Recommended Country of Origin Affidavit/Declaration Statements

Continuous Country of Origin Affidavit/Declaration: *(This following affidavit 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**

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 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**

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).