



# Fox Ranch Certification Checklist

(To be completed by Veterinarian)

Ranch Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Rancher Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Rancher's Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

**Inspecting Veterinarian:** Please refer to the *Standard Guidelines for the Operation of Fox Farms in the United States* (January, 2006 revision) for specific requirements.

1) Are fox kept in housing or sheds that provide adequate protection from the elements?

Yes  No

Comments \_\_\_\_\_

2) Are paths or passageways between rows of pens wide enough to allow sufficient space to operate feed carts and to allow access for cleaning?

Yes  No

Comments \_\_\_\_\_

3) Is there adequate drainage for the disposal of effluent from feed preparation areas if feed is prepared on the farm?

Yes  No

Comments \_\_\_\_\_

4) Is there a protective perimeter fence around the fox housing area?

Yes  No

Comments \_\_\_\_\_

5) Are the pens durably constructed to keep fox in the enclosure?

Yes  No

Comments \_\_\_\_\_

6) Do the pens have a suitable access for the farmer to easily catch and inspect the fox?

Yes  No

Comments \_\_\_\_\_

7) In every pen, is there a water tray, trough, bowl, or automatic nipple available so as to permit easy access to clean, fresh water by the fox, and inspected and cleaned as necessary?

Yes  No

Comments \_\_\_\_\_

8) Do cages meet the size requirements (furring pens: floor area not less than 6.5 square feet with a height not less than 2 feet; breeder pens: floor area not less than 8 square feet with a height not less than 2 feet with a nest box to house one female and her young; if a breeder pen is used to house an adult pair of fox, the breeder pen should have a floor area of not less than 14 square feet and a height of not less than 2 feet.

Yes  No If "no," write number of cages not meeting requirements: \_\_\_\_\_

Comments: \_\_\_\_\_

9) Is there a suitable warm, dry nest sufficient to house the fox attached or incorporated into every breeding/whelping pen?

Yes  No

Comments \_\_\_\_\_

10) Is the collection, storage and preparation of fresh and frozen animal by-products carried out under sanitary conditions?  
 Yes  No  
Comments \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

11) Are the dry foods stored under dry conditions and precautions taken to protect them from vermin infestation?  
 Yes  No  
Comments \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

12) Is sufficient feed given to ensure the health and well-being of each fox?  
 Yes  No  
Comments \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

13) Is the feed placed in such a position that fox can easily reach it?  
 Yes  No  
Comments \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

15) Does the rancher have a program designed to prevent and eliminate any infections or parasites on or in the fox?  
 Yes  No  
Comments \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

16) Is manure regularly removed from under pens?  
 Yes  No  
Comments \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

17) Are appropriate fly control measures taken?  
 Yes  No  
Comments \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

18) Is adequate drainage from the fox yard available at all times?  
 Yes  No  
Comments \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

19) Are animals humanely euthanized according to the guidelines?  
 Yes  No  
Comments \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

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Inspecting Veterinarian's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Veterinarian's Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Based upon my inspection, I find that \_\_\_\_\_ (farm name)  does  does not comply with the *Standard Guidelines for the Operation of Fox Farms in the United States*.

Additional comments: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Veterinarian Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Inspection: \_\_\_\_\_

Rancher Signature: \_\_\_\_\_