



# Cattle Contracts Library – Packer Form General Information

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**Packers subject to the Cattle Contracts Library Pilot Program must submit contract and volume information to AMS via a series of entry forms.**

**The 5 forms are as follows:**

- **Main Form**
- **Base Price Form**
- **Spec Form**
- **Premium and Discount (PD) Form**
- **Volume Form**

**The following document details the required entry fields found in each of the 5 forms.**

*\* Indicates required field.*

## 1) Main Form

Field	Values	Description
<b>Reporting Date*</b>	XX/XX/XXXX	Date of submission
<b>Company*</b>		Packer Name
<b>Contract ID*</b>		A unique code chosen by the packer for the contract, specific to the contract, and utilized and trackable through the life of the contract.
<b>Contract Method*</b>		The way in which the contract was established, either written or verbal.
<b>Contract Status*</b>	Active	A contract that is currently available between a packer and producer under which fed cattle may be purchased.
	Inactive	A contract that is no longer available between a packer and producer for purchase under, or one that is not currently in use.
<b>Contract Start Date*</b>	XX/XX/XXXX	Must be included
<b>Contract End Date</b>	XX/XX/XXXX	Included if known



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## 2) Base Price Form

Field	Values	Description
<b>Base Price Option ID*</b>		Unique ID utilized to determine different pricing options within the contract.
<b>Base Price Source*</b>	Plant Average	
	USDA Report	
	Subscription Based	
	Negotiated	
	CME	
	Top of Market	
	Other	
<b>USDA Report</b>	XXXX	Slug ID of USDA Report Referenced
<b>Base Price Adjustment Type*</b>	NA	
	Fixed	
	Calculated	
	Negotiated	
<b>Base Price Adjustment Value*</b>	\$XXX.XX	
<b>Premium/Discounts Applied?*</b>	Yes	
	No	
<b>Class Code*</b>	Mixed Steer/Heifer	
	Steer	
	Heifer	
	Dairybred Steer/Heifer	
	Mixed Steer/Heifer/Cow	
<b>Selling Basis*</b>	Live	Live – sold on a live basis
	Dressed	Dressed – sold on a dressed basis
	Live Converted	Live Converted – live price converted to dressed price
	Dressed Converted	Dressed Converted – dressed price converted to a live price
<b>Selling Basis Shipment*</b>	FOB	FOB – Packer pays freight
	Delivered	Delivered – Producer pays freight
	Mixed	Mixed – shared freight cost
<b>Selling Basis Yield Conversion</b>	XX.XX%	Dressing percentage used in Live or Dressed conversion.



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### 3) Spec Form

- a) Each Spec Type is marked with a Yes or No depending on its use in the contract.

Field	Values	Description
<b>Spec Type*</b>	Quality	
	Yield Grade	
	Weight	
	Dressing Percent	
	Shrink	
	< 30 Months	
	Branded	
	Packer Financing	
	Risk Management	
	Breed	
	Source Verified	
	Export Certification	
	Volume Threshold	
	Starter Cattle	
	Shutdown Provision	
	Floor Payment	
	Premium (Max)	
	Discount (Max)	
	Same Day Payment	
	Non Conforming Penalty	
Supply Relationship		
Profit Sharing		
Other (1-10)		
<b>Spec Used?*</b>	Yes	
	No	
<b>Spec Notes</b>		Details of each spec used.



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### 4) Premium and Discount (PD) Form

a) A value and price unit are provided for each PD Type and Category combination.

PD Type*	PD Category*	PD Value*	PD Price Unit*
Yield Grade	1	\$XXX.XX	Per Head
	2		Per CWT
	3		
	4		
	5		
	Other		
Quality	Prime		
	Choice (Over Ch Spec)		
	Choice (Upper 2/3)		
	Choice		
	Select		
	Select (Under Ch Spec)		
	Standard		
	No Roll		
	Dark Cutter		
	Lean		
	Boner		
	Breaker		
	Premium White		
	Dairy Type		
	Bullock/Stag		
	Beef/Dairy Cross		
	Heiferette		
	Hardbone		
Over 30 mo.			
Other			
Weight	Lightweight 1		
	Lightweight 2		
	Heavyweight 1		
	Heavyweight 2		



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	Other		
Class	Steers		
	Heifers		
	Dairy Steers		
	Dairy Heifers		
	Other		
Branded	CAB		
	Other		
	Other		
Management Program	All Natural		
	NHTC		
	GAP		
	Other		
Other	Foreign Born		
	Beta Agonist Free		
	Supplier Relationship		
	Other (1-5)		

## 5) Volume Form

Field	Value	Description
<b>Volume Category*</b>	Estimate*	An estimated volume to be purchased under all base price source options in each contract in the current month.
	Actual*	The actual volume of cattle purchased under each contract in the prior month reported by base price source.
<b>Base Price Source*</b>		<i>(Refer to Base Price Entry)</i>
<b>Volume Month*</b>		Calendar Month
<b>Volume*</b>	XX,XXX	