

Terms of Service for Processing Customers of Road 39 Ranch Meats LLC. 2024

An outline of what you can expect from us and what we expect from you.

To: All Processing Customers

This information covers USDA processing for Beef, Goat, Hogs, Sheep and Yak. (We also offer custom exempt Game processing of Elk, Deer)

Road 39 Ranch Meats LLC is a small harvest and processing operation operating under a USDA grant of inspection. As part of **Road 39 Ranch**, we were developed primarily to process the animals raised in our own operation. Having more capacity than we have animals, we process livestock for other local producers and neighbors. All animals processed by us are humanely handled, and all steps from beginning to end are carried out to the provisions required to be able to mark the final product USDA inspected.

Our process begins with scheduling an animal for harvest. Like most processors, our kill dates fill up in advance. If you are a producer and have an annual number of animals you want to schedule, ie two per month, we can work with you to reserve your slots. Our schedule begins with a drop-off date confirmation. You will be contacted by Dri and given a drop-off day.

Currently our kill dates are Tuesdays. You will drop off the beef between 3:00 and 4:30pm on Monday, at 7035 County Road 39, Mancos. We will unload the animals into the indoor holding pens.

At delivery, we will require all paperwork before we accept the animal. This paperwork includes brand inspection, and a signed copy of our terms. (Our terms document is required only for the first animal processed each year and is good for one year.) We will not accept the animal to the processing facility without the proper paperwork.

At delivery we will inspect the animal. If the animal cannot safely be processed or it would fail a USDA inspection, we will not accept the animal. USDA requires healthy, mobile animals to pass inspection. If the animal is too large to fit in our kill box or if a beef has horns greater than 12 inches per side, we will charge an additional \$100 for doing a trailer kill. If the animal is extremely dirty, or if the animal cannot be safely handled in the chute or on the trailer, we will not accept it. This decision is made solely by our butcher.

If you have any concerns about your animal, you can provide a picture in advance to Dri.

Prior to the kill date you will provide a cut sheet and/or a phone call to detail how you want your animal to be processed and packaged.

After the kill date we will provide you the "hanging" weight of the animal. Our processing fee is based on this weight. At the time of the drop off we will provide you with the price per pound for processing. Since many kill dates are scheduled out months in advance the rate will be confirmed at delivery of the animal. For beef, currently our base rate is \$1.20 per pound of hanging weight for standard cut and film and paper wrapping. Kill fee is \$100 for all cattle. If a trailer kill is confirmed beforehand, an extra \$100 will be added to the kill fee for cattle. Additional processing and wrapping charges for special handling will be discussed when the cut sheet is submitted. If we do not have your cut sheet in 10 days after the kill date, we will process with standard cuts and thicknesses. Pigs have \$80 kill fee and \$1.20 per pound

processing fee based on hanging weight. Sheep, lambs and Goats have a \$50 kill fee and \$1.20 per pound based on hanging weight (Sheep, lambs and goats have a \$150 minimum charge)

After the kill date the beef will be aged for 14 days (+/- 2 day). Your beef will be processed to your cut sheet and placed in new boxes and frozen. You will be notified when your beef is ready for pick up. You will have 5 days from that notification to pick up your beef. After 5 days a fee of \$30/day will be charged per beef. Hogs, sheep, and goats are typically aged 3 days to 2 weeks based on the customer preference and will be called out on the cut sheet.

Once you are notified your animal is complete you can schedule the pick-up time. Payment is due at the time of pick-up unless you have prepaid or arranged a commercial account and terms with Dri. We accept cash, check, and credit visa and master card. (Credit card purchase has an extra 3.5% charge)

In the event of freezer failure or electric power outage resulting in the loss of your animal, our liability is limited to the value of a standard replacement animal, at local auction or feed lot price. Weight based only not breed or feeding regime specific.

In the event the USDA condemns the animal for any reason other than a failure of Road 39 Ranch, i.e. disease, or injury, the customer is responsible for the cost associated with dispositioning that animal, and the kill fees.

If the customer fails to keep a scheduled harvest date, (you can cancel up to 4 days prior without penalty) the customer agrees to pay the harvest fee.

In addition to our USDA inspected processing of livestock, we also process game. Specifically, Elk and Deer. Game is not processed under USDA inspection. The carcass must be brought in clean. We have a flat fee for Elk; \$375 if it is skinned and \$425 if it is not skinned. Deer are \$225 if skinned and \$275 if not skinned. Processing includes cutting and grinding and wrapping. All damaged, dirty, or bloodshot material will be removed and not processed.

As a small processor we recognize we have a few restrictions other larger operations do not have. However, we believe our small size allows us to pay attention to detail and provide great quality.

Thank you for your business.



Trae Butterfield, Manager of Meat Processing

I have read and understand the listed terms of service and agree to these terms.

Customer Printed Name and Signature

Date