

Recommended Country of Origin Affidavit/Declaration Statements

Continuous Country of Origin Affidavit/Declaration: *(The following affidavit statement could be used by any operation in the livestock chain attesting to the Country of Origin of livestock but particularly for first-level producers.)*

As an affidavit is deemed by USDA as an official record of Country of Origin, I attest through first-hand knowledge, normal business records, or producer affidavit(s) that all livestock referenced by this document or other communications specific to the transaction and transferred are of _____ origin. Should the origin of my livestock become other than that described above, I agree to notify the buyer/agent when this occurs.

This affidavit/declaration shall remain in effect until revoked in writing by the undersigned and is delivered to _____ (agent/buyer).

_____ Signature	_____ Date	_____ Business/Farm/Ranch
Names/Location		

Country of Origin Declaration Language for Seller/Buyer Invoices and Other Sales Documents with a Continuous Declaration on Record or as a Stand-Alone Declaration of Origin: *(The following declaration of Country of Origin statement would be used as a supporting declaration of origin specific to transactions involving livestock from persons with a continuous affidavit on file, or as a stand alone affidavit/declaration on specific transaction(s) on invoices, check-in sheets and other sales documents.)*

I attest that all livestock referenced by this document and transferred are of _____ origin.

_____ Signature	_____ Date
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Appended Declaration Statement for Immediate/Direct Supplier Transactions to Packers: *(Some packers may request that their immediate/direct suppliers add the following language to the continuous or sales record affidavit/declaration statements to affirm the period of time in which Country of Origin records would be maintained by their immediate suppliers. This may be necessary as packers are required by law to maintain Country of Origin records for one-year and they must be able to obtain records from their immediate suppliers within that one-year period to substantiate country of origin claims)*

I attest that _____ (Insert business name) has, and will maintain records of livestock origin for one year from the date of delivery of the livestock to the packer/buyer.

I attest that these records reflecting specific transactions are available for inspection for the sole purpose of compliance with an audit as described by the country-of-origin labeling provisions contained in the Farm Security and Rural Investment Act of 2002 as amended. (P.L. 108-767, USCA section 1638a, 2003).

Affidavit #: _____

PRODUCER AFFIDAVIT

Continuous Affidavit/Declaration of Country of Origin of Livestock

Whereas an affidavit is deemed by USDA's Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS) as a record of Country of Origin, I (Producer) _____ attest through firsthand knowledge, normal business records or producer affidavit that all livestock marketed to [Company Name] are of:

- A. US Origin (exclusively born and raised in the U.S.)
- B. US, Canadian, Mexican origin, have undergone inspection and quarantine procedures administered by USDA, and were raised in the US (born in Canada/Mexico, raised in the U.S.)

I attest that records reflecting specific transactions are available for inspection for the sole purpose of compliance with the country-of-origin labeling provisions contained in the Farm Security and Rural Investment Act of 2002, as amended. I understand that if the origin of my livestock become other than that described above, I will notify the buyer/agent verbally and in writing when this occurs.

I further attest that _____ (Insert business name) has, and will maintain records of livestock origin for one year from the date of delivery of the livestock to the packer/buyer.

This Affidavit/Declaration of Country of Origin of Livestock shall remain in effect until revoked in writing by the undersigned producer and is delivered to [Company Name and Address].

Company Name (if applicable)

Signature

Print Name

Date

[Optional] Persons willfully making false, fictitious, or fraudulent statements or entries regarding the declaration of Country of Origin shall be liable for any damages due to the inaccuracy of this certification.