



# RESPONSIBLE LEATHER ROUND TABLE

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- We will email you with meeting notes and the recording within 2-3 days.
- Recording and meeting notes will be uploaded to [responsibleleather.org](https://responsibleleather.org), also within 2-3 days.



# Agenda

1. Introduction
2. News and Updates
3. Roundtable Structure and Mandate
4. Assessment Tool Terms of Reference
5. Upcoming Events





# News & Updates

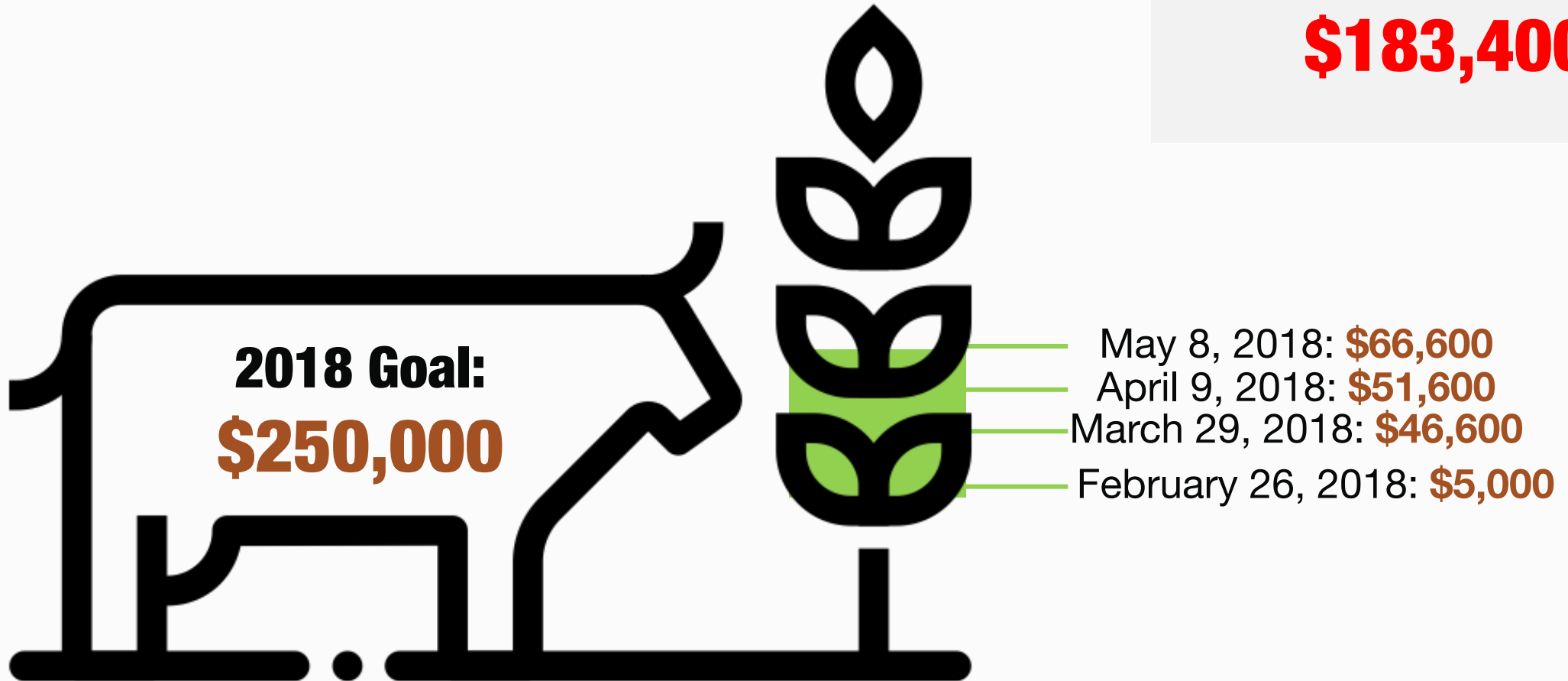
# News & Updates

- **BLC and Applied DNA claim success for leather traceability project**
  - The BLC Leather Technology Centre and Applied DNA Sciences are celebrating the successful completion of a research project which aimed to develop a comprehensive and verifiable leather traceability platform.
- **Apparel Companies Prohibit Mohair Products Following PETA Probe**
  - A PETA animal cruelty investigation has prompted apparel companies Arcadia Group, Gap Inc., H&M and Inditex to ban mohair products from their supply chains.
  - The animal rights activist group recently released a video exposé of the South African mohair industry highlighting 12 farms that showed workers engaging in unethical practices with the animals. According to PETA, farmers admitted that after shearing, most goats die from exposure to rough weather conditions and suffer cruel treatment at slaughterhouses.
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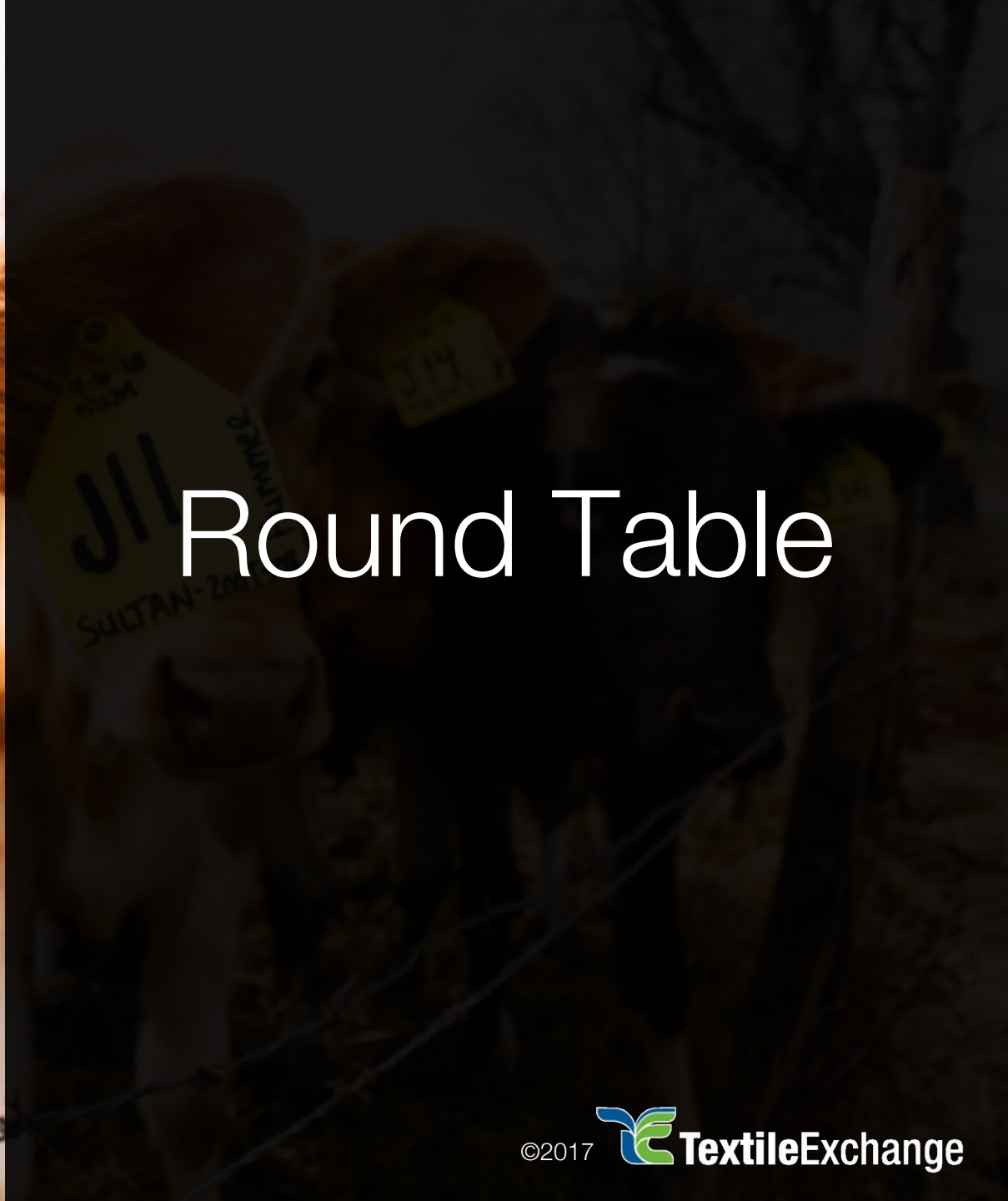
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**Amount Still Needed  
to Meet Our Goal:  
\$183,400**



# Stakeholder Updates: **Your Turn!**





# Round Table

# Leather Round Table: Mission, Vision & Goals



Advance responsibility and continuous improvement in the global leather value chain through leadership, science, and inclusive multi-stakeholder engagement and collaboration.



We envision a world in which all aspects of the leather value chain are environmentally and socially responsible, promote animal welfare, and is economically viable.




1. A platform for stakeholders in the leather industry to engage with each other, share information, and identify common challenges and opportunities.
2. A structure for interacting with other organizations and government bodies.
3. A forum to agree on priority issues and take action to advance our mission and vision.

# Leather Round Table: **Main Activities**

*These may include but will not be restricted to...*


- Combine the knowledge and expertise of all stakeholders **to map out existing projects and initiatives**, and add value to them by putting them into a **common framework**.
- Create a plan to develop an **assessment tool** that sets a minimum threshold for responsibility and will allow leather brands to send a clear signal to their supply chains, and that will ultimately drive positive industry transformation.
- Convene virtual and in-person **meetings to share information** and perspectives from across the value chain and stakeholders.
- Identify **opportunities for joint action** (e.g.: adding leather users to pilot programs being run for beef, signing onto deforestation-free protocols).
- **Provide outreach and education** to companies using leather to understand the issues, develop alignment among their sourcing policies, and participate in the Round Table.

# Leather Round Table: Sector Membership

-  **1. Brands and Retailers**  
Companies and associations who bring leather products to consumers.  = voting member
-  **2. Supply Chain**  
Companies and associations who convert and supply materials for further processing or sale of leather goods.
-  **3. Producers**  
Farmers, organizations and associations who are actively engaged in the ownership and management of live cattle.
-  **4. Civil Society**  
Academic institutions, non-governmental organizations, non-commercial institutions, foundations, and associations with a stake in the cattle and leather value chains.
- 5. Professional Services (Consulting Members)**  
Individuals or organizations such as regulatory authorities, governmental agencies, consulting/auditing firms and donor organizations; do not belong to one of the voting constituencies, but may request membership as Consulting Members.

# Leather Round Table: Voting Allocation

Group	Option A	Option B
Brands/Retailers	25%	40%
Supply Chain	25%	20%
Producers	25%	20%
Civil Society	25%	20%

 **Question 1:** How do we allocate votes between sectors?

**Question 2:** Do we further allocate votes between the voting sub-sectors?  
**NO – do not further complicate things**



## Brands:

- Fashion: Footwear, Apparel, Accessories
- Furnishings: Home, Retail
- Transport: Automotive, etc.

## Supply Chain:

- Slaughter
- Manufacturing (Leather, finished products)
- Input Suppliers (chemicals, machinery, financial)

## Producers:

- Farmers

## Civil Society:

- Animal Welfare
- Social
- Environmental

# Textile Exchange: Roles & Responsibilities

As the managers of the Round Table, Textile Exchange will:

- Manage and lead the strategy for the Round Table; guide the mission and vision through a work plan.
- Participate in, and provide the administrative support for, meetings.
- Maintain an updated list of members of the Round Table.
- Provide moderation when needed.
- Manage financial contributions and the budget.
- Manage all communications related to the Round Table and RLA tool.
- Manage and retain rights to all materials or tools developed through the Round Table.
- Reserve the right to evaluate membership and remove a member based on violation of the Charter.
- Update, amend and revise the Charter and related rules and guidelines for the Round Table as it deems appropriate, in its sole discretion.



# Round Table Members: Roles & Responsibilities

Responsible Leather Round Table Members will:

- Participate in Round Table, Task Groups and other meetings and contribute time and expertise when possible.
- Identify and/or propose issues related to our mission to be addressed within the Round Table.
- Work openly and collaboratively to meet the objectives of the RLA tool and RLRT, sharing best practices and lessons learned.
- Support the Round Table through financial and/or in-kind contributions.
- Communicate about and promote the work of the Round Table within your network.
- Strive for consensus when key decisions need to be made; participate in voting when necessary.
- Meet the conditions of the **Responsible Leather Round Table Charter**.



# Assessment Tool

# Responsible Leather Roundtable

- Sharing of information
- Alignment of actions towards shared targets

- Common voice for the full leather industry supply chain
- Platform for engagement with other groups

## Industry change work

- Coordinated action with other initiatives
- Pilot programs
- Financial models

## Industry change work

- Engagement on governance issues
- Position statements

## Industry change work

## Development of Assessment Tool

- Determine priority issues
- Determine solution model
- Create a benchmark assessment system
- Choose traceability systems

Review

## Development of Assessment Tool

- Develop verification and benchmark assessment criteria
- Develop solution model
- Piloting

Review

## Implementation of Assessment Tool

- Oversight and administration
- Training
- Marketing and outreach
- Benchmarking assessments
- Work towards revision
- Data collection and analysis

1 year

1-2 years

Ongoing

# Responsible Leather Assessment Tool: RLA

Our broad goal is to create a system that will allow different stakeholders to align their activities in order to achieve meaningful impact.

- Create a common language and understanding of the issues
- Set shared expectations and commitments
- Identify existing tools and the gaps that need to be filled
- Develop a system to align the use of existing or new tools

# Assessment Tool Framework

- In the first version, we will focus on addressing priority issues (to be determined through the task group process)
- As much as possible, we will strive to reference existing programs, standards and tools and tie in with globally recognized targets
- We will provide mechanisms for brands to link their leather sourcing to 'responsible' sources
- There will need to be a thorough process to develop clear language for product or sourcing claims, and to ensure a thorough understand of stakeholders from inside and outside the value chain.

# RLA International Working Group

Steering Committee

Advisory Committee

Task Group

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# RLA International Working Group

## Steering Committee

- Will guide the direction of work for the RLA and contribute to decision making
- Key decisions will be put to the Round Table: we will strive for consensus whenever possible
- Will be a smaller group with balanced representation from the sectors
- Are members of the Round Table (signed charter)
- Agree to a higher level of engagement (minimum 50% of calls)
- Meetings will not be recorded, but slides and notes will be shared under Chatham House Rules
- We will request expressions of interest to be on the Steering Committee

## Advisory Group

- Will be invited to participate in RLA meetings, but not required to make a commitment
- Can choose to take an active role in the Task Groups

# RLA Terms of Reference

\*See RLA Terms of Reference – DRAFT.docx

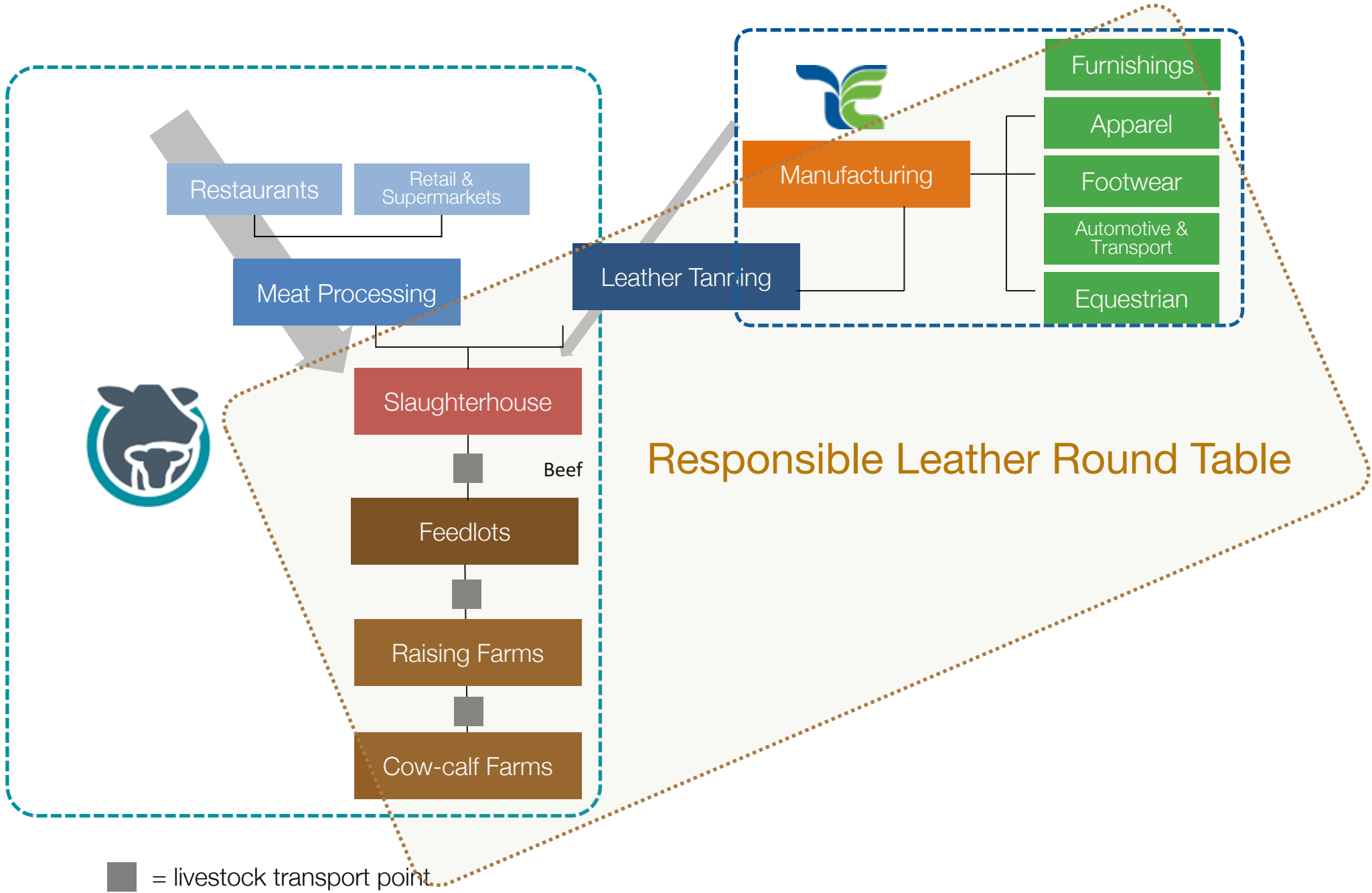




Upcoming

# Responsible Leather Assessment Tool

## Brand Questions





# Responsible Leather Round Table

## Global Conference on Sustainable Beef

October 9-12  
Lyrath Estate  
Kilkenny, Ireland

Details to be  
confirmed.

Hold the date!

## Global Meeting and Conference

October 11-12  
Lyrath Estate  
Kilkenny, Ireland



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October 22<sup>nd</sup>

**Responsible Leather Round Table Meeting**

Information and updates for existing and new stakeholders.



Thank you!

Questions?

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