



USPB's Age and Source Verified Premium is \$35 Per Head

USPB is currently paying \$35 per head for cattle that are Age and Source Verified (ASV) as 20 months of age or younger and **delivered to our Liberal and Dodge City facilities**. USPB's ASV premiums are based on market conditions and will be adjusted accordingly as conditions warrant.

However, our ASV premiums are dependent upon United States trade remaining open with Japan. If, during this time, the United States and Japanese governments agree to open the border wider and allow product from cattle under 30 months of age, then USPB's commitment to pay a minimum of \$25 per head ASV premium through May 31, 2008, will remain in effect.

USDA has reversed its earlier position and will allow back certification indefinitely. Back certification refers to verification done after the cattle have left the ranch of origin, for example, after the cattle arrive at the feedlot. **Back verification can be used to qualify cattle for age verification until further notice.**

Eligible ASV cattle must be shipped from a feedyard that is an approved supplier in a USDA certified supplier program. See *Fact Sheet on USDA Age Verification Programs* in the Age Verification section on USPB's web page.

Following are key points regarding the benefits of marketing cattle through USPB to receive age and source verified premiums and information that will help you participate in our ASV program:

- ? \$35 per head for finished, age and source verified cattle that are 20 months of age or younger.
- ? ASV premiums are in addition to all premiums currently offered on USPB's grids, including branded beef premiums such as Certified Angus Beef®.
- ? Individual carcass data is provided at no additional cost.
- ? A freight credit of up to \$0.60 per cwt. to help reduce transportation costs to deliver cattle to our plants.
- ? A \$1 per head rebate for EID tags on cattle marketed to USPB's Kansas plants, paid upon request.
- ? For information on leasing delivery rights, please call our office at 866-877-2525.
- ? Cattle need to be scheduled by Tuesday noon of the week preceding cattle delivery.

Producers interested in marketing ASV cattle to U.S. Premium Beef should call 866-877-2525 for more information on how they can participate in this program.