



BEEF PROMOTION AND RESEARCH BOARD

CERTIFICATION OF PRODUCER DIRECTED PAYMENT OF CATTLE ASSESSMENTS

FAILURE TO PAY THE BEEF CHECKOFF IS A VIOLATION OF FEDERAL LAW (7 U.S.C. 2901 et seq.). This form must be properly completed and signed to be valid. You may by law be fined up to \$10,000, imprisoned up to 5 years, or both for knowingly or willfully making false statements within this document (18 U.S.C. p 1001).

Date: _____

Producer's Name _____ SSN or TIN _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Destination Facility _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____

I am electing to direct payment of and remit assessments in the amount of \$_____ to the Qualified State Beef

Council (QSBC) of _____, my state of residence, on _____ head of cattle that I have produced and am
State Head
 transporting under retained ownership on _____ to a feedyard or similar location in the state of _____.
Date State

I certify that these cattle are of my own production; I am transporting these cattle under retained ownership in compliance with 7 C.F.R. §1260.311 to a feedyard or similar location in another state; and these cattle shall remain in the feedyard or similar location for a period of not less than 30 days.

I further certify that, upon remitting the producer directed assessment on these cattle, I shall send a copy of this certification form to my QSBC. I understand that a copy of this "Certification of Producer Directed Payment of Cattle Assessments" must be provided to the purchaser (collecting person) at the time of sale to document that the \$1-per-head assessment has been paid or I will be required to pay the assessment again.

Signature of Owner (Producer) _____

Composite groups of cattle (use if cattle are divided): These cattle were divided into separate groups and sold as follows:

_____ Buyer/ Date Sold/ Head	_____ Buyer/ Date Sold/ Head	_____ Buyer/ Date Sold/ Head	_____ Buyer/ Dale Sold/ Head
_____ Buyer/ Date Sold/ Head	_____ Buyer/ Date Sold/ Head	_____ Buyer/ Date Sold/ Head	_____ Buyer/ Date Sold/ Head

Signature of Feeder _____

Collection of your social security number is authorized by Executive Order 9397 and will be used only for the purpose of positive identification. Furnishing this information is voluntary.

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**FORWARD WHITE COPY WITH REMITTANCE.
 RETAIN GOLD COPY FOR YOUR FILES.**

**SEND YELLOW COPY WITH CATTLE.
 PINK COPY FOR FEEDERS FILES.**

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This is a voluntary program allowing any producer who is retaining ownership and shipping cattle of his own production out of state for feeding, finishing, backgrounding, or grazing to elect to prepay the checkoff assessment to the state beef council in his state of residence.

Copies made on a copier are ONLY allowed when a FEEDER divides a producer's cattle into other groups upon leaving the feeder.

□ **For the Producer:**

1. Cattle of a producer's own production shall be those cattle which meet ALL of the following requirements: a) the cattle shall be the offspring of a producer's own cowherd; b) the cattle shall have been continuously and exclusively under the producer's ownership; and c) the cattle are transported to a feedlot or other facility with such owner continuously owning the cattle through the entire feeding phase.
2. If a percentage interest in the cattle is transferred while in the feedlot or other facility, the full assessment is due when sold to the packer or other buyer. There is no refund for death loss.
3. The producer must submit the original form (white copy) and payment of the assessment to the state beef council in his state of residence **AT THE TIME** or **BEFORE** cattle are shipped.
4. Ensure forms accompany the cattle. The dollar or document rule shall apply. If there is no document presented at the time they are sold out of the feedlot the assessment will be collected.
5. A separate original form must be filled out by the producer for cattle going to different locations within a state, i.e. different feedyards, even if owned by the same company. One form may be used for multiple loads of cattle going to the same location on the same day.

□ **For the Feeder:**

Forms must accompany cattle upon arrival. Late forms or copies are not to be accepted.

1. If the cattle are sold as an intact group, the yellow form will go with the cattle to the packer or other ultimate buyer. If the cattle are split up and sold with different lots or as separate units, the feeder shall enter the groups in the spaces provided on the pink form and make enough copies to send a copy with each group. The copy shall indicate only the prepaid cattle in the group.
2. The feeder is the only one allowed to make and use copies of the form as long as the number of copies does not exceed the number of groups of cattle and the number of cattle in the groups does not exceed the total on the original prepayment form.
3. The feeder will report prepaid cattle on your monthly remittance form to the state beef council. List them as a separate category of non-assessed cattle by number of head and form number(s) on the prepay form or make copies and send in with your monthly report. The feeder will retain the pink copy of the original in his records for 3 years.

□ **For the Packer or Ultimate Purchaser:**

1. The packer or ultimate purchaser must collect the beef checkoff assessment unless the original or approved copy of the numbered prepayment form accompanies the cattle. Report prepaid cattle on your monthly remittance form to the state beef council as a separate category of non-assessed cattle by number of head and form number(s) on the prepay form or make copies and send in with your monthly report. Retain the yellow form for your records.