

FACTORY FARM OFFENDER

NATIONAL BEEF PACKING CO.

National Beef Packing Co.
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COMPANIES (dba): National Beef Packing Co. (aka National Beef), National Carriers, Farmland National Beef, National Beef Japan, Kansas City Steak Co., aLF Ventures LLC. National Beef Packing Co. is majority owned and controlled by U.S. Premium Beef LLC.

FORTUNE 500 RANKING: N/A - Both National Beef Packing Co. and U.S. Premium Beef LLC are privately owned.

ANNUAL REVENUE: 3.5 billion

NUMBER OF EMPLOYEES: 6,700

HEADQUARTERS: Kansas City, Missouri

LOCATIONS: National Beef has meatpacking plants in Liberal, Missouri; Dodge City, Kansas; Hummel's Wharf, Pennsylvania; and Moultrie, Georgia. The cattle are sourced from nearly 2,000 producers across the U.S. aLF Ventures LLC has a food safety research facility in Pomona, California.

BRANDS/PRODUCTS: National Beef, a leading U.S. meatpacker, produces a variety of beef products for domestic and export customers. National Beef products are sold shrink-wrapped on styrofoam trays in the refrigerated fresh red meat section of large grocery stores. Their brand names include: Certified Premium Beef, Black Angus Beef, Black Canyon Angus Beef, Hereford Beef, Certified Angus Beef, and Certified Angus Beef Prime. To take advantage of the recent jump in profits in the natural foods sector, the company has introduced a line of corn-fed, "naturally-raised" beef products under the brand names Naturewell Natural Beef and NatureSource Natural Angus Beef. The company slaughters more than 3 million cattle every year.

POLLUTION VIOLATIONS:

- **National** - According to U.S. Premium Beef Inc.'s 10-K Annual Report, all of National Beef Packing Co.'s facilities discharge polluted wastewater into their respective publicly owned local water supplies.
- **Dodge City, KS** - On October 10, 2002, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency cited National Beef for violating the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (CERCLA). More info on CERCLA can be found at the EPA Web site.

OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH & SAFETY VIOLATIONS & LABOR STANDARDS VIOLATIONS:

- **National** - The U.S. Department of Labor, Occupational Health & Safety Administration (OSHA) assessed National Beef Packing Co. and issued more than 26 violations and fines between 2002 and 2006 for failing to provide employees with a safe work environment. OSHA issued these violations for exposing workers to infectious blood borne pathogens, risk of serious electric shock or electrocution, not providing employees with personal protective equipment, and other miscellaneous workplace hazards.

FOOD SAFETY VIOLATIONS:

The U.S. Department of Agriculture, Food Safety & Inspection Service (FSIS) took the following enforcement actions against National Beef Packing Co. slaughter and processing plants from 2002 to 2005:

- **Liberal, KS** - FSIS withheld the marks of inspection concerning the Advanced Meat Recovery (AMR) System on April 4, 2005. A sample of the product was taken for further study by the FSIS. On the same date, the plant also was issued a Notice of Intended Enforcement for Hazard Analysis Critical Control Point System (HACCP).
- **Liberal, KS** - FSIS suspended Farmland National Beef Packing Co. from February 4 and 5, 2002 because persons at the plant assaulted or interfered with the FSIS government inspection personnel rendering them unable to complete their inspection. The situation was resolved on June 26, 2002 and the plant received an official letter of warning from the FSIS.

PRODUCT RECALLS:

- **National** - A search of the USDA Web site uncovered no recalls for National Beef Packing Co. products. One reason for this could be because National Beef Packing Co. sprays each beef carcass with Activin (Activated Lactoferrin). Activin, made from milk protein, helps to wash off more than 30 pathogens from the surface of each beef carcass, including E. coli O157:H7, Salmonella, Campylobacter and Listeria. Activin is manufactured by aLF Ventures LLC. aLF Ventures LLC brings together National Beef and DMV International, one of the largest producers and marketers of lactoferrin in the world.