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Country of Origin Labeling Program, Agricultural Marketing Service USDA.

Dear Sirs,

I am manager of a 400 cow calf operation at Meeteetse Wy.

My position on COOL is exactly the same as that of R-CALF USA. The costs of manditory COOL as projected by USDA were greatly exaggerated pertaining to beef.

This seems to have been used as a scare tactic by the opposition

In fact any animal that has never been imported into U.S.A. has to have been Born - Raised & Processed in U.S.A

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