USPB Natural Program Information Sheet

NatureSource®	Naturewell®

Live Requirements:

- Black or Red Angus qualified by either:
  - Option 1. Phenotype – visually 51% black-hided (by individual animal) or solid red and polled or solid red with white face (not Hereford) and polled
  - Option 2. Genotype – proof of Angus parentage by enrollment in programs such as Angus Source or the Red Angus Feeder Calf Certification Program

■ A NatureSource non-breed specific program is also available. Cattle can be any hide color. Cattle cannot have horns past the ears and cannot exhibit any dairy characteristics.	■ All Naturewell cattle MUST be black or red hided. ■ No Brahman or dairy influence
■ Must be source verified ■ Must be born and raised in the USA	■ Source verification not required ■ Must be born and raised in the USA

Production Requirements:

For entire life of the animal:	For the final 120 days prior to harvest:
■ No antibiotics (feed or injectible) **EVER** ■ No ionophores (i.e. Rumensin) **EVER** ■ No hormones (implants or MGA) **EVER** ■ No animal byproducts **EVER**	■ No antibiotics (feed or injectible) last 120 days ■ No hormones (implants or MGA) last 120 days ■ No animal byproducts **EVER**

- ○ Fed a corn-based ration for a minimum of 120 days prior to harvest
- ○ Feedlot approved by National Beef or IMI Global regarding: Animal welfare audit, record-keeping, feed delivery, cattle management, animal identification system, etc.

Grid Payments (Relative to current USPB Base Grid):

■ $14/cwt. live weight added to live price ■ 75% Choice or better threshold ■ No premium paid for Certified Angus Beef® (CAB) or Black Canyon® Premium Reserve (BCP). ■ Yield Grade thresholds fixed at: Yield Grade 1 5% Yield Grade 2 30% Yield Grade 3 40% Yield Grade 4 20% Yield Grade 5 5%	■ $2.75/cwt live weight added to live price ■ 55% Choice or better premium threshold 45% Choice or better discount threshold The "target" will be 65% Choice or better. Feedlots that do not meet this target will likely not remain an approved supplier. ■ Premiums ***are*** paid for CAB and BCP like on current Base.

- Each Natural program will have a maximum number of head allowed per week. Therefore, cattle should be consigned to USPB ***far in advance*** to ensure program availability. Advance notice will also allow adequate time for initial feedyard approval.
- Feedlots must first be approved by National Beef before cattle can be consigned to either program. Natural grid cattle should be delivered in load lots. Feedyard approval is at the sole discretion of National Beef based on geography and annual marketing potential of natural cattle.
- Other pricing options may be available as conditions warrant.
- Contact USPB at 866-877-2525 for more detailed information regarding NatureSource® or Naturewell®.

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