

# What is the NSPCP?

The Natural State Preconditioned Calf Program improves the image and welfare of Arkansas calves by adopting Best Management Practices from calthood through marketing.

**“When preconditioning is done right, everybody wins.”**

Buyers spend less time and money treating sick cattle, sale barns provide healthier cattle and attract new business, and sellers often receive market incentives that cover vaccine costs and short-term retained ownership may advance market weights and total sale dollars.



If you're ready to **GoGREEN**, visit your local county Extension office to get started and visit the GoGREEN website at [www.uaex.edu/gogreen](http://www.uaex.edu/gogreen) for additional program details.

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## How To Enroll

To participate, the rancher must first be Beef Quality Assurance certified. Training is available through local county Cooperative Extension Service office sessions this summer or online at [www.bqa.org](http://www.bqa.org).

Once enrolled in the **GoGREEN** program, ranchers should develop a calf management plan based on the criteria listed on the qualifying form and must have documentation of health products purchased and dates administered. After all the best management practices have been documented, tags can be picked up from the county extension office.

To participate in the **GoGREEN** program, there is a ranch enrollment fee of \$10 for 3 years and a \$2 per calf qualifying fee.

## GoGREEN for Sellers

1. Become BQA certified.
2. Adopt a few Best Management Practices like castrating bull calves, removing horns, vaccinating calves for respiratory diseases and blackleg, treat calves for internal parasites, and keep calves at least 45 days after weaning before marketing.
3. Complete the qualifying form and visit your county extension office to pick up your Natural State Preconditioned Calf Program **GoGREEN** TAGS.
4. Tag and provide all documentation at market.

## GoGREEN for Buyers

1. Look for the Official Green Natural State Preconditioned Calf tag.
2. Ask sale barns for copies of the qualifying form.

## GoGREEN for Sale Barns

1. This program is about what we're marketing, not where and when we're marketing.
2. Sale barns do not need to enroll in the program or have special sales to market calves enrolled in the program.
3. Sale barns are free to use the Natural State Preconditioned Calf Program to create special sales to attract sellers and buyers.
4. Ask sellers for copies of the qualifying form.
5. Provide buyers with copies of the qualifying form.