



Controlled Feedlot FAQ

Q: What is a Controlled Feedlot?

A: It is a **voluntary** program that allows qualifying feedlots to bypass some Nebraska Department of Agriculture (NDA) disease requirements on cattle imported from out of state. This includes Trichomoniasis requirements for cattle as well as Tuberculosis testing for dairy and dairy cross cattle.

Q: What feedlots could benefit from being a Controlled Feedlot?

A: Feedlots that feed all cattle to slaughter and/or feed cattle that have additional disease testing requirements (like dairy or dairy cross calves from out of state) could benefit by becoming a Controlled Feedlot.

Q: Does the Controlled Feedlot program impact Brand inspection?

A: The Controlled Feedlot program does not change any Brand inspection requirements.

Q: Do I need to keep track of in-state purchases of cattle?

A: As part of the Controlled Feedlot program record keeping, you must notify NDA of both intrastate and interstate movements of cattle. All cattle that come into the feedlot would be reported to NDA.

Q: What feedlots would not be eligible for the Controlled Feedlot program?

A: If a feedlot feeds any non-slaughter animals or if the feedlot shares equipment with non-slaughter cattle, you would not be eligible for a Controlled Feedlot program. Additionally, you must have a perimeter fence to prevent contact with animals grazing next to the feedlot and reduce the exposure to wildlife.

Q: What are the requirements to feed out of state dairy or dairy cross cattle?

A: Feedlots that are currently feeding dairy or dairy cross cattle from out of state are required to test those cattle for Tuberculosis. This testing requirement is bypassed in a Controlled Feedlot.

Q: Do all cattle coming into a Controlled Feedlot have to have official ID?

A: All cattle that come to a Controlled Feedlot that need official ID for interstate movement (Animal Disease Traceability (ADT) must have ID. ADT requirements state that all bovine animals over 18 months of age, and all dairy or dairy cross cattle need official ID to move interstate. Therefore, official ID would be required of the bovine animals moved interstate into the Controlled Feedlot.

Q: Can I be a Controlled Feedlot if the feedlot equipment is used for other livestock operations.

A: No. Feed trucks and pen cleaning equipment from a Controlled Feedlot cannot be used on other livestock operations.