



NAMIBIAN WAGYU PROTOCOL - PRODUCER

All Wagyu cattle must be bred and handled as per approved protocol to protect the brand, producer, retailer and the consumer.

VERIFICATION PROCESS

1. All producers of Wagyu cattle must be registered as a member of NWS, NSBA and Meat Board of Namibia.
2. All Wagyu cattle must be registered with the NSBA within three months of age.
3. All Wagyu cattle must be branded with the breeder's NWS brandmark and number. The brand must be registered with the Meat Board of Namibia.
4. ALL CATTLE in Namibia must have NamLITS ear tags according to law.

The right ear with the NamLITS Visual tag and the left ear an RFID button with the corresponding NamLITS number. The NamLITS number must be recorded in the birth register from the NSBA, the NamLITS must be recorded at "NAME OF ANIMAL".

All Wagyu cattle must have an NWS ear tag, with the NWS identification number and number as on register. The NWS ear tag must be in the animals left ear together with the Namlits RFID button and the Namlits ear tag in the right ear. Namlits Maxi Tags with NWS Identification number written at the bottom is also accepted.

5. All Wagyu cattle must be parent verified by DNA. For F1 animals only the Sire is required.
6. The breeder must be up to date with his FANMEAT animal health declarations.

REGISTRATION PROCESS

1. NWS and the NSBA registration

- Download the registration form from the NWS website <https://www.namibianwagyu.com/>

- Complete the form and send it to info@namibianwagyu.com for attention Vice-President NWS.
- NWS will send invoice for application and a copy of the NWS constitution. It is the responsibility of the breeder to familiarize himself with the NWS constitution and bylaws. Confirmation of registration will follow payment.
- The NWS will send a copy to the NSBA for registration. No registration directly with the NSBA will be allowed.
- Contact any of the NWS Board members for advice.

2. Meat Board registration

- Register as stud breeder if not yet registered at the Meat Board. You can download application form at <http://www.nammic.com.na/>
- Register your NWS cattle brand after the approved heard prefix is received from the NSBA. This is used for F1 – Fullblood. Do not use the commercial Meat board brand on any Wagyu Cattle.

3. DNA verification

- At NSBA, apply for a birth registration book and complete as required. Electronic birth registration are also available.
- Collect DNA envelopes from the NSBA offices.
- Collect tissue samples by plucking tail hairs from calf, as per prescribed method and place them in an envelope and deliver it to NSBA office with possible parentage of the calf. Parent verification or 50K SNP are currently available for Wagyu (recommended for Stud Breeders).
- NSBA will revert as soon as DNA results have been received. Payment for DNA verification to be made to NSBA.

4. Animal Health Declaration

- It is compulsory to submit an Animal Health Declaration bi-annually if you are registered with NamLITS. Available at www.namlits.com
- Keep all records of animal health products and treatments as stated by law.
- Keep animal health products under prescribed storage conditions.

PROCEDURE BEFORE SLAUGHTERING

1. Make an appointment to slaughter with an accredited abattoir. Visit NWS website to download a slaughter application form. On this form the accredited abattoirs will be listed.
2. Send the confirmation and completed form to NWS-Finance and NSBA by email. finance@namibianwagyu.com
3. The NWS will issue a Certificate of Authenticity (COA) for each animal after receiving the letter from the NSBA. On this certificate the animal's Pedigree, Brandmark, NamLITS and DNA will be declared. Final approval of certificate rests with NWS before handover.
4. The NWS COA and the Veterinary movement permit must accompany the animal to the abattoir.
5. Make sure that both animal's ear tags are cleaned and easy visible. Make sure the brand mark is clearly visible. If needed the hair around the brandmark must be shaved. THIS IS THE PRODUCER'S RESPONSIBILITY.

SELLING OR LENDING OF LIVE WAGYU CATTLE

1. All animals up for sale must be registered under the seller's name at NSBA.
2. All Wagyu bulls must have a veterinary certificate stating its health status, free of venereal diseases and semen quality when selling the animal.
3. The said animals must be registered, have a NamLITS corresponding to registered animals name and have DNA verification. If a calf is sold under 6 months of age and does not have DNA verification the DNA sample must be delivered to the NSBA before calve leaves the sellers property.
4. The seller must complete the transfer form after the sale of the animal/s. If the form is not completed when sold to a non-registered breeder, the said animal can never be re-registered. Form to complete: <https://www.nsba.iway.na/docs/ApplicationforTransferofAnimal.pdf>
5. If a Wagyu is sold to a non-registered owner, the new owner must register within three months of buying the said Wagyu. The new owner may not sell any animals as Wagyu before registration as breeder.

If the new owner does not register, the said Wagyu will be de-registered with immediate effect. The said Wagyu or any of its offspring will not be able to be sold as Wagyu.

6. If a Wagyu animal is loaned by another breeder the Loan form must be completed. Form to complete: <https://www.nsba.iway.na/docs/LoanTemporaryTransferofAnimal.pdf> The completed form must be returned to the NSBA before the said Wagyu leaves the owners property.

It is the producer's responsibility to make sure that all points above are adhered to. In case of a dispute, the producer can submit a complaint to the NWS board.

For any inquiries, please contact <https://www.namibianwagyu.com/> or a technical committee member.

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