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<b>Certified Angus Beef LLC</b> , <i>cabpartners.com</i>	<b>Steve Suther, 785-889-4162</b> , <i>ssuther@certifiedangusbeef.com</i>	1978	>3.5 million	Varies by packer/grid	None	1	Both	Varies with packer		Varies with packer	CA, CO, GA, IA, ID, IL, KS, MI, MN, NE, OH, PA, TX, WA, WI, UT, CAN, RUS	Angus-influenced	N/A	Y	Varies with feedlot	Network of feeders, 30 packers, 6,000 retailers, 10,000 restaurants and international distributors	Varies with feedlot/packer
<b>Certified Angus Beef Natural</b> , <i>cabpartners.com</i>	<b>Steve Suther, 785-889-4162</b> , <i>ssuther@certifiedangusbeef.com</i>	2003	>100,000	Varies with packer	None	Varies with packer	Both	N/A		N/A	CA, NE, UT	Angus-influenced	N, S, no implants, antibiotics or animal-derived feeds	Y	Varies with feedlot	Golden West, Nimman Ranch, Tyson Foods	Varies with feedlot/packer
<b>Certified Hereford Beef LLC</b> , <i>herefordbeef.org</i>	<b>Trey Befort, 816-842-3757</b> , <i>tbefort@herefordbeef.org</i>	1995	>260,000	Varies by packer	None	N/A	Both	Varies by packer		Varies by packer	NE, KS	100% British, at least 50% Hereford	Grain-finished	Y	Varies with feedlot	Greater Omaha Packing Co., Inc., National Beef Packing Co. LLC	Varies by packer/feedlot
<b>Consolidated Beef Producers</b> , <i>cbp.coop</i>	<b>Bruce Cobb, 806-655-8955</b> , <i>bruce@cbp.coop</i>	2000	1.1 million marketings	Confidential and varies based on program	\$3,000 (one-time) membership fee and cattle marketing service fee	N/A	Both	Varies, depending on grid options		Varies, depending on grid options	CO, IA, KS, MN, NE, NM, OK, SD, TX, WY	N/A	Varies, depending on program specifications	Y	N	Horizontal alliance with producers	N/A
<b>Country Natural Beef</b> , <i>countrynaturalbeef.com</i>	<b>Stacy Davies, 541-573-1133</b> , 90 W Washington, Burns, OR 97720 <i>marketing@countrynaturalbeef.com</i>	1986	55,000	Cost of production/return on investment	Responsibility of being co-op member (5 days/year)	60	Both	High Select, low Choice YG 1 and 2		600-880 pounds.	CO, WA	Cattle selected by biological type	N, S, GAP, no ionophores, hormones or antibiotics	Y	Y	Retailer – natural food stores; Packer – AB Foods & Brush Meat Packer; Feeders – Beef Northwest and McEndaffer Feedyard	Cost of production/return on investment
<b>Creekstone Farms Premium Beef</b> , <i>creekstonefarms.com</i>	<b>Ryan Meyer, 620-741-3321</b> , <i>rmeyer@cfpbef.com</i>	1998	300,000	Conventionally fed Black Angus \$1.00-\$4.00/cwt, \$10.00-\$18.00/cwt for natural and NHTC	None	None	Both	Choice YG 3.3		600-1,000 pounds	KS	Black Angus	Natural program requires "never/ever" affidavit from birth. Non-Hormone Treated Cattle Program (NHTC) requires third-party certification.	Y	N	Y	Y
<b>GeneNet</b> , <i>genenetbeef.com</i>	<b>Dr. Ken Conway, 785-628-3004</b> , <i>genenet@eaglecom.net</i>	1998	50,000	\$20 to \$90/hd	\$5/hd	20	Both	Choice YG 3		535-1,050 pounds	CO, NE	None	None	Y	Doesn't matter	Packer – JBS	Y
<b>Heart Brand Beef</b> , <i>HeartBrandBeef.com</i> and <i>HeartBrandCattle.com</i>	<b>JoJo Carrales, 1-877-AKAUSHI</b> , <i>jcarrales@heartbrandbeef.com</i>	2006	14,000	\$100 on feeders; \$250 on finished cattle	Membership to American Akaushi Association (AAA) and DNA verification	Truckload lots preferred	Both	36% USDA Prime is average		850 pounds (average)	TX	Akaushi-sired cattle; (DNA verified by AAA)	N, no hormone implants, antibiotics, beta-agonists or animal-derived feed	Y	Y	Bovina Feeders, Fairliegh Feedyard, KCC Feeders; Caviness Packing; distributed nationally to retail and food service like Bohanan's and Burger Monger	Y
<b>Meyer Natural Angus</b> , <i>meyernaturalangus.com</i>	<b>Jim Norwood, 816-769-7334</b> , <i>jnorwood@meyerfoods.com</i> or <b>Blake Angell, 785-410-3750</b> , <i>bangell@meyerfoods.com</i>	1995	Confidential	Dependent upon quality grade and third-party certification	None	None	QG	Select YG 3		600-1,050 pounds	CO	Minimum 50% Red or Black Angus	N, P, S, W	N	Encouraged	N	N
<b>Nolan Ryan All-Natural Beef</b> , <i>nolanryanbeef.com</i>	<b>Ken Henk, 936-436-1622, ext. 114</b> , <i>khenk@nolanryanbeef.com</i> <b>Cody Marburger, 936-436-1622, ext. 110</b> , <i>cmarburger@nolanryanbeef.com</i>	2000	Confidential	Varies	None	1	Both	Choice, YG 3.9 or better		600-999 pounds	TX	None, prefer <i>Bos indicus</i> , no dairy	N	N/A	Y	Five Rivers, JBS, various retailers	N
<b>Nolan Ryan Grass-Fed Beef</b> , <i>nolanryanbeef.com</i>	<b>Ken Henk, 936-436-1622, ext. 114</b> , <i>khenk@nolanryanbeef.com</i> <b>Cody Marburger, 936-436-1622, ext. 110</b> , <i>cmarburger@nolanryanbeef.com</i>	2012	Confidential	Varies	None	1	N/A	N/A		N/A	NE	None, early maturing genetics, gainability on grass, fleshing ability	N, cattle never receive grain, cattle never receive any added growth hormones or antibiotics	N/A	N	Various feeders, JBS, various retailers	N

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<b>Painted Hills Natural Beef</b> <i>paintedhillsnaturalbeef.com</i>	<b>Will Homer, 541-763-2333,</b> <i>will.homer@natural-beef.com</i>	1996	27,000	\$200/hd	None	40	QG	Choice	700-1,000 pounds.	WA	Angus-based	S, N, no hormones, antibiotics or animal byproducts	Y	N	Feeder, packer, retailer	N/A
<b>Power Genetics</b> <i>powergenetics.com</i>	<b>Jason Anderson,</b> <b>308-493-5604</b> <i>jasona@powergenetics.com</i>	1993	Confidential	Confidential	None	35	Both	Confidential	Confidential	Confidential	Power Genetics and/or greater than 50% Angus	P, S, W	Y	Y	Confidential	Y
<b>Snake River Farms</b> <i>agribeeff.com</i>	<b>Annie Inks, 208-338-2500,</b> <b>208-860-5318,</b> <i>annie.inks@agribeeff.com</i>	1990	N/A	N/A	N/A	1 truckload	N/A	N/A	N/A	WA	Wagyu	S, N	Y	N	Agri Beef Co.	Y
<b>TwoRiver Cattle</b> 7070 Beef <i>redangus.org or simmental.org</i>	<b>Mark Guge, 515-231-6849,</b> <i>mguge@netins.net</i>	2003	15,000	\$29/hd	\$4/hd	N/A	Both	Choice YG 3A	550-1,000 pounds.	CO, NE	None		Y	N	Packer – JBS	N
<b>U.S. Premium Beef LLC</b> <i>uspremiumberf.com</i>	<b>Tracy Thomas, 866-877-2525,</b> <i>tracy.thomas@uspb.com</i>	1996	More than 800,000	\$49.42/hd	Membership and delivery right access	20	Both	Varies	575-1,050 pounds	KS	Breeds with high-quality carcass traits	None	Y	N	Packer – National Beef Packing Co.	Y
<b>Wulf Cattle/Breeding to Feeding</b> <i>breedingtofeeding.com</i>	<b>Adam Zeltwanger,</b> <b>320-760-5092,</b> <i>adam.zeltwanger@wulfcattle.com</i>	2012	Confidential	Varies with market	0	1 load	Both	Varies with program	Varies with program	Midwest	Limousin sire on dairy cows	S, age verification	Y	N	N/A	N

CALF-BASED PROGRAMS

<b>American Angus Assn.</b> <i>AngusSource angus.org</i>	<b>Ginette Gottswiller,</b> <b>816-383-5100,</b> <i>ggottswiller@angus.org</i>	2003	135,000	Varies	\$50 enrollment and \$1.25/hd for visual tag, \$2.25 for ear tag and \$3.25/hd for Choice set	1	N/A	N/A	N/A	All U.S.	Sired by a registered Angus bull; minimum of 50% Angus genetics	S, group age and genetic verification	Y	N	N/A	N
<b>Circle A Feeders</b>	<b>Nick Hammett, 800-Circle-A,</b> <i>nick@circlearanch.com</i>	2007	10,000	Top of mark plus \$35/hd	\$0	10	QG	N/A	N/A	IL, KS, NE	Sire or dam purchased from Circle A Angus	P, S, W	Y	N	N	N
<b>MFA Health Track Beef Alliance</b> <i>mfahealthtrack.com</i>	<b>Mike John, 573-876-5573,</b> <i>mjohn@mfa-inc.com</i>	1998	36,000	Vac 45, standard nutrition, third-party verification, data management	None for members	1	N/A	N/A	N/A	IA, IL, KS, MO, NE, TX	Low % <i>Bos indicus</i> and dairy	P, S, W, standardized nutrition (ASV certification optional)	Y	RFID tags mandatory, digital data available	N	N/A
<b>Red Angus Feeder Calf Certification Program</b> <i>redangus.org</i>	<b>Chessie Mitchell,</b> <b>940.387.3502 ext. 2,</b> <i>chessie@redangus.org &amp;</i> <b>Gary Fike, 785.410.2608,</b> <i>gary@redangus.org</i>	1995	143,450	Depends on location	\$.99/hd or \$3.00/hd depending upon type of ear tag selected (visual or visual/EID combo set)	1	Both	Choice YG 3	550-1,049 pounds	CO, IA, IL, KS, NE, TX	50% Red Angus; calves must have one registered Angus parent	S, age verification and 50% Red Angus genetics	Y	N	Cargill Meat Solutions, Meyer Natural Angus, U.S. Premium Beef/National Beef, Beef Northwest Feeders, GeneNet with JBS Swift, 70/70 grid with JBS Swift, Choice Plus Grid with Tyson, Greater Omaha Red grid with Greater Omaha Packing Co.	N
<b>Schiefelbein Feeder Calf Alliance</b>	<b>Tim Schiefelbein,</b> <i>tschiefelbein@americanfoodsgroup.com</i>	1995	40,000	Varies	Free to bull customers	1 load	Both	Varies on program	Varies with program	Midwest to Southern Plains	Schiefelbein bulls	Preconditioning shots	Y	N	Yes, several	Depends on program

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