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BEEF

Albright Farms ................................................................. 410-329-3269
15630 Old York Road, Monkton, MD 21111
County: Baltimore E-Mail: albrights@albrightfarms.net
Contact: Tom Albright Web: http://www.albrightfarms.net
USDA Inspected: Yes Beef: complete line of cuts from ground to steaks and roasts

Arlington’s Natural Meats .......................................................... 410-651-1791
P.O. Box 173, Westover, MD 21871
County: Somerset E-Mail: ringfarms@dishmail.net
Contact: Candy Anderson Web: www.arlingtonmeats.com
USDA Inspected: Yes Beef: sell Angus beef by the piece, half and whole.

At Last Farm, LLC. ............................................................. 240-434-1947
18101 At Last Farm Road, Aquasco, MD 20608
County: Prince George’s E-Mail: atlastfarmllc@gmail.com
Contact: Cliff Ketts Web: www.atlastfarm.com
USDA Inspected: Yes Beef: standard cuts (5/7/2014)

Bald Eagle Farm ................................................................. 240-417-1523
17011 River Airport Road, Brandywine, MD 20613
County: Prince George’s E-Mail: tractplow@yahoo.com
Contact: Yates Clagett Web:
USDA Inspected: Yes Beef: (4/20/2012)

Buck Ridge Farms LLC ........................................................... 703-475-3236
11323 Orleans Road NE, Little Orleans, MD 21766
County: Allegany E-Mail: farmer@buckridgefarms.net
Contact: David Koritko Web: Buckridgefarms.net
USDA Inspected: Yes Beef: (5/1/2014)

Cabin Creek Heritage Farm ....................................................... 301-430-0170
18235 Clagett Landing Road, Upper Marlboro, MD 20774
County: Prince George’s E-Mail: farm@cabin creekheritagefarm.com
Contact: Doug Hill Web: www.cabin creekheritagefarm.com
USDA Inspected: Yes Beef: (5/20/2014)

Cashmere Rose Farm .............................................................. 301-825-4245
4649 Sheppard’s Lane, Ellicott City, MD 21042
County: Howard E-Mail: sales@cashmererose.com
Contact: Chase Ridgely Web: www.cashmererose.com
USDA Inspected: Yes Beef: various custom (5/1/2014)

Clagett Farm, Chesapeake Bay Foundation .................................. 301-627-4393
11904 Old Marlboro Pike, Upper Marlboro, MD 20772
County: Prince George’s E-Mail: mheller@cbf.org
Contact: Michael Heller Web: www.clagettfarm.org
USDA Inspected: Yes Beef: sold only twice a year. Send an email to receive notification. (4/19/2012)
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Clark's Farm.................................................................................................................................410-730-4049
10500 Clarksville Pike, Ellicott City, MD 21042
County: Howard
E-Mail: clarksbeef@gmail.com
Contact: Nora Crist
Web: www.clarklandfarm.com
USDA Inspected: Yes
Beef: by the cut; steaks, roasts, ground (5/19/2014)

Columbine Manor .......................................................................................................................301-223-1156
16290 Spielman Road, Williamsport, MD 21795
County: Washington
E-Mail: columbinemanor@myactv.net
Contact: Steve & Celia Palmer
Web: www.cm-longhornbeef.com
USDA Inspected: Yes
Beef: (4/30/2014)

Copper Penny Farm ....................................................................................................................410-796-1436
7510 Race Road, Hanover, MD 21076
County: Anne Arundel
E-Mail: copperpennyfarm@gmail.com
Contact: Nancy Gardetto
Web: www.copperpennyfarm.net
USDA Inspected: Yes
Beef: sell halves or whole (4/19/13)

Country Pleasures Farm ............................................................................................................301-371-4814
6219 Harley Road, Middletown, MD 21769
County: Frederick
E-Mail: CountryPleasuresFarm@gmail.com
Contact: Eric & Lori Rice
Web: www.CountryPleasuresFarm.com
USDA Inspected: Yes
Beef: (5/1/2012)

Crow Farm, LLC. .........................................................................................................................410-648-5687
12441 Vansant Corner Road, Kennedyville, MD 21645
County: Kent
E-Mail: crowfarmmd@gmail.com
Contact: Roy & Judy Crow
Web: 
USDA Inspected: Yes
Beef: vacuum packed to customer’s orders. (1/19/2011)

Deer Creek Beef, Inc. ..................................................................................................................443-807-8642
2363 Shuresville Road, Darlington, MD 21034
County: Harford
E-Mail: keholloway@themillofbelair.com
Contact: Karen Holloway
Web: www.deercreekbeef.com
USDA Inspected: Yes
Beef: retail cuts, hot dogs, beef sausage links, beef jerky, pulled beef barbeque, possible other further processed items. Custom front or hind quarters, sides, split sides also available. (4/16/2012)

Deer Meadow Farm .....................................................................................................................410-734-9384
1725 Tower Road, Aberdeen, MD 21001
County: Harford
E-Mail: dmandl@comcast.net
Contact: Karl & Donna Mandl, Jr.
Web: www.dmfarmsales.com/
USDA Inspected: Yes
Beef: sell beef by the piece, vacuum packed, as well as wholesale quarters, halves or whole.

England Acres Farm & Market .................................................................................................240-674-2028
5620 Detrick Road, Mount Airy, MD 21771
County: Frederick
E-Mail: judy@englandacres.com
Contact: Jeff & Judy England
Web: www.englandacres.com
USDA Inspected: Yes
Beef: We offer frozen, individually vacuum sealed and labeled cuts of meat that can be purchased; custom cut sides. (5/19/2014)
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Enticement Farm Raised Meats, LLC. .................................................................443-336-8492
231 Polling House Road, Harwood, MD 20776
County: Anne Arundel
Contact: Deana Tice
USDA Inspected: Yes
Beef: (5/1/2014)
E-Mail: enticementstables@msn.com
Web: enticementfarmraisedmeats.com

Evermore Farm ....................................................................................................410-374-1261
150 Rockland Road, Westminster, MD 21158
County: Carroll
Contact: John & Ginger Myers
USDA Inspected: Yes
Beef: specializing in custom processing and heritage breeds. (5/21/2014)
E-Mail: john@evermorefarm.com
Web: www.evermorefarm.com

Ferguson Family Farm, Inc. .................................................................................443-845-1554
3443 Beckleysville Road, Parkton, MD 21120
County: Baltimore
Contact: Lynne Ferguson
USDA Inspected: Yes
Beef: sold by the cut, whole, half and quarter. (5/5/2014)
E-Mail: lynne@fergusonfamilyfarm.com
Web: www.fergusonfamilyfarm.com

Good Intent Farms ..............................................................................................443-375-2905
76 Bucher John Road, P.O. Box 537, Union Bridge, MD 21791
County: Carroll
Contact: Jeremy Bertier
USDA Inspected: Yes
Beef: cut to specification through slaughter facility.
E-Mail: bertier13@yahoo.com
Web:

Hard Bargain Farm ..............................................................................................301-292-5665
2001 Bryan Point Road, Accokeek, MD 20607
County: Prince George’s
Contact: Alice Ferguson Foundation
USDA Inspected: Yes
Beef: beef quarters or smaller bundles. (5/21/2014)
E-Mail: ewatts@fergusonfoundation.org
Web: fergusonfoundation.org/the-farm/farm-fresh-products/

Holterholm Farms ..............................................................................................301-371-4255
5619 A Holter Road, Jefferson, MD 21755
County: Frederick
Contact: Ron & Adam Holter
USDA Inspected: Yes
Beef: (4/13/2012)
E-Mail: ronholter@comcast.net
Web: www.holterholmfarms.com

Homestead Acres ..............................................................................................410-848-7662
3410 Old Hanover Road, Westminster, MD 21158
County: Carroll
Contact: Harrison L. Cavey Jr.
USDA Inspected: Yes
Beef: (5/1/2014)
E-Mail: harrisoncavey@gmail.com
Web: www.homesteadlowlines.com

Horsmon Farm ..................................................................................................443-532-5761
1865 Horsmon Farm Lane, Saint Leonard, MD 20685
County: Calvert
Contact: Cathy Cosgrove
USDA Inspected: Yes
Beef: frozen vacuum sealed cuts. (5/1/2014)
E-Mail: inquire@horsmonfarm.com
Web: www.horsmonfarm.com

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KOL Foods ................................................................................................................................. 888-366-3565
7981 Eastern Avenue #216, Silver Spring, MD 20910
County: Montgomery
Contact: Devora Kimelman-Block
USDA Inspected: Yes
Beef: Kosher (4/16/2012)

Legacy Manor .......................................................................................................................... 301-432-0267
17758 Bakersville Road, Boonsboro, MD 21713
County: Washington
Contact: Katherine Ecker
USDA Inspected:
Beef: by the quarter, half or whole.

Locust Grove Farms .................................................................................................................... 410-848-4753
527 Warfieldsburg Road, Westminster, MD 21157
County: Carroll
Contact: Richard Soper
USDA Inspected: Yes
Beef: sell by the half or whole. (1/19/2011)

Longview Farm ........................................................................................................................... 301-203-2874
1511 Bryan Point Road, Accokeek, MD 20607
County: Prince George’s
Contact: Penelope Breese & Stevenson McInaire
USDA Inspected: Yes
Beef: individual cuts, whole, halves, and split halves. (4/30/2012)

Lovell Grass Fed Cattle Company ............................................................................................. 410-635-6161
232 South Springdale Road, New Windsor, MD 21776
County: Carroll
Contact: Jack Lovell
USDA Inspected: Yes
Beef: custom cut (5/21/2014)

MD Sunrise Farm ........................................................................................................................ 410-739-6205
P.O. Box 390, Chestertown, MD 21620
County: Anne Arundel
Contact: Megan Fry
USDA Inspected: Yes
Beef: individual cuts available, priced per pound. Custom orders by whole, half and quarter. (4/27/2012)

Milburn Orchards ........................................................................................................................ 410-398-1349
1495 Appleton Road, Elkton, MD 21921
County: Cecil
Contact: Jay Milburn
USDA Inspected: Yes
Beef: currently available at our own farm market. (5/12/2014)

Misty Meadow Farm .................................................................................................................... 301-824-7455
14230 Misty Meadow Road, Smithsburg, MD 21783
County: Washington
Contact: David Herbst
USDA Inspected: Yes
Beef:
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Monnett Farms
4825 Dennis Monnett Road, Prince Frederick, MD 20678
County: Calvert
Contact: Benson Tiralla
USDA Inspected: Yes
Beef: (5/1/2014)
E-Mail: sales@monnettfarms.com
Web: www.monnettfarms.com

Neff and Son, Inc.
301 Clovelly Lane, Chestertown, MD 21620
County: Queen Anne’s
Contact: Tony Neff
USDA Inspected: Yes
Beef: prime Angus
E-Mail: clovelly@baybroadband.net
Web: www.neffandsoninc.com

Nick’s Organic Farm
8565 Horseshoe Lane, Potomac, MD 20854
County: Montgomery & Frederick
Contact: Nick Maravell
USDA Inspected: Yes
Beef: Black Angus can be cut to customer instructions or sold in eighth, quarter, half, and whole or individual cuts. Also sausage, ground beef, jerky, bones and organ meats such as liver and tongue are available. (4/13/2012)
E-Mail: nicksorganicfarm@comcast.net
Web: www.nicksorganicfarm.com

Orebanks
1300 Cold Bottom Road, Sparks, MD 21152
County: Baltimore
Contact: Michael Merryman
USDA Inspected: Yes
Beef: (4/19/2013)
E-Mail: merryman81@gmail.com
Web: https://www.facebook.com/Orebanks

Palmyra Farm
18811 Wagaman Road, Hagerstown, MD 21740
County: Washington
Contact: Ralph Shank and Mary Creek
USDA Inspected: Yes
Beef: sold in quarters, halves or whole.
E-Mail: palmyraayrshires@aol.com
Web: www.palmyrafarm.net

Part Green Hill Farm
23321 Part Green Hill Farm Lane, Leonardtown, MD 20650
County: St. Mary’s
Contact: Earl Lumpkins
USDA Inspected: Yes
Beef: sell quarters, halves, or whole. (5/19/14)
E-Mail: partgreenhillfarm@gmail.com
Web: www.partgreenhillfarm.com

Pineline Poultry and Meats
5810 Mount Briar Road, Keedysville, MD 21756
County: Washington
Contact: Rachel Allen, Jason Brusky, and Penny Sica
USDA Inspected: Yes
Beef: variety of cuts. (5/20/2013)
E-Mail: pinelinepoultry@aol.com
Web: pinelinepoultry.com

Pop’s Old Place
4657 Skinners Run Road, Hurlock, MD 21643
County: Dorchester
Contact: Darlene Goehringer
USDA Inspected: Yes
Beef: cuts available—no value-added (5/2/2014)
E-Mail: PopsOldPlace@gmail.com
Web: www.popsoldplace.com

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**Prosperity Acres**  
5811 Sunderland Court, Sunderland, MD 20689  
**E-Mail:** maryt@prosperityacres.com  
**Web:** www.prosperityacres.com  
**County:** Calvert  
**Contact:** Mary T. Bowen  
**USDA Inspected:** Yes  
**Beef:** on the hoof, whole, whole, Sides, (1/2, 1/4) and custom cuts. (4/20/2012)

**Rigdon Farms**  
1320 Rigdon Road, Jarrettsville, MD 21084  
**E-Mail:** rigdonfarms@verizon.net  
**Web:** www.rigdonfarms.com  
**County:** Harford  
**Contact:** John A. Rigdon  
**USDA Inspected:** Yes  
**Beef:** (4/30/2012)

**Rumbleway Farm**  
592 McCauley Road, Conowingo, MD 21918  
**E-Mail:** rumblewayfarm@hotmail.com  
**Web:** www.rumblewayfarm.com  
**County:** Cecil  
**Contact:** Robin Way  
**USDA Inspected:** Yes  
**Beef:** (5/20/2014)  
**Beef:**

**Sassafras River Beef**  
P.O. Box 616, Cecilton, MD 21913  
**E-Mail:** stevei@dmv.com  
**Web:** www.sassafrasriverbeef.com  
**County:** Cecil  
**Contact:** Steve Isaacson  
**USDA Inspected:** Yes  
**Beef:** (4/18/2012)  
**Beef:**

**Shagbark Mountain Cattle**  
2725 Kaetzel Road, Knoxville, MD 21758  
**E-Mail:** shagbarkmtcattle@myactv.net  
**Web:**  
**County:** Washington  
**Contact:** John & Laura Sexton  
**USDA Inspected:** Yes  
**Beef:** (4/30/2012)  
**Beef:**

**Smith, Mike**  
1829 Colora Road, Colora, MD 21917  
**E-Mail:** emsmith@zoominternet.net  
**Web:**  
**County:** Cecil  
**Contact:** Mike Smith  
**USDA Inspected:** Yes  
**Beef:** (4/19/2013)  
**Beef:**

**Snader Farms LLC**  
2323 Marston Road, P.O. Box 120, New Windsor, MD 21776  
**E-Mail:** snaderfarm@yahoo.com  
**Web:**  
**County:** Carroll  
**Contact:** Philip & Victoria Snader  
**USDA Inspected:** Yes  
**Beef:** (6/2013)  
**Beef:**

**Sovereign Soil Farm**  
2419 Snow Hill Road, Girdletree, MD 21829  
**E-Mail:** fqparker@gmail.com  
**Web:** www.sovereignsoilfarm.com  
**County:** Worcester  
**Contact:** Fletcher Q Parker  
**USDA Inspected:** Yes  
**Beef:**

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<td>Springfield Farm</td>
<td>16701 Yeoho Road, Sparks Glencoe, MD 21152</td>
<td>Baltimore</td>
<td><a href="mailto:mail@ourspringfieldfarm.com">mail@ourspringfieldfarm.com</a></td>
<td><a href="http://www.ourspringfieldfarm.com">www.ourspringfieldfarm.com</a></td>
<td>Valerie Lafferty</td>
<td>Yes</td>
<td>(5/19/2014)</td>
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<tr>
<td>St. Brigid's Farm</td>
<td>12246 Locust Grove Road, Kennedyville, MD 21645</td>
<td>Kent</td>
<td><a href="mailto:rcfry@stbrigidsfarm.com">rcfry@stbrigidsfarm.com</a></td>
<td><a href="http://www.stbrigidsfarm.com">www.stbrigidsfarm.com</a></td>
<td>Robert Fry &amp; Judy Gifford</td>
<td>Yes</td>
<td>(4/16/2012)</td>
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<td>Stewart Farms</td>
<td>3400 Jennings Chapel Road, Woodbine, MD 21797</td>
<td>Howard</td>
<td><a href="mailto:vstewartmo@aol.com">vstewartmo@aol.com</a></td>
<td></td>
<td>Victoria Stewart-Moore</td>
<td>Yes</td>
<td>Limousin beef sold by side or quarter. (5/2/2014)</td>
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<td>Stoner Family Farms, LLC.</td>
<td>7604 Dam #4 Road, Sharpsburg, MD 21782</td>
<td>Washington</td>
<td><a href="mailto:localfoodmd@yahoo.com">localfoodmd@yahoo.com</a></td>
<td></td>
<td>Dick Stoner</td>
<td>Yes</td>
<td>Angus (5/24/2012)</td>
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<td>The Meat Shack at Strohmer's Farm</td>
<td>3501 Hernwood Road, Woodstock, MD 21163</td>
<td>Baltimore</td>
<td><a href="mailto:bastromer@hotmail.com">bastromer@hotmail.com</a></td>
<td><a href="http://www.stohmersfarm.com">www.stohmersfarm.com</a></td>
<td>Brenda Strohmer</td>
<td>Yes</td>
<td>All cuts of beef (5/19/2014)</td>
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<tr>
<td>Thomas and Son Farms</td>
<td>7249 Monroe Road, Boonsboro, MD 21713</td>
<td>Washington</td>
<td><a href="mailto:brendalt@msn.com">brendalt@msn.com</a></td>
<td><a href="http://ThomasAndSonFarms.com">http://ThomasAndSonFarms.com</a></td>
<td>Tracy Thomas</td>
<td>Yes</td>
<td>1/4, 1/2, whole beef - pre-ordered and custom cut to your specifications. (4/16/2012)</td>
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<td>TLV Tree Farm</td>
<td>15155 Triadelphia Mill Road, Glenelg, MD 21737</td>
<td>Howard</td>
<td><a href="mailto:TLVtreefarm@yahoo.com">TLVtreefarm@yahoo.com</a></td>
<td><a href="http://www.tlvtreefarm.com">www.tlvtreefarm.com</a></td>
<td>Jamie Brown</td>
<td>Yes</td>
<td>(5/5/2014)</td>
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<td>Wagon Wheel Ranch</td>
<td>661 West Watersville Road, Mount Airy, MD 21771</td>
<td>Howard</td>
<td><a href="mailto:bschiner@aol.com">bschiner@aol.com</a></td>
<td><a href="http://www.wagonwheelranch.org">www.wagonwheelranch.org</a></td>
<td>Brian Schiner</td>
<td>Yes</td>
<td>(5/1/2014)</td>
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<td>Windmill Meadows</td>
<td>20807 Leiters Mill Road, Hagerstown, MD 21742</td>
<td>Washington</td>
<td></td>
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<td>Jacob E. Horst</td>
<td>Yes</td>
<td>(4/30/2012)</td>
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Windy Willow Farm Services, LLC .............................................................................................................. 301-928-6781
421 Clyde Jones Road, Sunderland, MD 20689
County: Calvert
Contact: Debbie & Dale Jones
USDA Inspected: Yes
Beef: for sale off the farm (5/23/2012)
E-Mail: debbie@windywillowfarm.com
Web: www.windywillowfarm.com

Woodborough Farms ................................................................................................................................. 301-888-2219
20111 Aquasco Road, Sunderland, MD 20608
County: Prince George's
Contact: Phil & Linda Hutton
USDA Inspected: Yes
Beef: (5/23/2012)
E-Mail: woodborough@prodigy.net

Woodcamp Farm ........................................................................................................................................ 443-962-7226
17403 Hardy Road, Mt. Airy, MD 21771
County: Howard
Contact: Jason Hough
USDA Inspected: Yes
Beef: Angus sold by the cut.
E-Mail: wcf.jason@gmail.com
Web: www.woodcampfarm.com

Woolsey Farm ............................................................................................................................................. 443-807-0655
630 Glenville Road, Churchville, MD 21028
County: Harford
Contact: Cindi Umbarger
USDA Inspected: Yes
Beef: vacuum sealed cuts (5/1/2014)
E-Mail: woolseyfarmlamb@aol.com

Zekiah Farms, LLC ...................................................................................................................................... 240-216-4065
P.O. Box 784, 5235 Bryantown Road, Bryantown, MD 20617
County: Charles
Contact: David & Cindy Thorne
USDA Inspected: Yes
Beef: whole animal to individual cuts by the pound, meat is flash frozen and vacuum sealed to maintain its freshness and flavor. Also have pulled beef BBQ, jerky, and meat sticks. (4/14/2011)
E-Mail: info@zekiahfarms.com
Web: www.zekiahfarms.com

BISON

Gunpowder Bison & Trading Co. .................................................................................................................. 410-343-2277
1270 Monkton Road, Monkton, MD 21111
County: Baltimore
Contact: Trevor Lewis
USDA Inspected: Yes
Bison:
E-Mail: trey@gunpowderbison.com
Web: www.gunpowderbison.com

Morris’ Choice Bison Ranch, LLC ............................................................................................................. 410-343-2663
1400 Morris Road, Freeland, MD 21053
County: Baltimore
Contact: Robert Morris & Family
USDA Inspected: Yes
Bison:
E-Mail: mchoicebison@gmail.com
Web: www.morrischoicebison.com

S.B. Farms, Inc. ............................................................................................................................................. 410-754-5821
7010 Hynson Road, Hurlock, MD 21643
County: Dorchester
Contact: Bill Edwards
USDA Inspected: Yes
Bison: burger, all standard steak and roast cuts, short ribs, back ribs, ready-to-eat BBQ, Sloppy Joe, jerky, summer sausage. (5/1/2014)
E-Mail: bison95@wildblue.net
Web: www.sbfarmsinc.com
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**Twin Springs Market**

52038 North Church Street, Lineboro, MD 21102  
**E-Mail:**  
**Web:**

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<td>Carroll</td>
<td>Trey &amp; Angela Lewis</td>
<td>Yes</td>
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### CHEVON (GOAT)

**Buck Ridge Farms LLC.**

11323 Orleans Road NE, Little Orleans, MD 21766  
**E-Mail:** farmer@buckridgefarms.net  
**Web:** Buckridgefarms.net

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<td>Allegany</td>
<td>David Koritko</td>
<td>Yes</td>
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**Cashmere Rose Farm**

4649 Sheppard’s Lane, Ellicott City, MD 21042  
**E-Mail:** sales@cashmererose.com  
**Web:** www.cashmererose.com

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<td>Howard</td>
<td>Chase Riddley</td>
<td>Yes</td>
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**Many Rocks Farm Products, LLC.**

5127 Mt. Briar Road, Keedysville, MD 21756  
**E-Mail:** manyrocksfarm@myactv.net  
**Web:** www.manyrocksfarm.com

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<td>Jeanne Dietz-Band</td>
<td>Yes</td>
<td>retail cuts, goat sausage, custom orders. (4/26/2012)</td>
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**Monnett Farms**

4825 Dennis Monnett Road, Prince Frederick, MD 20678  
**E-Mail:** sales@monnettfarms.com  
**Web:** www.monnettfarms.com

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<td>Benson Tiralla</td>
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**Pahl’s Hogs**

Melrose Avenue, Granite, MD 21163  
**E-Mail:** pahlshogs@gmail.com  
**Web:** www.pahlshogs.com

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<td>Baltimore</td>
<td>Jennifer Pahl</td>
<td>Yes</td>
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**Prosperity Acres**

5811 Sunderland Court, Sunderland, MD 20689  
**E-Mail:** maryt@prosperityacres.com  
**Web:** www.prosperityacres.com

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<td>Calvert</td>
<td>Mary T. Bowen</td>
<td>Yes</td>
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**Shagbark Mountain Cattle**

2725 Kaetzel Road, Knoxville, MD 21758  
**E-Mail:** shagbarkmtcattle@myactv.net  
**Web:**

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<td>Washington</td>
<td>John &amp; Laura Sexton</td>
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Sugarloaf's Breezy Valley ................................................................. 301-874-0958
1215 Buckeystown Pike, Adamstown, MD 21710
County: Frederick
Contact: Mike Shipe and Kathy Weld
USDA Inspected:
Chevon: sell them on the hoof.

Wagon Wheel Ranch ................................................................. 443-271-6850
661 West Watersville Road, Mount Airy, MD 21771
County: Howard
Contact: Brian Schiner
USDA Inspected: Yes
Chevon: (5/1/2012)

Windy Willow Farm Services, LLC. ........................................... 301-928-6781
421 Clyde Jones Road, Sunderland, MD 20689
County: Calvert
Contact: Debbie & Dale Jones
USDA Inspected: Yes
Chevon: whole animal to individual cuts by the pound, meat is flash frozen and vacuum sealed to maintain its freshness and flavor. (4/14/2011)

Zekiah Farms, LLC. ................................................................. 240-216-4065
P.O. Box 784, 5235 Bryantown Road, Bryantown, MD 20617
County: Charles
Contact: David & Cindy Thorne
USDA Inspected: Yes
Chevon: whole animal to individual cuts by the pound, meat is flash frozen and vacuum sealed to maintain its freshness and flavor. (4/14/2011)

CHICKEN

521 Family Farm ................................................................. 410-446-1249
3365 Hall Creek Lane, Owings, MD 20736
County: Calvert
Contact: Jason Luby
Chicken: (5/7/2014)

Albright Farms ................................................................. 410-329-3269
15630 Old York Road, Monkton, MD 21111
County: Baltimore
Contact: Tom Albright
Chicken: is frozen in vacuum package. Chicken sold whole or in cuts. (1/24/2011)

Andy’s Eggs & Poultry ................................................................. 443-504-8254
2601 Harford Road, Fallston, MD 21047
County: Harford
Contact: W. Andy Bachman
Chicken: whole, cuts, and ground. (5/1/2014)

Cabin Creek Heritage Farm ................................................................. 301-430-0170
18235 Clagett Landing Road, Upper Marlboro, MD 20774
County: Prince George’s
Contact: Doug Hill
Chicken: Fresh cut or whole chicken. (5/20/2014)

Cashmere Rose Farm ................................................................. 301-825-4245
4649 Sheppard’s Lane, Ellicott City, MD 21042
County: Howard
Contact: Chase Ridgely
Chicken: whole poultry (5/1/2014)
CHICKEN  Continued...

Colchester Farm ..................................................................................................................................... 410-648-5290
13910 Augustine Herman Hwy, Galena, MD 21635
County: Kent  Contact: John Arbuckle  Chicken: broilers are fresh, not frozen on day of harvest or day after.

England Acres Farm & Market ............................................................................................................... 240-674-2028
5620 Detrick Road, Mount Airy, MD 21771
County: Frederick  Contact: Jeff & Judy England  Chicken: sell whole chickens (5/19/2014)

Enticement Farm Raised Meats, LLC. .................................................................................................... 443-336-8492
231 Polling House Road, Harwood, MD 20776
County: Anne Arundel  Contact: Deana Tice  Chicken: (5/1/2014)

Evermore Farm ....................................................................................................................................... 410-374-1261
150 Rockland Road, Westminster, MD 21158
County: Carroll  Contact: John & Ginger Myers  Chicken: whole and chicken parts. We are a Maryland state inspected as an on-farm processor. (5/21/2014)

Ferguson Family Farm, Inc. ..................................................................................................................... 443-845-1554
3443 Beckleysville Road, Parkton, MD 21120
County: Baltimore  Contact: Lynne Ferguson  Chicken: (5/5/2014)

Freedom Farm .......................................................................................................................................... 717-752-0237
4139 Bullfrog Road, Taneytown, MD 21787
County: Carroll  Contact: Bobbi-Jo Fout  Chicken: Whole or halves. (5/21/2014)

Good Fortune Farm ................................................................................................................................. 240-350-2111
18001 Horsehead Road, Brandywine, MD 20613
County: Prince George’s  Contact: Mike Klein  Chicken: sold fresh and frozen off farm.

Hancock Farm Service ............................................................................................................................. 301-520-0305
10415 Hancock Farm Place, La Plata, MD 20646
County: Charles  Contact: Donald J. Hancock  Chicken: product can be custom cut to order. (5/9/14)

Happy Hen House, LLC. .......................................................................................................................... 301-676-6998
10807 A Houghs Church Road, Keymar, MD 21757
County: Frederick  Contact: Marcus R. Chapman  Chicken: broilers

Hard Bargain Farm ................................................................................................................................... 301-292-5665
2001 Bryan Point Road, Accokeek, MD 20607
County: Prince George’s  Contact: Alice Ferguson Foundation  Chicken: Chicksens whole, frozen (5/21/2014)
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### CHICKEN

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<td>16701 Yeoho Road, Sparks Glencoe, MD 21152</td>
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<td>410-489-4460</td>
<td>15155 Triadelphia Mill Road, Glenelg, MD 21737</td>
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<td>24420 Chestertown Road, Chestertown, MD 21620</td>
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<td>Brian Schiner</td>
<td><a href="mailto:bschiner@aol.com">bschiner@aol.com</a></td>
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<td>Windmill Meadows</td>
<td>301-739-5258</td>
<td>20807 Leiters Mill Road, Hagerstown, MD 21742</td>
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<td>Jacob E. Horst</td>
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<td>Zekiah Farms, LLC.</td>
<td>240-216-4065</td>
<td>P.O. Box 784, 5235 Bryantown Road, Bryantown, MD 20617</td>
<td>Charles</td>
<td>David &amp; Cindy Thorne</td>
<td><a href="mailto:info@zekiahfarms.com">info@zekiahfarms.com</a></td>
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<td>Lynne Ferguson</td>
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<td>KOL Foods</td>
<td>888-366-3565</td>
<td>7981 Eastern Avenue #216, Silver Spring, MD 20910</td>
<td>Montgomery</td>
<td>Devora Kimelman-Block</td>
<td><a href="mailto:info@kolfoods.com">info@kolfoods.com</a></td>
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*Duck: (4/16/2012)
DUCK  Continued...

Legacy Manor ...............................................................................................................................................301-432-0267
17758 Bakersville Road, Boonsboro, MD 21713
County: Washington  Contact: Katherine Ecker  Duck:
E-Mail: Katherine@LegacyManorFarm.com  Web: www.LegacyManorFarm.com

Cashmere Rose Farm ........................................................................................................................................301-825-4245
4649 Sheppard’s Lane, Ellicott City, MD 21042
County: Howard  Contact: Chase Ridgely  Duck: (5/1/2014)
E-Mail: sales@cashmererose.com  Web: www.cashmererose.com

Wagon Wheel Ranch ........................................................................................................................................443-271-6850
661 West Watersville Road, Mount Airy, MD 21771
County: Howard  Contact: Brian Schiner  Duck: (5/1/2014)
E-Mail: bschner@aol.com  Web: www.wagonwheelranch.org

Zekiah Farms, LLC. .........................................................................................................................................240-216-4065
P.O. Box 784, 5235 Bryantown Road, Bryantown, MD 20617
County: Charles  Contact: David & Cindy Thorne  Duck: whole to individual cuts by the pound; meat is flash frozen and vacuum sealed to maintain its freshness and flavor. (4/14/2011)
E-Mail: info@zekiahfarms.com  Web: www.zekiahfarms.com

EMU

Carlhaven Emu Farm .......................................................................................................................................301-854-3915
910 Western Chapel Road, Westminster, MD 21157
County: Carroll  Contact: Diane Brown  Emu: ground, minute steaks, and steaks. (4/27/2012)
E-Mail: carlhaven@gmail.com  Web: www.carlhavenemufarm.com

GOOSE

Ferguson Family Farm, Inc. ............................................................................................................................443-845-1554
3443 Beckleysville Road, Parkton, MD 21120
County: Baltimore  Contact: Lynne Ferguson  Goose: available for the holidays – order early (5/5/2014)
E-Mail: lynne@fergusonfamilyfarm.com  Web: www.fergusonfamilyfarm.com

GUINEA

Cashmere Rose Farm .......................................................................................................................................301-825-4245
4649 Sheppard’s Lane, Ellicott City, MD 21042
County: Howard  Contact: Chase Ridgely  Guinea: (5/1/2014)
E-Mail: sales@cashmererose.com  Web: www.cashmererose.com

Wagon Wheel Ranch .......................................................................................................................................443-271-6850
661 West Watersville Road, Mount Airy, MD 21771
County: Howard  Contact: Brian Schiner  Guinea: (1/26/2011)
E-Mail: bschner@aol.com  Web: www.wagonwheelranch.org
**LAMB**

**Arlington’s Natural Meats**  
P.O. Box 173, Westover, MD 21871  
County: Somerset  
Contact: Candy Anderson  
USDA Inspected: Yes  
Lamb: we sell by the piece, half and whole. (1/19/2011)  
E-Mail: ringfarms@dishmail.net  
Web: www.arlingtonmeats.com

**At Last Farm, LLC.**  
18101 At Last Farm Road, Aquasco, MD 20608  
County: Prince George’s  
Contact: Cliff Ketts  
USDA Inspected: Yes  
Lamb: standard cuts (5/7/2014)  
E-Mail: atlastfarmllc@gmail.com  
Web: www.atlastfarm.com

**Cabin Creek Heritage Farm**  
18235 Clagett Landing Road, Upper Marlboro, MD 20774  
County: Prince George’s  
Contact: Doug Hill  
USDA Inspected: Yes  
Lamb: (5/20/2014)  
E-Mail: farm@cabin creekheritagefarm.com  
Web: www.cabin creekheritagefarm.com

**Cashmere Rose Farm**  
4649 Sheppard’s Lane, Ellicott City, MD 21042  
County: Howard  
Contact: Chase Ridgely  
USDA Inspected: Yes  
Lamb: various custom (5/1/2014)  
E-Mail: sales@cashmererose.com  
Web: www.cashmererose.com

**Castle Hill Farm**  
5814 Broad Run Road, Jefferson, MD 21755  
County: Frederick  
Contact: Peter Vorac  
USDA Inspected: Yes  
Lamb: sell whole or half custom (regular or halal) processed lamb—all types of cuts (roasts, steaks, chops, etc. vacuum packed, labeled) (5/19/2014)  
E-Mail: pvorac@comcast.net  
Web: www.fredericksheepbreeders.com

**Common Ground Farm**  
702 Cotendonale Court, Bel Air, MD 21015  
County: Harford  
Contact: Brittany Dooling  
USDA Inspected: Yes  
Lamb: (10/19/13)  
E-Mail: bdooling@uvm.edu

**Copper Penny Farm**  
7510 Race Road, Hanover, MD 21076  
County: Anne Arundel  
Contact: Nancy Gardetto  
USDA Inspected: Yes  
Lamb: sell halves or whole (4/19/13)  
E-Mail: copperpennyfarm@gmail.com  
Web: www.copperpennyfarm.net

**England Acres Farm & Market**  
5620 Detrick Road, Mount Airy, MD 21771  
County: Frederick  
Contact: Jeff & Judy England  
USDA Inspected: Yes  
Lamb: custom ordered (5/19/2014)  
E-Mail: judy@englandacres.com  
Web: www.englandacres.com

**Enticement Farm Raised Meats, LLC.**  
231 Polling House Road, Harwood, MD 20776  
County: Anne Arundel  
Contact: Deana Tice  
USDA Inspected: Yes  
Lamb: (5/1/2014)  
E-Mail: enticementstables@msn.com  
Web: enticementfarmraisedmeats.com

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LAMB

Evermore Farm ............................................................................................................................410-374-1261
150 Rockland Road, Westminster, MD 21158
County: Carroll
Contact: John & Ginger Myers E-Mail: john@evermorefarm.com
Webs: www.evermorefarm.com
USDA Inspected: Yes
Lamb: specializing in custom processing and heritage breeds. (5/21/2014)

Greene’s Lamb ............................................................................................................................410-329-6241
2014 White Hall Road, White Hall, MD 21161
County: Baltimore E-Mail: greelamb@gmail.com
Contact: David and Nancy Greene Web:
USDA Inspected: Yes
Lamb: Direct from the farm by appointment only. Participates at the Sheep & Wool Festival and Hereford Farm Market. (5/1/2014)

Holterholm Farms .........................................................................................................................301-371-4255
5619 A Holter Road, Jefferson, MD 21755
County: Frederick E-Mail: ronholter@comcast.net
Contact: Ron & Adam Holter Web: www.holterholmfarms.com
USDA Inspected: Yes
Lamb: (4/13/2012)

KOL Foods ....................................................................................................................................888-366-3565
7981 Eastern Avenue #216, Silver Spring, MD 20910
County: Montgomery E-Mail: info@kolfoods.com
Contact: Devora Kimelman-Block Web: www.kolfoods.com
USDA Inspected: Yes
Lamb: Kosher (4/16/2012)

Legacy Manor ..............................................................................................................................301-432-0267
17758 Bakersville Road, Boonsboro, MD 21713
County: Washington E-Mail: Katherine@LegacyManorFarm.com
Contact: Katherine Ecker Web: www.LegacyManorFarm.com
USDA Inspected: Yes
Lamb: (1/31/2011)

Liberty Farms ...............................................................................................................................410-655-7577
10807 Liberty Road, Randallstown, MD 21133
County: Baltimore E-Mail: mslincolnsheep@aol.com
Contact: Diane Klingelhofer Web:
USDA Inspected: Yes
Lamb: (5/20/2014)

Monnett Farms ..............................................................................................................................410-535-4357
4825 Dennis Monnett Road, Prince Frederick, MD 20678
County: Calvert E-Mail: sales@monnettfarms.com
Contact: Benson Tiralla Web: www.monnettfarms.com
USDA Inspected: Yes
Lamb: (5/1/2014)

Pop’s Old Place ............................................................................................................................410-924-1646
4657 Skinners Run Road, Hurlock, MD 21643
County: Dorchester E-Mail: PopsOldPlace@gmail.com
Contact: Darlene Goehringer Web: www.popsoldplace.com
USDA Inspected: Yes
Lamb: cuts available—no value-added (5/2/2014)
LAMB

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Rigdon Farms ................................................................................................................. 410-692-5224
1320 Rigdon Road, Jarrettsville, MD 21084
County: Harford
Contact: John A. Rigdon
USDA Inspected: Yes
Lamb: (4/30/2012)
E-Mail: rigdonfarms@verizon.net
Web: www.rigdonfarms.com

Robertson Family Sheep Farm ......................................................................................... 410-848-3390
3816 Wine Road, Westminster, MD 21158
County: Carroll
Contact: Graham Robertson
USDA Inspected: Yes
Lamb: (5/8/2012)
E-Mail: sheep4me@hotmail.com
Web: TheLambLady@yahoo.com

Shagbark Mountain Cattle ............................................................................................... 301-834-9808
2725 Kaetzel Road, Knoxville, MD 21758
County: Washington
Contact: John & Laura Sexton
USDA Inspected: Yes
Lamb: (4/30/2012)
E-Mail: shagbarkmtcattle@myactv.net
Web: www.shagbarkmtcattle.com

Smallfields ......................................................................................................................... 410-531-3290
11965 Simpson Road, Clarksville, MD 21029
County: Howard
Contact: John McCoy
USDA Inspected: Yes
Lamb: for the freezer in quarters, half or whole.
E-Mail: johnlmccoy@verizon.net
Web: www.smallfields.org

Sovereign Soil Farm ........................................................................................................... 443-614-1193
2419 Snow Hill Road, Girdletree, MD 21829
County: Worcester
Contact: Fletcher Q Parker
USDA Inspected: Yes
Lamb: (5/8/2012)
E-Mail: fqparkergmail.com
Web: www.sovereignsoilfarm.com

Springfield Farm ............................................................................................................... 410-472-0738
16701 Yeoho Road, Sparks Glencoe, MD 21152
County: Baltimore
Contact: Valerie Lafferty
USDA Inspected: Yes
Lamb: (5/19/2014)
E-Mail: mail@ourspringfieldfarm.com
Web: www.ourspringfieldfarm.com

The Baalands ....................................................................................................................... 301-582-4317
15007 Hicksville Road, Clear Spring, MD 21722
County: Washington
Contact: Susan Schoenian
USDA Inspected: Yes
Lamb: Katahdin lamb - whole lamb cut and wrapped to your specifications. Live lambs for slaughter. (5/23/2012)
E-Mail: susan@baalands.com
Web: www.baalands.com

TLV Tree Farm ..................................................................................................................... 410-489-4460
15155 Triadelphia Mill Road, Glenelg, MD 21737
County: Howard
Contact: Jamie Brown
USDA Inspected: Yes
Lamb: (5/5/2014)
E-Mail: TLVtreefarm@yahoo.com
Web: www.tlvtreefarm.com

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LAMB  

Victory Farm ........................................................................................................................................... 410-778-4669
24420 Chestertown Road, Chestertown, MD 21620
County: Kent  
Contact: Sarah Ruckelshaus  
USDA Inspected: Yes  
Lamb: freezer lamb (1/19/2011)

Wagon Wheel Ranch .................................................................................................................................... 443-271-6850
661 West Watersville Road, Mount Airy, MD 21771
County: Howard  
Contact: Brian Schiner  
USDA Inspected: Yes  
Lamb: (5/1/2014)

Whitmore Farm ............................................................................................................................................ 301-514-8203
10720 Dern Road, Emmitsburg, MD 21644
County: Frederick  
Contact: William Morrow  
USDA Inspected: Yes  
Lamb: (5/1/2014)

Windy Willow Farm Services, LLC. .............................................................................................................. 301-928-6781
421 Clyde Jones Road, Sunderland, MD 20689
County: Calvert  
Contact: Debbie & Dale Jones  
USDA Inspected: Yes  
Lamb: (5/23/2012)

Woolsey Farm ................................................................................................................................................. 443-807-0655
630 Glenville Road, Churchville, MD 21028
County: Harford  
Contact: Cindi Umbarger  
USDA Inspected: Yes  
Lamb: vacuum sealed cuts (5/1/2014)

Zekiah Farms, LLC. .......................................................................................................................................... 240-216-4065
P.O. Box 784, 5235 Bryantown Road, Bryantown, MD 20617
County: Charles  
Contact: David & Cindy Thorne  
USDA Inspected: Yes  
Lamb: whole animal to individual cuts by the pound; meat is flash frozen and vacuum sealed to maintain its freshness and flavor. (4/14/2012)

PHEASANT

KCC Natural Farms, LLC. .............................................................................................................................. 410-803-9200
2630 Rocks Road, Forest Hill, MD 21050
County: Harford  
Contact: Kelly McGill  
Phesasant: our products are processed at our plant under MDA 265. (5/19/2014)

PORK

Ardover Farms .................................................................................................................................................. 410-928-5309
145 Ardover Farm Lane, Millington, MD 21651
County: Queen Anne’s  
Contact: Thomas A Jackson  
Pork: freezer pork whole or half.
Arlington’s Natural Meats
P.O. Box 173, Westover, MD 21871
County: Somerset
Contact: Candy Anderson
USDA Inspected: Yes
Pork: full line of Duroc Pork. Custom cuts can be pre-ordered. (1/19/2011)

Cabin Creek Heritage Farm
18235 Clagett Landing Road, Upper Marlboro, MD 20774
County: Prince George’s
Contact: Doug Hill
USDA Inspected: Yes
Pork: Charcuterie (i.e. bacon, ham, sausage, etc.), and freezer pork (5/20/2014)

Cashmere Rose Farm
4649 Sheppard’s Lane, Ellicott City, MD 21042
County: Howard
Contact: Chase Ridgely
USDA Inspected: Yes
Pork: various custom (5/1/2014)

Clark’s Farm
10500 Clarksville Pike, Ellicott City, MD 21042
County: Howard
Contact: Nora Crist
USDA Inspected: Yes
Pork: by the cut - chops, sausage, and roasts. (5/19/2014)

Copper Penny Farm
7510 Race Road, Hanover, MD 21076
County: Anne Arundel
Contact: Nancy Gardetto
USDA Inspected: Yes
Pork: sell halves or whole (4/19/13)

Deer Meadow Farm
1725 Tower Road, Aberdeen, MD 21001
County: Harford
Contact: Karl & Donna Mandl, Jr.
USDA Inspected: Yes
Pork: sell by the piece, vacuum packed as well as wholesale quarters, halves or whole.

Enticement Farm Raised Meats, LLC.
231 Polling House Road, Harwood, MD 20776
County: Anne Arundel
Contact: Deana Tice
USDA Inspected: Yes
Pork: (5/1/2014)

Evermore Farm
150 Rockland Road, Westminster, MD 21158
County: Carroll
Contact: John & Ginger Myers
USDA Inspected: Yes
Pork: specializing in custom processing and heritage breeds. (5/21/2014)

Ferguson Family Farm, Inc.
3443 Beckleysville Road, Parkton, MD 21120
County: Baltimore
Contact: Lynne Ferguson
USDA Inspected: Yes
Pork: Berkshire Pork sold by the cut, whole or half. (5/5/2014)
## PORK

### Grand View Farm
11974 Black's Station Road, Kennedyville, MD 21645
- **County**: Kent
- **Contact**: Langenfelder Family
- **USDA Inspected**: Yes
- **Pork**: BBQ pigs, market hogs by whole or half. (5/4/2012)
- **E-Mail**: gvf@baybroadband.net
- **Web**: [Grand View Farm](http://www.grandviewfarm.org)

### Holterholm Farms
5619 A Holter Road, Jefferson, MD 21755
- **County**: Frederick
- **Contact**: Ron & Adam Holter
- **USDA Inspected**: Yes
- **Pork**: (4/13/2012)
- **E-Mail**: ronholter@comcast.net
- **Web**: [Holterholm Farms](http://www.holterholmfarms.com)

### Horsmon Farm
1865 Horsmon Farm Lane, Saint Leonard, MD 20685
- **County**: Calvert
- **Contact**: Cathy Cosgrove
- **USDA Inspected**: Yes
- **Pork**: frozen vacuum sealed cuts. (5/1/2014)
- **E-Mail**: inquire@horsmonfarm.com
- **Web**: [Horsmon Farm](http://www.horsmonfarm.com)

### Legacy Manor
17758 Bakersville Road, Boonsboro, MD 21713
- **County**: Washington
- **Contact**: Katherine Ecker
- **USDA Inspected**: Yes
- **Pork**: (1/31/2011)
- **E-Mail**: Katherine@LegacyManorFarm.com
- **Web**: [Legacy Manor](http://www.legacymanorfarm.com)

### Longview Farm
1511 Bryan Point Road, Accokeek, MD 20607
- **County**: Prince George's
- **Contact**: Penelope Breese & Stevenson McInaire
- **USDA Inspected**: Yes
- **Pork**: individual cuts, whole or halves. (4/30/2012)
- **E-Mail**: smci77@verizon.net
- **Web**: [Longview Farm](http://www.longviewfarmdc.com)

### Many Rocks Farm Products, LLC.
5127 Mt. Briar Road, Keedysville, MD 21756
- **County**: Washington
- **Contact**: Jeanne Dietz-Band
- **USDA Inspected**: Yes
- **Pork**: retail cuts, pork sausage, custom orders. (4/26/2012)
- **E-Mail**: manyrocksfarm@myactv.net
- **Web**: [Many Rocks Farm](http://www.manyrocksfarm.com)

### Milburn Orchards
1495 Appleton Road, Elkton, MD 21921
- **County**: Cecil
- **Contact**: Jay Milburn
- **USDA Inspected**: Yes
- **Pork**: currently available at our own farm market. (5/12/2014)
- **E-Mail**: jay@milburnorchards.com
- **Web**: [Milburn Orchards](http://www.milburnorchards.com)

### Misty Meadow Farm
14230 Misty Meadow Road, Smithsburg, MD 21783
- **County**: Washington
- **Contact**: David Herbst
- **USDA Inspected**: Yes
- **Pork**: (1/26/2011)
- **E-Mail**: dlh21783@hotmail.com
- **Web**: [Misty Meadow Farm](http://www.mistyfieldfarm.com)

### Monnett Farms
4825 Dennis Monnett Road, Prince Frederick, MD 20678
- **County**: Calvert
- **Contact**: Benson Tiralla
- **USDA Inspected**: Yes
- **Pork**: (5/1/2014)
- **E-Mail**: sales@monnettfarms.com
- **Web**: [Monnett Farms](http://www.monnettfarms.com)
**PORK**  
Continued...

**One Straw Farm, LLC.**  
19718 Kirkwood Shop Road, White Hall, MD 21161  
County: Baltimore  
Contact: Joan Norman  
USDA Inspected: Yes  
Pork: (5/19/2014)  
E-Mail: info@onestrawfarm.com  
Web: www.onestrawfarm.com

**Pahl’s Hogs**  
Melrose Avenue, Granite, MD 21163  
County: Baltimore  
Contact: Jennifer Pahl  
USDA Inspected: Yes  
Pork: (5/20/2014)  
E-Mail: pahlshogs@gmail.com  
Web: www.pahlshogs.com

**Pineline Poultry and Meats**  
5810 Mount Briar Road, Keedysville, MD 21756  
County: Washington  
Contact: Rachel Allen, Jason Brusky, and Penny Sica  
USDA Inspected: Yes  
Pork: (5/20/2014)  
E-Mail: pinelinepoultry@aol.com  
Web: www.pinelinepoultry.com

**Pop’s Old Place**  
4657 Skinners Run Road, Hurlock, MD 21643  
County: Dorchester  
Contact: Darlene Goehringer  
USDA Inspected: Yes  
Pork: (5/20/2014)  
E-Mail: PopsOldPlace@gmail.com  
Web: www.popsoldplace.com  
Pork: cuts available—no value-added (5/2/2014)

**Rumbleway Farm**  
592 McCauley Road, Conowingo, MD 21918  
County: Cecil  
Contact: Robin Way  
USDA Inspected: Yes  
Pork: (5/20/2014)  
E-Mail: rumblewayfarm@hotmail.com  
Web: www.rumblewayfarm.com

**Shagbark Mountain Cattle**  
2725 Kaetzel Road, Knoxville, MD 21758  
County: Washington  
Contact: John & Laura Sexton  
USDA Inspected: Yes  
Pork: (4/30/2012)  
E-Mail: shagbarkmtcattle@myactv.net  
Web:

**Smallfields**  
11965 Simpson Road, Clarksville, MD 21029  
County: Howard  
Contact: John McCoy  
USDA Inspected: Yes  
Pork: for the freezer in quarters, half or whole.  
E-Mail: johnmccoy@verizon.net  
Web:

**Smith, Mike**  
1829 Colora Road, Colora, MD 21917  
County: Cecil  
Contact: Mike Smith  
USDA Inspected: Yes  
Pork: (4/19/2013)  
E-Mail: emsmith@zoominternet.net  
Web:

**Snader Farms LLC.**  
2323 Marston Road, P.O. Box 120, New Windsor, MD 21776  
County: Carroll  
Contact: Philip & Victoria Snader  
USDA Inspected: Yes  
Pork: (6/2013)  
E-Mail: snaderfarm@yahoo.com  
Web:
PORK Continued...

Springfield Farm ................................................................................................................. 410-472-0738
16701 Yeoho Road, Sparks Glencoe, MD 21152
County: Baltimore  
Contact: Valerie Lafferty  
USDA Inspected: Yes  
Pork: (5/19/2014)
E-Mail: mail@ourspringfieldfarm.com  
Web: www.ourspringfieldfarm.com

The Meat Shack at Strohmer’s Farm ................................................................................. 410-922-5060
3501 Hernwood Road, Woodstock, MD 21163
County: Baltimore  
Contact: Brenda Strohmer  
USDA Inspected: Yes  
Pork: (5/19/2014)
E-Mail: bastromer@hotmail.com  
Web: www.strohmersfarm.com

TLV Tree Farm .................................................................................................................... 410-489-4460
15155 Triadelphia Mill Road, Glenelg, MD 21737
County: Howard  
Contact: Jamie Brown  
USDA Inspected: Yes  
Pork: (5/5/2014)
E-Mail: TLVtreefarm@yahoo.com  
Web: www.tlvtreefarm.com

Wagon Wheel Ranch ......................................................................................................... 443-271-6850
661 West Watersville Road, Mount Airy, MD 21771
County: Howard  
Contact: Brian Schiner  
USDA Inspected: Yes  
Pork: (5/1/2014)
E-Mail: bschiner@aol.com  
Web: www.wagonwheelranch.org

White Rose Farm .............................................................................................................. 410-756-9303
5009 Teeter Road, Taneytown, MD 21787
County: Carroll  
Contact: Sally Voris, Janet Streit  
USDA Inspected: Yes  
Pork: sold in half hog or in small 8 lb. or large 15 lb. Packages processed with or without nitrate or MSG.
E-Mail: sally@whiterosefarm.com  
Web: www.whiterosefarm.com

Whitmore Farm ................................................................................................................. 301-514-8203
10720 Dern Rd, Emmitsburg, MD 21644
County: Frederick  
Contact: William Morrow  
USDA Inspected: Yes  
Pork: (5/1/2014)
E-Mail: will@whitmorefarm.com  
Web: www.whitmorefarm.com

Windmill Meadows ......................................................................................................... 301-739-5258
20807 Leiters Mill Road, Hagerstown, MD 21742
County: Washington  
Contact: Jacob E. Horst  
USDA Inspected: Yes  
Pork: (4/30/2012)
E-Mail:  
Web:

Windy Willow Farm Services, LLC. .................................................................................... 301-928-6781
421 Clyde Jones Road, Sunderland, MD 20689
County: Calvert  
Contact: Debbie & Dale Jones  
USDA Inspected: Yes  
Pork: (5/23/2012)
E-Mail: debbie@windywillowfarm.com  
Web: www.windywillowfarm.com

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PORK

Zekiah Farms, LLC.  .......................................................... 240-216-4065
P.O. Box 784, 5235 Bryantown Road, Bryantown, MD 20617
County: Charles    E-Mail: info@zekiahfarms.com
Contact: David & Cindy Thorne    Web: www.zekiahfarms.com
USDA Inspected: Yes
Pork: whole to individual cuts by the pound, meat is flash frozen and vacuum sealed to maintain its freshness and flavor. We also have pulled pork BBQ, and sausage. (4/14/2011)

QUAIL

KCC Natural Farms, LLC.  .......................................................... 410-803-9200
2630 Rocks Road, Forest Hill, MD 21050
County: Harford    E-Mail: kcckelly@verizon.net
Contact: Kelly McGill    Web: www.kccnaturalfarms.com
Quail: our products are processed at our plant under MDA 265. (5/19/2014)

Legacy Manor  .......................................................... 301-432-0267
17758 Bakersville Road, Boonsboro, MD 21713
County: Washington    E-Mail: Katherine@LegacyManorFarm.com
Contact: Katherine Ecker    Web: www.LegacyManorFarm.com
Quail: Coturnix

RABBIT

Ferguson Family Farm, Inc.  .......................................................... 443-845-1554
3443 Beckleysville Road, Parkton, MD 21120
County: Baltimore    E-Mail: lynne@fergusonfamilyfarm.com
Contact: Lynne Ferguson    Web: www.fergusonfamilyfarm.com
Rabbit: (5/5/2014)

KCC Natural Farms, LLC.  .......................................................... 410-803-9200
2630 Rocks Road, Forest Hill, MD 21050
County: Harford    E-Mail: kcckelly@verizon.net
Contact: Kelly McGill    Web: www.kccnaturalfarms.com
Rabbit: our products are processed at our plant under MDA 265. (5/19/2014)

Kritter Lane Farms  .......................................................... 301-797-7833
995 Security Road, Hagerstown, MD 21742
County: Washington    E-Mail: kritterlaneu@aol.com
Contact: Shannon Uzelac    Web:
Rabbit:

Nevermore Acres  .......................................................... 443-254-3528
8304 Pawnee Drive, Mount Airy, MD 21771
County: Frederick    E-Mail: jmcumbo@gmail.com
Contact: Jeannie Cumbo    Web:
Rabbit: (5/20/14)

Rumbleway Farm  .......................................................... 410-658-9731
592 McCauley Road, Conowingo, MD 21918
County: Cecil    E-Mail: rumblewayfarm@hotmail.com
Contact: Robin Way    Web: www.rumblewayfarm.com
Rabbit: (5/20/2014)

Zekiah Farms, LLC.  .......................................................... 240-216-4065
P.O. Box 784, 5235 Bryantown Road, Bryantown, MD 20617
County: Charles    E-Mail: info@zekiahfarms.com
Contact: David & Cindy Thorne    Web: www.zekiahfarms.com
Rabbit: (4/14/2011)
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<td>3365 Hall Creek Lane, Owings, MD 20736</td>
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<td><strong>Contact:</strong> Jason Luby</td>
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<td>15630 Old York Road, Monkton, MD 21111</td>
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<td><strong>Contact:</strong> Tom Albright</td>
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<td><strong>Turkey:</strong> is frozen in vacuum packaged - sold in whole or cuts. (1/24/2011)</td>
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<td>2601 Harford Road, Fallston, MD 21047</td>
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<td><strong>Contact:</strong> W. Andy Bachman</td>
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<td><strong>Turkey:</strong> whole, cuts, and ground. (5/1/2014)</td>
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<td>11323 Orleans Road NE, Little Orleans, MD 21766</td>
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<td><strong>Contact:</strong> David Koritko</td>
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<td><strong>Contact:</strong> Doug Hill</td>
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<td><strong>Contact:</strong> Chase Ridgely</td>
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<td><strong>Turkey:</strong> whole poultry (5/1/2014)</td>
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<td>13910 Augustine Herman Hwy, Galena, MD 21635</td>
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<td><strong>Contact:</strong> John Arbuckle</td>
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<td><strong>Turkey:</strong> Heritage breed Thanksgiving turkeys. Available fresh not frozen on day of harvest or day after.</td>
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<td>3443 Beckleysville Road, Parkton, MD 21120</td>
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<td><strong>Contact:</strong> Lynne Ferguson</td>
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<td>10955 Earnshaw Lane, La Plata, MD 20646</td>
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<td><strong>Contact:</strong> Ed Kramer</td>
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<td><strong>Turkey:</strong> Heritage and broad-breasted. USDA exemption 90-492 for farm processed poultry (10/23/2012)</td>
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<td><strong>Good Fortune Farm</strong> ........................................</td>
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<td>18001 Horsehead Road, Brandywine, MD 20613</td>
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<td><strong>Contact:</strong> Mike Klein</td>
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<td><strong>Turkey:</strong> sold fresh and frozen off farm.</td>
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Hancock Farm Service ........................................................................................................................................... 301-520-0305
10415 Hancock Farm Place, La Plata, MD 20646
County: Charles
Contact: Donald J. Hancock
E-Mail: ddhancockfarm@yahoo.com
Web:
Turkey: turkeys available for Thanksgiving and Christmas. (5/9/14)

Hi Valley Farm .................................................................................................................................................... 301-334-1317
5790 Garrett Highway, Oakland, MD 21550
County: Garrett
Contact: Homer Kinsinger
E-Mail:
Web:
Turkey: orders are taken in September and October for Thanksgiving turkeys. (5/23/2012)

Jehovah-Jireh Farm ............................................................................................................................................ 301-874-6181
7033 Ed Sears Road, Dickerson, MD 20842
County: Frederick
Contact: Myron & Cathy Horst
E-Mail: mhorst@jehovahjirehfarm.com
Web: www.jehovahjirehfarm.com
Turkey: (4/23/2012)

KOL Foods ....................................................................................................................................................... 888-366-3565
7981 Eastern Avenue #216, Silver Spring, MD 20910
County: Montgomery
Contact: Devora Kimelman-Block
E-Mail: info@kolfoods.com
Web: www.kolfoods.com
Turkey: Kosher (4/16/2012)

Legacy Manor ................................................................................................................................................... 301-432-0267
17758 Bakersville Road, Boonsboro, MD 21713
County: Washington
Contact: Katherine Ecker
E-Mail: Katherine@LegacyManorFarm.com
Web: www.LegacyManorFarm.com
Turkey: Bronze, Narragansett and Beltsville Heritage.

Naturally Sunkissed Farm ................................................................................................................................. 240-997-2211
12728 Jarvis Road, Bishopville, MD 21813
County: Worcester
Contact: Brett Hines
E-Mail: naturallysunkissedfarm@gmail.com
Web: www.naturallysunkissedfarm.com
Turkey: (5/5/2014)

Nick’s Organic Farm ........................................................................................................................................ 301-983-2167
8565 Horseshoe Lane, Potomac, MD 20854
County: Montgomery & Frederick
Contact: Nick Maravell
E-Mail: nickorganicfarm@comcast.net
Web: nickorganicfarm@comcast.com
Turkey: (at Thanksgiving) are available at the farms. Turkey is processed on our farm under Federal exemption for small operations. (4/13/2012)

Rumbleway Farm ............................................................................................................................................. 410-658-9731
592 McCauley Road, Conowingo, MD 21918
County: Cecil
Contact: Robin Way
E-Mail: rumblewayfarm@hotmail.com
Web: www.rumblewayfarm.com
Turkey: (5/20/2014)

Springfield Farm .............................................................................................................................................. 410-472-0738
16701 Yeoho Road, Sparks Glencoe, MD 21152
County: Baltimore
Contact: Valerie Lafferty
E-Mail: mail@ourspringfieldfarm.com
Web: www.ourspringfieldfarm.com
Turkey: (5/19/2014)

Wagon Wheel Ranch ........................................................................................................................................ 443-271-6850
661 West Watersville Road, Mount Airy, MD 21771
County: Howard
Contact: Brian Schiner
E-Mail: bschiner@aol.com
Web: www.wagonwheelranch.org
Turkey: (5/1/2014)
Zekiah Farms, LLC. .................................................................................................................................................. 240-216-4065  
P.O. Box 784, 5235 Bryantown Road, Bryantown, MD 20617  
**County:** Charles  
**Contact:** David & Cindy Thorne  
**Web:** www.zechiahfarms.com  
**Turkey:** whole to individual cuts by the pound, meat is flash frozen and vacuum sealed to maintain its freshness and flavor. (4/14/2011)
Meat & Poultry Marketing Terms

American consumers can be confused about the differences between meat products with special marketing claims (i.e., organic, natural, naturally raised, and grass-fed) and regular or commodity meat products. The following report will discuss these production/marketing claims as defined by the USDA and address the differences between these products for food safety, human health, and eating quality.

The following are excerpts from the University of Florida IFAS Extension Publication #AN191, “Specialty Meat Marketing Claims: What’s the Difference?” by Chad Carr, Larry Eubanks, and Ryan Dijkhuis. It is reprinted here with the authors’ permission. The full publication can be found at http://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/an191

History of Natural and Naturally Raised or Produced Definitions

In 1982, the USDA Food Safety Inspection Service (FSIS) determined it should develop a definition of a “natural” meat or poultry product to guarantee the accuracy of product labels and advertising. FSIS defined a “natural” product as follows:

- "Any product which is not more than minimally processed and does not contain artificial flavor or coloring, chemical preservatives, or any other artificial ingredient."
- Minimal processing “does not alter the raw product, but only separates the food into component parts” (for example, grinding or chopping).

This definition only addresses the processes and ingredients used to make the meat or poultry product. Essentially many fresh meat products may be termed “natural” under this definition. The FSIS definition of “natural” processing is getting confused with the numerous products that claim to come from “naturally raised” or “naturally produced” livestock.

Defining "Naturally Raised or Produced"

The FSIS definition of “natural” says nothing about how an animal can or should be raised. On January 21, 2009, the Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS) division of the USDA released the “Standards for the Naturally Raised Claim for Livestock and the Meat and Meat Products Derived from Such Livestock.” The entire USDA standard for Naturally Raised can be found at: http://www.ams.usda.gov/AMSv1.0/getfile?dDocName=STELPRDC5075017.

What the USDA “Naturally Raised” Standard States

The standard states that in order to sell animal products as “naturally raised,” animals must be raised entirely without the following:

- Growth promotants
- Antibiotics
- Mammalian, avian, or aquatic by-products

These “naturally raised” animals can be administered the following:

- Parasite control products (de-wormer)
- Vaccinations
- Bloat prevention and treatment products (feed grade probiotics or buffers)
- Ionophores, though only according to the manufacturer’s label recommendations for coccidiostat levels for parasite control

Grass-Fed

Defining Grass-Fed

The AMS division of USDA released the established standard to market meat from “grass-fed” livestock on October 16, 2007.
What the USDA Grass-Fed Standard States

The standard states that in order to sell products as “grass-fed,” post-weaning ruminant animals must be fed only:

- Forage from pasture
- OR
- Harvested forage

The standard also specifies that all animals whose products are marketed as “grass-fed” must have:

- Continuous access to pasture during the growing season

Additionally, if animals accidentally consumed grain or were supplemented grain during harsh weather conditions to maintain their well-being, the amount and frequency of grain supplementation must be documented explicitly.

Differences between Specialty and Raised by Traditional Methods

Food Safety and Human Health

The USDA requires honest labeling and advertising. Meat products defined under USDA as organically raised, “naturally raised,” or “grass-fed” animals are definitely raised differently than products from traditionally raised animals. Additionally, USDA Organic meat products are processed independent of non-organic products. Very little scientific research has been conducted comparing the safety, nutritional value, or eating quality of specialty products and commodity products. Even so, the research that has been conducted has no evidence that specialty meat products are safer or more nutritious than commodity meat products (Honikel 1998). Therefore, the USDA makes no claims stating that these specialty products are different.

Grass-Fed vs. Grain-Fed

Diet affects how much fat an animal will deposit. Since grass and hay are much less energy dense than grain:

- Grass-fed beef is normally leaner, both externally and within the muscle (marbling) and has less saturated fat and cholesterol (Hedrick et al. 1983).
- However, if animals are fed the same feedstuffs (i.e., Organic corn vs. commodity corn), those products will not be different relative to fat content.

Eating Quality

If animals are fed the same feedstuffs, there will be very little, if any difference in eating quality of meat products of animals raised conventionally, organically, or naturally. However, since grass-fed animals are leaner than grain-fed animals this affects eating quality. Generally, cooked products from grass-fed animals as compared to grain-fed animals will:

- Taste distinctly different or have a higher incidence of “off-flavors” – because of the association of fat with desirable flavor.
- Tend to be tougher - because marbling contributes to tenderness and grass-fed animals grow slower and are generally older than grain-fed animals.
- Tend to be less juicy - because when marbling melts during cooking it contributes to juiciness.
- All of these findings are well established and cited by numerous authors (Regan et al. 1977; Hedrick et al. 1983; Crouse et al. 1984).

Conventionally Raised vs. Organically or Naturally Raised

Anything an animal is fed or administered can exist in its body tissues. However, the Food and Drug Administration requires all animals to be withdrawn from antibiotics for a specified period prior to harvest. Even so:
Commodity products can have slightly higher residual antibiotic levels than organic or naturally raised products; however, research shows this minimal increase will not lead to human antibiotic resistance.

The USDA allows ruminant animals (cattle, sheep, and goats) to be implanted with hormonal growth promotants. Therefore:

- Commodity products can have higher residual estrogen levels than organic or naturally raised products; however, all research shows this minimal increase has no effect on human health (Kuipper-Goodman 1998; Kouba 2003).

Conclusions

Unquestionably, the U.S. meat industry provides consumers the safest products in the world, regardless of production method, and consumers should feel overwhelmingly confident as they make their purchasing selections.

Literature Cited


