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Each ranch location is required to have specific procedures in place. The following information that is required will be unique to individual operation procedures.

This list is not all inclusive and additional documents will be created, approved and added to the Farm/Ranch Quality Manual.

## Basics

Ranch can be identified as environmental steward by adopting certain conservation management practices or reducing the environmental footprint of their operation

Certain operations may have the opportunity to attach environmental credits to their cattle for resale.

The location must be approved before calves are shipped from source of origin. Cattle must be identified with a program compliant tag (PCT) as close to birth as possible

Ranches must be approved through an initial onsite evaluation by IMI Global

## Eligible Practices

Ranches can qualify for Verified Green Status by incorporating two out of three criteria:

- Carbon Sequestration – Rangeland, No-Till, Grass Planting, Methane Abatement, Noxious Oxide Abatement, and Sustainable Forestry
- Renewable Energy – Reducing overall energy requirements by 10%
- Conservation Practice- Any documented State or Federally approved program



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## Credits

Ranches may qualify to have transferable carbon credits attached to cattle on an annual basis allowing forward thinking operations to take advantage of the future carbon economy and cap and trade legislation. Ranches must qualify through the IMI Rangeland Sequestration Process and have all credits verified by an independent third party.

# Verified Green Site Specific Checklist

### Documents/Procedures Required:

- Cattle must be identified with a Program Compliant Tag before they leave the source of origin. IMI has options: (1) RFID, button tag (2) Nested Set – RFID and visual tag combinations and (3) Visual Tag.
- Carbon Sequestration Criteria requires documented proof of involvement with an existing approved Carbon Sequestration Program (i.e. Chicago Climate Exchange) or IMI approved Rangeland sequestration contract.
- Renewable Energy Criteria requires documented proof of 10% reduction in overall energy use. May be achieved through utility bills, Renewable Energy Credits, Statement from Renewable Energy Manufacture.
- Conservation Practice Criteria requires documented proof of involvement with a State or Federally approved conservation practice. May be achieved through the BLM, NRCS, USDA, Forest Service

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