



March 30, 2018

Mr. Matthew Michael
Director, Issuances Staff, Office of Policy and Program Development
United States Department of Agriculture
Food Safety and Inspection Service
1400 Independence Avenue, SW
Washington, D.C. 20250-3700

RE: FSIS Petition Number 18-01

Dear Mr. Michael:

Kansas Cattlemen's Association (KCA) is a Kansas based cattlemen's association of independent cattle producers. Serving independent producers since 1998, KCA is committed to restoring profits, self-esteem, freedom, fair trade, trust, and community pride back to the farms, ranches and rural communities across Kansas and the nation. We appreciate the opportunity to comment in support of the recent petition to limit the definition of "beef" and "meat" to only products from live animals born, raised and harvested in the traditional manner.

The "beef" and "meat" labels should inform consumers that the products are from animals harvested in the traditional manner, as opposed to derived from alternative proteins or artificially grown in laboratories. As such, the definitions of "beef" and "meat" should be limited to animals born, raised, and processed in the traditional manner, regardless of the country of origin. Synthetic products and products grown in labs from animal cells should thus not qualify to be labeled as "beef" or as "meat."

The petition seeks to establish accurate labeling of all products and asks for clarification on what can be labeled as "beef" or "meat". We also believe the definitions, as identified above, should be added to FSIS's Food Standards and Labeling Policy Book.

We appreciate your consideration of these comments and look forward to working with you to implement these definitions.
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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Tyler C. Dupy".

Tyler C. Dupy
CEO/Executive Director
Kansas Cattlemen's Association