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| Certified Angus Beef, LLC Feedlot Licensing Program (FLP) www.cabpartners.com | Steve Suther, 785-889-4162 ssuther@certifiedangusbeef.com | CAB: 1978, FLP: 1998 | >200,000 head | Varies by packer/grid | None | 1 | Both | Varies with packer | Varies with packer | CO, IA, ID, IL, KS, MI, MN, NE, PA, TX, WA, WI, UT, CAN | 50% or greater Angus preferred | N/A | Y | Varies with feedlot | 80 feeders, 26 packers, 6,000 retailers, 7,000 restaurants and international distributors | Varies with feedlot |
| Certified Angus Beef Natural www.cabpartners.com/feedlots/natural.php | Steve Suther, 785-889-4162 ssuther@certifiedangusbeef.com | 2003 | >100,000 head | Varies with packer | None | Varies with packer | Both | N/A | N/A | NE, UT | 50% or greater Angus | N, S, never had implants, antibiotics or animal-derived feeds | Y | N | Tyson Foods and Niman Ranch | Varies with packer |
| Certified Hereford Beef, LLC www.herefordbeef.org | Mary Ellen Hummel, 816-842-3757 mhummel@hereford.org | 1995 | 462,000 head | \$14-\$22/hd; age and source premium: \$35/hd | None | N/A | Both | Varies with packer | 600-1,000 lbs. | NE, KS | 100% British, at least 50% Hereford | Corn feeding | Y | N | Greater Omaha Packing Co., National Beef Packing LLC, Hereford Verified feeders | Varies with packer |
| Consolidated Beef Producers www.consolidatedbeef.com | Bruce Cobb, 806-655-8955 bruce@consolidatedbeef.com | 2000 | 1.5+ million marketings | Confidential and varies based on program | \$3,000 (one-time) membership fee and cattle marketing service fee | N/A | Both | Varies, depending on grid options | Varies, depending on grid options | TX, NM, OK, KS, CO, NE, WY, IA, MN, SD | N/A | Varies, depending on program specs | Y | N | Horizontal alliance with producers | N/A |
| Country Natural Beef www.countrynaturalbeef.com | Dan Probert, 541-473-3355 marketing@countrynaturalbeef.com | 1986 | 45,000 head | Cost of production/return on investment | Responsibility of being member of co-op (9 days/year) | 120 | Both | High Select, low Choice YG1 & 2 | 600-830 lbs. | WA, TX, CO | Cattle selected by biological type | S, N, food alliance certification, no ionophores, cattle owned from birth, no hormones, no antibiotics | Y | Y | Retailer – Natural Food Stores, packer – AB Foods, Feeder – Beef Northwest | Cost of production/return on investment |
| Creekstone Farms www.creekstonefarms.com | Ryan Meyer, 620-741-3321 rmeyer@cfpbeef.com | 1998 | 310,000 head | \$35/hd for source and age verified, \$100-\$200/hd for natural and NHTC | None | None | QG | Choice YG 3.3 | 550-950 lbs. | KS | Black Angus | S and age-verified program required third-party certification. Natural program requires never/ever affidavit from birth. Non-Hormone Treated Cattle Program (NHTC) requires third-party certification. | Y | N | Y | Y |
| Decatur Beef Alliance www.decaturfeedyard.com | Kevin Unger 888-675-2212 kevin@decaturfeedyard.com | 1994 | 40,000 head | Varies | Approximately \$9/hd | Load lot of same sex | Both | Choice YG3 | 550-1,000 lbs. | KS | <25% Bos indicus | P, S, preweaning | Y | Y, 50% | Packer – Cargill Meat Solutions | N/A |
| GeneNet www.genenetbeef.com | Dr. Ken Conway, 785-628-3004 genenet@eaglecom.net | 1998 | 70,000 head | \$20 to \$90/hd | \$3 to \$4/hd | 20 | Both | Choice YG3 | 535-950 lbs. | NE, CO | None | None | Y | Doesn't matter | Packer – JBS | Y |
| Laura's Lean Beef www.laurasleanbeef.com | Scott Coakley, VP of Cattle Procurement, 800-392-9389 scoakley@llbcorp.com | 1985 | 70,000 head | \$85 plus freight to slaughter | None | None | Both | Select YG 3 and Choice All YG | 600-900 lbs. str/hfr | NE, WI, TX | High percentage Continental | N, S, W, P | Y | N | N/A | For qualified producers, \$8/hd for Sel/ST less than YG2 |
| Meyer Natural Angus www.meyernaturalangus.com | Jim Norwood, 816-769-7334 jnorwood@meyerfoods.com or Blake Angell, 785-410-3750 bangell@meyerfoods.com | 1995 | Confidential | \$100+/hd slaughter premium | None | None | QG | Select YG3 | 600-1,000 lbs. | NE, CO | Minimum 50% Red or Black Angus | S, W, P, N | Y | N | Y | N |
| Montana Ranch Brand Natural www.montanaranchbrand.com | Jake Eshelman, 406-294-2333 jake@montanaranchbrand.com | 1994 | 10,000 head | \$75-\$125/hd retained ownership | None | Potload | Both | YG2.8 and Choice-Select | 700-900 lbs | NE | Continental/British cross | S, W, P, N | Y | N | Retailer direct | Y, under certain conditions |
| Montana Ranch Brand Piedmontese www.montanaranchbrand.com | Jake Eshelman, 406-294-2333 jake@montanaranchbrand.com | 2000 | 10,000 head | \$35-\$50 cow-calf or \$100-\$130 retained ownership | None | Potload | Both | YG2.8 and Choice-Select | 700-900 lbs. | NE | Piedmontese/British cross | S, W, P, N | Y | N | Retailer direct | Y, under certain conditions |
| Nolan Ryan's All Natural Beef www.nolanryanbeef.com | Charlie Bradbury, 936-436-1622 cbradbury@nolanryanbeef.com | 2000 | Confidential | Varies | None | 1 | YG | Choice and Select, YG1 & 2 | 600-899 lbs. | TX, KS | None, prefer Bos indicus | N | N/A | N | Feeder, packer, retailer | N |
| Painted Hills Natural Beef www.paintedahillsnaturalbeef.com | Will Homer, 541-763-2333 will.homer@natural-beef.com | 1996 | 27,000 head | \$100/hd | None | 40 | QG | Choice | 700-1,000 lbs. | WA | Angus-based | S, N, no hormones, antibiotics or animal byproducts | Y | N | Feeder, packer, retailer | N/A |
| Performance Plus - Retained Ownership | Don Cain Jr., 888-269-8387 performance@alloisp.com | 1993 | Confidential | \$33.23/hd | \$7.50/hd | 1 | Both | N/A | 500-1,000 lbs. | IA, KS, NE, CO, MO, SD | 50-75% British, 25-50% Continental | MSI scanned | Y | Y | Nebraska Corn COOP & their investor members and its participating feedyards, based on contracts. This strategic alliance brings grass roots producers together with technology, cattle and corn/corn coproducts | N |
| Performance Plus - Sale Barn | Don Cain Jr., 888-269-8387 performance@alloisp.com | 1993 | Confidential | \$27.06/hd | \$8/hd | 1 | Both | N/A | 500-1,000 lbs. | IA, KS, NE, CO, MO, SD | 50-75% British, 25-50% Continental | MSI scanned, S, Vac 45 | Y | Y | Nebraska Corn COOP & their investor members and its participating feedyards, based on contracts. This strategic alliance brings grass roots producers together with technology, cattle and corn/corn coproducts | N |
| Power Genetics www.powergenetics.com | Jason Anderson, 308-493-5604 jasona@powergenetics.com | 1993 | Confidential | Confidential | None | 35 | Both | Confidential | Confidential | Confidential | Power Genetics and/or greater than 50% Angus | S, W, P | Y | Y | Confidential | Y |

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| Premium Gold Angus Beef <i>www.pgabees.com</i> | Cattle Procurement, 970-353-0419; Sales 512-732-1212 | 1993 | 150,000 head | \$12-\$120/hd | None | 40 | Both | Choice YG3 | 600-1,000 lbs. | WI | 50% Angus | S, W, P | Y | N | N/A | Yes, with PGA approved bulls |
| Snake River Farms <i>www.snakeriverfarms.com</i> | Wade Small, 208-226-5126, (cell) 208-243-1813 <i>wade.small@agribee.com</i> | 1990 | N/A | N/A | N/A | 70 | N/A | N/A | N/A | WA | Wagyu | S, N | Y | N | Agri Beef Co. | Y |
| Tallgrass Beef Company | Ron Ladner, cattle procurement manager, 877-822-8283 <i>rladner@tallgrassbeef.com</i> | 2004 | N/A | \$85 | None | No minimum | Both | High Select/ YG3 | 550-900 lbs. | NE, CA | Predominantly British based | S, W, P, N | Y | Not required, but preferred | N/A | N/A |
| TwoRiver Cattle, American Simmental Association 7070 Beef <i>www.7070beef.com</i> | TwoRiver Cattle LLC, Mark Guge, 515-231-6849 <i>mguge@netins.net</i> | 2003 | 40,000 head | \$33/hd | \$4/hd | N/A | Both | Choice YG3A | 550-1,000 lbs. | NE, CO | None | Premium for S & age cattle with PVP certification | Y | N | Packer – JBS Swift | N |
| U.S. Premium Beef, LLC <i>www.uspremiumbeef.com</i> | Tracy Thomas, 866-877-2525 <i>tthomas@uspb.com</i> | 1996 | 735,000 head | \$33.45/hd | Membership and units access | 20 | Both | 55% Choice YG3 | 575-1,000 lbs. | KS, CA | Breeds with high-quality grade carcass traits | None | Y | N | Packer – National Beef Packing Co. | Y |
| Calf-Based Programs | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| American Angus Assn. AngusSource <i>www.angussource.com</i> | American Angus Assn., Sara Snider, 816-383-5100 <i>ssnider@angus.org</i> | 2003 | 144,000 head | Varies | \$50 enrollment and \$1/hd for visual tag, \$2.25 for e. tag and \$3.25/hd for Choice set | 1 | N/A | N/A | N/A | All U.S. | Sired by a registered Angus bull – minimum of 50% Angus genetics | S, age, genetic verification | Y | N | For genetic verification – Tyson Fresh Meats | N |
| Cargill Cattle Feeders - Sharing Total Added Value (STAV) Program | Tana Baker, 316-291-1974 <i>tana_baker@cargill.com</i> | 2000 | 60,000 head | N/A | None | 120 same sex | Both | N/A | 600-899 lbs. | TX, KS, CO | 50% or greater English, 3/16 or less Brahman | S, W, P not required, but preferred | Y | N | Cargill Beef and retail customers | Y |
| Circle A Feeders <i>www.circleAranch.com</i> | Nick Hammett, 800-Circle-A <i>nick@circlearanch.com</i> | 2007 | 10,000 head | Top of market +\$35/hd | None | 1 | QG | N/A | N/A | KS, NE | Sire or dam purchased from Circle A Angus | S, W, P | Y | N | N | N |
| Cooperative Beef Solutions <i>www.cooperativebeefsolutions.com</i> | Willie Altenburg, 970-568-7881, Tim Davis, 800-584-0040, Dan Dorn, 888-675-2212, Joe Young, 800-858-4330 <i>Info@cooperativebeef solutions.com</i> | 2003 | N/A | \$15-\$25/hd management improvement | \$10-\$12/hd | 1 load, 1 sex – will accommodate multiple owners | Both | Choice/3B | 550-1,000 lbs. | KS | None | S | Y | Y | Feeder – Decatur County Feedyard; Packer – Excel; Genetics – Genex; Herd Management Programs – Midwest Micro Systems (Cow Sense) | Shared in proportion of retained ownership |
| Five Star Cattle Systems, LLC <i>www.5starcattle.com</i> | Wendell Geeslin, General Manager, Magness Land and Cattle, 970-396-6958 <i>wendell@magnesscattle.com</i> | 1995 | 75,000 head | N/A | No cost for basic group data, \$3/hd for individual; \$8/hd for complete data | Load lots | Both and Natural | N/A | 525-999 lbs. | CO, MI, NE, PA, TX, WI | Identifiable straight british and british cross and continental feeders | S, W, P, N, age verification | Y | N | Magness Land and Cattle, Producers Feedlot, Choice Livestock, Select Feeders, Strauss Brands, Inc. | N |
| Gateway <i>www.angussource.com</i> | American Angus Assn., Sara Snider, 816-383-5100 <i>ssnider@angus.org</i> | 2009 | 24,000 | Varies | \$50 enrollment and \$2/hd for visual tag, \$3 for e. tag and \$5/hd for Choice set | 1 | N/A | N/A | N/A | All U.S. | None | S, age verification | Y | N | N | N |
| Gelbvieh Profit Partners, LLC <i>www.profitpartnersllc.com</i> | Slim Cook, 307-272-2024 <i>slimc@tribcsp.com</i> | 2005 | 4,000 head | TBD by lot | None | 1 load | Both | N/A | N/A | NE, KS, WA, ID, UT | 25% Gelbvieh influence | S, age verification | Y | N | Y | N |
| MFA Health Track Beef Alliance <i>www.mfahealthtrack.com</i> | Mike John, 573-876-5573 <i>mjohn@mfa-inc.com</i> | 1998 | 38,000 head | \$0 to \$100/hd based on wt. gain and market | None for members | 1 | N/A | N/A | N/A | TX, KS, NE, MO, IL | Low % Bos indicus and dairy | S, W, P, standardized nutrition (AVS Certified - Micro Beef PVP) | Y | N/A | N | N/A |
| NEMO Premier Beef Marketers, LLC | Imogene Latimer, 573-439-5283 <i>klatimer@marktwin.net</i> | N/A | 350 head | Depends on year and feedlot results | Call for information | 1 | Both | N/A | 550-1,000 lbs. | KS, NE, IA | 50% Angus or more | W, P, S and age verification | Y | Y | USPB and others | N/A |
| Red Angus Feeder Calf Certification Program <i>www.redangus.org</i> | Mikalena Randazzo 940-387-3502 <i>mikalena@redangus.org</i> Myron Edelman 307-351-6032 <i>myron@redangus.org</i> | 1995 | 120,000 head | Depends on location | \$.99/hd or \$3.00/hd depending upon type of ear tag selected (visual or visual/EID combo set) | 1 | QG | Choice YG3 | 550-975 lbs. | CO, NE, KS | 50% Red Angus, calves must have one registered Angus parent | S, age verification | Y | N | Cargill Meat Solutions, Meyer Natural Angus, US Premium Beef/National Beef, Decatur County Beef Alliance, Beef Northwest Feeders, GeneNet with JBS Swift, 70/70 grid with JBS Swift | N |
| Schiefelbein Feeder Calf Alliance | Tim Schiefelbein <i>tschiefelbein@americanfoods group.com</i> | 1995 | 25,000 head | Varies | Free to bull customers | 1 load | Both | Varies on program | Varies on program | Midwest to South Plains | Schiefelbein bulls | Preconditioning Shots | Y | N | Yes, several | Depends on program |
| Verified Beef <i>www.verifiedbeef.net</i> | Andy Kellom, 406-867-2333 <i>akellom@verifiedbeef.net</i> | 1999 | >100,000 head | Varies with marketing | Source and Age - \$3 per head includes EID tag | 1 | N/A | N/A | N/A | All U.S. | None | S, age verification | Y | N | N | N |

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