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To The Department of Agriculture

We are Cattle producers and Consumers and are writing in response to the proposed rulemaking regarding the definition and labeling of U.S. Cattle and beef. We do strongly support the definition of Cattle and beef products for labeling purposes as "born, raised, slaughtered, and processed in the U.S." We oppose the petition submitted in September, 2000 that would allow imported beef products to be fed in the U.S. for 100 days, processed in the U.S. and receive a country-of-origin label, "Beef: Made in the U.S.A."

We strongly support a mandatory program with a uniform, consistent definition for domestic origin as born, raised, slaughtered and processed in the U.S. legislation such as S. 280 and H.R. 1121 would require such a system.

Thank you for our concerns.

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