Appendix E

BEEF GRADING AIDS

Non-USDA agents may obtain the items below as follows:

**MEAT EVALUATION HANDBOOK** – Primary text for meat grading and selection

American Meat Science Association ([www.meatscience.org](http://www.meatscience.org))
301 N. Neil St. Ste. 400
Champaign, IL  61820

**USDA RIBEYE GRID** – For quick measurement of ribeye area – beef

Art Services
4910 Decatur St
Hyattsville, MD 20781

**PRELIMINARY YIELD GRADE RULER** – for measurement of backfat

NASCO
P.O. Box 3837
Modesto, CA  95357

**MARBLING PICTURES** – Set of six official color prints illustrating the lower limits of degrees of marbling (Slight through Moderately Abundant)

National Cattlemen’s Beef Association
9110 E. Nichols Avenue, #300
Centennial, CO  80112

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