



Natural Verification Protocol

Product Suppliers that wish to verify live animals as Wyoming Verified Natural must complete the following:

1. Review the information contained in all forms.
2. Copies of all completed records shall be maintained with the Product.
3. Product Suppliers approved for Wyoming Verified Natural are audited annually.

Key Definitions

Animal Byproducts – Any product derived from an animal's body, including but not limited to those derived from mammalian, aquatic, and avian creatures and including but not limited to fat, blood, brain, bone, spinal column, feathers, offal, hide, hooves, horns, tallow, and waste.

Sub-therapeutic Antibiotics – Antibiotics that are administered to improve animal health or performance, often through supplements, feed or water.

Therapeutic Antibiotics – Medication used to treat specific illnesses in animals.

Ionophores – A class of antibiotics often fed to animals sub-therapeutically to increase performance.

Hormonal Growth Promotant (HGP) – Synthetic or natural supplemental hormones administered via feed or implants to improve animal performance. For the sake of Wyoming Verified Natural and NHTC Process Verification, **natural and synthetic steroids** and **beta-agonists** are considered HGPs.

Wyoming Verified Natural Program

The Wyoming Verified Natural claim is used to identify animals that have never received hormonal growth promotants, antibiotics, or animal by-products. If an animal is ever administered any of these while at a location, the animal must be identified as non-conforming for the Wyoming Verified Natural program. Animals that are sick are expected to be treated appropriately, but if they receive an antibiotic they must be recorded as non-conforming.

Wyoming Verified Natural Requirements (Prohibited Products)

1. **No hormonal growth promotants, including steroids or beta-agonists**
Examples include but are not limited to: Melengestrol Acetate (MGA), Synovex, Compudose, Revalor, Componenet, Ralgro, Encore, Implus, Optiflexx
2. **No fed or injectable, therapeutic or sub-therapeutic, antibiotics/ionophores**
Examples include but are not limited to: Chlortetracycline, Oxytetracycline, Tylan, Neomycin, Nuflor, Micotil, Baytril, Naxcel, Draxxon, Tetradure, Gainpro, Penicillin, LA200, Sulfamethazine, Rumensin, Bovatec, Cattlyst
3. **No animal by-product:** *Examples include but are not limited to: fat, tallow, feather meal, fish oil, fish meal, bone meal*
4. **Allowable Products include:** *vaccines, plant protein and grain-based feeds, molasses, urea, micronutrient vitamins and minerals, parasiticides such as dewormers and coccidiostats including products like Ivermectin, Dectomax, Safeguard, Corrid, Decox*



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Key Points

- ⇒ **All animals to be verified as Wyoming Verified Natural verified must be source-verified** to the ranch of origin and traceable using live animal production records.
- ⇒ **The producer and animals must be enrolled into the Wyoming Verified Natural program prior to the animals leaving the ranch of origin.**
- ⇒ There must be **documented procedures to ensure identification and traceability** of conforming and non-conforming animals. These procedures must be reviewed and approved.
- ⇒ **Sufficient records of all prohibited products** (HGPs, antibiotics, ionophores, and animal by-products) and **high-risk products** (for example, pelleted, cubed, or blended feedstuffs, minerals, or supplements) that are utilized at the premises during the life span of the program animal must be maintained to demonstrate compliance. The records include, but are not limited to, receipts, labels, and tags. The records **must identify the source** and for pre-mixed feeds and supplements the records **must identify the ingredients**. Records must be kept by any operation that has control of program animals.
- ⇒ Animals that do not meet the requirements of the Wyoming Verified Natural program must be identified as non-conforming product