

Alliance Web Address	Contact	Year estab.	Cattle in alliance in 2008	Average premium paid	Cost	Minimum head	Grids geared to QG, YG or both (see key at bottom of page)	Par point on grid
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	Ch/Sel + \$4.50/cwt.	None	1	Both	Varies with packer
Certified Angus Beef Natural www.cabpartners.com/feedlots/natural.php	Steve Suther, 785-889-4162, ssuther@certifiedangusbeef.com	2003	>100,000	Varies with packer	None	Varies with packer	Both	N/A
Certified Hereford Beef, LLC www.herefordbeef.org	Office, 816-842-3758	1995	462,000	\$14-\$22/hd; age and source premium: \$35/hd	None	N/A	Both	Choice YG4 or less, Choice & Select
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
Country Natural Beef www.countrynaturalbeef.com	Dan Probert, 541-473-3355, marketing@countrynaturalbeef.com	1986	50,000	Cost of production/return on investment	Responsibility of being member of co-op (9 days/year)	120	Both	High Select, low Choice YG1 & 2
Creekstone Farms www.creekstonefarms.com	Ryan Meyer, 620-741-3321, rmeyer@cfpbeef.com	1998	260,000	\$12-\$100/hd	None	None	QG	Choice YG3.3
Decatur Beef Alliance www.decaturfedyard.com	Kevin Unger, 888-675-2212, kevin@decaturfedyard.com	1994	40,000	Varies	Approximately \$9/hd	Load lot of same sex	Both	Choice YG3
GeneNet www.genenetbeef.com	Ken Conway, 785-628-3004, genenet@eagle.com.net	1998	70,000	\$20 to \$90/hd	\$3 to \$4/hd	20	Both	Choice YG3
Laura's Lean Beef www.laurasleanbeef.com	Scott Coakley, VP of cattle procurement, 800-392-9389, scoakley@llbcorp.com	1985	70,000	\$85 plus freight to slaughter	None	None	Both	Select YG 2.3-2.4 and Choice YG 2.0-2.9
Meyer Natural Angus www.meyernaturalangus.com	Jim Norwood, 816-769-7334, jnorwood@re-meyer.com or Blake Angell, 785-410-3750, bangell@re-meyer.com	1995	Confidential	\$100+/hd slaughter premium	None	None	QG	Select YG3
Montana Ranch Brand Natural www.montanaranchbrand.com	Jake Eshelman, 406-294-2333, jake@montanaranchbrand.com	1994	10,000	\$75-\$125/hd retained ownership	None	Potload	Both	YG2.8 and Choice-Select
Montana Ranch Brand Piedmontese www.montanaranchbrand.com	Jake Eshelman, 406-294-2333, jake@montanaranchbrand.com	2000	10,000	\$35-\$50 cow-calf or \$100-\$130 retained ownership	None	Potload	Both	YG2.8 and Choice-Select
Nolan Ryan's Guaranteed Tender Meats www.nolanryanbeef.com	Coy Meyring, 806-457-1389, cmeyring@nolanryanbeef.com	2000	Confidential	Varies	None	1	YG	Choice and Select, YG1 & 2
Painted Hills Natural Beef www.paintedhillsnaturalbeef.com	Will Homer, 541-763-2333, will.homer@natural-beef.com	1996	2,400	\$90+/hd	None	40	QG	Choice
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
Performance Plus - Sale Barn	Don Cain Jr., 888-269-8387, performance@alloisp.com	1993	Confidential	\$27.06/hd	\$8/hd	1	Both	N/A

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Carcass weight on grid	Harvest states	Required genetics	Practices required: S, W, P, N (see key at bottom of page)	Electronic ID capable	Retained ownership required	Aligned with specific feeders, packers or retailers	Cow-calf producer post-harvest premium
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
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
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	Y
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
600-775 lbs.	WA	Cattle selected by biological type	S, N, food alliance certification, no ionophores, cattle owned from birth	Y	Y	Retailer – Natural Food Stores, packer – AB Foods, feeder – Beef Northwest	Cost of production/ return on investment
550-950 lbs.	KS	Black Angus	S and age-verified program requires 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
550-1,000 lbs.	KS	< 25% <i>Bos indicus</i>	P, S, preweaning	Y	Y, 50%	Packer – Cargill Meat Solutions	N/A
535-950 lbs.	NE, CO	None	None	Y	Doesn't matter	Packer – JBS	Y
575-825 lbs.	NE, WI, TX	High percentage Continental	N, S, W, P	Y	N	N/A	For load lots of cattle, 35% of slaughter bonus
600-1,000 lbs.	NE	Minimum 50% Red or Black Angus	S, W, P, N	Y	N	Y	N
700-900 lbs.	NE	Continental/British cross	S, W, P, N	Y	N	Retailer direct	Y, under certain conditions
700-900 lbs.	NE	Piedmontese/British cross	S, W, P, N	Y	N	Retailer direct	Y, under certain conditions
600-899 lbs.	TX, CA	None, prefer <i>Bos indicus</i>	N	N/A	N	Feeder, packer, retailer	N
700-1,000 lbs.	WA	Angus-based	S, N, no hormones, antibiotics or animal by-products	N/A	N	Feeder, Packer, retailer	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
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Power Genetics www.powergenetics.com	Jason Anderson, 308-493-5604, jasona@powergenetics.com	1993	Confidential	Confidential	None	35	Both	Confidential
Premium Gold Angus Beef www.pgabees.com	Ron VanderBoon, 616-361-2808, 616-485-4257 (cell), rvboon@msn.com	1993	150,000	\$12-\$120/hd	None	40	Both	Choice YG3
Red Angus Feeder Calf Certification Program www.redangus.org	Mikalena Randazzo, 940-387-3502, mikalena@redangus.org ; Myron Edelman, 307-351-6032, myron@redangus.org	1995	100,000	Depends on location	\$1.19/hd or \$3.25/hd depending upon type of ear tag selected (just visual or visual/EID combo set)	1	QG	Choice YG3
Snake River Farms www.snakeriverfarms.com	Wade Small, 208-226-5215, 208-243-1813 (cell), wade.small@agrbeef.com	1990	N/A	N/A	N/A	70	N/A	N/A
Tallgrass Beef Company	Ron Ladner, cattle procurement manager, 877-822-8283, rladner@tallgrassbeef.com	2004	N/A	85	None	No minimum	Both	High Select/YG3
TwoRiver Cattle, American Simmental Association 7070 Beef www.7070beef.com	Mark Guge, 515-231-6849, mguge@netins.net	2003	40,000	\$33/hd	\$4/hd	NA	Both	Choice YG3A
U.S. Premium Beef, LLC www.uspremiumbeef.com	Tracy Thomas, 866-877-2525, tthomas@uspb.com	1996	735,000	\$27.42/hd	Membership and units access	20	Both	50% Choice YG3

Calf-Based Programs

AngusSource	Sara Snider, 816-383-5100, ssnider@angus.org	2003	99,000	Varies	\$50 enrollment and \$1/hd for visual tag or \$3.25/hd for RFID-matched pair set.	1	N/A	N/A
Cargill Cattle Feeders - Sharing Total Added Value (STAV) Program	Tana Baker, 316-291-1974, tana_baker@cargill.com	2000	60,000	26	None	120 same sex	Both	NA
Cooperative Beef Solutions www.cooperativebeefsolutions.com	Willie Altenburg, 970-568-7881; Tim Davis, 800-584-0040; Dan Dorn, 888-675-2212; Joe Young, 800-858-4330; Info@cooperativebeefsolutions.com	2003	N/A	\$15-\$25/hd management improvement	\$10-\$12/hd	1 load, 1 sex - will accommodate multiple owners	Both	Choice/3B
Five Star Cattle Systems, LLC	Wendell Geeslin, General Manager, Magness Land and Cattle, 970-396-6958, wendell@magnesscattle.com	1995	75,000	N/A	No cost for basic group data. \$3/hd. for individual; \$8/hd. for complete data	Load lots	Both and Natural	N/A
Gelbvieh Profit Partners, LLC www.profitpartnersllc.com	Slim Cook, 307-272-2024, slimck@tribcsp.com	2005	4,000	TBD by lot	None	Truckload	Both	N/A
MFA Health Track Beef Alliance www.mfahealthtrack.com	Mike John, 573-876-5573, mjohn@mfa-inc.com	1998	50,000	\$54/hd	None for members	1	N/A	N/A
Missouri Verified Beef, LLC www.probeef.org	Brad White, Dan Goehl, 573-288-3817, bradwhite@probeef.org or dangoehl@probeef.org	2001	N/A	N/A	15	5	N/A	N/A
NEMO Premier Beef Marketers, LLC	Imogene Latimer, 573-439-5283, klatimer@marktwain.net	N/A	350	Depends on year and feedlot results	Call for information	1	Both	N/A
Verified Beef www.verifiedbeef.net	Andy Kellom, 406-867-2333, akellom@verifiedbeef.net	1999	>100,000	Varies with marketing	Source and Age - \$3 per head, Carcass Data Collection - \$6 per head	1	N/A	N/A

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Confidential	Confidential	Power Genetics and/or greater than 50% Angus	S, W, P	Y	Y	Confidential	Y
600-1,000 lbs.	WI	50% Angus	S, W, P	Y	N	N/A	Y, with PGA approved bulls
550-975 lbs.	CO, NE, KS	50% Red Angus, calves must have one registered Angus parent	S, age	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
N/A	WA	Wagyu	S, N	Y	N	Agri Beef Co.	Y
500-900 lbs.	KS, CA	Predominantly British based	S, W, P, N	Y	Not required, but preferred	N/A	N/A
550-1,000 lbs.	NE, CO	None	Premium for S & age cattle with PVP certification	Y	N	Packer – JBS Swift	N
575-1,000 lbs.	KS, CA	Breeds with high-quality grade carcass traits	None	Y	N	Packer – National Beef Packing Co.	Y
N/A	Varies	Sired by a registered Angus bull – minimum of 50% Angus genetics	S, age, genetics	Y	N	For genetic verification – National Beef Packing Co. and Tyson Fresh Meats	N
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	N/A
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
525-999 lbs.	CO, MI, NE, PA, TX, WI	Identifiable straight British and British cross and Continental feeders	S, W, P, N, age	Y	N	Magness Land and Cattle, Producers Feedlot, Choice Livestock, Select Feeders, Strauss Brands, Inc	N
N/A	NE, KS, WA, ID, UT	25% Gelbvieh influence	S and age verification	Y	N	Y	N
N/A	TX, KS, NE, MO, IL	Low % <i>Bos indicus</i> and dairy	S, W, P, standardized nutrition	Y	N/A	No	N/A
N/A	N/A	No dairy	S, W, P	Y	N/A	Confidential	Y
550-1,000 lbs.	KS, NE, IA	50% Angus or more	W, P, S and age verification	Y	Y	USPB and others	N/A
N/A	All U.S.	None	Source, Age	Y	N	N	N