



## Legacy Natural 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 Legacy Natural Application, Legacy Verified will determine your potential eligibility for the Legacy Natural Program. Your farm/ranch must be evaluated with an initial onsite verification before you can use the Legacy Natural claim.
- Upon acceptance of the Application, an onsite verification will be scheduled. Legacy Verified will send you a Quality Manual which contains program information and templates that can be used for accurate program record keeping.
- Onsite, the LV Verification Specialist or will go through a series of questions to verify and clarify information that was sent in with your application. The LV Verification Specialist will need to view your storage facilities (where antibiotics and any hormone products are kept), the area(s) in which all of your feed products are stored, and they 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 hour 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 claim(s) approved for will be added to the Legacy Verified Approved Supplier List which may be made available to USDA upon request.

### Program Requirements:

- Legacy Natural requirements are: No Hormones, No Beta-Agonists, No Antibiotics, No Animal By-Products (Calves may be supplemented with colostrum within the first three (3) days following birth), and No Ionophores. (Coccidiostats are allowed.)

- Colostrum Allowance – Records must be provided to show animal’s actual Date of Birth, and the days treated with colostrum.
  
- If any of the above-mentioned products are used (including milk replacer), the animal must be identified in a permanent manner that indicates it no longer qualifies for the Legacy Natural Program (ear notch, tag notch, etc). There must be records to support this action.
  
- All Legacy Natural cattle MUST have a PCT Tag (EID) applied BEFORE they leave the approved ranch of origin. (Legacy Verified can provide you with EID tags at a discounted price.)
  - These animals also must move DIRECTLY to and through locations with a USDA approved, third-party verified natural program in order to maintain their claim. Purchased cattle do not qualify for Legacy Natural if they have moved to an unapproved location.
  
- There must be feed tags on file for any pre-mixed feedstuffs onsite. The names and manufacturers of any pre-mixed and/or commercial feeds must be documented. (This includes all 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 LV Natural Quality Manual.
  
- Only home raised calves that are still on the original ranch can be verified. Purchased cattle that have already been shipped are not eligible for Legacy Natural verification through a back-verification process.

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