## **Marquette Food Co-op**

## BEEF SOURCING GUIDE

We do our best to offer an array of options for pork products at the Marquette Food Co-op. Customers may chose based on price considerations, animal treatment, or farm location. This guide is intended to help you navigate these options and choose the products that best suit your values. We are committed to offering local and ethically raised meats as much as possible while still being affordable.

For those unfamiliar, there is a difference between the terms grass-fed and pasture raised. Grass-fed is a designation of what the animal eats, whereas pasture raised refers to the animal having access to pasture. Thus, an animal that has been noted as pasture raised does not also mean it is grass-fed exclusively. It may have received supplemental feed throughout its life or moved to a grain diet exclusively after reaching a certain weight to help fatten the animal. Please reference the feed section of the chart to find our grass-fed and finished products.

| SUPPLIER                  | IOWA<br>PREMIUM   | THOUSAND<br>HILLS                              | SUPERIOR<br>HOME FARM  | GUINDON<br>FARMS   | JOHNSON<br>FARM                   |
|---------------------------|-------------------|--|--|--|-----------------------------------|
| SOURCED                   | East Central Iowa | 50 Farms in U.S<br>Midwest,<br>Northeast, West | Rapid River, MI  | Cornell, MI  | Bark River, MI                    |
| PASTURE-RAISED            |                   | <b>√</b>                                       | <b>✓</b>   | <b>✓</b>   | <b>✓</b>                          |
| NON GMO FEED              |                   | <b>√</b>                                       |  | ✓  |                                   |
| NO<br>HORMONES            |                   | <b>√</b>                                       | <b>✓</b>   | <b>✓</b>   | <b>✓</b>                          |
| NO ROUTINE<br>ANTIBIOTICS |                   | <b>√</b>                                       | <b>✓</b>   | <b>✓</b>   | <b>✓</b>                          |
| FEED                      | Grain-fed<br>corn | 100% grass &<br>forage fed                     | Grass-fed, grain<br>finished with local feed                         | 100% grass-fed and<br>finished<br>organic practices                  | Grass-fed with supplemental feed  |
| BREEDS                    | Black Angus       | Red Angus                                      | Black Angus  | Limousin   | Holstein, Brown Swiss,<br>& Angus |
| CERTIFICATIONS            |                   |  | Michigan Agriculture<br>Environmental Assurance<br>Program Certified | Michigan Agriculture<br>Environmental Assurance<br>Program Certified |                                   |







