

# PASTURE RAISED QUALITY ASSURANCE DECLARATION



Specification and declaration for raising claims.

## PLEASE READ THE INFORMATION BELOW AND SIGN THE DECLARATION

ONCE THIS FORM IS COMPLETED, ON YOUR ASD, YOU CAN TICK **YES** TO QUESTION 1 – **ARE YOU A PASTURE RAISED QA SUPPLIER** IN THE QUALITY ASSURANCE DECLARATION SECTION. THIS DECLARATION IS AN ANNUAL DECLARATION.

### PURPOSE

This specification details the required standards to deliver our Raising Claims and satisfy all requirements for the export and labelling of our lamb products to multiple global markets.

### RAISING CLAIMS

1. Non-GMO / NON-GMO PROJECT
2. Raised Without Antibiotics / No Added Antibiotics
3. 100% Grass Fed / Grass Fed
4. Vegetarian Diet
5. Pasture Raised
6. Free Range
7. No Added Hormones / Raised Without Added Hormones / Raised Without Growth Stimulants

### SPECIFICATION

1. All lambs supplied to this specification will be Free Range, Pasture Fed and have year-round access to grass (e.g. hay, silage, lucerne or non-grain feed crops), and the only permitted supplementary feedstuffs are NZ non-grain grown fodder crops.
2. Antibiotics are not routinely used in the production of Quality Assured lambs.
  - Should any antibiotics be administered to lambs as an individual animal treatment, this stock must be identified at the time of treatment and separated from untreated stock prior to transport off the property and supplied under a separate ASD.
  - Lambs administered with antibiotics will fail to qualify under this specification.
3. Lambs under this specification will comply with NZ law where it is an offence to:
  - a. Feed ruminant protein in any form, composition, or admixture to sheep or lambs.
  - b. Administer any Hormone Growth Promotants (HGPs) to sheep or lambs.

4. Currently:
  - a. No HGPs have been registered for use in sheep or lambs in NZ.
  - b. \*Currently no GMOs have been approved for introduction into NZ.
  - c. \*No GM seeds have been approved for release into the NZ Environment.
  - d. \*No fresh fruit, vegetables or meat sold in NZ are genetically modified.
  - e. \*REF: <http://www.biosecurity.govt.nz/regs/imports/plants/gmo>
5. Lambs supplied under this specification will not have been fed any grain or grain by-products or compounded or imported or manufactured feed in their lifetime.
  - Should any lambs be fed any such feed they will fail to qualify under this specification.
6. For any and all lambs supplied under this specification that were not born on your property, a signed copy of both this Specification / Declaration and appropriately completed ASD will be obtained from the previous owner and be retained by the supplier of stock to the plant for a minimum of two (2) years and be available within 48 hours when required for audit purposes.
  - The processing plant representative and/or an independent third party will audit samples of these declaration documents and accompanying ASDs for validity.

### ANIMAL STATUS DECLARATION FORMS

Lambs supplied that comply with this specification will be accompanied by an Animal Status Declaration with the BX Foods Quality Assurance Declaration.

### SAMPLE QUALITY ASSURANCE DECLARATION

**Declaration:** I am the person in charge of these animals and I declare that I have read and understand the Quality Assurance ASD questions below and the information is true and accurate.

NAME:		SIGNATURE:			DATE:	
1. Are you a GAP RATED QA supplier?	YES #:	EXPIRY DATE:	OR	A Pasture Raised QA Supplier?	YES	NO
2. Is <b>this line</b> of lambs GAP rated?					YES	NO
3. Have any of the lambs in <b>this line</b> been administered antibiotics in any form?					YES	NO
4. Have any of the lambs in this line been fed imported lucerne, imported stock feed, <b>any</b> grain or grain by-products or <b>any</b> compounded or manufactured stock feed.					YES	NO
5. For lambs in <b>this line</b> that were not born on the property: have you and will you retain for a minimum of two (2) years a signed copy of an appropriately completed ASD and a copy of the Quality Assurance Declaration from each of the previous owners, and provide BX Foods administration with a copy?					N/A	YES NO

### DECLARATION

I verify that lambs supplied from my property have been produced in agreement with this specification and its requirements will be certified with an appropriate response in the Quality Assurance Declaration section of the accompanying Animal Status Declaration.

I agree my farming business is available to be visited by a BX Foods Livestock Representative if required.

NAME:

TRADING NAME:

SIGNED:

DATE: