



NGFA Feed Quality Assurance Distance Learning Education/Training Program

Since 1994, the National Grain and Feed Association's **Model Feed Quality Assurance Program** has served as a resource on how to develop, implement and enhance feed quality assurance practices at hundreds of feed mills.

Now, the NGFA is offering the contents of this comprehensive, first-of-its-kind program in a new web-based distance learning format. The recently completed six-course program is designed for use by feed mill managers in training existing and new mill operators, as well as other personnel (such as administrative and sales staff), on feed safety regulatory requirements and feed quality assurance practices.

The Courses

The six program courses – each approximately 45 minutes long – address the following topics:

- 1. FDA's Current Good Manufacturing Practice (CGMP) Regulations:** This course provides information on FDA's regulatory requirements associated with manufacturing and distributing medicated feeds, including details about types and categories of animal drugs and practices to be followed by FDA- licensed and non-licensed medicated feed mills.
- 2. Purchasing and Receiving of Grains and Feed Ingredients:** This course discusses the regulatory requirements related to purchasing and receiving operations at feed mills, as well as model quality assurance procedures for purchasing, ingredient sampling, in-plant testing, sample retention, ingredient storage and related topics.
- 3. Feed Manufacturing - Grinding, Mixing and Packaging:** This segment provides model quality assurance practices for core feed manufacturing operations, including performing particle size analysis, weighing and scaling of ingredients, establishing allowable weight variations, proper mix times, and others. It also addresses regulatory requirements pertaining to control and use of animal drugs, equipment clean-out, lot tracking and recordkeeping.
- 4. Feed Pelleting Operations:** This course offers an in-depth discussion on pelleting system equipment selection and operation, and the factors that affect pellet quality. It also discusses regulatory considerations associated with pelleting, such as equipment clean-out procedures, use of scales and metering devices, and production records.
- 5. Finished Feed Control, Product Complaints, Investigations and Recalls:** This segment provides information on finished feed labeling requirements, sampling and inspection procedures, and feed delivery practices. It also addresses steps to consider for handling customer complaints, product investigations and product recalls.
- 6. Hazard Analysis and Critical Control Point (HACCP) plans:** This segment discusses the background of HACCP and its seven principles. It also provides a detailed overview of the steps involved in implementing a HACCP plan in a feed mill.

Other Key Features

- Each course is structured in a stand-alone format so that it may be taken independently from others. Participants have the flexibility to take those courses that have specific applicability to their own operations and job functions and responsibilities.

- The courses are delivered completely via the internet in a self-paced format that allows participants to complete the training program on their own time schedule. The courses are open for enrollment at all times, providing managers the opportunity and flexibility to enroll employees at appropriate times, such as immediately after hiring or after a job re-assignment.
- Participants have access to enrolled courses for 90 days, which provides ample time to complete the courses and review the information and materials provided.
- Each course has an electronic Resource Section library containing documents related to the course content that are available for download and use as reference materials.
- A learning-assessment quiz is integrated into each course, which provides a means to evaluate the level of knowledge gained by those taking the courses.

Pricing

Number of Individual Courses	Price Per Individual Course		
	NGFA Member	NGFA Affiliate Member	Non-Member
1-9	\$45	\$65	\$90
10-20	\$40	\$60	\$80
21-40	\$38	\$57	\$76
41-60	\$36	\$54	\$72
61-80	\$34	\$51	\$68
81-100	\$32	\$48	\$64
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Number of Full Suites of All Six Courses	Price Per Full Suite of All Six Courses		
	NGFA Member	NGFA Affiliate Member	Non-Member
1	\$250	\$375	\$500
2-3	\$215	\$325	\$430
4-6	\$200	\$300	\$400
7-10	\$180	\$270	\$360
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How to Enroll

[Click here](#) to access a form to enroll in the courses. After completing the form and making payment, you will receive an email that provides information on how to access your purchased courses.

Questions? Please contact NGFA Director of Feed Services David Fairfield at dfairfield@ngfa.org, or by phone at 712-243-4035.