



CRSB SUSTAINABILITY INDICATORS FOR BEEF PROCESSING: DRAFT 2

Public Consultation (October 5 – November 4, 2017)

Comments Received and CRSB Responses

The Canadian Roundtable for Sustainable Beef (CRSB) released the first draft of its sustainability indicators for beef processing for a 30-day public consultation; the consultation ran from October 5 to November 4, 2017. There were very few comments received although engagement efforts were ramped up. Below is a table that contains the CRSB's responses to each of the comments received through the consultation. We would like to thank everyone who submitted comments for their time and constructive feedback.

SECTION	COMMENT	COMMENTER RECOMMENDATION	CRSB RESPONSE
Natural Resources	Indicator 1: Could the level requirements be more progressive in the quest to encourage continuous improvement?	<p>Level 1 – implement plan (good)</p> <p>Level 2 – documented plan is reviewed at least annually (an easy requirement to obtain). Maybe add in “improvement teams are established” or some requirement that is more rigorous.</p> <p>Level 3 – has implemented technology/methods to significantly manage water resources (eg. a change in operation to utilize 10% less water).</p>	The Indicator Committee considered this comment and decided to add ‘improvements are tracked over time’ to level 3. There was a desire to maintain consistency with the other indicators which speak to a documented plan in level 3.
	Indicator 3: Should the examples of direct measures include the appropriate disposal of wastes that meet provincial regulations (i.e. burial, compost, incineration)?	“Soil tests; ... <i>provincially acceptable waste disposal method</i> ;...”	Processors will be required to sign a self-declaration that they are complying with all applicable laws. The CRSB is avoiding auditing to the regulations and therefore have not included this measure.

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Future stand-alone interpretation support document	This document could also be consulted on, if needed.		That will be flagged for future consideration. Thank you for the recommendation.
	Excellent work on revising Draft 1!		Thank you so much for your engagement and feedback!