



Upper Iowa Beef
EST. #45321
TRANSPORTER'S HUMANE HANDLING POLICY

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To: Cattle Producers and Livestock Haulers

Upper Iowa Beef has implemented FSIS Compliance Guide for a Systematic Approach to the Humane Handling of Livestock and the Recommended Animal Handling Guidelines and Audit Guide written by Temple Grandin, Ph.D. These guidelines may be found on the North American Meat Institute and FSIS websites. UIB continually strives to comply with Federal Regulations to ensure that cattle are treated humanely at all times. *We request that personnel transporting cattle to our facility follow these same requirements listed below:*

1. *Upper Iowa Beef expects transporters to participate in an industry approved formal transportation training such as BQA Transportation.*
2. Cattle must be fit to transport. Loading unfit animals is considered an egregious act of abuse. Trailers must not be overloaded to prevent bruises and injuries. Animals that are mounting other animals should be placed in separate pens.
3. If an animal becomes non-ambulatory in transit, Upper Iowa Beef will properly euthanize and dispose of the animal to rendering.
4. One cattle are loaded, the transporter drives directly to the plant, with minimal stopping. Feeding and watering of animals on long hauls is required after 28 hours.
5. Livestock trailers should be kept clean, in good repair and designed with non-slip floors, sufficient height and in a general manner conducive to humane transport of beef animals. Follow industry best practices for bedding.
6. Sudden stops of acceleration during transport should be avoided. Plan driving time to arrive at scheduled unloading time.
7. Remove distractions that cause balking and provide adequate lighting at loading and unloading. Trailers must be properly aligned with the unloading dock prior to unloading.
8. Cattle will be unloaded and driven in a manner that causes minimal excitement and discomfort to animals.
9. Truckers who assist in unloading cattle will do so under the supervision of an Upper Iowa Beef, LLC employee or surveillance camera and *will be expected to follow Beef Quality Assurance (BQA) cattle handling requirements.*
 - a. Independent livestock truckers who do not comply will be immediately removed from premises.
 - b. Rattle paddles or sticks with a flag on the end, etc. are to be used. The use of electric cattle prods (Hot shots) and bullwhips or sharp objects shall not be allowed to load and unload animals.
10. Practices that increase the stress of the animal should be avoided. This includes excessive physical abuse such as striking, swatting, yelling, and loud noises.
11. In inclement weather, avoid traveling in the most extreme (hottest) part of the day and keep the trailer moving as much as possible. Cover side slates to block wind in extreme cold.
12. If an emergency occurs at the plant while animals are in transit the farmer (cattle owner) and trucking company/hauler will be notified of the plant's plan of action.

If any deficiencies are found in the above requirements, the transport company management personnel will be immediately notified, and corrections are expected. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact plant management at 563-566-2202. After hours, please contact Travis Thomas at 201-988-5526.

Sincerely,

Travis Thomas
Procurement Manager
Upper Iowa Beef

	Cattle Producer Affidavit			4614 Highway 63 PO Box 27 Lime Springs, IA 52155 563-566-2202 www.upperiowabeef.com
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Operation/Seller Name (print) _____

Farm/Ranch/Feedlot Name: _____

Lead Contact Name, if different(print) _____

Street Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

Telephone _____ Email Address _____

Beef Quality Assurance Number & Expiration date: _____

Producer Certification

Animal Health and Handling

Cattle are in good health with no visible defects, are in good merchantable condition, and will pass **USDA Ante Mortem Inspection** and have been handled humanely in accordance with **Beef Quality Assurance** guidelines.

Country of Origin

Cattle were born and raised in the United States.

Prohibited Animal Proteins

Cattle have not been fed feed containing prohibited animal as defined in **21 CFR 589.2000**, including ruminant-derived meat and bone meal or chicken litter.

Medication & Withdrawal Compliance

All medications, antibiotics, implants, and feed additives have been administered according to label directions and regulatory requirements, and all required withdrawal times have been met prior to shipment.

Feeding Program

Cattle have received a corn-based diet for a minimum of 120 days.

Age Verification

To the best of my knowledge, the cattle being sold are under 30 months of age.

Ractopamine-Free

Cattle have not been fed feed containing the feed additive **Ractopamine** (trade names include **Optaflexx** or **Actogain**).

Veterinary Relationship and Information

This operation receives regular veterinary visits (minimum annually). Documentation of such visits can be provided to **Upper Iowa Beef** upon request.

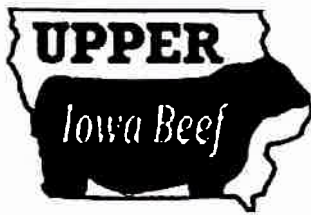
- Veterinarian Name: _____
- Veterinary Clinic: _____ Phone _____

I, the undersigned producer, hereby certify that statements above are true and correct to the best of my knowledge and that the cattle being sold to **Upper Iowa Beef** comply with the requirements stated above.

Producer Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

*This continuous Producer Affidavit is effective until revoked in writing by producer to Upper Iowa Beef.
Upper Iowa Beef may review and update this affidavit as needed.*

**Please complete and scan/email (cattle@upperiowabeef.com) or drop off/mail to our office at
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Cattle Insurance Election / Waiver

_____ **YES**, I elect to be insured on my cattle sold to Upper Iowa Beef at the rate of \$1.05/head. I agree to have this amount taken out of my settlement check for each sale.

_____ **No**, I elect to pass on the option to insure my cattle sold to Upper Iowa Beef. I understand that by passing on coverage I am liable for any crippling injuries or death loss that occur during transportation to Upper Iowa Beef or while at their facility. I also realize I will not be able to elect coverage for 12 months from the date on this document.

Name: _____

Date: _____

Address: _____

Signature: _____

Email: _____