



**COMPANY LETTER OF GUARANTEE**  
**Company Certification of Product Graded Without the USDA Grader Presence**

Pursuant to the Agricultural Marketing Act of 1946, Code of Federal Regulations, and the applicable United States Standards, meat, poultry, and shell egg products that bear an official U.S. grade identification must be graded in the presence of an official United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) grader.

The Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS) makes every attempt to provide a grader to all requesting establishments. **Due to the COVID-19 pandemic**, if a situation arises where a facility must run shielded product to meet its obligations and an official grader is not available, AMS may temporarily allow product to be produced without the presence of an official grader so long as the following conditions are met:

1. All product is graded in accordance with the applicable regulations and standards and the appropriate grade identification assigned. Signing this letter of guarantee indicates the company has graded the products on behalf of AMS accordingly.
2. The company designates specific quality control (QC) personnel who will be responsible for leading these grading activities in absence of the official grader.
3. The company provides QC paperwork and, if applicable, reports from automated grading equipment to establish the grading functions performed. This documentation must be supplied to the local USDA grading supervisor on a daily basis.
4. Company records indicating the volume and type of product graded in the absence of an official grader must be submitted to the local USDA grading supervisor on a daily or weekly basis, as applicable.

I, \_\_\_\_\_, certify that all products carrying U.S. grade identification produced in this establishment without the presence of an official USDA grader shall be graded to the applicable Regulations and Standards.

Please check the applicable Standards and Regulations:

**Shell Egg Production Facilities:**

- 7 CFR Part 56 and the United States Standards, Grades and Weight Classes for Shell Eggs dated 7/20/2000

**Poultry Production Facilities:**

- 7 CFR Part 70 and the United States Classes, Standards, and Grades for Poultry dated 8/16/2018

**Meat Production Facilities:**

- 7 CFR Part 54, and the United States Standards for Grade of Carcass Beef dated 12/18/17, United States Standards for Grades of Lamb, Yearling Mutton and Mutton Carcasses dated 7/6/1992, or United States Standards for Grades of Veal and Calf Carcasses dated 10/6/1980

**Plant Name and Address:**

**Plant Number:**

**Company Representative:** \_\_\_\_\_  
Name Title Date

**Company Representative Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_