

5-Step Animal Welfare Rating Standards Program



Application: BEEF CATTLE OPERATIONS

Attention Applicants: Information provided on page 1 of this application will be shared with Global Animal Partnership for internal data compilation only. Operational details, including contact person(s), address, contact information, operation type, site use data, and animal numbers, will remain confidential and will not be made public.

Name of Operation					
Contact Person(s)					
Position(s)					
Mailing Address	Street Address:				
	City:				
	State/Province:				
	Zip/Postal Code:		Country:		
Contact Information	Tel:		Cell/Mobile:		
	Email:				
Preferred Method(s) of Contact		<input type="checkbox"/> Tel	<input type="checkbox"/> Cell/Mobile	<input type="checkbox"/> Email	
Name of supplier/producer group/coop/marketing arm that the operation is affiliated with, if any		NICOLE WINES LIVESTOCK / SKY RIVER FOODS			

Type of Operation (please check all that apply)					
<input type="checkbox"/> cow-calf	<input type="checkbox"/> cow-calf-finisher	<input type="checkbox"/> cow-calf-yearling	<input type="checkbox"/> backgrounder/stocker/grower	<input type="checkbox"/> feedlot/finisher	
<input type="checkbox"/> other (please describe):					

Site	# of Months in Use Each Year	# of Cows	# of Calves (unweaned)	# of Backgrounders, Stockers, Growers, Yearlings, or Feeders	# of Finishers	# of Replacement Heifers	# of bulls
1*							
2							
3							
4							

* Site 1 is home ranch / main site.

Is your operation a split operation, where all of the cattle are not raised according to the 5-Step Standards? (examples of split operations: a joint seedstock operation and cow-calf ranch; a feedyard with multiple programs)	<input type="radio"/> YES <input type="radio"/> NO
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Does the operation hold a current Step certificate?	<input type="radio"/> YES <input type="radio"/> NO	If Yes	Issued by	<input type="checkbox"/> AUS-MEAT	<input type="checkbox"/> EarthClaims	<input type="checkbox"/> IMI Global	<input type="checkbox"/> Steritech
			Issued on		Expires on		
			Step Rating				

If your operation has held Step certificates in the past, list the following details for each previous Step certificate:							
Issued on		Expired on		Step rating		Certifier	

Consumers, retailers, donors, and others interested in the 5-Step program may request lists of Step-rated producers. If Step-rated, do you authorize the following to be made public? Please mark the appropriate box.		YES	NO		YES	NO
	Operation name	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	Step rating	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
	Affiliation (if any)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	Country	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

This question only to be filled out by the certification company:							
Certification Company	<input type="checkbox"/> AUS-MEAT	<input type="checkbox"/> EarthClaims	<input type="checkbox"/> IMI Global	<input type="checkbox"/> Steritech			

OPERATION DETAILS							
Site	Physical Address	City	State/ Province	Zip/ Postal	Country	Size (acres)	Distance from Site 1 (time/miles)
1*							
2							
3							
4							

* Site 1 is home ranch / main site.





What Step level are you aiming to achieve?	
<input type="checkbox"/> Step 1: no crowding	<input type="checkbox"/> Step 2: enriched environment
<input type="checkbox"/> Step 3: n/a	<input type="checkbox"/> Step 4: pasture centered
<input type="checkbox"/> Step 5: animal centered: no physical alterations	<input type="checkbox"/> Step 5+: animal centered: entire life on the same farm

FOR EACH OF THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS: Please answer with a mark in the appropriate box. If not applicable, answer with 'N/A.' All questions must be answered for your application to be Processed. **Your answers should reflect your operation's current situation or practice.**

DOES THE OPERATION:		YES	NO	N/A
1	Have a written ranch/feedyard/lot plan (for example: protocols, policies, SOPs, ranch manual, organic system plan, emergency procedures)?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
2	Employ outside labor (either full-time or part-time)?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
3	Have a training program that includes animal management?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
4	Have a bio-security program?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
5	To the best of your knowledge, use genetically modified or cloned cattle?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
6	Select cattle for their ability to do well in the geographic area of the operation?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
	What breed(s) of cattle do you raise?			
7	Buy cattle from sale or auction barn?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
	Tick all that apply?			
	<input type="checkbox"/> purchase market animals (for example: feeders, yearlings)			
	<input type="checkbox"/> purchase breeding stock (for example: replacement heifers, bulls)			
	<input type="checkbox"/> purchase BOTH market animals and breeding stock			
8	Ever feed a supplement, pre-mixed feed, or mineral product containing antibiotics, ionophores, growth hormones, beta agonists or sulfa drugs? <i>Please review feed ingredients before answering.</i>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
9	Ever use antibiotics, ionophores, growth hormones, beta agonists or sulfa drugs?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
	What percentage (%) of the herd has been exposed?			
	How are treated animals identified? Tick all that apply:			
	<input type="checkbox"/> ear notch <input type="checkbox"/> ear tag <input type="checkbox"/> segregated <input type="checkbox"/> other			
	If OTHER , please explain:			
	How are treated animals marketed?			
10	Have records to identify animals treated with antibiotics, ionophores, growth hormones, beta agonists, or sulfa drugs?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
11	Have protocols to follow when lame animals are seen?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

12	Use electric prods (other than when there is a risk to an animal or stock person)?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>																						
13	Tag each animal? Tick all that apply: <input type="checkbox"/> plastic dangle tag (for example: Y-Tag, Z-tag, Ritchey Universal, Allflex) <input type="checkbox"/> RFID or EID tags <input type="checkbox"/> metal clip <input type="checkbox"/> fly tag <input type="checkbox"/> bangs tag <input type="checkbox"/> other If OTHER , please explain:	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>																						
14	Use more than 2 ear tags per animal?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>																						
15	Wattle animals?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>																						
16	Ear notch animals?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>																						
17	Face brand animals?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>																						
18	Spay cattle? Which spaying method is used? <input type="checkbox"/> vaginal <input type="checkbox"/> flank How many animals (estimated) are typically spayed? If YES Why are animals spayed? Who performs the procedure? <input type="checkbox"/> veterinarian <input type="checkbox"/> ranch personnel What is the average age of animal (in months) when spayed?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>																						
19	Disbud* calves? (*remove horn bud before it breaks through the skin) Typical calving season(s) /group(s)? Please answer in month/day/year (e.g.,5/1/11) <table border="1"> <tr> <td rowspan="2">Spring</td> <td>First calf born</td> <td></td> <td rowspan="2">Fall</td> <td>First calf born</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Last calf born</td> <td></td> <td>Last calf born</td> <td></td> </tr> </table> When will calf be typically disbudded? Please answer with est. mon/day/year. <table border="1"> <tr> <td>Spring</td> <td></td> <td>Fall</td> <td></td> </tr> </table> Is it your policy to disbud at or before 6 weeks of age on average? <input type="radio"/> YES <input type="radio"/> NO How many animals are typically disbudded? <table border="1"> <tr> <td>Estimated number</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Estimated percentage (%) of all calves</td> <td></td> </tr> </table> What method is used? Tick all that apply: <input type="checkbox"/> hot iron <input type="checkbox"/> scoop dehorner <input type="checkbox"/> caustic paste <input type="checkbox"/> tube dehorner <input type="checkbox"/> knife/razor <input type="checkbox"/> other If OTHER , please explain: Who performs the procedure? <input type="checkbox"/> veterinarian <input type="checkbox"/> ranch personnel Typically, estimated average age of the group at disbudding (in weeks)? How many calves will be disbudded when they are older than 6 weeks of age? <table border="1"> <tr> <td>Estimated number</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Estimated percentage (%) of all calves</td> <td></td> </tr> </table> Explain why calves, if any, will be / are disbudded when they are older than 6 weeks of age:	Spring	First calf born		Fall	First calf born		Last calf born		Last calf born		Spring		Fall		Estimated number		Estimated percentage (%) of all calves		Estimated number		Estimated percentage (%) of all calves		<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
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20	Dehorn* cattle? (*remove horn after it has broken through the skin) How many animals are typically dehorned? <table border="1"> <tr> <td>Estimated number</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Estimated percentage (%) of all calves</td> <td></td> </tr> </table> How old are the animals when they are dehorned? (estimated age in months) <table border="1"> <tr> <td>Spring</td> <td></td> <td>Fall</td> <td></td> </tr> </table> If YES What method is used? Tick all that apply: <input type="checkbox"/> hot iron <input type="checkbox"/> scoop dehorner <input type="checkbox"/> hand saw <input type="checkbox"/> tube dehorner <input type="checkbox"/> Barns dehorner <input type="checkbox"/> wire dehorner <input type="checkbox"/> clippers <input type="checkbox"/> other If OTHER , please explain: Who performs the procedure? <input type="checkbox"/> veterinarian <input type="checkbox"/> ranch personnel	Estimated number		Estimated percentage (%) of all calves		Spring		Fall		<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>														
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	Explain why these animals are dehorned?				
21	Routinely tip* horns? (<i>*remove insensitive horn tip, the portion of horn with no nerves or blood supply</i>)		<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
	Does this apply to breeding stock only or to all animals?		<input type="radio"/> breeding stock only	<input type="radio"/> all animals	
	If YES Is this statement true for your operation?	We will tip the horns of any of our animals where the horns may be a risk to other animals or handlers. Tipping does not involve cutting into the sensitive nerve tissue nor cause any bleeding, and reduces the likelihood of injury to other animals and caretakers.			
22	Provide access to drinking water at all times?		<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
23	Provide grass, hay, haylage, or silage at all times?		<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
24	Feed any animal by-products* or waste? (<i>*excludes milk or milk-derived products</i>)		<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
25	Provide shade* for all animals in outdoor areas? (<i>*includes trees, bushes, shade cloths, and/or shade from a structure, mountains, hills, etc.</i>)		<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
26	Provide cattle at least 250ft ² /24m ² per animal in dry lots or yards?		<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
27	Ever use organophosphates (an active ingredient in many commercially available fly and parasite control compounds that could be applied topically as a dip, dust, or liquid, or as an ear tag)?		<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
28	Have problems with any of the following:				
	Coyotes		<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
	Wolves		<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
	Bears		<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
	Domestic and/or feral dogs		<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
	Cougars/mountain lions		<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
	Bob cats		<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
	Alligators		<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
	Buzzards		<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
	Other (please list):				
29	Ever use poisons to control any of the animals listed in #28 above?		<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
30	Ever use any of the following?				
	Leg-hold traps		<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
	Egg traps		<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
	Neck snares		<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
	Conibear traps		<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
	Glue boards		<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
	Drowning traps		<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
FOR OPERATIONS THAT UTILIZE HOUSING					
31	Do cattle have enough room to lie down together at the same time?		<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
32	Is bedding provided?		<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
33	Does flooring minimize slipping?		<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
34	Do cattle have access to the outdoors at all times?		<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

FOR OPERATIONS THAT RAISE CALVES															
35	What is the average age for weaning calves (in months)?										Spring		Fall		<input type="checkbox"/> N/A
	Typical calving window(s)? Estimated month / day / year.										Spring		Fall		<input type="checkbox"/> N/A
	Total # of cattle weaned:														
	Total # of cattle weaned younger than 6 months of age:														
36	Average age for castrating calves (in months)?										Spring		Fall		<input type="checkbox"/> N/A
	Castration time frame or date? Estimated month / day / year.										Spring		Fall		<input type="checkbox"/> N/A
	(Step 1): Total # of cattle castrated older than 6 months of age:														
	(Steps 2-4): Total # of cattle castrated older than 3 months of age:														
37	Which castration method is used? (examples below)														
	Scalpel/knife  <input type="radio"/> YES <input type="radio"/> NO <input type="radio"/> N/A			Rings  <input type="radio"/> YES <input type="radio"/> NO <input type="radio"/> N/A			Bands  <input type="radio"/> YES <input type="radio"/> NO <input type="radio"/> N/A			Burdizzo  <input type="radio"/> YES <input type="radio"/> NO <input type="radio"/> N/A					
38	Please mark the months of the year that cow-calf pairs typically have access to range or pasture:														
	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
	N/A	All Yr	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	
39	Please mark the months of the year that cow-calf pairs typically has access to a lot* or yard: (* lot = 49% or less vegetation cover)														
	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
	N/A	All Yr	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	
40	Please mark the months of the year that grower cattle typically have access to range or pasture:														
	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
	N/A	All Yr	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	
41	Please mark the months of the year that grower cattle typically has access to a lot* or yard: (* lot = 49% or less vegetation cover)														
	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
	N/A	All Yr	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	
42	Please mark the months of the year that finisher cattle typically have access to range or pasture:														
	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
	N/A	All Yr	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	
43	Please mark the months of the year that finisher cattle typically has access to a lot* or yard: (* lot = 49% or less vegetation cover)														
	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
	N/A	All Yr	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	
44	Are there any laws or regulations (local, state, provincial, federal) that prohibit adherence to any of the 5-Step standards? <input type="radio"/> YES <input type="radio"/> NO <input type="radio"/> N/A														
	If YES	Please explain and provide complete legal or regulatory citation:													

TRANSPORT		YES	NO	N/A
45	Does the operation itself transport cattle off-farm/ranch?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
46	Does the operation contract transport?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
	With how many companies? <input type="checkbox"/> 1 <input type="checkbox"/> 2-5 <input type="checkbox"/> 6+ If YES List the contact information (person/company name and telephone) for each transporter you contract with:			
47	If NO for 45 & 46 List contact information (person and telephone) for the individual who is responsible for organizing and overseeing transport when cattle are permanently shipped off your location:			
48	Does the operation keep* the following records? <i>(*records can be kept by the operation or the operation can receive copies from the transport company/companies)</i>			
	Loading start and end times	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
	Departure and arrival times	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
	Reasons for any stops or delays en route	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
	Transport vehicle condition	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
49	Does the trailer have access doors or points for the driver to reach an animal if necessary?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
50	Does the operation provide cattle with access to water until loading begins?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
51	Are transport practices modified during times of excessive heat and/or cold?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
52	Does the operation use electric prods to load/unload cattle (other than when there is a risk to an animal or stock person)?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

53	Please complete the following table for all MARKET CATTLE. (This does not include breeding animals.) If you have more than 2 sources, please provide a list of names and city/state/province in a separate attachment.										
COW-CALF				BACKGROUNDERS / STOCKERS / GROWERS / YEARLINGS / FEEDERS				FINISHER / FEEDYARD / LOT			
Shipped FROM	Does your operation buy weaned calves? <input type="radio"/> YES <input type="radio"/> NO			Does your operation buy/manage /feed cattle from other operations? <input type="radio"/> YES <input type="radio"/> NO			Does your operation buy/manage /feed cattle from other operations? <input type="radio"/> YES <input type="radio"/> NO				
	If YES , please provide source(s):			If YES , please provide source(s):			If YES , please provide source(s):				
	Name & Step #		▼	Name, Step #		▼	Name, Step #		▼		
	City / State			City / State			City / State				
	Name & Step #		▼	Name, Step #		▼	Name, Step #		▼		
City / State			City / State			City / State					
COW-CALF				BACKGROUNDERS / STOCKERS / GROWERS / YEARLINGS / FEEDERS				FINISHER / FEEDYARD / LOT			
Shipped TO	When cattle leave your operation, what is their next destination? Tick all that apply <u>and</u> complete average time and distance in miles:			When cattle leave your operation, what is their next destination? Tick all that apply <u>and</u> complete average time and distance in miles:			When cattle leave your operation, what is their next destination? Tick all that apply <u>and</u> complete average time and distance in miles:				
	<input type="checkbox"/> feedyard /Lot	time		<input type="checkbox"/> feedyard /Lot	time		<input type="checkbox"/> processing	time			
		distance			distance			distance			
	<input type="checkbox"/> back-grounder	time		<input type="checkbox"/> back-grounder	time		<input type="checkbox"/> sale or auction barn	time			
		distance			distance			distance			
	<input type="checkbox"/> pasture *	time		<input type="checkbox"/> pasture *	time		<input type="checkbox"/> other (please explain below)	time			
		distance			distance			distance			
<input type="checkbox"/> processing	time		<input type="checkbox"/> processing	time		BUYER HAS SEVERAL FEED LOTS AND WE WILL NOT KNOW WHERE CALVES ARE GOING UNTIL CLOSER TO SHIPPING DAY					
	distance			distance							
<input type="checkbox"/> auction/ sale barn	time		<input type="checkbox"/> auction/ sale barn	time							
	distance			distance							
* pasture that is outside / separate from your own leased, rented, or owned property											
Please provide the requested information for the next destination:											
Name	SKY RIVER FOODS HOLDINGS				City	TBD			State	TBD	

You represent and acknowledge that all information herein is accurate.

Signature*	<div style="border: 1px solid black; height: 20px; width: 100%;"></div> <p style="font-size: small; margin-top: 5px;">(*An electronic signature is not acceptable. Please provide a hard-copy signature.)</p>
Date	<div style="border: 1px solid black; height: 20px; width: 100%;"></div>
Printed Name	<div style="border: 1px solid black; height: 20px; width: 100%;"></div>