Flowchart- Mobile Slaughter Operators (MSO)

This flowchart is intended to guide local cattle producers, their customers, registered mobile slaughter operators (MSOs) and California Department of Food and Agriculture (CDFA) Meat, Poultry and Egg Safety Branch (MPES) registered Custom Exempt (CE) cut and wrap establishments that process MSO slaughtered cattle in California.

**On-Farm Cattle Sales/Slaughter**

- **Customer/Buyer (a sale---a transfer of ownership of live cattle)**

- **Producer is Limited to 5 (five) live sales and MSO slaughtered cattle on their property per month (producer is required to keep records of these sales/MSO slaughtered cattle)**

- **Sometime before slaughter, cattle must be inspected by a CDFA Bureau of Livestock Identification (LID) Brand Inspector**

- **Brand inspected cattle are slaughtered and the carcass(es) is transported by the LID Registered MSO and a LID issued hide card(s) is attached to the carcass(es) by the MSO (MSO is required to keep records of multiple cattle slaughter on a producer’s property)**

- **Carcass(es) is processed for customer(s) and final meat products are marked **Not for Sale**

- **The customer/buyer of the live cattle takes possession of the CE processed carcasses meat product for restricted personal use**