March 19, 2020

Dear Feedlot Council member,

Nebraska Cattlemen (NC) understands that this is a difficult time for everyone as we travel through uncharted waters with the COVID-19 pandemic. Therefore, NC would like to do what we can in order to help guide your business through this process. Please refer to this statement on what you need to consider.

Our member's health is a top priority, and we recommend that your operation has a current protocol for this virus. Communications are vital. Letting your customers and employees know you have a plan to protect their health is helpful.

Please refer to the example below from Darr Feedlot Inc:

Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19)
What is Darr Feedlot Inc. doing now?

Restricting Access- Feedyard is restricted only to employees and essential vendors. Essential vendors must be approved by management and added to list.

Traceability- All outside vendors must sign in before accessing feedyard

- North- Feedyard office-Approved Vendors, Processing Barn-OVS, Mill-AHI
- South- Feedyard office-Approved Vendors, Processing Barn-OVS, Mill-AHI

Prevent Exposure- Identify Critical Control Points

- Perform routine cleaning
- Emphasize respiratory etiquette and hand hygiene
- Be smart while in your community

Identify & Separate Sick Employees

- If sick go home and check in with Dr. and health provider
- If diagnosed with Covid-19 or exposed to someone who is contact manager by phone and we will follow CDC guidance plan

Communicate

- Have every employee write down cell phone #
- Darr Feedlot Inc Covid-19 plan handout
- Form letters are ready to distribute if known exposure of Covid-19 changes
- Inform Local Health Department

Step Up and Take This Seriously!

- Protect our Families and Communities
- Provide high-quality Beef to feed the world!

Steps to follow if an employee reports a positive test for COVID-19 or exposure to someone who has:

1. Isolate the Employee

- Follow CDC guidelines and local health department
- Currently 14-day quarantine

2. Notify the Workforce

- Will not identify the individual but will update exposure status
3. Coordinate with Local Health Department
4. Communicate with Infected/Exposed Employee to Gather Information
   - Focus on employees/vendors who they have been in contact with
   - Focus on where they have been present
5. Communicate with Individuals Exposed to the At-Risk Employee
6. Disinfect the Workplace
7. Prepare for additional issues likely to arise
   - How to handle the workload of an absent employee
   - Sick pay
   - Legal
   - Media

For other updates on COVID-19, click here.

Please let us know if we can do anything further.

Sincerely,

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