



## Rebelstone Production Practices

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We are often asked questions about how our animals are raised and cared for, here are the answers

### Is your beef grass fed?

The answer is yes. We align with the Canadian Organic Standards (6.4.3.i) 'for ruminants, at least 60% of dry matter in daily rations shall consist of: hay; fodder that is fresh or dried; or ensiled forage, for example, fermented grass, legumes, and corn plants.' Currently our ration consist of over 85% grass & green grain forages.

Our animals are on pasture for most of their lives. In the colder months they are fed mostly dried hay or preserved wet grasses harvested in the summer and fall. A small portion of the diet utilizes corn silage that we have grown, corn silage is considered a 'green grain'. At times we may add a small amount of dry grain to the calves diet in the last few months to ensure they have enough energy for proper growth, this addition amounts to less than 10% of their diet during these months.

### Is your beef organic?

We don't use any chemicals on our pastures or in the barn. However some of our hay and corn silage production does use some synthetic fertilizer (when we don't have enough manure to fertilize the crop), and some herbicide is used to control weeds in our corn when it is ankle high (120 days away from harvest), because of these uses we can't fully call our product 'organic'.



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### Do you use antibiotics?

The only time an antibiotic is used on our farm is if an animal is sick and there are no other options to keep it alive. The main culprit for antibiotic use is if an animal has pneumonia and can not fight it off on its own. All administrations are under the advisement of our vet who we work extremely close with to ensure optimal flock and herd health.

### What makes your meat sustainable?

Our primary focus is to ensure the balance with nature is achieved. In the last few years we have amplified our sustainability plan by;

- Using more cover crops to improve soil health and sequester carbon
- Implementing rotational grazing systems for our cattle
- Further reducing our tillage use
- Reducing our use of synthetic fertilizers
- Increasing grazing periods through the use of cover crops and intercropping systems

In addition to this we have also built a wetland on our farm to filter ground water. This project also included building habitats for certain species. These efforts have resulted in a healthier ecosystem, and we are now seeing more rabbits, snakes, frogs, foxes, bobolinks, herons and even bald eagles on our farm.

On the horizon for us is researching and trialing products that will reduce the methane our cattle produce, while maintaining the quality and price of our meat products we offer our consumers.

Our overall goal is to become better than carbon neutral, and actually become carbon negative, where our systems capture more carbon than we produce.

If you have any questions about our practices please reach out. We want to be fully transparent, and offer the most sustainable and ethical product on the market.

thanks,  
Jeremy & Belinda