

**USDA SPECIFICATION FOR CHARACTERISTICS OF CATTLE ELIGIBLE
FOR APPROVED BRANDED BEEF PROGRAMS CLAIMING
AKAUSHI INFLUENCE**

1. SCOPE

This specification sets forth the requirements for live cattle from which carcasses can be derived for certification in approved branded beef programs claiming Akaushi influence. Cattle may qualify for the breed influence specification of these branded beef programs by meeting the Genotype requirement specified below.

2. REQUIREMENTS

2.1 Genotype Cattle eligible for Akaushi influence certified beef programs must have positive identification (e.g., ear tags, tattoos, brands) and be traceable to provable (e.g., registration papers from American Akaushi Association) Akaushi parentage. For cattle to qualify as Akaushi ($\geq 93.75\%$) each individual animal must be traceable to two registered parents (Fullblood or Purebred) or four registered grandparents (Fullblood or Purebred). For cattle to qualify as Akaushi Cross (50%) each individual animal must be traceable to one registered parent (Fullblood or Purebred) or two registered grandparents (Fullblood or Purebred).

3. VERIFICATION

3.1 Genotype. Compliance with genotype requirements shall be determined and controlled through a quality management program approved and monitored by the Livestock and Seed Program.