



# BEEF FEEDLOT WELFARE AUDITOR

education / training / certification **COURSE**

DATE: **May 15-16, 2019**

LOCATION: **Lethbridge, Alberta, Canada**



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## OVERVIEW

The on-farm Beef Feedlot Welfare Auditor Course conducted by the Professional Animal Auditor Certification Organization (PAACO) is the certification course to train potential beef feedlot auditors using the most commonly used audit instruments for each livestock sector so auditors are prepared to use any audit for that certification category. PAACO is an organization of eight professional animal organizations with extensive expertise on best management practices and current science in animal agriculture.

## EDUCATION & EXPERIENCE

(Note the following are not a requirement to take the course, but are required for certification.)

- Master's, Ph.D., DVM with relevant livestock experience of 2 years within the past 5 years
- Associate or Bachelor's degree with relevant livestock experience of 3 years within the past 7 years
- High school diploma with relevant livestock experience of 5 years within the past 10 years.

## AUDITOR CERTIFICATION PROCESS

**#1** Participate in Beef Feedlot 201 online course and a 2-day education and instruction course including production site experience.

**#2** Be tested at the end of the 2-day course and pass an examination. Successfully completing the course and test results in moving to a shadow phase of training.

**#3** Conduct and complete no less than two beef feedlot audits under the supervision of a PAACO beef feedlot certified auditor of your choice within 12 months of the course.

**#4** Upon the completion of satisfactory ratings by the certified auditors in Step 3, an official endorsement as a PAACO "Certified Beef Feedlot Welfare Auditor" will be issued and your information included in a public database of certified auditors.

## PARTICIPANT & AUDITOR QUALIFICATIONS

PAACO reserves the right to limit class size and registrations to qualified individuals. Therefore, prompt reservations are encouraged and honored on a first come, first served basis. Companies may be limited on number of participant registrations in one training.

Basic individual requirements and qualifications to attend the course and be certified are:

- Read, write and walk unassisted in a beef feedlot environment

## COURSE MATERIALS

This training is designed to affect the quality of auditing by individuals who perform beef feedlot industry audits. Training will address and educate on factors contained in Canadian Feedlot Animal Care Assessment Program audit tool, the Beef Quality Assurance Feedyard Assessment, and the Texas Cattle Feeders Association BQA Assessment. Each attendee should familiarize themselves with the audit instrument and guidelines.



**FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT COURSE COORDINATOR:**

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## REGISTRATION INFORMATION TENTATIVE SCHEDULE

### LOCATION:

Instruction Site:

Holiday Inn Lethbridge  
2375 Mayor Magrath Drive South  
Lethbridge, Alberta, Canada - T1J4W4

Demonstration Sites:

Van Raay Paskal Farms Feedlot

### FEES:

\$950 – Full registration includes 2-day course, classroom materials, Beef Feedlot 201 and bio-security uniform. Your registration acceptance will be emailed to you by PAACO along with pre-course information.

### LODGING:

Each attendee is responsible for their lodging. A PAACO block of rooms and group rate has been established. Book your hotel early by calling them directly and asking for the PAACO room block/rate.

Holiday Inn Lethbridge  
2375 Mayor Magrath Drive South, Lethbridge, AB  
Reservations: 403-380-5050  
Rate: \$169.00 +taxes (includes breakfast)  
Rate available until April 15, 2019

### AIRPORT:

Closest airport is Calgary International Airport (YYC) and is located approximately 225 km (140 mi) or about 2 hours and 20 minutes to Lethbridge.

### TRANSPORTATION:

Personal ground transportation is not provided.

### COURSE DEADLINES & CANCELLATION:

Registration deadline is May 1, 2019.

Completed registration form, payment and resume are due at time of submission.

### CLASS SIZE LIMITED! ACT NOW!

Refunds will be made (less \$75) until May 1, 2019, unless class is full or participant does not qualify. No refunds after May 1, 2019.



*specific times to be included in sequential agenda*

### PREREQUISITE: BEEF FEEDLOT 201

**IMPORTANT NOTE:** Beef Feedlot 201 is online and will be required as a Prerequisite. This will provide an understanding of industry and production structure as well as background of modern production methods and welfare programs. You must take the online training and pass the quizzes to attend onsite training. This training is included in the registration fee.

### DAY 1 | WEDNESDAY, MAY 15, 2019

7:00 AM REGISTRATION

7:30 PM - 6:00 PM INSTRUCTION & SITE VISIT

### DAY 2 | THURSDAY, MAY 16, 2019

7:00 AM - 2:00 PM SITE VISIT, FINAL DISCUSSION  
& EXAM

After returning from the feedlot and finishing final discussions, trainees will then have the option of individual material review or begin testing. Test is closed book/notes. Trainees are free to leave at completion of test. Generally trainees take about one hour plus to complete the test.



## COURSE INSTRUCTORS

### Joyce Van Donkersgoed, DVM

Owner - Alberta Beef Health Solutions  
Dr. Van Donkersgoed will lead teach curriculum and lead a station.

### Karen Schwartzkopf-Genswein, PhD

Senior Research Scientist - Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada  
Dr. Schwartzkopf-Genswein will teach curriculum and lead a station.

### Lora Wright, MS

Owner - 605 Solutions  
Ms Wright will teach curriculum and lead a station.

### Dakota Thomas

Training Coordinator and Course Coordinator – PAACO