

Dear Consignors:

Enclosed please find a new/revised Consignor/Livestock Owner's certificate. It is a renewal of Country of Origin and Animal Derived Feed as well as the new USDA/FSIS residue violation list. We will need your signature and address and those of any immediate family members who market individually. Please return to Miles City Livestock as soon as possible.

A little explanation: For several months packers have demanded consignor certificates, mainly due to pressure from the Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS). The livestock markets objected because of liability issues. FSIS now has a Residue Repeat Violator List and packers have asked that we inform them if we sell any cattle owned by a violator. Obviously this will destroy the market value of animals owned by the violator. Packers have assured us that compliance is mandatory. A few things to know:

- 1) There are no Montana names on the offenders list. It is mostly dairy producers.
- 2) There will be liability issues if a producer is caught violating labeled withdrawal periods.
- 3) USDA/FSIS will do random checks at slaughter facilities.
- 4) Buckshot is still a problem.
- 5) It is OUR responsibility to help provide safe, wholesome meat products to our families and our customers.
- 6) More information at [www.lmaweb.com](http://www.lmaweb.com)
- 7) This will not be the last demand placed on producers.

On another note. Thank you for your business. We very much appreciate it! The market, while not as high as it was, is still in good shape. We have lots of good sales scheduled through the marketing season and most buyers agree that Miles City Livestock is a very strong market. Call us anytime!

Have a good summer!

Rob Fraser and Bart Meged

## CONSIGNOR/LIVESTOCK OWNER'S CERTIFICATE

The undersigned consignor/livestock owner:

- 1) Certifies to the best of his/her knowledge, none of the livestock are adulterated within the meaning of the Federal Food, Drug & Cosmetic Act (e.g., none of them has been fed any feed derived from mammalian tissues as prohibited by 21 C.F.R. 589.2000 nor are they contaminated with foreign materials nor do they have illegal levels of drug residues);
- 2) Certifies that neither the undersigned nor the person(s) from whom the consignor purchased the livestock are on the UDA/FSIS active list of repeat violators as having had more than one residue violation in the past 12 months or if they are on the USDA/FSIS list that the consignor has identified the animals being sold that come from the person whose name appears on the USDA/FSIS list;
- 3) Attests through first-hand knowledge, normal business records or producer affidavits(s) that all livestock referenced by this document or other communications specific to the transaction and transferred are of (e.g. USA)\_\_\_\_\_ origin and that should the origin of the livestock become other than that described above the undersigned will notify the buyer/agent when this occurs:

This certificate/declaration/affidavit shall remain in effect until the undersigned delivers written notice of revocation to the market.

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Printed name of Consignor

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Signature of Consignor

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Consignor's Address

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Date