 am – 12 pm
Location: Classroom (9 am): Shoff Farms, 2296 Havens Corners Rd. Penn Yan
Cost: $10 BQA manual (one per family or farm)
DVM trainer: Eastview Veterinary Clinic
Registration: Barb Jones, 607-255-7712, bij6@cornell.edu

October 17, Saturday
Area: Ontario, Livingston counties
Time: 10 am – 3 pm
Location: Classroom (10 am): CCE Ontario Office, 480 N. Main St, Canandaigua
Chuteside: Frank and Sara Fessner, 6899 Gauss Rd, Bloomfield
Cost: $15 lunch $10 BQA manual (one per family or farm)
DVM trainer: Becky TenEyck, DVM, vaccines provided by Zoetis
Registration: Cathy Wallace, CCE NWNY Team, 585.343.3040 x138, cfw6@cornell.edu

October 19, Monday
Area: Cortland, Tompkins counties
Time: 6 pm – 9 pm
Location: Simme Valley, 6493 Stauber Rd, Groton
Cost: $10 manual (one per farm or family)
DVM trainer:
Registration: Heather Birdsall, CCE Cortland, 607.753.5222, hhb6@cornell.edu

October 19, Monday
Area: Herkimer & surrounding counties
Time: 6 pm- 9pm
Location: Windecker Farm, Minots Corners Rd, Schuyler
Cost: TBD
Registration: Herkimer CCE, 315.866.7920, bma3@cornell.edu

October 23, Friday
Area: Niagara & surrounding counties
Time: 6 - 9 pm
Location: Paul Strobel Farm, 3690 Coomer Rd, Newfane
Cost: $5 per person plus $10 manual (one per farm/family)
DVM trainer: Dr. Katie Shaw, vaccines provided by Zoetis
Registration: Cathy Wallace, CCE NWNY Team, 585.343.3040 x138 or cfw6@cornell.edu

October 24
Area: Wyoming & surrounding counties
Time: 10-2 pm
Location: McCormick Cattle Co., 1878 Stedman Rd, Bennington
Cost: $5/person, $10 for BQA manual (one per family or farm)
Registration: Cathy Wallace, CCE NWNY Team, 585.343.3040 x138, cfw6@cornell.edu
Sponsored by: Western Region NYBPA

October 26, Monday
Area: Onondaga and surrounding counties
Time: 5:30 pm – 9 pm
Location: Shepard Settlement Farm, 4654 NW Townline Rd, Marcellus
Cost: $10/person, each additional family member $5
DVM trainer: TBD
Registration: Erin Hull, CCE Onondaga, 315.424.9485, elh233@cornell.edu

In NYS the BQA program is coordinated through a combined effort of the New York Beef Council, Cornell University and the New York Beef Producers’ Association. For more information on the BQA program and BQA certification in NYS visit the Cattlemen’s Corner on www.nybeef.org.