



# Welcome to Ranchers Connecting Ranchers

Our mission is to provide cattle producers with low cost, high-quality, efficient, and rancher friendly services that allow our customers to maximize the use of value added programs. Utilizing our personal family ranching experience combined with industry expertise, our team is ready to help you identify and complete the verification program(s) that best suit your individual ranch goals.



## Our Story

In 2014, two father and daughter ranching teams came together in partnership with one goal in mind – To create a new agriculture verification company, designed to move our industry into the future, with a name that our fellow industry professionals could trust.

Committed to excellence, these ranchers began by listing what was important to them when it came to verification services. What were the good things about the verification services already in the industry? What things could be improved upon? What things were a verification company and the customer most concerned with before and after the audit? But perhaps most importantly, how can we make it better?

With over 20 years of combined experience with verification services and at the auditing table, the ranchers worked to create a business model designed to offer a better option for their fellow cattle ranchers. They knew there was a need for a true, industry-friendly verification company, willing to go the extra mile . . . And they decided to answer the call.

## *Application for RCR NATURAL /NHTC/SAV Ranch*

### Section 1: General Information

Company Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Primary Contact: \_\_\_\_\_

Home/Office: \_\_\_\_\_ Mobile: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Shipping Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Street, City, State, Zip

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Street, City, State, Zip

Secondary Contact: \_\_\_\_\_  
Name, Title, Phone Number

**Directions:** Please complete this application and submit it to Ranching Connecting Ranchers, LLC (RCR) to start the verification process. Answer the following questions as accurately as possible as this document will become a part of your Quality Manual and it helps RCR to determine your eligibility for the NHTC/SAV/RCR Natural Program. If you have any questions or if you would like assistance with your application, please feel free to contact RCR and we'd be glad to help! (Contact information can be found on the last page of this application.)

Please indicate the number of cattle you would like to enter into the NHTC/SAV/RCR Natural program: \_\_\_\_\_

Does this ranch have more than one location? Please list all ranch locations and number of miles from the main ranch location: (main ranch pasture ground is not considered an "additional location")

| Ranch Location | Number of Miles (from main ranch) |
|----------------|-----------------------------------|
|                |                                   |
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**Please Note:** RCR will need to visit all ranch locations where cattle, feed, and medications are kept so that we can verify all of our information is correct.

## Section 2: Employee Training

Who will be the company's Management Representative? (Maintains records and ensures program requirements are met.)

In the table below please state the name of all ranch employees who work on a day-to-day basis with cattle and indicate their responsibilities. Please check all that apply for each employee.

| Employee Name | ID/Animal Location | Calving | Feeding/Ordering Feed | Shipping | Record Keeping | Managing Non-Conformances | All |
|---------------|--------------------|---------|-----------------------|----------|----------------|---------------------------|-----|
|               |                    |         |                       |          |                |                           |     |
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## Section 3: Processing and Identification

Please indicate your calving season(s), the number of calves in that season, along with your identification methods for each group. (Tags, Brands, Notches, etc.)

| Calving Season<br>(Ex: 1/1/16- 3/1/16) | Number of Calves | Identification Method (tags, brand, Notches) (Ex: green panel tags LE, brand LH) |
|--|------------------|--|
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When will you apply program compliant PCT/ EID tags? (Must be applied prior to shipping.)

Calving

Branding

Weaning

Shipping

Other:

Do you purchase or manage outside cattle (including grafted calves)?

Yes

No

If you answered "yes" to the question above, please explain how cattle are identified differently and/ or segregated from home raised cattle.

If cattle fall out of the NHTC/SAV/RCR Natural program how will they be identified or segregated?

Are the program cattle ever moved off of the ranch? (BLM pasture, Wheat pasture, etc..)

Yes

No

If you answered "yes" to the above question, please explain movement procedures.

#### Section 4: Records

In the table below, please mark which type of records are kept and explain the location where each record is kept.

| Type of Record      |  | Location |
|---------------------|--|----------|
| Calving Records     |  |          |
| Preg. Check Records |  |          |
| Branding Tally      |  |          |
| Shippment Records   |  |          |
| Treatment Records   |  |          |
| Movement Records    |  |          |
| Feed Records        |  |          |
| Personnel Records   |  |          |
| Other: (explain)    |  |          |

## Section 5: Feeds and Feeding

In the table below, please list any and all pre-mixed or commercial products fed and/or stored at the ranch location. (Please attach additional pages if necessary.)

| Product | Manufacturer (Not Distributer/ Sales Rep) |
|---------|---|
|         |   |
|         |   |
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|         |   |
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Do you give your cattle any feedstuffs with animal by products, antibiotics, supplemental hormonal growth promotants and/or ionophores??

Yes

No

If you feed conventional cattle rations with animal by products, antibiotics, supplemental hormonal growth promotants and/or ionophores please explain how you separate feeding equipment and/or feed flushing techniques employed to prevent contamination of NHTC/Natural feeds. If you do not feed any feeds with hormones, animal by products, or antibiotics please mark N/A.

N/A

In the table below please list feed on site.

|                       | Name of Product | Manufacturer |
|-----------------------|-----------------|--------------|
| Hormone Feeds         |                 |              |
| Mineral Supplements   |                 |              |
| Protein Supplements   |                 |              |
| Medicated Supplements |                 |              |
| Other                 |                 |              |

Please indicate if you have any of the following hormone feedstuffs onsite:

MGA  
HeiferMax  
Optaflex  
Zilmax

Please indicate if you have any of the following inophores onsite:

Bovatec  
Rumensin  
GainPro  
Catalyst

Please indicate if you have any of the following animal by products:

Tallow/Animal Fat  
Fish oil  
Feathermeal  
Other (Please List)

## Section 5: Hormone Treatment

Do you synchronize cows and/ or heifers?

Yes  
No

If you answered "yes" please explain how open cows/ heifers that were administered hormones are identified and/ or segregated from program calves.

How are purchased hormones inventoried?

## Section 6: Antibiotic/Vaccine Information:

Do you store antibiotics on location?

Yes  
No

Please indicate the antibiotics you have on hand:

## Section 7: Miscellaneous

PCT tags are required prior to shipping NHTC cattle. Would you like to order discounted tags from RCR – provided by Datamars?

Yes                      If yes please complete the RCR Tag Order Form included with this application packet.  
No

How did you hear about RCR?

## Section 8: Signature

\*By signing this application, you are confirming that all of the above documented information is true and correct to the best of your knowledge. You are aware that the completion of this application does not confirm an approved NHTC/SAV/RCR Natural status and that an onsite audit must take place prior to shipping any NHTC/SAV program cattle to verify the above claims.

\*\*If you have chosen to complete this application in the available PDF format, you understand that by typing your name below, you are agreeing that this electronic signature is as valid as a hand signed copy and as such you are in acceptance of all RCR Requirements.

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Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Print Name

**Please submit this completed Ranch RCR Natural/NHTC/SAV Application to RCR's Main Office for processing. Once reviewed, an invoice and contract will be sent to you. (Please note: if an email address has been provided, the invoice and contract will be sent via email.) Please sign the contract and remit payment in full as soon as possible. Once received, you will be contacted by a friendly RCR auditor to schedule a time for your onsite assessment!**

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