



Live Animal Specification American Wagyu Association's Specification for Characteristics of Cattle Eligible for Approved Programs Claiming Wagyu Influence

1 SCOPE

This specification sets forth the requirements for live cattle from which carcasses can be derived for certification in approved branded beef programs claiming Wagyu influence. Cattle may qualify for the breed influence specification of these branded beef programs by meeting the genotype requirements specified below.

2 REQUIREMENTS

Cattle eligible for Wagyu Fullblood (100 % Wagyu), Wagyu Purebred (93.75% Wagyu minimum), and Wagyu influence or American Wagyu certified beef programs must be born, raised and harvested in the United States and meet one of the following:

- 2.1** Cattle eligible for Wagyu Fullblood (100% Wagyu) certified beef programs must have positive identification (e.g., ear tags, tattoos, brands), be registered with the American Wagyu Association and DNA parent verified through the American Wagyu Association to both sire and dam. Both parents must be registered by the American Wagyu Association.
- 2.2** Cattle eligible for Wagyu Purebred (93.75% Wagyu minimum) certified beef programs must have positive identification (e.g., ear tags, tattoos, brands) be registered with the American Wagyu Association and DNA parent verified through the American Wagyu Association to both sire and dam. Both parents must be registered by the American Wagyu Association.
- 2.3** Cattle eligible for Wagyu influence or American Wagyu certified beef programs, must have positive identification (e.g., ear tags, tattoos, brands) and be traceable to verifiable Wagyu parentage (e.g., registration certificates, affidavits) to at least one parent (Fullblood or Purebred) that is registered with the American Wagyu Association. The American Wagyu Association parental registration certificate requirement will be effective January 1, 2030, and thereafter.



2.4 The registration categories can be viewed at www.wagyu.org

3 VERIFICATION

3.1 Genotype. Compliance with genotype requirements shall be determined and controlled through a quality management program approved and monitored by the Livestock and Poultry Program.

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