

Contract Grazing Agreement

This agreement is made between _____, referred to hereafter as the Rancher, and _____, referred to hereafter as the Owner. The cattle pertinent to this contract will be grazed on the property of the Rancher under the following legal description _____, hereafter referred to as the Ranch. This contract will be in effect for the time period beginning _____ and ending _____, dependent upon weather conditions and subsequent effect on pasture condition.

1. Number and description of livestock. The Owner will provide _____ head of _____ weighing approximately _____. Beginning weight for the grazing period will be determined by either weighing cattle on the truck at nearest local scale or livestock auction receipt from point of purchase, hereafter referred to as In Weight. Original sale barn tickets will be presented to the Rancher at time of cattle delivery.

2. Delivery detail. Cattle will be delivered to the Ranch at a date and time agreed to by the Owner and Rancher. Delivery will be by _____. Cattle delivered to the Ranch will be free of "culls", "bums", "dogs", and "locos" or other visibly unfit animals.

3. Health Program. Cattle will arrive at Ranch having been vaccinated under Owner's vaccination program and treated for internal and external parasites. During the grazing period, Rancher is responsible for treatment of any sick cattle, and Owner is responsible for any medicine expenses incurred. Rancher is to be compensated at time of final payment for any medical expense incurred.

4. Supplement/mineral program. Any supplemental feed or mineral provided is at the discretion of the Rancher and all expenses will be borne by the Rancher.

5. Termination of the grazing season. Cattle will be shipped on a date mutually agreed to by Owner and Rancher. A target date for shipping will be _____. This date is contingent upon weather and pasture condition. If the Rancher perceives pasture conditions to require early shipping of cattle, Rancher must notify Owner at least _____ days prior to the Rancher's proposed grazing termination and shipping date.

6. Terms of shipping. Cattle will be loaded between the hours of _____. Cattle will be weighed on trucks at the nearest local scale (_____). A 2% pencil shrink will be applied to the final weight recorded at the above weighing facility, hereafter referred to as Out Weight.

7. Death loss. Rancher will not be responsible for compensation of value of dead animals but will forfeit weight and gain of all dead animals.

8. Payment. The Owner will pay Rancher _____ per pound of recorded cattle weight gain. Cattle weight gain while on the ranch will be determined based on the following calculation:

$$\text{Total weight gain} = \text{Out Weight} - \text{In Weight.}$$

Payment in full to Rancher will be made by Owner on shipping date.

9. Rancher will communicate with Owner at least monthly via telephone, e-mail, or written report on cattle condition and performance, any known death loss, any medicine cost incurred, and any other details relevant to the cooperative grazing venture.

This agreement sets forth the entire understanding between the parties and may not be changed except by written agreement signed by both parties.

Owner _____ Rancher _____

Address _____ Address _____

Telephone _____ Telephone _____

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