

# Pasturefed Cattle Assurance System

**Audit Checklist**  
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## **Purpose**

- The Pasturefed Cattle Assurance System (PCAS) Audit Checklist provides producers with explanatory material about the PCAS audit process and the types of records and information that could assist producers in demonstrating compliance with the PCAS Standards during an on-site audit.
- The PCAS Producer Guide also provides templates that may assist producers in recording information that may be used during an on-site audit to demonstrate compliance with the PCAS Standards.

## PCAS AUDITS

Producers who wish to be certified under PCAS are required to be annually audited by third-party auditors working under contract to approved PCAS Certification Bodies.

To arrange an on-site audit, producers should contact the PCAS Certification Bodies directly to determine cost information. It is a good idea to discuss with them the aspects of the audit, timing and the likely costs for travel.

Once a producer has decided upon a PCAS Certification Body, they will need to arrange an audit through that Certification Body. The producer will be required to pay all fees associated with the audit services and PCAS certification directly to the nominated Certification Body.

**Details of PCAS Certification Bodies are available from [www.certifiedpasturefed.com.au](http://www.certifiedpasturefed.com.au)**

### *The audit process*

A typical audit will be conducted in the following manner:

- On arrival at the PIC the auditor will conduct an entry meeting to explain the scope of the audit and the manner in which it will be conducted and endeavour to any answer questions that the producer may have.
- The auditor will audit the producer's on-farm practices and management systems including records, facilities and other relevant information pertaining to the PCAS Standards to ensure that the producer is complying with the PCAS Standards;
- Audit findings will be documented in an Audit Report.
- The auditor will conduct an exit meeting with the producer and provide a copy of the Audit Report to the producer and PCAS Administration. The Audit Report will note:
  - Whether the on-farm practices and management systems are in place and working effectively; any non-conformances detected and an evaluation of those non-conformances; and
  - Any matters that require rectification and follow-up arrangements if necessary.

Based on the outcomes of the audit, the PCAS Certification Body will make a determination on certification and, where appropriate, will issue a certificate of conformance to the producer.

### *Non-conformances*

The term non-conformance is used to describe areas of the PCAS Standards that have not been observed by the producer or their staff. Non-conformances are assessed in accordance with the severity of the issue. There are three 'grades' of non-conformance:

- Minor non-conformances
- Major non-conformances
- Critical non-conformances

### *Granting of certification*

A producer will be issued a certificate of conformance only after any non-conformances identified during the on-site audit have been closed out; or an appropriate management plan is in place to ensure the close out of non-conformances over a timeframe that is acceptable to PCAS Administration

## PCAS AUDIT CHECKLIST - AN INTERNAL GUIDE

### **ELEMENT 1: IDENTIFICATION AND LIFETIME TRACEABILITY (LT)**

**OUTCOME:** On-farm systems have been implemented to ensure that cattle are individually identified and that they are fully traceable throughout their entire lives.

- PERFORMANCE INDICATORS (PI):**
- LT1.** NLIS Database reflects the Lifetime Traceable (LT) status of cattle on the property.
  - LT2.** Cattle are positively and uniquely identified to show eligibility status throughout their life from weaning to slaughter and have an approved NLIS device fitted by the fit they are weaned. The NLIS devices used in the mob are recorded. If producers have an alternate process they must seek the approval of PCAS Administration prior to the initial onsite audit. In the case of introduced cattle, they are checked upon arrival to ensure an approved NLIS device is fitted.
  - LT3.** Management systems demonstrate that any cattle on the property that are ineligible to be sold as Certified Pasturefed are traceable at all times and are permanently visually identified as ineligible and the method of identification is recorded.
  - LT4.** Records of cattle movements on and off the property are maintained.
  - LT5.** All transactions and movements of eligible cattle off the property are accompanied by a PCAS Vendor Declaration as well as other appropriate vendor declarations and movement documents including a Livestock Production Assurance National Vendor Declaration and Waybill (LPA NVD/Waybill) and Meat Standards Australia (MSA) Vendor Declaration. A PCAS Vendor Declaration is only valid for seven (7) days from the date cattle exit the property.
  - LT6.** For transportation, ineligible cattle should be physically segregated from eligible cattle and be clearly visually identified and the method of identification recorded on the transport documentation. If physical segregation is not possible then appropriate systems must be in place to enable ineligible cattle to be clearly visually identified from eligible cattle and the method of identification recorded on the transport documentation.
  - LT7.** All introduced cattle that are intended to be sold as Certified Pasturefed must be accompanied by a PCAS Vendor Declaration, or in the case of weaners, by an affidavit signed by the supplier stating that the weaners have been raised in a manner that is consistent with the requirements of these Standards.

PI	Checklist item	Yes	No	N/A	Comment
LT1	Can the enterprise demonstrate that records on the NLIS Database correlate to management records regarding the LT status of cattle on the property? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Review NLIS database including transaction dates and LT status of cattle.</li> </ul>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
LT1 LT2	Are systems in place to confirm the LT status and eligibility of cattle including lifetime traceability for all introduced cattle? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sight LPA NVD/Waybills and confirm that 'Yes' has been selected for the Lifetime Traceable question.</li> </ul>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

PI	Checklist item	Yes	No	N/A	Comment
LT1 LT4	<p>Can the enterprise demonstrate that movements of introduced cattle onto the property have been updated on the NLIS Database within seven (7) days of arrival?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ensure the NLIS database information aligns to the management records, for example consignment dates on the LPA NVD/Waybills correlate with dates on the NLIS database.</li> </ul>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
LT2	<p>Can the enterprise demonstrate the systems in place to positively and uniquely identify cattle on the property?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Cattle are identified with visual ear tags or another means of identification.</li> <li>Cattle have approved NLIS devices attached.</li> </ul>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
LT2	<p>Can the enterprise demonstrate the process undertaken to identify cattle that are born on-farm with an approved NLIS device by the time they are weaned?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Records of weaning and the husbandry procedures during this time.</li> <li>Weaning and identification protocols.</li> </ul>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
LT2	<p>Can the enterprise demonstrate that when introduced cattle arrive they are checked to ensure an approved NLIS device is fitted?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Identification protocols for introduced cattle.</li> <li>Records of introduced cattle including identification methods.</li> <li>Records of lost and replaced NLIS devices.</li> </ul>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

PI	Checklist item	Yes	No	N/A	Comment
LT2	<p>Should an introduced animal be found to be missing an NLIS device, then can the enterprise demonstrate that contingencies are in place to confirm that animals' legitimacy for Certified Pasturefed status including lifetime traceability, or it is permanently visually identified as ineligible, the method of identification is recorded and that animal is traceable at all times?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Whole-of-consignment eligibility for Certified Pasturefed - the consignment was not mixed with ineligible cattle.</li> <li>• PCAS Vendor Declarations and other movement documents including the LPA NVD/Waybill and numbers of eligible cattle recorded on such documents.</li> <li>• Identification and induction protocols.</li> <li>• Cattle are identified with visual ear tags or another means of identification.</li> <li>• Cattle have approved NLIS devices attached.</li> <li>• Records of lost and replaced NLIS devices.</li> <li>• Records of ineligible cattle.</li> </ul>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
LT3	<p>Can the enterprise demonstrate the systems in place to ensure that cattle on the property that are ineligible to be sold as Certified Pasturefed are traceable, permanently visually identified as ineligible and the method of identification recorded?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cattle are identified with visual ear tags or another means of identification.</li> <li>• Using different coloured tags to differentiate ineligible cattle.</li> <li>• If an eligible animal loses its visual tag that demonstrates its eligibility, replacing the visual ear tag.</li> <li>• If there is any uncertainty regarding an animal's eligibility, deeming the animal ineligible and applying an appropriate visual tag.</li> <li>• Records of ineligible cattle.</li> </ul>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

PI	Checklist item	Yes	No	N/A	Comment
LT1	Can the enterprise demonstrate the processes in place to ensure lost NLIS devices are identified, replacement devices are attached and appropriate records maintained? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Identification protocols.</li> <li>• Cattle are identified with visual ear tags or another means of identification.</li> <li>• Cattle have approved NLIS devices attached.</li> <li>• Records of lost and replaced NLIS devices.</li> </ul>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
LT2					
LT4	Can the enterprise show records of cattle movements on and off the property? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Records could show: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Date of movement</li> <li>○ Breed of livestock and purpose</li> <li>○ Sex and/or age</li> <li>○ Old and new identification</li> <li>○ Selling vendor or agent's details</li> <li>○ NLIS device number</li> <li>○ NLIS LT status</li> <li>○ LPA NVD/Waybill number</li> <li>○ Certified Pasturefed eligibility status</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Records may include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Copies of LPA NVD/Waybills</li> <li>○ Copies of PCAS Vendor Declarations</li> <li>○ Register of cattle movements</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

PI	Checklist item	Yes	No	N/A	Comment
LT5 LT6 LT7	<p>Are sufficient records available to enable the enterprise to demonstrate that appropriate vendor declarations and movement documents are accurately completed and accompany all cattle dispatched from the property?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Copies of LPA NVD/Waybills, MSA Vendor Declarations, PCAS Vendor Declarations and other Waybills, Health Certificates or Transport Statements</li> </ul>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
LT6	<p>For transportation, can the enterprise demonstrate the systems and procedures in place that ensure that ineligible cattle are physically segregated from eligible cattle and are clearly visually identified and that the method of identification is recorded on the transport documentation?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Copies of separately completed LPA NVD/Waybills and (when consigned to slaughter) MSA Vendor Declarations for eligible and ineligible cattle with the identification methods recorded on the LPA NVD/Waybills.</li> </ul>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
LT6	<p>If physical segregation is not possible can the enterprise demonstrate the appropriate systems in place that enable ineligible cattle to be visually identified from eligible cattle and that the method of identification is recorded on transport documentation?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Identification protocols.</li> <li>Cattle are identified with visual ear tags or another means of identification.</li> <li>Records of ineligible cattle.</li> <li>Copies of separately completed LPA NVD/Waybills and (when consigned to slaughter) MSA Vendor Declarations with the identification method for ineligible and eligible cattle recorded on the LPA NVD/Waybills.</li> </ul>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
LT5 LT7	<p>Does the management system show that all introduced cattle, except for weaners, that are intended to be sold as Certified Pasturefed were accompanied by a PCAS Vendor Declaration which was valid for seven (7) days from the date cattle exited the vendor property?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Copies of PCAS Vendor Declarations and LPA NVD/Waybills showing date of dispatch and receipt.</li> </ul>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	



PI	Checklist item	Yes	No	N/A	Comment
LT5 LT7	<p>Are records of cattle movements maintained to demonstrate that eligible cattle, except for weaners, have been on a Certified Pasturefed property/ies since birth (excluding time spent in saleyards and transport not exceeding seven (7) days)?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Copies of PCAS Vendor Declarations, LPA NVD/Waybills and other movement documents showing date of dispatch and receipt.</li> <li>Records of introduced cattle.</li> <li>Records of cattle born on-farm.</li> </ul>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
LT7	<p>In the case of weaners, do records show that weaners introduced from non-certified properties were accompanied by an affidavit signed by the supplier stating and that the weaners have been raised in a manner that is consistent with the requirements of these Standards?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Copies of Supplier Affidavit/s</li> <li>Copies of the LPA NVD/Waybill and other movement documents.</li> <li>Records of introduced cattle.</li> <li>Records of cattle born on-farm.</li> </ul>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
ALL	<p>Can the enterprise demonstrate through other procedures or practices that performance indicators for this element have been met?</p>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

**ELEMENT 2: NO CONFINEMENT FOR THE PURPOSE OF INTENSIVE FEEDING FOR PRODUCTION (NC)**

**OUTCOME:** On-farm systems have been implemented to ensure that cattle are not confined for the purpose of intensive feeding for production.

**PERFORMANCE**

**INDICATORS (PI):**

- NC1.** Cattle are not confined for the purpose of intensive feeding for production.
- NC2.** Cattle must have continuous access to graze in open pastures.
- NC3.** Facilities are not used for confinement or intensive feeding of cattle for production unless otherwise approved by PCAS Administration.

PI	Checklist item	Yes	No	N/A	Comment
NC1 NC2	Can the enterprise demonstrate that cattle have access to graze in open pastures or have access to an Eligible Diet at all times? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Property map depicting paddocks and any equipment or facilities on the property that may be used to confinement feed.</li> </ul>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
NC1	Where cattle have been confined as necessary to conduct husbandry and management activities can the enterprise demonstrate that feed on offer during these activities is only that which is defined in this standard as an Eligible Diet and/or pasture? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Records showing: period of confinement, reason for confinement, identification and description of cattle confined, feed offered during confinement.</li> </ul>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
NC1	Where cattle are confined for husbandry and management activities and feed is offered during this time then do the records show that time spent in such confinement is no longer than that required to carry out activities and does not exceed 20 days per animal per calendar year. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Records showing: period of confinement (&lt;20 days per animal per calendar year), reason for confinement, identification and description of cattle confined, feed offered during confinement.</li> </ul>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
NC1	Where cattle have been confined for transportation purposes do records demonstrate that time spent in such confinement does not exceed 7 days for each journey? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Copies of LPA NVD/Waybills (dates showing confinement for transport &lt;7 days for each journey).</li> </ul>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

PI	Checklist item	Yes	No	N/A	Comment
NC1	<p>Do management records demonstrate that stocking rates are consistent with the size and type of operation?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Livestock purchases and numbers born on-farm</li> <li>• Property map depicting paddocks and sizes of paddocks</li> </ul>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
NC1	<p>Are management systems in place to record the type, use, production and/or introduction of stockfeed and supplements (including ingredients) and do such records show that the production and/or introduction of stockfeed and supplements is consistent with the absence of an intensive feeding program for production?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Records could show: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Type of stockfeed, supplement or crop produced or introduced</li> <li>○ Ingredients and quantity</li> <li>○ Purpose or destination</li> <li>○ Date purchased and date disposed/use</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
NC3	<p>Can the enterprise demonstrate that facilities are not used to confine any cattle for intensive feeding for production unless otherwise approved by PCAS Administration?</p>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
ALL	<p>Are systems and practices in place to ensure traceability, segregation and visual identification of cattle that are ineligible to be sold as Certified Pasturefed due to approved intensive confinement feeding?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Identification protocols.</li> <li>• Cattle are identified with visual ear tags or another means of identification.</li> <li>• Records of ineligible cattle.</li> </ul>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
ALL	<p>Can the enterprise demonstrate through other procedures or practices that performance indicators for this element have been met?</p>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

### ELEMENT 3: PASTUREFED ONLY (PF)

**OUTCOME:** On-farm systems have been implemented to ensure that cattle have never been fed separated grain or grain by-products and have access to graze pasture with an Eligible Diet.

- PERFORMANCE INDICATORS (PI):**
- PF1. Cattle have continuous access to graze in open pastures.
  - PF2. Cattle are not fed separated grain or grain by-products.
  - PF3. Cattle may be fed an Eligible Diet which must be derived solely from forage consisting of grass (annual and perennial), forbs (eg: Legumes and Brassica etc), browse, or cereal grain crops in the pre-grain state for the lifetime of the cattle, with the exception of milk consumed prior to weaning. Hay, haylage, baleage, silage, crop residue without grain and other roughage sources are also included as acceptable feed sources.
  - PF4. All supplementary feed provided to cattle must be consistent with the Eligible Diet as defined under these Standards, unless otherwise approved by PCAS Administration.
  - PF5. Routine mineral and vitamin supplementation may also be included in the feeding regime for the purpose of ensuring the health and well being of the animal rather than for the purpose of production

*Note: Pre-grain state for the purposes of the PCAS Standard is defined by Zadoks Decimal Code as any growth stage up to and including DC 69.*

PI	Checklist item	Yes	No	N/A	Comment
PF1 PF3	Can the enterprise demonstrate that cattle have access to graze in open pastures or have access to an Eligible Diet at all times? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Property map depicting paddocks and identifying crops or forage available.</li> </ul>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
PF2 PF3	Can the enterprise demonstrate that records of introduced grain or grain by-products are maintained to account for the purpose and disposal? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Records could show: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Type of grain or grain-by product introduced (Ingredients)</li> <li>○ Quantity (volume etc)</li> <li>○ Purpose</li> <li>○ Date purchased and date disposed/used</li> <li>○ Identification of cattle/mobs fed</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
PF2	Can the enterprise demonstrate that when cattle grazed a grain or a cereal crop that it was still in a pre-grain state or was in the acceptable post-harvest state (over 75% of the paddocks average vegetative regrowth was higher than 21cm when the cattle first grazed)?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

PI	Checklist item	Yes	No	N/A	Comment
PF2	<p>Can the enterprise demonstrate that records of cattle movements on and off grain or cereal crops are maintained?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Records could show: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Type of crop</li> <li>○ Identification of mob/s</li> <li>○ Paddock grazed</li> <li>○ Feeding period - start and end</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
PF4	<p>Can the enterprise demonstrate that records of all supplementary feed provided to cattle are maintained and do such records show that the feed on offer was consistent with the Eligible Diet, unless otherwise approved by PCAS Administration?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Records could show: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Type of feed supplement (ingredients)</li> <li>○ Quantity (volume etc)</li> <li>○ Date purchased/produced and date disposed/used</li> <li>○ Identification of cattle/mobs fed</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
PF2 PF4	<p>Are sufficient records maintained to enable the enterprise to account for the growth of crops and/or supplements produced for stockfeed?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Records could show: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Type of crop grown for supplementation or supplement produced (ingredients)</li> <li>○ Quantity (volume etc)</li> <li>○ Identification of cattle/mobs fed</li> <li>○ Point on Zadocks Decimal Code at which any cereal crops were harvested (&lt; 69)</li> <li>○ Date purchased/produced and date disposed/used</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

PI	Checklist item	Yes	No	N/A	Comment
PF5	<p>Are records of mineral and vitamin supplementation fed to cattle maintained and do such records demonstrate that the purpose of supplementation was to ensure the health and well being of the animal rather than for the purpose of production?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Records could show: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Type of mineral and vitamin supplement (Ingredients)</li> <li>○ Quantity (volume etc)</li> <li>○ Purpose</li> <li>○ Date purchased/produced and date disposed/used</li> <li>○ Identification of cattle/mobs fed</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
ALL	<p>Does the management system demonstrate that any cattle on the property that are ineligible to be sold as Certified Pasturefed are traceable at all times and are permanently visually identified as ineligible and the method of identification is recorded?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Identification protocols.</li> <li>• Cattle are identified with visual ear tags or another means of identification.</li> <li>• Records of ineligible cattle.</li> </ul>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
ALL	<p>Can the enterprise demonstrate through other procedures or practices that performance indicators for this element have been met?</p>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

**ELEMENT 4: MINIMUM EATING QUALITY STANDARDS (ON-FARM) (EQ)**

**OUTCOME:** On-farm systems have been implemented to ensure that cattle consigned to slaughter are eligible to be accompanied by a Meat Standards Australia (MSA) Vendor Declaration.

**PERFORMANCE INDICATORS (PI):** **EQ1.** The property consigning cattle to slaughter must be MSA accredited.  
**EQ2.** All cattle consigned for slaughter as Certified Pasturefed must meet the MSA on-farm requirements and be accompanied by an approved MSA Vendor Declaration.

PI	Checklist item	Yes	No	N/A	Comment
EQ1	Can the operator of the property consigning cattle to slaughter as Certified Pasturefed demonstrate that the property is an MSA accredited supplier? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>MSA Licence Notification</li> <li>A valid MSA registration number</li> </ul>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
EQ2	Can the enterprise demonstrate the systems in place that ensure all cattle consigned for slaughter as Certified Pasturefed are accompanied by an approved MSA Vendor Declaration? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Accurately completed copies of MSA Vendor Declaration/s.</li> </ul>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

**ELEMENT 5: LIFETIME FREE FROM HORMONAL GROWTH PROMOTANTS (HG) - Optional**

**OUTCOME:** On-farm systems have been implemented to ensure that cattle have never been treated with hormonal growth promotants (HGPs).

**PERFORMANCE INDICATORS (PI):** HP1. Cattle have never been treated with hormonal growth promotants (HGPs).

PI	Checklist item	Yes	No	N/A	Comment
HG1	<p>Can the enterprise demonstrate the systems in place to permanently identify and record as ineligible for Certified Pasturefed any cattle on the property that are treated with HGPs?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Identification methods may include visual ear tags showing ineligible status.</li> <li>• Records may include information such as identification method and description of ineligible livestock.</li> </ul>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
HG1	<p>Can the enterprise demonstrate the systems in place to record the introduction onto the property and the use of HGPs?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Records could show: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Identification and description of stock treated</li> <li>○ Number of stock treated</li> <li>○ Product used (chemical or drug name and brand)</li> <li>○ Batch number</li> <li>○ Number of treatments in the batch</li> <li>○ Treatment date</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
HG1	<p>Can the enterprise demonstrate through other procedures or practices that the outcomes and performance indicator for this element have been met?</p>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	



**ELEMENT 6: LIFETIME FREE FROM ANTIBIOTICS (AB) - Optional**

**OUTCOME:** On-farm systems have been implemented to ensure that cattle have never been treated with antibiotics including; low-level (sub-therapeutic) or therapeutic level doses; sulphonamides, ionophores, coccidiostats; or any other synthetic antimicrobials.

**PERFORMANCE INDICATORS (PI):** **AB1.** Cattle have never been treated with antibiotics, whether through feed or water, or by injection, from birth to slaughter.  
*Note: If an animal is in need of medical attention, proper treatment should be administered as required. In the case where antibiotics or the stated prohibited substances are required to be administered, the treated animal must be identified as ineligible.*

PI	Checklist item	Yes	No	N/A	Comment
AB1	<p>Can the enterprise demonstrate the systems in place to permanently identify and record as ineligible for Certified Pasturefed any cattle on the property that are treated with antibiotics?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Identification methods may include visual ear tags showing ineligible status.</li> <li>• Records may include information such as identification method and description of ineligible livestock.</li> </ul>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
AB1	<p>Can the enterprise demonstrate the systems in place to record the introduction onto the property of antibiotics and the use of such antibiotics?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Records could show:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Date antibiotics purchased and evidence of purchase (ie: receipt)</li> <li>○ Antibiotic name (chemical and brand name)</li> <li>○ Volume</li> <li>○ Batch number</li> <li>○ Identification, description and number of stock treated with antibiotics</li> <li>○ Treatment date</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

PI	Checklist item	Yes	No	N/A	Comment
AB1	<p>Where prescription-only antibiotics are obtained from a veterinarian, then is a list approved and signed by the prescribing veterinarian available?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• This list should show: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Name of prescribing veterinarian</li> <li>○ Medication that has been prescribed</li> <li>○ Purpose or intended use (including label or off-label use)</li> <li>○ Dose rate</li> <li>○ Date purchased</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
AB1	Can the enterprise demonstrate through other procedures or practices that the outcome and performance indicator for this element have been met?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	