

Country of Origin Label Declaration

Date: _____

Seller contact information

Name: _____

Address: _____

City and State: _____

Phone Number: _____

Number of animals: _____

General description: _____

Based on the documents in my possession these animals were born in _____ and were raised in _____.

Signed: _____, Seller

The Iowa COOL Coalition representing the Iowa Farm Bureau, Iowa Cattlemens Association, Iowa Pork Producers Association, Iowa Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship, and the Iowa Pork Industry Center and Iowa Beef Center at Iowa State University have prepared the above example affidavit for sellers to sign and present to buyers of cattle, hogs and sheep to establish an audit trail required by USDA as published in the October 30, 2004 Federal Register announcement of Mandatory Country of Origin Labeling.

Country of Origin Labels (COOL)

With the advent of country of origin labeling we will have to do some things differently for the county fair auction. You will need to have a COOL affidavit on file with us by Saturday evening of the fair to be eligible for the auction on Monday. These forms can be turned in anytime and are available at the office.

In the case of beef, lamb, chicken, goat, and pork, a producer affidavit shall be considered acceptable evidence on which the slaughter facility may rely to initiate the origin claim, provided it is made by someone having first-hand knowledge of the origin of the animal(s) and identifies the animal(s) unique to the transaction. This means that you need to have the original producer of the animals signature on that form and have it on file. This may take some time if you have gotten your animals from someplace a distance away. Make sure that you give yourself enough time to get the form back. We will keep a copy with your permanent records here in the office and you should also keep a copy in your record book for at least two years. Below are some examples of acceptable forms of evidence that your animal was born in the United States.

Examples of documents to maintain for at least two years as an audit trail.

Buyers of livestock	Original producers of livestock
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Signed affidavit from seller of livestock• Bill of sale• Health papers• Brand inspection• Supporting documents identified by USDA¹	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Birth records (calving book, PigChamp, PigTales, etc)• Inventory records that reconcile• Purchase and sales receipts• Supporting documents identified by USDA¹

Thanks for your help in meeting the USDA requirements in this matter. Please remember to give yourself enough time to get the required signatures on file.