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<b>Certified Angus Beef, LLC Feedlot Licensing Program (FLP)</b> <a href="http://www.cabpartners.com">www.cabpartners.com</a>	Steve Suther, 785-889-4162, <a href="mailto:ssuther@certifiedangusbeef.com">ssuther@certifiedangusbeef.com</a>	CAB: 1978, FLP: 1998	>200,000	Ch/Sel + \$4.50/cwt.	None	1	Both	Varies with packer
<b>Certified Angus Beef Natural</b> <a href="http://www.cabpartners.com/feedlots/natural.php">www.cabpartners.com/feedlots/natural.php</a>	Steve Suther, 785-889-4162, <a href="mailto:ssuther@certifiedangusbeef.com">ssuther@certifiedangusbeef.com</a>	2003	>100,000	Varies with packer	None	Varies with packer	Both	N/A
<b>Certified Hereford Beef, LLC</b> <a href="http://www.herefordbeef.org">www.herefordbeef.org</a>	Office, 816-842-3758	1995	462,000	\$14-\$22/hd; age and source premium: \$35/hd	None	N/A	Both	Choice YG4 or less, Choice & Select
<b>Consolidated Beef Producers</b> <a href="http://www.consolidatedbeef.com">www.consolidatedbeef.com</a>	Bruce Cobb, 806-655-8955, <a href="mailto:bruce@consolidatedbeef.com">bruce@consolidatedbeef.com</a>	2000	1.5+ million marketings	Confidential and varies based on program	\$3,000 (one-time) membership fee and cattle marketing service fee	N/A	Both	Varies, depending on grid options
<b>Country Natural Beef</b> <a href="http://www.countrynaturalbeef.com">www.countrynaturalbeef.com</a>	Dan Probert, 541-473-3355, <a href="mailto:marketing@countrynaturalbeef.com">marketing@countrynaturalbeef.com</a>	1986	50,000	Cost of production/return on investment	Responsibility of being member of co-op (9 days/year)	120	Both	High Select, low Choice YG1 & 2
<b>Creekstone Farms</b> <a href="http://www.creekstonefarms.com">www.creekstonefarms.com</a>	Ryan Meyer, 620-741-3321, <a href="mailto:rmeyer@cfpbeef.com">rmeyer@cfpbeef.com</a>	1998	260,000	\$12-\$100/hd	None	None	QG	Choice YG3.3
<b>Decatur Beef Alliance</b> <a href="http://www.decaturfedyard.com">www.decaturfedyard.com</a>	Kevin Unger, 888-675-2212, <a href="mailto:kevin@decaturfedyard.com">kevin@decaturfedyard.com</a>	1994	40,000	Varies	Approximately \$9/hd	Load lot of same sex	Both	Choice YG3
<b>GeneNet</b> <a href="http://www.genenetbeef.com">www.genenetbeef.com</a>	Ken Conway, 758-628-3004, <a href="mailto:genenet@eagle.com.net">genenet@eagle.com.net</a>	1998	70,000	\$20 to \$90/hd	\$3 to \$4/hd	20	Both	Choice YG3
<b>Laura's Lean Beef</b> <a href="http://www.laurasleanbeef.com">www.laurasleanbeef.com</a>	Scott Coakley, VP of cattle procurement, 800-392-9389, <a href="mailto:scoakley@llbcorp.com">scoakley@llbcorp.com</a>	1985	70,000	\$85 plus freight to slaughter	None	None	Both	Select YG 2.3-2.4 and Choice YG 2.0-2.9
<b>Meyer Natural Angus</b> <a href="http://www.meyernaturalangus.com">www.meyernaturalangus.com</a>	Jim Norwood, 816-769-7334, <a href="mailto:jnorwood@re-meyer.com">jnorwood@re-meyer.com</a> or Blake Angell, 785-410-3750, <a href="mailto:bangell@re-meyer.com">bangell@re-meyer.com</a>	1995	Confidential	\$100+/hd slaughter premium	None	None	QG	Select YG3
<b>Montana Ranch Brand Natural</b> <a href="http://www.montanaranchbrand.com">www.montanaranchbrand.com</a>	Jake Eshelman, 406-294-2333, <a href="mailto:jake@montanaranchbrand.com">jake@montanaranchbrand.com</a>	1994	10,000	\$75-\$125/hd retained ownership	None	Potload	Both	YG2.8 and Choice-Select
<b>Montana Ranch Brand Piedmontese</b> <a href="http://www.montanaranchbrand.com">www.montanaranchbrand.com</a>	Jake Eshelman, 406-294-2333, <a href="mailto:jake@montanaranchbrand.com">jake@montanaranchbrand.com</a>	2000	10,000	\$35-\$50 cow-calf or \$100-\$130 retained ownership	None	Potload	Both	YG2.8 and Choice-Select
<b>Nolan Ryan's Guaranteed Tender Meats</b> <a href="http://www.nolanryanbeef.com">www.nolanryanbeef.com</a>	Coy Meyring, 806-457-1389, <a href="mailto:cmeyring@nolanryanbeef.com">cmeyring@nolanryanbeef.com</a>	2000	Confidential	Varies	None	1	YG	Choice and Select, YG1 & 2
<b>Painted Hills Natural Beef</b> <a href="http://www.paintedhillsnaturalbeef.com">www.paintedhillsnaturalbeef.com</a>	Will Homer, 541-763-2333, <a href="mailto:will.homer@natural-beef.com">will.homer@natural-beef.com</a>	1996	2,400	\$90+/hd	None	40	QG	Choice
<b>Performance Plus - Retained Ownership</b>	Don Cain Jr., 888-269-8387, <a href="mailto:performance@alloisp.com">performance@alloisp.com</a>	1993	Confidential	\$33.23/hd	\$7.50/hd	1	Both	N/A
<b>Performance Plus - Sale Barn</b>	Don Cain Jr., 888-269-8387, <a href="mailto:performance@alloisp.com">performance@alloisp.com</a>	1993	Confidential	\$27.06/hd	\$8/hd	1	Both	N/A

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Practices required: S = source verification, W = weaning, P = preconditioning, N = natural (i.e., typically prohibits the use of antibiotics and growth hormones)

Carcass weight on grid	Harvest states	Required genetics	Practices required: S, W, P, N (see key at bottom of page)	Electronic ID capable	Retained ownership required	Aligned with specific feeders, packers or retailers	Cow-calf producer post-harvest premium
Varies with packer	CO, IA, ID, IL, KS, MI, MN, NE, PA, TX, WA, WI, UT, CAN	50% or greater Angus preferred	N/A	Y	Varies with feedlot	80 feeders, 26 packers, 6,000 retailers, 7,000 restaurants and international distributors	Varies with feedlot
N/A	NE, UT	50% or greater Angus	N, S, never had implants, antibiotics or animal-derived feeds	Y	N	Tyson Foods and Niman Ranch	Varies with packer
600-1,000 lbs.	NE, KS	100% British, at least 50% Hereford	Corn feeding	Y	N	Greater Omaha Packing Co., National Beef Packing LLC, Hereford Verified feeders	Y
Varies, depending on grid options	TX, NM, OK, KS, CO, NE, WY, IA, MN, SD	N/A	Varies, depending on program specs	Y	N	Horizontal alliance with producers	N/A
600-775 lbs.	WA	Cattle selected by biological type	S, N, food alliance certification, no ionophores, cattle owned from birth	Y	Y	Retailer – Natural Food Stores, packer – AB Foods, feeder – Beef Northwest	Cost of production/return on investment
550-950 lbs.	KS	Black Angus	S and age-verified program requires third-party certification. Natural program requires never/ever affidavit from birth. Non-Hormone Treated Cattle Program (NHTC) requires third-party certification.	Y	N	Y	Y
550-1,000 lbs.	KS	< 25% <i>Bos indicus</i>	P, S, preweaning	Y	Y, 50%	Packer – Cargill Meat Solutions	N/A
535-950 lbs.	NE, CO	None	None	Y	Doesn't matter	Packer – JBS	Y
575-825 lbs.	NE, WI, TX	High percentage Continental	N, S, W, P	Y	N	N/A	For load lots of cattle, 35% of slaughter bonus
600-1,000 lbs.	NE	Minimum 50% Red or Black Angus	S, W, P, N	Y	N	Y	N
700-900 lbs.	NE	Continental/British cross	S, W, P, N	Y	N	Retailer direct	Y, under certain conditions
700-900 lbs.	NE	Piedmontese/British cross	S, W, P, N	Y	N	Retailer direct	Y, under certain conditions
600-899 lbs.	TX, CA	None, prefer <i>Bos indicus</i>	N	N/A	N	Feeder, packer, retailer	N
700-1,000 lbs.	WA	Angus-based	S, N, no hormones, antibiotics or animal by-products	N/A	N	Feeder, Packer, retailer	N/A
500-1,000 lbs.	IA, KS, NE, CO, MO, SD	50-75% British, 25-50% Continental	MSI scanned	Y	Y	Nebraska Corn COOP & their investor members and its participating feedyards, based on contracts. This strategic alliance brings grass roots producers together with technology, cattle and corn/corn coproducts	N
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<b>Power Genetics</b> <a href="http://www.powergenetics.com">www.powergenetics.com</a>	Jason Anderson, 308-493-5604, <a href="mailto:jasona@powergenetics.com">jasona@powergenetics.com</a>	1993	Confidential	Confidential	None	35	Both	Confidential
<b>Premium Gold Angus Beef</b> <a href="http://www.pgabees.com">www.pgabees.com</a>	Ron VanderBoon, 616-361-2808, 616-485-4257 (cell), <a href="mailto:rvboon@msn.com">rvboon@msn.com</a>	1993	150,000	\$12-\$120/hd	None	40	Both	Choice YG3
<b>Red Angus Feeder Calf Certification Program</b> <a href="http://www.redangus.org">www.redangus.org</a>	Mikalena Randazzo, 940-387-3502, <a href="mailto:mikalena@redangus.org">mikalena@redangus.org</a> ; Myron Edelman, 307-351-6032, <a href="mailto:myron@redangus.org">myron@redangus.org</a>	1995	100,000	Depends on location	\$1.19/hd or \$3.25/hd depending upon type of ear tag selected (just visual or visual/EID combo set)	1	QG	Choice YG3
<b>Snake River Farms</b> <a href="http://www.snakeriverfarms.com">www.snakeriverfarms.com</a>	Wade Small, 208-226-5215, 208-243-1813 (cell), <a href="mailto:wade.small@agrbeef.com">wade.small@agrbeef.com</a>	1990	N/A	N/A	N/A	70	N/A	N/A
<b>Tallgrass Beef Company</b>	Ron Ladner, cattle procurement manager, 877-822-8283, <a href="mailto:rladner@tallgrassbeef.com">rladner@tallgrassbeef.com</a>	2004	N/A	85	None	No minimum	Both	High Select/YG3
<b>TwoRiver Cattle, American Simmental Association 7070 Beef</b> <a href="http://www.7070beef.com">www.7070beef.com</a>	Mark Guge, 515-231-6849, <a href="mailto:mguce@netins.net">mguce@netins.net</a>	2003	40,000	\$33/hd	\$4/hd	NA	Both	Choice YG3A
<b>U.S. Premium Beef, LLC</b> <a href="http://www.uspremiumbeef.com">www.uspremiumbeef.com</a>	Tracy Thomas, 866-877-2525, <a href="mailto:tthomas@uspb.com">tthomas@uspb.com</a>	1996	735,000	\$27.42/hd	Membership and units access	20	Both	50% Choice YG3

**Calf-Based Programs**

<b>AngusSource</b>	Sara Snider, 816-383-5100, <a href="mailto:ssnider@angus.org">ssnider@angus.org</a>	2003	99,000	Varies	\$50 enrollment and \$1/hd for visual tag or \$3.25/hd for RFID-matched pair set.	1	N/A	N/A
<b>Cargill Cattle Feeders - Sharing Total Added Value (STAV) Program</b>	Tana Baker, 316-291-1974, <a href="mailto:tana_baker@cargill.com">tana_baker@cargill.com</a>	2000	60,000	26	None	120 same sex	Both	NA
<b>Cooperative Beef Solutions</b> <a href="http://www.cooperativebeefsolutions.com">www.cooperativebeefsolutions.com</a>	Willie Altenburg, 970-568-7881; Tim Davis, 800-584-0040; Dan Dorn, 888-675-2212; Joe Young, 800-858-4330; <a href="mailto:Info@cooperativebeefsolutions.com">Info@cooperativebeefsolutions.com</a>	2003	N/A	\$15-\$25/hd management improvement	\$10-\$12/hd	1 load, 1 sex - will accommodate multiple owners	Both	Choice/3B
<b>Five Star Cattle Systems, LLC</b>	Wendell Geeslin, General Manager, Magness Land and Cattle, 970-396-6958, <a href="mailto:wendell@magnesscattle.com">wendell@magnesscattle.com</a>	1995	75,000	N/A	No cost for basic group data. \$3/hd. for individual; \$8/hd. for complete data	Load lots	Both and Natural	N/A
<b>Gelbvieh Profit Partners, LLC</b> <a href="http://www.profitpartnersllc.com">www.profitpartnersllc.com</a>	Slim Cook, 307-272-2024, <a href="mailto:slimck@tribcsp.com">slimck@tribcsp.com</a>	2005	4,000	TBD by lot	None	Truckload	Both	N/A
<b>MFA Health Track Beef Alliance</b> <a href="http://www.mfahealthtrack.com">www.mfahealthtrack.com</a>	Mike John, 573-876-5573, <a href="mailto:mjohn@mfa-inc.com">mjohn@mfa-inc.com</a>	1998	50,000	\$54/hd	None for members	1	N/A	N/A
<b>Missouri Verified Beef, LLC</b> <a href="http://www.probeef.org">www.probeef.org</a>	Brad White, Dan Goehl, 573-288-3817, <a href="mailto:bradwhite@probeef.org">bradwhite@probeef.org</a> or <a href="mailto:dangoehl@probeef.org">dangoehl@probeef.org</a>	2001	N/A	N/A	15	5	N/A	N/A
<b>NEMO Premier Beef Marketers, LLC</b>	Imogene Latimer, 573-439-5283, <a href="mailto:klatimer@marktwain.net">klatimer@marktwain.net</a>	N/A	350	Depends on year and feedlot results	Call for information	1	Both	N/A
<b>Verified Beef</b> <a href="http://www.verifiedbeef.net">www.verifiedbeef.net</a>	Andy Kellom, 406-867-2333, <a href="mailto:akellom@verifiedbeef.net">akellom@verifiedbeef.net</a>	1999	>100,000	Varies with marketing	Source and Age - \$3 per head, Carcass Data Collection - \$6 per head	1	N/A	N/A

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Confidential	Confidential	Power Genetics and/or greater than 50% Angus	S, W, P	Y	Y	Confidential	Y
600-1,000 lbs.	WI	50% Angus	S, W, P	Y	N	N/A	Y, with PGA approved bulls
550-975 lbs.	CO, NE, KS	50% Red Angus, calves must have one registered Angus parent	S, age	Y	N	Cargill Meat Solutions, Meyer Natural Angus, US Premium Beef/National Beef, Decatur County Beef Alliance, Beef Northwest Feeders, GeneNet with JBS Swift, 70/70 grid with JBS Swift	N
N/A	WA	Wagyu	S, N	Y	N	Agri Beef Co.	Y
500-900 lbs.	KS, CA	Predominantly British based	S, W, P, N	Y	Not required, but preferred	N/A	N/A
550-1,000 lbs.	NE, CO	None	Premium for S & age cattle with PVP certification	Y	N	Packer – JBS Swift	N
575-1,000 lbs.	KS, CA	Breeds with high-quality grade carcass traits	None	Y	N	Packer – National Beef Packing Co.	Y
N/A	Varies	Sired by a registered Angus bull – minimum of 50% Angus genetics	S, age, genetics	Y	N	For genetic verification – National Beef Packing Co. and Tyson Fresh Meats	N
600-899 lbs.	TX, KS, CO	50% or greater English, 3/16 or less Brahman	S, W, P not required, but preferred	Y	N	Cargill Beef and retail customers	N/A
550-1,000 lbs.	KS	None	S	Y	Y	Feeder – Decatur County Feedyard; Packer – Excel; Genetics – Genex; Herd Management Programs – Midwest Micro Systems (Cow Sense)	Shared in proportion of retained ownership
525-999 lbs.	CO, MI, NE, PA, TX, WI	Identifiable straight British and British cross and Continental feeders	S, W, P, N, age	Y	N	Magness Land and Cattle, Producers Feedlot, Choice Livestock, Select Feeders, Strauss Brands, Inc	N
N/A	NE, KS, WA, ID, UT	25% Gelbvieh influence	S and age verification	Y	N	Y	N
N/A	TX, KS, NE, MO, IL	Low % <i>Bos indicus</i> and dairy	S, W, P, standardized nutrition	Y	N/A	No	N/A
N/A	N/A	No dairy	S, W, P	Y	N/A	Confidential	Y
550-1,000 lbs.	KS, NE, IA	50% Angus or more	W, P, S and age verification	Y	Y	USPB and others	N/A
N/A	All U.S.	None	Source, Age	Y	N	N	N