

Chief, Standardization Branch, Livestock and Seed Program  
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Dear USDA,

I am requesting that the following changes be made in language used in your definitions in docket number LS-02-02:

"No subtherapeutic antibiotics added" should read "Livestock do not RECEIVE subtherapeutic levels of antibiotics."

"Not fed antibiotics" should read "Not FED OR ADMINISTERED antibiotics."

"Free Range, Free Roaming, or Pasture Raised" should be re-defined to require that 1) "Each individual animal shall have continuous, unconfined, and unobstructed access to pasture throughout their life;" 2) "Pasture" include "Vegetative cover and environment appropriate to the species in terms of diet and natural behavior;" 3) "Animal density must be restricted so that animals can fulfill normal patterns of behavior, and so that healthy pasture or range is maintained."

"Grass fed" must require that "Animals have had continuous, unconfined, and unobstructed access to grass pastures containing legumes and forbs throughout their life. When free-standing forage is unavailable during the winter season cattle will continue to be fed an 85% forage derived diet."

Clear and meaningful language would provide consumers with important information about how animals are raised. This, I believe, is your mission.

Sincerely,



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