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Certified Angus Beef, LLC Feedlot Licensing Program (FLP) www.cabpartners.com	Steve Suther, 785-889-4162 ssuther@certifiedangusbeef.com	CAB: 1978, FLP: 1998	>200,000	Varies by packer/grid	None	1	Both	Varies with packer	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
Certified Angus Beef Natural www.cabpartners.com/feedlots/natural.php	Steve Suther, 785-889-4162 ssuther@certifiedangusbeef.com	2003	>100,000	Varies with packer	None	Varies with packer	Both	N/A	N/A	NE, UT	50% or greater Angus	N, S, never had implants, antibiotics or animal-derived feeds	Y	N	Tyson Foods and Nimran Ranch	Varies with packer
Certified Hereford Beef, LLC www.herefordbeef.org	Mary Ellen Hummel, 816-842-3757 mhummel@hereford.org	1995	462,000	\$14-\$22/hd; age and source premium: \$35/hd	None	N/A	Both	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	Varies with packer
Consolidated Beef Producers www.consolidatedbeef.com	Bruce Cobb, 806-655-8955 bruce@consolidatedbeef.com	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	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
Country Natural Beef www.countrynaturalbeef.com	Dan Probert, 541-473-3355 marketing@countrynaturalbeef.com	1986	45,000 head	Cost of production/return on investment	Responsibility of being member of co-op (9 days/year)	120	Both	High Select, low Choice YG1 & 2	600-775 lbs.	WA	Cattle selected by biological type	S, N, Food Alliance certification, cattle owned from birth, no hormones, no antibiotics, no ionophores	Y	Y	Retailer – Natural Food Stores, packer – AB Foods, feeder – Beef Northwest	Cost of production/return on investment
Creekstone Farms www.creekstonefarms.com	Ryan Meyer, 620-741-3321 rmeyer@cfpbeef.com	1998	295,000 head	\$35/hd for source and age verified; \$125/hd for natural; \$135/hd for NHTC	None	None	QG	Choice YG3.3	550-950 lbs.	KS	Black Angus	S and age-verified program required 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
Decatur Beef Alliance www.decaturfeedyard.com	Kevin Unger, 888-675-2212 kevin@decaturfeedyard.com	1994	40,000	Varies	Approximately \$9/hd	Load lot of same sex	Both	Choice YG3	550-1,000 lbs.	KS	< 25% <i>Bos indicus</i>	P, S, preweaning	Y	Y, 50%	Packer – Cargill Meat Solutions	N/A
GeneNet www.genenetbeef.com	Ken Conway, 758-628-3004 genenet@eaglecom.net	1998	70,000	\$20-\$90/hd	\$3-\$4/hd	20	Both	Choice YG3	535-950 lbs.	NE, CO	None	None	Y	Doesn't matter	Packer – JBS	Y
Laura's Lean Beef www.laurasleanbeef.com	Scott Coakley, VP of cattle procurement, 800-392-9389 scoakley@llbcorp.com	1985	70,000	\$85 plus freight to slaughter	None	None	Both	Sel/ST YG3; CH all YGs	600-900 lbs. str/hfr	NE, WI, CO	High percentage Continental	N, S, W, P	Y	N	N/A	For qualified producers, \$8/hd for Sel/ST less than YG 2
Meyer Natural Angus www.meyernaturalangus.com	Jim Norwood, 816-769-7334 jnorwood@re-meyer.com or Blake Angell, 785-410-3750 bangell@re-meyer.com	1995	Confidential	\$100+/hd slaughter premium	None	None	QG	Select YG3	600-1,000 lbs.	NE, CO	Minimum 50% Red or Black Angus	S, W, P, N	Y	N	Y	N
Montana Ranch Brand Natural www.montanaranchbrand.com	Jake Eshelman, 406-294-2333 jake@montanaranchbrand.com	1994	10,000	\$75-\$125/hd retained ownership	None	Potload	Both	YG2.8 and Choice-Select	700-900 lbs	NE	Continental/British cross	S, W, P, N	Y	N	Retailer direct	Y, under certain conditions
Montana Ranch Brand Piedmontese www.montanaranchbrand.com	Jake Eshelman, 406-294-2333 jake@montanaranchbrand.com	2000	10,000	\$35-\$50 cow-calf or \$100-\$130 retained ownership	None	Potload	Both	YG2.8 and Choice-Select	700-900 lbs.	NE	Piedmontese/British cross	S, W, P, N	Y	N	Retailer direct	Y, under certain conditions
Nolan Ryan's All Natural Beef www.nolanryanbeef.com	Charlie Bradbury, 936-436-1622, ext. 102 cbradbury@nolanryanbeef.com	2000	Confidential	Varies	None	1	YG	Choice and Select, YG1 & 2	600-899 lbs.	TX, CA	None, prefer <i>Bos indicus</i>	N	N/A	N	Feeder, packer, retailer	N
Painted Hills Natural Beef www.paintedhillsnaturalbeef.com	Will Homer, 541-763-2333 will.homer@natural-beef.com	1996	24,000 head	\$100/hd	None	40	QG	Choice	700-1,000 lbs.	WA	Angus-based	S, N, no hormones, antibiotics or animal by-products	N/A	N	Feeder, packer, retailer	N/A
Performance Plus - Retained Ownership	Don Cain Jr., 888-269-8387 performance@alloisp.com	1993	Confidential	\$33.23/hd	\$7.50/hd	1	Both	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 & its investor members and its participating feedyards, based on contracts. This strategic alliance brings grassroots producers together with technology, cattle and corn/corn coproducts.	N
Performance Plus - Sale Barn	Don Cain Jr., 888-269-8387 performance@alloisp.com	1993	Confidential	\$27.06/hd	\$8/hd	1	Both	N/A	500-1,000 lbs.	IA, KS, NE, CO, MO, SD	50-75% British, 25-50% Continental	MSI scanned, S, Vac 45	Y	Y	Nebraska Corn COOP & its investor members and its participating feedyards, based on contracts. This strategic alliance brings grassroots producers together with technology, cattle and corn/corn coproducts.	N

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Power Genetics www.powergenetics.com	Jason Anderson, 308-493-5604 jasona@powergenetics.com	1993	Confidential	Confidential	None	35	Both	Confidential	Confidential	Confidential	Power Genetics and/or greater than 50% Angus	S, W, P	Y	Y	Confidential	Y
Premium Gold Angus Beef www.pgabeef.com	Cattle Procurement, 970-353-0419; Sales 512-732-1212	1993	150,000	\$12-\$120/hd	None	40	Both	Choice YG3	600-1,000 lbs.	WI	50% Angus	S, W, P	Y	N	N/A	Yes, with PGA approved bulls
Snake River Farms www.snakeriverfarms.com	Wade Small, 208-226-5126, (cell) 208-243-1813 wade.small@agribeeef.com	1990	N/A	N/A	N/A	70	N/A	N/A	N/A	WA	Wagyu	S, N	Y	N	Agri Beef Co.	Y
Tallgrass Beef Company	Ron Ladner, cattle procurement manager, 877-822-8283 rladner@tallgrassbeef.com	2004	N/A	\$85	None	No minimum	Both	High Select/YG3	500-900 lbs.	KS, CA	Predominantly British based	S, W, P, N	Y	Not required, but preferred	N/A	N/A
TwoRiver Cattle, American Simmental Association 7070 Beef www.7070beef.com	TwoRiver Cattle LLC, Mark Guge, 515-231-6849 mguge@netins.net	2003	40,000	\$33/hd	\$4/hd	NA	Both	Choice YG3A	550-1,000 lbs.	NE, CO	None	Premium for S & age cattle with PVP certification	Y	N	Packer – JBS Swift	N
U.S. Premium Beef, LLC www.uspremiumbeef.com	Tracy Thomas, 866-877-2525 tthomas@uspb.com	1996	735,000	\$31.85/hd	Membership and units access	20	Both	50% Choice YG3	575-1,000 lbs.	KS, CA	Breeds with high-quality grade carcass traits	None	Y	N	Packer – National Beef Packing Co.	Y
Calf-Based Programs																
American Angus Assn. AngusSource www.angussource.com	American Angus Assn., Sara Snider, 816-383-5100 ssnider@angus.org	2003	123,000 head	Varies	\$50 enrollment and \$1/hd for visual tag, \$2.25/hd for e. tag and \$3.25/hd for ChoiceSet	1	N/A	N/A	N/A	All U.S.	Sired by a registered Angus bull – minimum of 50% Angus genetics	S, age, genetic verification	Y	N	For genetic verification – Tyson Fresh Meats	N
Cargill Cattle Feeders - Sharing Total Added Value (STAV) Program	Tana Baker, 316-291-1974 tana_baker@cargill.com	2000	60,000	N/A	None	120 same sex	Both	NA	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	Y
Cooperative Beef Solutions www.cooperativebeefsolutions.com	Willie Altenburg, 970-568-7881; Tim Davis, 800-584-0040; Dan Dorn, 888-675-2212; Joe Young, 800-858-4330 Info@cooperativebeef solutions.com	2003	N/A	\$15-\$25/hd management improvement	\$10-\$12/hd	1 load, 1 sex – will accommodate multiple owners	Both	Choice/3B	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
Five Star Cattle Systems, LLC www.5starcattle.com	Wendell Geeslin, general manager, Magness Land and Cattle, 970-396-6958 wendell@magnesscattle.com,	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	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
Gateway www.angussource.com	American Angus Assn., Sara Snider, 816-383-5100 ssnider@angus.org	2009	N/A	Varies	\$50 enrollment and \$2/hd for visual tag, \$3/hd for e. tag, and \$5/hd for ChoiceSet	1	N/A	N/A	N/A	All U.S.	None	S, age verification	Y	N	No	N
Gelbvieh Profit Partners, LLC www.profitpartnersllc.com	Slim Cook, 307-272-2024 slimck@tribcsp.com	2005	4,000	TBD by lot	None	Truckload	Both	N/A	N/A	NE, KS, WA, ID, UT	25% Gelbvieh influence	S and age verification	Y	N	Y	N
MFA Health Track Beef Alliance www.mfahealthtrack.com	Mike John, 573-876-5573 mjohn@mfa-inc.com	1998	35,000 head	\$0 to \$100/hd based on wt gain and market	None for members	1	N/A	N/A	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
Missouri Verified Beef, LLC www.probeef.org	Brad White, Dan Goehl, 573-288-3817 bradwhite@probeef.org or dangoehl@probeef.org	2001	N/A	N/A	\$15	5	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	No dairy	S, W, P	Y	N/A	Confidential	Y
NEMO Premier Beef Marketers, LLC	Imogene Latimer, 573-439-5283 klatimer@marktwin.net	N/A	350	Depends on year and feedlot results	Call for information	1	Both	N/A	550-1,000 lbs.	KS, NE, IA	50% Angus or more	W, P, S and age verification	Y	Y	USPB and others	N/A
Red Angus Feeder Calf Certification Program www.redangus.org	Mikalena Randazzo, 940-387-3502 mikalena@redangus.org, Myron Edelman, 307-351-6032 myron@redangus.org	1995	115,000 head	Depends on location	\$0.99/hd or \$3/hd depending on type of tag (visual or visual/EID combo set)	1	QG	Choice YG3	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
Verified Beef www.verifiedbeef.net	Andy Kellom, 406-867-2333 akellom@verifiedbeef.net	1999	>100,000	Varies with marketing	Source and age - \$3/hd; Carcass data collection - \$6/hd	1	N/A	N/A	N/A	All U.S.	None	Source, age	Y	N	N	N

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