



OPBP Educator Program Information

The Ohio State University Extension and the Ohio Cattlemen's Association created the Ohio Professional Beef Producer (OPBP) program in 2007. The foundations of this program are the cow-calf and feedlot management schools taught at counties throughout Ohio, and the Beef 509 short-course taught in the Department of Animal Sciences. The Livestock Environmental Assurance Program (LEAP) and Beef Quality Assurance (BQA) are also examples of programs that producers can complete to obtain additional credit hours towards to achievement of the Ohio Professional Beef Producer designation. The OPBP program's goal is to recognize the educational programs that Ohio's beef producers have attended, and to use these schools/programs as the prerequisites for additional in-depth educational programs dealing with advanced management and marketing issues.

In order to qualify as an educational program that meets the requirements for the Ohio Professional Beef Producer Program, there are minimum time and subject matter criteria. The initial requirement of 24 hours of educational contact time can be one program/school or several in a 2 year period. A feedlot school/program may include ruminant anatomy, nutrition, management, animal health, disease prevention, carcass evaluation, and understanding grid marketing. A cow-calf school/program may include ruminant nutrition, grazing management, genetics, reproduction, animal health, proper handling, and disease prevention. Other types of schools/programs will also be considered for credit hours.

Continued educational programming will be necessary to maintain OPBP status. Individuals will be required to attend 4 hours of instruction over each 2 year period following initial OPBP designation. Continued educational programming should be in-depth educational beef programs dealing with advanced management and marketing issues.

As an educator, for your school/program to be considered for OPBP designation, please fill out the following form providing detailed information and send this form to:

*Dr. Stephen Boyles, Department of Animal Sciences
2027 Coffey Rd., Columbus, OH, 43210-1094*

The OPBP education committee will meet quarterly to evaluate these schools/programs for acceptability. ***Starting on October 1, 2008, grant funding for the OPBP program will run out. All beef producers submitting for the initial OPBP designation must include a one-time fee of \$15 to cover the cost of the OPBP program. Educators may incorporate the fee for the OPBP program into the cost of the school and send in the total OPBP fees, or leave the responsibility to the individual producers.***

Individual producers also have the opportunity to submit their attendance information from additional programs. This is a separate form sent directly to the OPBP committee for consideration of OPBP designation and continuing education credit.



Educators can submit planned school(s)/program(s) for approval of either initial OPBP designation or continuing education credit using the attached form.





Ohio Professional Beef Producer Program

School/Program Pre-Approval Form

Educator's Contact Information:

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____

Email _____

School/Program Title _____

School/Program Dates _____

School/Program Location _____

Organization in Charge _____

Number of Actual Meeting Hours _____

***For programs to earn credit, they must include the subject matter and total hours included on the explanation sheet.**

Agenda (**Please attach actual/proposed agenda**)

Does the Program Include Beef Quality Assurance (BQA)?

_____ YES _____ NO

Does the Program Include the Livestock Environmental Assurance Program (LEAP)?

_____ YES _____ NO

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Please allow a reasonable amount of time prior to program date(s) for pre-approval