

TCFA Facts

TCFA Has Helped Maximize Your Cattle Feeding Investment

TCFA Services

TCFA is cattle feeders in action—serving together, working together and growing together. TCFA offers a wide range of services to its members, including:

- **Legislative Activity**
- **Beef Safety & Quality Assurance ProgramSM**
- **Beef-PAC**
- **Liaison with Regulatory Agencies**
- **Market Information**
- **Power to Produce Program**
- **Research**
- **Environmental Activities**
- **Web Site**
- **Cattle Feeders Annual**
- **Weekly Newsletters**
- **Video Library**
- **Group Health and Life Insurance**
- **Safety Program**
- **Seminars and Workshops**
- **Employee Referral Service**
- **Arbitration Program**
- **Youth Activities**

Over the years, TCFA has created a business environment that is “pro cattle feeding” by working hard to represent your interests. This adds up to savings you can count on!

Environmental Issues

Thanks to TCFA’s lobbying efforts, feedyards have the option of registration or a site-specific environmental permit. This can reduce engineering costs by \$3,000 and speed up approval time by at least nine months. In addition, TCFA can perform environmental audits, which some lenders require for loans, saving about \$3,000 per audit. What’s more, TCFA developed a model Pollution Prevention Plan, which regulatory agencies require. Consultants charge about \$7,500 per feedyard to develop a plan.

Market Information

TCFA Feedyard Members can use M-Net, a two-way computer communications system, to receive up-to-the-minute market information from TCFA. This allows your cattle to be sold for every penny the market offers.

Environmental Services

To help TCFA Feedyard Mem-

bers further improve environmental stewardship efforts, TCFA offers expanded environmental services for a minimal fee. TCFA staff assists feedyard personnel with site inspections, training, soil and water sampling and other tasks.

Safety Program

Many insurance companies require feedyards to have employee safety programs, which TCFA’s safety manager can establish. Not only does the feedyard reduce its overhead cost, but many feedyards have found they operate more efficiently when a viable safety program is in place.

Workers’ Compensation

Feedyards earn an automatic 10% discount in worker’s comp premiums by enrolling in the TCFA workers’ comp purchase plan.

Legislative and Regulatory

The impact of legislative and regulatory activities on cattle



The TCFA offices are located in Amarillo, Texas at 5501 Interstate 40 West.

feeders is significant. TCFA stays in constant contact with legislators in state and national political arenas, as well as with state and federal regulatory agencies, to ensure that cattle feeders’ views are taken into account as bills are passed and regulations are written.

Quality Assurance

With increasing emphasis on food safety, TCFA updated its Beef Safety and Quality Assurance ProgramSM, becoming one of the first associations to earn the use of the industry’s Brand Mark. To qualify for the Brand Mark, feedyards must be audited by the TCFA, undergo a third-party inspection and be re-audited annually.

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