Dear Karen, N.M Cattle growers and Country of Origin

Enjoy the stockman and appreciate your hard work

We have changed our family's cow operation over to a yearling operation to satisfy the Forest Service. We have bought calves from New Mexico and average a 4% death loss. We switched to Mexican steers and our death loss has been 1%. The Mexican steers on this ranch have out performed the US cattle. By the time our Mexican bought calves are sold to the packer, they have been in the US longer than they were in Mexico. The health in Mexican calves is better than the health of US cull cows and bulls that Mexico buys from the US. If we want Mexico to buy American beef which is not up to our standards then we should not put a trade barrier on Mexican calves. If the meat labeling is a heath issue why are the Mexican calves healthier than the American calves.

I am against the mandatory country of origin labeling. I feel if this gets thru it will hurt my family's ranching operation. My friend is some of your members to make their living buying and selling Mexican cattle.

Please keep up the good work and best regards

Please use these comments for the country of Origin

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Jack Diamond

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Thank you
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