
AMERICAN GRASSFED ASSOCIATION PRESENTS: PRODUCER PROFILES



Imagine a place where livestock can roam free- so free that it is the responsibility of a home owner to put up a fence to keep roaming livestock out of their yard, not the other way around. This place is Arizona, more specifically, Gryphon Ranch. The ranch is about an hour and a half east of Phoenix, in Globe. Originally, Gryphon Ranch began in Rochester, Washington when Carol Ptak and her husband purchased their farm. At the time, they also purchased an additional hay farm that was contiguous to their land. The result was being left with a surplus of hay. Carol and her husband had two choices: pull it all out

of the barn and burn it or find something to eat it. This is when a friend mentioned Highland cattle to them.



Highland cattle eat just about anything, including tons of hay. Within a year and a half, Gryphon Ranch had ten Highland cattle. Carol and her husband were successfully in the beef business. After some time, they decided to move their cattle and their business to Arizona. This was a whole new playing field for Gryphon Ranch. They had to relearn everything they knew about Highland cattle.



Today, there are forty eight Highland cattle on Gryphon Ranch. They are the largest (and only) commercial Highland breeder in Arizona. The ranch is completely operated by Carol and her husband. They know all of their cattle by their name, attitude and personality. Carol states that if you had to make a comparison, "McDonald's beef is a one, regular grassfed beef is an eight and Highland beef is a ten." She is proud of the cattle Gryphon Ranch raises. When you're eating Highland beef, it is "about 13% higher in protein and about 22% lower in fat and cholesterol than other grassfed beef," says Carol. If you are located in Arizona and interested in buying grassfed beef from Gryphon Ranch, please click the button below. If you are located outside of Arizona and interested in purchasing grassfed beef, please click the following button to find a Certified AGA Producer near you.

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Carol mentions that her customers often say "I've gotten to a point in my life where I would rather eat less beef, but quality beef, than I would eat more." Like all of our AGA certified producers, when an animal is grassfed at Gryphon Ranch, there are no GMOs, no drugs and no commercial process involved. If you are interested in becoming an approved AGA Certified Producer, please click the button below.

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In addition to the American Grassfed label, Gryphon Ranch also carries the Certified Humane Raised and Handled label. Carol and her husband love welcoming customers and guests to their ranch to see the cattle. It is important to them that their customers can see the animals free out on the range living a great life. They want their customers to feel proud about the product they are buying. If you are interested in supporting American Grassfed Association and helping further AGA's mission statement, please click the button below to become a supporting member.

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