

# 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.

<b>Name of Operation</b>			
<b>Contact Person(s)</b>			
<b>Position(s)</b>			
<b>Mailing Address</b> (street, city, state/ province, zip/postal, country)			
<b>Contact Information</b>	<b>Tel</b>		<b>Cell / Mobile</b>
	<b>Email</b>		
<b>Preferred Method of Contact</b>	Tel	Cell / Mobile	Email
<b>Name of supplier/producer group/coop/marketing arm that the operation is affiliated with, if any</b>			

<b>Type of Operation</b> (please check all that apply)				
cow-calf	cow-calf-finisher	cow-calf-yearling	backgrounder/stocker/grower	feedlot/finisher
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

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

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

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	
	<b>Operation name</b>				<b>Step rating</b>			
	<b>Affiliation (if any)</b>				<b>Country</b>			

<b>This question only to be filled out by the certification company:</b>				
<b>Certification Company</b>	AUS-MEAT	EarthClaims	IMI Global	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?			
<b>Step 1:</b> no crowding	<b>Step 2:</b> enriched environment	<b>Step 3:</b> n/a	<b>Step 4:</b> pasture centered
<b>Step 5:</b> animal centered: no physical alterations		<b>Step 5+:</b> animal centered: entire life on 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 <b>written</b> ranch/feedyard/lot plan (for example: protocols, policies, SOPs, ranch manual, organic system plan, emergency procedures)?				
2	Employ outside labor (either full-time or part-time)?				
3	Have a training program that includes animal management?				
4	Have a bio-security program?				
5	To the best of your knowledge, use genetically modified or cloned cattle?				
6	Select cattle for their ability to do well in the geographic area of the operation?				
	What breed(s) of cattle do you raise?				
7	Buy cattle from sale or auction barns?				
	<b>If YES</b>	Tick all that apply: purchase market animals (for example: feeders, yearlings) purchase breeding stock (for example: replacement heifers, bulls) purchase <b>both</b> 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>				
9	Ever use antibiotics, ionophores, growth hormones, beta agonists or sulfa drugs?				
	<b>If YES to 8 or 9</b>	What percentage (%) of the herd has been exposed?			
		How are treated animals identified? Tick all that apply: ear notch      ear tag      segregated      other			
		If <b>OTHER</b> , please explain:			
		How are treated animals marketed?			
10	Have records to identify animals treated with antibiotics, ionophores, growth hormones, beta agonists, or sulfa drugs?				
11	Have protocols to follow when lame animals are seen?				

12	Use electric prods (other than when there is a risk to an animal or stock person)?													
13	Tag each animal?													
	Tick all that apply: plastic dangle tag (for example: Y-Tex, Z-tag, Ritchey Universal, Allflex) RFID or EID tag      metal clip      fly tag      bangs tag      other													
	If <b>OTHER</b> , please explain:													
14	Use more than 2 ear tags per animal?													
15	Wattle animals?													
16	Ear notch animals?													
17	Face brand animals?													
18	Spay cattle?													
	<b>If YES</b>	Which spaying method is used?		vaginal	flank									
		How many animals (estimated) are typically spayed?												
		Why are animals spayed?												
		Who performs the procedure?		veterinarian	ranch personnel									
What is the average age of animals (in months) when spayed?														
19	Disbud* calves? (*remove horn bud before it breaks through the skin)													
	Typical calving season(s) / group(s)? Please answer as month / day / year (e.g., 5/1/11).													
	<b>Spring</b>	First calf born						<b>Fall</b>	First calf born					
		Last calf born							Last calf born					
	When will calves typically be disbudded? Please answer with estimated month / day / year.							<b>Spring</b>		<b>Fall</b>				
	Is it your policy to disbud at or before 6 weeks of age on average?							YES	NO					
	How many animals are typically disbudded?		Estimated number											
			Estimated percentage (%) of all calves											
	What method is used? Tick all that apply: hot iron      scoop dehorner      caustic paste      tube dehorner knife / razor      other													
	If <b>OTHER</b> , please explain:													
	Who performs the procedure?      veterinarian      ranch personnel													
	Typical, estimated average age of the group at disbudding (in weeks)?													
	How many calves will be disbudded when they are <b>older</b> than 6 weeks of age?		Estimated number											
Estimated percentage (%) of all calves														
Explain why calves, if any, will be / are disbudded when they are <b>older</b> than 6 weeks of age:														
20	Dehorn* cattle? (*remove horn after it has broken through the skin)													
	How many animals are typically dehorned?		Estimated number											
			Estimated percentage (%) of all animals											
	How old are the animals when they are dehorned (estimated age in months)?		<b>Spring</b>		<b>Fall</b>									
	What method is used? Tick all that apply: hot iron      scoop dehorner      hand saw      tube dehorner Barns dehorner      wire dehorner      clippers      other													
	If <b>OTHER</b> , please explain:													
Who performs the procedure?      veterinarian      ranch personnel														

	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> )			
If <b>YES</b>	Does this apply to breeding stock only or to all animals?	breeding stock only	all animals	
	Is this statement <b>true</b> 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. YES NO		
22	Provide access to drinking water at all times?			
23	Provide grass, hay, haylage, or silage at all times?			
24	Feed any animal by-products* or waste? ( <i>*excludes milk or milk-derived products</i> )			
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> )			
26	Provide cattle at least 250ft <sup>2</sup> /24m <sup>2</sup> per animal in dry lots or yards?			
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)?			
28	Have problems with any of the following:			
	Coyotes			
	Wolves			
	Bears			
	Domestic and/or feral dogs			
	Cougars/mountain lions			
	Bob cats			
	Alligators			
	Buzzards			
Other (please list):				
29	Ever use poisons to control any of the animals listed in #28 above?			
30	Ever use any of the following?			
	Leg-hold traps			
	Egg traps			
	Neck snares			
	Conibear traps			
	Glue boards			
	Drowning traps			
<b>FOR OPERATIONS THAT UTILIZE HOUSING</b>				
31	Do cattle have enough room to lie down together at the same time?			
32	Is bedding provided?			
33	Does flooring minimize slipping?			
34	Do cattle have access to the outdoors at all times?			

ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS FOR ALL OPERATIONS														
35	What is the average age for weaning calves (in months)?							Spring		Fall		N/A		
	Typical calving window(s)? <i>Estimated month / day / year.</i>							Spring		Fall		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		N/A		
	Castration time frame or date? <i>Estimated month / day / year.</i>							Spring		Fall		N/A		
	(Step 1): Total # of cattle castrated <b>older</b> than 6 months of age:													
	(Steps 2-4): Total # of cattle castrated <b>older</b> than 3 months of age:													
37	Which castration method is used? ( <i>examples below</i> )													
	<b>Scalpel/knife</b>  YES NO N/A			<b>Rings</b>  YES NO N/A			<b>Bands</b>  YES NO N/A			<b>Burdizzo</b>  YES NO N/A				
38	Please mark the months of the year that <b>cow-calf pairs</b> typically have access to range or pasture:													
	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 <b>cow-calf pairs</b> typically has access to a lot* or yard: (* lot = 49% or less vegetation cover)													
	N/A	All Yr	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec
40	Please mark the months of the year <b>grower cattle</b> typically have access to range or pasture:													
	N/A	All Yr	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec
41	Please mark the months of the year <b>grower cattle</b> typically have access to a lot* or yard: (* lot = 49% or less vegetation cover)													
	N/A	All Yr	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec
42	Please mark the months of the year <b>finisher cattle</b> typically have access to range or pasture:													
	N/A	All Yr	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec
43	Please mark the months of the year <b>finisher cattle</b> typically have access to a lot* or yard: (* lot = 49% or less vegetation cover)													
	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?													
		YES				NO				N/A				
	<b>If YES</b>	Please explain and provide complete legal or regulatory citation:												

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

53	Please complete the following table for all <b>MARKET CATTLE</b> . (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.											
<b>COW-CALF</b>			<b>BACKGROUNDER / STOCKERS / GROWERS / YEARLINGS / FEEDERS</b>				<b>FINISHER / FEEDYARD / LOT</b>					
<b>Shipped FROM</b>	Does your operation buy weaned calves? Yes                  No			Does your operation buy/manage/feed cattle from other operations? Yes                  No				Does your operation buy/manage/feed cattle from other operations? Yes                  No				
	If <b>YES</b> , please provide source(s):			If <b>YES</b> , please provide source(s):				If <b>YES</b> , please provide source(s):				
	Name			Name			Name					
	City / State			City / State			City / State					
	Name			Name			Name					
City / State			City / State			City / State						
<b>COW-CALF</b>			<b>GROWER / BACKGROUNDER</b>				<b>FINISHER / FEEDYARD / LOT</b>					
<b>Shipped TO</b>	When cattle leave your operation, what is their next destination? Tick all that apply <u>and</u> complete <i>average</i> time and distance in miles:			When cattle leave your operation, what is their next destination? Tick all that apply <u>and</u> complete <i>average</i> time and distance in miles:				When cattle leave your operation, what is their next destination? Tick all that apply <u>and</u> complete <i>average</i> time and distance in miles:				
	feedyard / lot	time		feedyard / lot	time		processing	time				
		distance			distance			distance				
	back-grounder	time		back-grounder	time		sale or auction barn	time				
		distance			distance			distance				
	pasture*	time		pasture*	time		other (please explain below)	time				
		distance			distance			distance				
	processing	time		processing	time							
		distance			distance							
	sale or auction barn	time		sale or auction barn	time							
distance			distance									
<b>* pasture that is outside / separate from your own leased, rented, or owned property</b>												
<b>Please provide the requested information for the next destination:</b>												
Name					City			State				

**You represent and acknowledge that all information herein is accurate.**

Signature*	
	(* An electronic signature is not acceptable. Please provide a hard-copy signature.)
Date	
Printed Name	