

# NatureSource<sup>®</sup> Program Information Sheet

## Live Requirements:

- Black or Red Angus qualified by either:
  - Option 1. Phenotype – visually 51% or more black-hided (by individual animal) or 70% or more red-hided (by individual animal). Cattle exhibiting characteristics from Non-Angus breeds such as Gelbvieh, Limousin, Simmental, Charolais, traditional Hereford(s), etc. are not eligible for the program unless it is clear that the cattle meet the minimum requirement of 50% Angus genetics.
  - Option 2. Genotype – proof of Angus parentage by enrollment in programs such as Angus Source or the Red Angus Feeder Calf Certification Program or feedlot has completed the Genotype Certification Affidavit to verify minimum 50% Angus or Red Angus genetics
- No predominant Brahman ears or humps and NO dairy influence
- Must be traceable to ranch or origin with adequate records
- Must be born and raised in the USA

## Production Requirements:

For entire life of the animal:

- No Antibiotics (feed or injectable) **EVER**
- No ionophores (i.e Rumensin) **EVER**
- No hormones (implants or MGA) **EVER**
- No animal byproducts **EVER**
- Fed a corn-based ration for a minimum of 120 days prior to harvest
- Feedlot approved by National Beef regarding animal handling audit, record-keeping, feed delivery, cattle management, animal identification system, etc.

## Grid Payments (Relative to current USPB Base Grid):

- Call 866-877-2525 for current premium\*
- Plant average yield cap, or maximum, of 63.25%
- 75% Choice or better threshold
- No premium paid for Prime, Certified Angus Beef<sup>®</sup> (CAB) or Black Canyon<sup>®</sup> 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%

- The NatureSource<sup>®</sup> 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. Cooperation will be necessary to schedule cattle on a weekly basis to provide an even supply.
- Feedlots must first be approved by National Beef before cattle can be consigned to the program. NatureSource<sup>®</sup> 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.
- \*Premiums are subject to change based on market conditions when cattle reservations are placed. Premiums for specific groups of cattle will not change after reservations are approved. Reservations are approved by National Beef based on feedyard approval and expected cattle needed for the program.
- Other pricing options may be available as conditions warrant.
- Contact USPB at 866-877-2525 for more detailed information regarding the NatureSource<sup>®</sup> program.

