



## NHTC Ranch Program Requirements

**IMPORTANT NOTE: This is meant to be used as a guide. If you have any additional questions or if anything on this page is unclear, please contact the Legacy Verified Office.**

### General (BASIC) Requirements:

- After the completion of the NHTC Application, Legacy Verified will determine your potential eligibility for all claims. Your farm/ranch must be evaluated with an initial onsite verification before you can use the NHTC/SAV claims.
- Upon acceptance of the Application and signature of the contract, an onsite verification will be scheduled. Legacy Verified will bring you a Quality Manual, which contains program information and templates that can be used for required program record-keeping.
- Onsite, the LV Verification Specialist will go through a series of questions to verify that the information sent with the application is true and correct. The LV Verification Specialist will need to view your storage facilities (where all medicines and/or any hormone products are kept) and the area(s) in which all of your feed products are stored. LV Verification Specialist's will need to be shown the group(s) of cattle that are going to be verified so that they can verify that all of the ID's are documented correctly.
  - ✓ You should allow for at least one and one-half hours to complete the verification (if records are completed and readily available). This does not include travel times to storage facilities and pastures.
- Once your location is approved, your name, address, approval date, and claims approved for will be added to the Legacy Verified Approved Supplier List which may be made available to USDA upon request.

### Program Requirements:

- Animals in the NHTC Program must never be administered growth hormones or beta-agonists.
- If any hormones or beta-agonists are administered, the animal must be identified in a manner that indicates it no longer qualifies for the NHTC program (new ear tag, notches, etc). There must be records to support this action.
- All NHTC cattle MUST have a PCT Tag (EID) applied BEFORE they leave the place of birth. (Legacy Verified does sell PCT Tags at a discounted price to its customers.)
  - ✓ These animals also must move DIRECTLY to and through NHTC approved locations in order to maintain their claim.
- A veterinarian must come onsite to consult with the ranch at least, annually. This can be for any reason that is related to the cattle on the ranch such as generating (cattle) health certificates, vaccine protocols, preg check, emergency services, etc.
  - ✓ The ranch must provide documentation, through records, to show evidence to the LV Verification Specialist that a veterinarian has been onsite at the ranch location within the past year (ex: health certificate, invoices, etc).
- Only home raised calves still on the original ranch can be verified. Purchased cattle that have already been shipped are not eligible for NHTC verification through a back-verification process.
- The names and manufacturers of any pre-mixed and/or commercial feeds must be documented and must be accompanied by a Feed Letter of Guarantee (copy of letter template provided to rancher by Legacy Verified) signed by the manufacturer (not the dealer where the feeds were purchased). (This includes all pre-mixed cattle feed that may or may not be fed to program cattle.)
- After approval, the ranch will receive a completed Shipping Form and a Certificate of Approval. Copies of these documents need to be sent with the cattle to the next location and a copy needs to remain in the NHTC Quality Manual.

- If cattle have been tagged with a PCT Tag and they fall out of conformance for NHTC or SAV, the producer is responsible for sending those tag numbers to Legacy Verified so that the claims can be adjusted for those particular animals after shipping.

**NOTE:** All animals that qualify for NHTC, also qualify for China Verified, if the customer is interested. All animals eligible for China must never be fed beta-agonists – specifically ractopamine.