



OFFICIAL MARBLING PHOTOGRAPHS

PURPOSE

The Livestock and Poultry Program and the National Cattlemen's Beef Association reprinted the Official USDA Marbling Photographs. The purpose of reprinting was to obtain a sufficient number of sets to replace those currently in use prior to any significant deterioration due to wear and fading.

PROCEDURE

The Official USDA Marbling Photographs are the official illustrations of the lower limits of the appropriate 6 marbling degrees referenced in the official standards. Supervisors and graders are required to have the complete set of photographs readily available when performing official grading duties. Sufficient care must be taken to avoid exposing the photographs to moisture, heat, and direct sunlight, as these elements will adversely affect the color fixation.

The set of photographs is available for purchase by members of the industry and other interested parties by contacting the National Cattlemen's Beef Association at the following address:

National Cattlemen's Beef Association
P.O. Box 1066
Des Plaines, IL 60017
Phone: 800-368-3138
Fax: 800-368-3136

CHANGE OF RECORD

Administrative updates and numbered as QAD 112 Procedure.

SUPERSEDES

MGC Instructions 912 Official Marbling Photographs.

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