

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**
- **Website**
- **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.

Legislative and Regulatory

The impact of legislative and regulatory activities on cattle 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.

Environmental Services

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

Quality Assurance

TCFA’s Beef Safety and Quality Assurance ProgramSM was the first in the industry. Feedyards are audited by TCFA, undergo a third-party inspection and re-audited annually. Proper animal handling techniques are part of the annual audit.

Market Information

TCFA provides Feedyard Members detailed market information using the latest in communications technology—including online Web-Net reports and text messaging. With this constantly refreshed up-to-the-minute data, cattle can be sold for every dollar the market offers.



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

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Workers’ Compensation

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

Safety Program

Many insurance companies require feedyards to have employee safety programs, which TCFA’s safety department 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.

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