



BLUE NEST BEEF
100% GRASS FED

Blue Nest Beef Protocol

(Version 3.0 – May 1,2020)

1. Audubon Conservation Ranching (ACR) program
 - a. Compliance with required ACR Protocols per schedule in all categories:
 - i. Habitat Management
 - ii. Forage & Feeding
 - iii. Animal Health and Welfare
 - iv. Environmental Sustainability
 - b. Basis per September 2017 documentation (as may be revised over time)
 - c. Copy of initial ACR certificate and Habitat Mgmt Plan provided at time of first supply
2. Additional Blue Nest Beef Forage and Feeding protocols
 - a. Both before and after weaning, animal's diet must be derived solely from milk, forage and approved supplements.
 - i. Forage consists of
 1. Grass, forage legumes, forbs, browse
 2. cereal grains, brassicas and other growing crops in the vegetative state.
 3. Any forage listed above made into hay, haylage, baleage, silage
 4. Crop residue without grain.
 5. Approved non-GMO supplements include only:
 - a. Non-GMO Soybean hulls or soybean pellets or cubes
 - b. Alfalfa and/or grass cubes and pellets (No Roundup Ready alfalfa)
 - c. Apple cider vinegar and cane molasses (No beet molasses)
 - ii. Routine mineral and vitamin supplementation.
 - b. Animals may not be fed grain or grain by-products, or anything contains animal by-products
 - c. Animals must have continuous access to pasture until slaughter.
3. Additional Blue Nest Beef Animal Health & Welfare requirements:
 - a. Animals must have continuous access to pasture. Exceptions for emergencies that may threaten the safety and well-being of the animals or soil, and management practices such as roundups, sorting, shipping, and weaning are allowed.
 - b. Use only low stress handling methods during weaning, handling, moving, sorting, loading and transport.

I hereby certify that all the cattle I sell and provide to Blue Nest Beef from this date forward meet all the criteria listed above, and that my ranch is certified by and in good standing with the Audubon Conversation Ranching program.

Ranch Name: _____

Address: _____

Signed: _____

Print Name: _____ Date: _____

Date: _____

