Iowa Cattle **Green** and **Gold** Tag Preconditioning Programs
The Preconditioning Program is designed to promote good health and ensure a premium for preconditioned cattle.

Benefits of Preconditioning Program:

• Enhance value.
• Pre-weaning immunization gives health protection at home during weaning and backgrounding.
• Production and sale of reputation feeder calves. Stimulates repeat buyers.
• PC system meets Iowa standards for Beef Quality Assurance (BQA).
• PC calves may qualify as source and process-verified cattle.
• Iowa PC calves are veterinarian-verified.
• Fewer sick calves means greater feedlot performance, higher quality grades and more grid market premiums.
• Utilize homegrown feedstuffs for low-cost gains and added calf value.

This program is only offered to IVMA Member Veterinarians.
Preconditioning...A Series of Steps:

1. **GREEN** Tag Calf:
   (green tag only, no Preconditioning (PC) Certificate)

   - Vaccinations administered by a veterinarian and must follow BQA guidelines.
   - Calves must be at least 4 months old before first vaccine (they can be vaccinated earlier but that vaccination would not count as part of the PC program).

2. **Preconditioned** **GREEN** Tag Calf:
   *All of the above requirements, PLUS:*

   - Vaccination and mandatory procedures are done a minimum of 21 days prior to receiving a PC Certificate
   - Calves must be weaned for at least 30 days before a PC Certificate can be issued.
   - Producer must own calves for at least 60 days before receiving PC Certificate from the veterinarian.
3. Preconditioned **GOLD** Tag Calf:

*All of the Green Preconditioning requirements met, PLUS:*

- There must be a **minimum of 14 days between first and second vaccine** (from there it is at the discretion of the attending veterinarian).
- The second vaccine must be administered at least 14 days prior to issuing a Gold PC Certificate.
- Mandatory procedures must be done at least 21 days prior to receiving a Gold PC Certificate.
- Calves must be **weaned for a minimum of 45 days** before a Gold PC Certificate can be issued.
- Green Tag PC Calves must be owned by the producer for at least 60 days before receiving the PC Gold Certificate.
This section completed by Owner/Producer.

These sections completed by the Veterinarian.

Don’t Forget Signatures!
# PC Program: Roles and Responsibilities

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<td>1. Administer mandatory vaccinations and procedures according to BQA guidelines.</td>
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<td>2. Provide owner/producer with completed PC Certificate which includes both owner/producer and veterinarian signatures.</td>
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IOWA'S GREEN/GOLD TAG
PRECONDITIONING PROGRAMS

DO YOU KNOW THE DIFFERENCE?

GREEN TAG ONLY
- VETERINARIAN INSPECTED
- VACCINATED AND TREATED
- NO PC CERTIFICATE

PRECONDITIONED GREEN TAG
- ALL GREEN TAG REQUIREMENTS PLUS
  1. WEANED AND BUILT BROKE
  2. SIGNED GREEN TAG CERTIFICATE ISSUED

PRECONDITIONED GOLD TAG
- ALL PRECONDITIONED GREEN TAG REQUIREMENTS PLUS
  1. REVACCINATED BY VETERINARIAN
  2. WEANED AND BUILT BROKE
  3. SIGNED GOLD TAG CERTIFICATE ISSUED

IT TAKES ALL THREE PARTIES
TO MAKE THE PC PROGRAM WORK

Producer

Veterinarian

Auction Market

FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT THE IVMA/ACA GREEN & GOLD CATTLE PRECONDITIONING PROGRAM, CONTACT THE IVMA AT 1-800-369-9564 OR VISIT WWW.IOWAYMA.ORG.