

BEEF PRODUCT COMMITTEE

BEEF SAFETY

BP-BS-D-7
2010

State Animal EID Study

WHEREAS, animal ID is important to our export markets as well as disease control and product enhancement, and

WHEREAS, on a national level, animal ID is not gaining traction.

THEREFORE, BE IT DIRECTED, that the Iowa Cattlemen's Association support the study of a statewide animal ID project such as exists in Michigan.

BP-BS-1
2009

Research

WHEREAS, the Iowa Cattlemen's Association supports and actively promotes Beef Quality Assurance, and

WHEREAS, the Iowa Cattlemen's Association recognizes that Beef Quality Assurance has a significant influence on beef demand, and

WHEREAS, foodborne pathogens that cause human illness are known to exist in cattle populations.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Iowa Cattlemen's Association support research to identify:

1. Critical control points in cattle production systems that have the potential to reduce foodborne pathogens; and
2. Preventative management interventions that may reduce the prevalence of foodborne pathogens in cattle. These controls and/or interventions should make statistical, meaningful reductions of foodborne pathogens in a cost-effective manner.

BP-BS-2
2009

Beef Quality Assurance

WHEREAS, cattlemen are dedicated to the production of safe, wholesome and healthful beef, and

WHEREAS, injectable animal health products, vaccines, biologics, antibiotics, anthelmintics and other pharmaceuticals are essential to maintaining animal health and performance, and

WHEREAS, the prevention of injection site scars in valuable beef cuts is the goal of the beef cattle industry, and

WHEREAS, incidence of tissue damage can be reduced through individual management and health procedures performed in the cow/calf and feedlot enterprises.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, manufacturers of veterinary biologics and pharmaceuticals give careful consideration to the effects any product may have on tissue when given by injection. This shall include development and selection of adjuvants, carrier vehicles and other products, which are both effective and non-irritating to tissue.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, biological and pharmaceutical products be clearly labeled to be given by routes other than intramuscular injection whenever possible.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, producers, veterinarians, and others giving injections to cattle be encouraged to carefully follow label directions and develop cervical (neck) injection protocol.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, all animal health product manufacturers assist the Iowa and National Cattlemen's Beef Quality Assurance efforts to minimize injection site tissue damage.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, management and health procedures, encompassing all facets of production, will address and increase awareness of animal comfort zones including least invasive techniques and cervical injection sites which are subcutaneous whenever possible.

BP-BS-6**Foodborne Pathogens****2010**

WHEREAS, the beef industry is dedicated to providing safe and wholesome beef products, and
WHEREAS, the beef industry has supported and encouraged a more science based meat inspection system, and

WHEREAS, the beef industry supports the goal of reducing foodborne pathogenic bacteria in beef products using proven scientific methods, and

WHEREAS, efforts are underway to develop an extensive on-farm pathogen reduction (pre-harvest) program.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Iowa Cattlemen's Association support meaningful research directed toward the identification and reduction of foodborne pathogens in beef animals.

BP-BS-7**Preconditioning Program Changes****2006**

WHEREAS, there exists confusion and non-uniform acceptance and usage of the preconditioning process and certification, and

WHEREAS, the Iowa Cattlemen's Association wish to increase the predictability of calves sold in Iowa preconditioned feeder calf sales.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Iowa Cattlemen's Association encourage only certified preconditioned calves with documentation be sold in Iowa preconditioned calf sales to include 30 days minimum weaning and bunk adjustment and calves being sold not meeting the above requirements are sold with complete understanding of not meeting the weaning and bunk adjustment requirements.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Iowa Cattlemen's District Director (or his designate) take an active roll in planning preconditioned sales in their district and encourage only the sale of calves which have met all requirements including weaning and bunk adjustment.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Iowa Veterinary Medical Association and Iowa Livestock Marketing Association encourage their members to uphold all aspects of Iowa preconditioned calf sales.

BP-BS-10**Youth – Understanding the Food Chain & Quality Assurance Training****2008**

WHEREAS, consumer acceptance of beef and beef products depends on consumer confidence in the safety and wholesomeness of beef products, and

WHEREAS, consumer confidence depends on youth producers and exhibitors following all guidelines for proper management techniques.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Iowa Cattlemen's Association work to provide support for the programs of the Beef Quality Assurance Technical Advisory Committee in their efforts to educate youth and their parents as to proper management techniques to assure continued production of safe and wholesome beef products.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Iowa Cattlemen's Association urge its youth to adopt the proper Beef Quality Assurance practices to assure consumers that beef is a safe product.

BP-BS-13**Safe Food Handling Labels****2010**

WHEREAS, the public needs to be aware that some food products and not just meat products, may contain bacteria that could cause illness if those food products are mishandled or improperly cooked.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Iowa Cattlemen's Association support food labeling and educational programs which inform consumers of the proper method of handling foods to avoid foodborne illness.

BP-BS-14
2010

Gold Tag Program Weaning Period

WHEREAS, a 45-day weaning program has been documented to produce healthier calves than a 30-day weaning program.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Iowa Cattlemen's Association support a 45-day weaning requirement on the Gold Tag program.

BP-BS-15
2006

Non-Ambulatory Cattle

WHEREAS, the United States Department of Agriculture blanket policy of not allowing non-ambulatory cattle into the food supply may not be based on the most current scientific knowledge, and

WHEREAS, cattle with recent injuries may provide a safe beef product for personal use, without an option for retail sale.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Iowa Cattlemen's Association request the USDA revisit the issue of classifying ALL non-ambulatory disabled cattle as adulterated under the federal act.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the USDA should establish scientific criteria for a veterinarian to allow them to distinguish between recently injured cattle and diseased cattle.

BP-BS-16
2009

Irradiation

WHEREAS, cattlemen are dedicated to the production of safe, wholesome and healthful beef, and

WHEREAS, irradiation has now been approved as a method to reduce pathogens in beef products.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Iowa Cattlemen's Association encourage the use of irradiation throughout the beef industry.

BP-BS-17
2009

Preconditioned Cattle Sales

WHEREAS, the Iowa Cattlemen's Association endorses preconditioned feeder calf sales.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Iowa Cattlemen's Association adopt the following changes in procedure to be recommended for all Iowa Cattlemen's Association endorsed preconditioned cattle sales.

Procedure:

1. All cattle marketed will be accompanied by an official Iowa preconditioning certificate and identified by an official green and/or gold preconditioning ear tag.
2. No trader cattle allowed at sale. All cattle must be in the owner's possession at least 60 days prior to the sale. Further, no cattle shall have been in a market less than 60 days prior to sale.
3. Minimum of 500 head is recommended for a sale with the maximum number determined by auction facilities.
4. Preliminary commitment to sell should be given to the auction coordinator.
5. All cattle will be inspected by members of the Preconditioned Feeder Calf Committee and a veterinarian. Any cattle deemed non-conforming will be sold at end of sale.
6. Cattle should be unloaded between 6:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. on the day of the sale. Consignors unable to deliver all their cattle between 6:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. will have the option of delivery the night before. Hay and water will be removed by 8:00 a.m. on sale day.
7. Calves will be weighed immediately prior to entering sale ring and sold in order determined by sale coordinator. In the case of co-mingled or sorted sales, weighing conditions will be specified prior to sale.
8. The Preconditioned Feeder Calf Committee and the sale coordinator will be responsible for sorting according to size and sex.
9. Sales will be advertised to indicate approximate number of cattle and will be announced from the block if any optional vaccinations have been given.

10. The offering will be designated as an Iowa Cattlemen's Association endorsed endeavor. All sellers must be members of the Iowa Cattlemen's Association.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that these minimum requirements of preconditioning of 30 days (45 days for gold tag) weaning and bunk adjustment will be mandatory for cattle to be sold at an Iowa Cattlemen's Association endorsed sale.

GLOBAL CONSUMER MARKETING

BP-GCM-1

World Trade

2010

WHEREAS, increased world trade of beef and beef by-products is probable.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Iowa Cattlemen's Association support and encourage the activities and efforts of the Meat Export Federation (MEF) to research markets.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Iowa Cattlemen's Association encourage the National Cattlemen's Beef Association and the Cattlemen's Beef Board to support these efforts.

BP-GCM-5

EU Growth Promotant Ban

2007

WHEREAS, the United States beef industry has for many years been effectively shut out of the European Union (EU) because of the ban on beef implanted with growth promotants, and

WHEREAS, the issue has been brought before the World Trade Organization (WTO) for a ruling based on science, and

WHEREAS, the US beef industry expects a favorable ruling on the issue.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that in the event the United States receives a favorable WTO ruling on this issue, and the EU still refuses to let our beef into the European market, that the Iowa Cattlemen's Association urge the Executive and Legislative Branches of our government to aggressively resolve the issue.

BP-GCM-7

US Meat Export Federation

2007

WHEREAS, the US Meat Export Federation program has been successful in increasing beef exports.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Iowa Cattlemen's Association and the Iowa Beef Industry Council continue to support the efforts of the US Meat Export Federation.

BP-GCM-10

Small Processor, Differentiated Consumer

2009

& Local Foods Systems Markets

WHEREAS, the cattle industry supports the need and strengths of the local processing industry to serve producers and consumers locally processed and raised beef that is available, safe and healthy, and promotes the good economic growth our communities desire, and

WHEREAS, the consuming public perceives extra value in relationships with locally raised and processed beef which grows a new market segment for the Iowa beef industry and its differentiated beef producers.

WHEREAS, the economic development of these market segments and consumer trends are important to the Iowa beef industry and the producers in the industry.

WHEREAS, the local food system providing these products and services is important in community food capacity.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Iowa Cattlemen's Association support further research, development and engagement by the beef industry as local food systems and local processing grow to larger markets for our future.

BP-GCM-11**International Markets****2009**

WHEREAS, international markets for beef can have a positive impact on US beef production, and
WHEREAS, import quotas and non-tariff trade barriers restrict access of US beef products into many foreign markets.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Iowa Cattlemen's Association continue its efforts to encourage government officials in negotiating for expanded international markets for beef and beef products and for the elimination of non-tariff trade barriers including the elimination of over 21 month age restrictions.

BP-GCM-27**Export Assistance Funding****2007**

WHEREAS, the US Meat Export Federation (USMEF) has received \$10 to \$20 million per year in export assistance, and

WHEREAS, the Market Access Program and its predecessor programs dating back to 1987 have provided the US Meat Export Federation a source of additional funding to expand US beef exports to over 50 nations, and

WHEREAS, domestic consumption of US beef products has increased by nearly 10% since 1987 while the value of US beef exports has more than doubled since the first export promotion funds were received in 1987 to 3.8 billion in 2003, and

WHEREAS, a disproportionate share of efforts and publicity of the United States government has been placed on programs involved on exportation of raw or bulk agricultural products.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Iowa Cattlemen's Association support export assistance programs such as MAP and is in favor of making a high percentage of all export assistance funds available for the export of value-added products such as beef.

BP-GCM-28**Maintaining Export Customer Confidence****2007**

WHEREAS, the US border has been closed to Canadian beef since a case of BSE was found in a Canadian cow on May 20, 2003, and

WHEREAS, Canadian boxed beef from cattle under 30 months of age is now being allowed into the US and is being segregated and withheld from our export markets, and

WHEREAS, the US government has proposed a rule to allow live cattle under 30 months of age into this country from Canada, and

WHEREAS, Japan, our largest export customer, has concerns about keeping Canadian beef segregated and out of the export market, and

WHEREAS, our export customers have called for the US beef industry to develop a traceback system to ensure trust in the minds of our export customers, and

WHEREAS, there are concerns about the effectiveness of the Canadian feed ban.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Iowa Cattlemen's Association oppose opening the border to cattle and beef products over 30 months of age.

BP-GCM-29**Country of Origin Labeling****2007**

WHEREAS, federal legislation has been passed to implement a mandatory country of origin labeling program on many meat products sold at retail.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Iowa Cattlemen's Association support the implementation of the federal mandatory COOL and work toward the inclusion of all beef products.

BP-GCM-30
2007

BSE Testing

WHEREAS, some US packers seek to voluntarily test their beef for BSE.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Iowa Cattlemen's Association support national legislation to allow voluntary BSE testing under USDA supervision.

BP-GCM-32
2008

Beef Check-Off

WHEREAS, the dollar per head beef check-off has had many benefits for the beef industry, and
WHEREAS, twenty years of inflation has eroded the purchasing power of the check-off dollar, and
WHEREAS, an effective and easy way to vote for an increase was not written into the original Act and Order.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Iowa Cattlemen's Association support changes in the Act and Order that allows beef producers an organized and easy way to vote on check-off increases.

NUTRITION, HEALTH & INFORMATION

BP-NHI-D-4
2010

Beef Team

WHEREAS, continued efforts of anti-beef campaigns directed at children and young people are being witnessed, and

WHEREAS, many young people with an interest in beef production say they need to address such issues as environmental stewardship, diet/health, food safety, and animal care when conversing with their peers and others.

THEREFORE, BE IT DIRECTED, that the Iowa Cattlemen's Foundation commit to message development and spokesperson training of Iowa's youth, ages 12 to 18, who are willing to put their training to use on behalf of the cattle industry.

BE IT FURTHER DIRECTED, that the Iowa Cattlemen's Association recommend that once each year the Iowa Cattlemen's Foundation select from the trainees up to three (3) "Outstanding Communicators", and recognize their achievements with a scholarship to the college or university of their choice.

BE IT FURTHER DIRECTED, that all County Beef Queens would be eligible to apply for these scholarship awards along with Youth Beef Team trainees as defined above.

BP-NHI-D-5
2010

Reinstating Iowa Check-Off

WHEREAS, the national \$1 per head beef check-off is a mandatory producer self help program that has been working to build beef demand for over 20 years, and

WHEREAS, efforts to unify the industry to make improvements to the national mandatory beef check-off have not come together, and the future of this effort is highly uncertain.

THEREFORE, BE IT DIRECTED, that the Iowa Cattlemen's Association initiate a petition drive to reinstate a 50 cent per head voluntary state check-off whose funds would be directed by the Iowa Beef Industry Council for the benefit of the beef industry.

BE IT FURTHER DIRECTED, that if the mandatory national beef check-off is increased, that the voluntary Iowa check-off be rescinded.

BP-NHI-1
2007

Support of NCBA

WHEREAS, the Iowa Cattlemen's Association is an affiliate member to the National Cattlemen's Beef Association (NCBA).

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Iowa Cattlemen's Association support the National Cattlemen's Beef Association within the parameters of this Committee.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Iowa Cattlemen's Association support and encourage grassroots involvement in developing NCBA policy and action through active committee participation.

BP-NHI-3
2007

Beef Safety

WHEREAS, beef safety is of concern to both cattlemen and consumers.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Iowa Cattlemen's Association continue to support the current Beef Checkoff funded Beef Quality Assurance Program (BQA).

BP-NHI-10
2006

Check-Off Program

WHEREAS, a strong working relationship between state beef industry councils and state cattlemen associations are necessary, and

WHEREAS, state cattlemen's associations take a very active role in promoting the passage of the Federal Beef Check-Off Program, and

WHEREAS, the Beef Promotion and Research Board has passed guidelines intended to clarify the Federal Act and Order, but interpreted by some individuals and councils that they actually limit or further restrict usage of funds at both state and national levels, and

WHEREAS, caution needs to be exercised by the Beef Promotion and Research Board to further define the use of the Federal Beef Check-Off program.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Iowa Cattlemen's Association oppose any action by the Beef Promotion and Research Board, the Secretary of Agriculture, or any other entity that would pursue action to take away the rights of the state beef councils given them in the Beef Promotion and Research Act.

BP-NHI-11
2010

Food Safety

WHEREAS, there is increasing incidence of foodborne pathogens reaching consumers through a variety of foods they eat including such foods as fruits, vegetables, juices, meat and poultry, water, eggs, cereal, and

WHEREAS, the cause of foodborne illness can be traced to all levels of the food chain, from farm to processing to manufacturing to distribution to foodservice to retail to home preparation, and

WHEREAS, consumers have a responsibility for understanding how to handle food safely, yet have a lower level of food handling and preparation skills.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the beef industry support and take part in a State Food Safety Task Force that brings all segments of Iowa's food system together to share expertise, and information within member organizations and with consumers to help insure that Iowans have a safe food supply and know how to properly handle food. This Task Force could also develop an information system to deal with foodborne illness incidents as they happen in our state, as well as coordinate public information programs about food safety and handling. The Task Force could also make recommendations to the Iowa Legislature and Congress about appropriate action to improve food safety in the state.

BP-NHI-12
2010

Public Education

WHEREAS, information regarding the effects of the cattle industry on the environment and other pertinent information concerning food safety, hormone use and etc. is often misstated through the electronic and print media, and has a negative impact on the cattle industry, and

WHEREAS, working with the above entities, as well as conservation and wildlife organizations, would enhance our communication efforts.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Iowa Cattlemen's Association utilize all materials and publications available and applicable to increase the public awareness of the benefits the cattle industry has concerning the environment, the wholesomeness and availability of our food supply and further new materials and projects to aid in this endeavor.

BP-NHI-13
2009

Lean Beef in Nutritional Programs

WHEREAS, as dietary guidelines for school lunches and other public nutrition programs are being reevaluated by public agencies.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Iowa Cattlemen's Association, the National Cattlemen's Beef Association and the Beef Industry leaders encourage these agencies to include nutritious beef in their programs.

BP-NHI-14
2010

Public News Releases

WHEREAS, some public news releases, stories, documentaries, and other news programs give only one side of the story or otherwise project incorrect information and impressions on the public with respect to food and its production and distribution.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Iowa Cattlemen's Association encourage all media to present factual and complete information including photographs and visual footage on food and its production and distribution, pledge the assistance of the Association toward this end, and encourage the National Cattlemen's Beef Association to do the same.

BP-NHI-15
2010

Health/Obesity

WHEREAS, the prevalence of American obesity has grown to the point it threatens the health of both adults and children, and

WHEREAS, the State of Iowa has received a federal grant from the Centers for Disease Control to develop programs to address the obesity issue in Iowa, and

WHEREAS, the beef industry, through beef checkoff-funded programs, has been proactive in communicating the nutritional benefits of beef to consumers, health professionals, the media and educators.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the beef industry continue efforts with government agencies, health organizations and the media, to make naturally nutrient-rich foods, including beef, a part of the solution to our state's/nation's obesity problem.

BUSINESS ISSUES COMMITTEE

AGRICULTURE POLICY

BI-AP-D-1
2010

CRP/EQIP

WHEREAS, USDA is considering changes in rules for Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) contract extensions and the rules which govern Environmental Quality Incentives Program.

THEREFORE, BE IT DIRECTED, that the Iowa Cattlemen's Association support the following criteria for rule development:

1. Include the conservation practices of: field borders with an Erodibility Index greater than 15 and agricultural drainage wells to be eligible for inclusion as conservation practices in the continuous sign-up of land in the CRP;
2. Support a proposed rule to allow periodic non-emergency haying and grazing once every three years and allow emergency haying and grazing provisions with a payment reduction at fair and reasonable rates to be determined by the Secretary of Agriculture on not only CRP but CRP buffers to improve water holding and filtering capacities;
3. That a minimum of 60% of the Environmental Quality Incentives Program funds be spent on livestock conservation and incentive production projects on a federal basis;
4. That the Iowa Cattlemen's Association ask that the time for crop residue grazing be amended to 100 days instead of the current 60 days; and
5. Allow incidental grazing on land that is enrolled in continuous sign-up of CRP under the provisions outlined in the Conservation Reserve Program. Iowa Cattlemen's Association supports the incidental grazing of continuous CRP when it is part of a crop residue grazing system at no reduction in payment for a period of 90 days. By using a managed grazing system, this will enhance wildlife habitat.

BE IT FURTHER DIRECTED, that the Iowa Cattlemen's Association work with the Natural Resource Conservation Service (NRCS) to formulate procedures and rules to allow for haying of CRP buffers in an effort to restore them to their best possible intended use.

BI-AP-D-2
2010

Buffer Strip Initiative

WHEREAS, the Governor's office and Iowa DNR are planning an expansion of the buffer strip initiative and CREP acres in Iowa, and

WHEREAS, cattle have shown to be beneficial in controlled grazing of riparian areas.

THEREFORE, BE IT DIRECTED, that the Iowa Cattlemen's Association representatives make special efforts to have cattle grazing be included in these new programs and that such initiatives continue to be on a voluntary basis.

BI-AP-1
2008

Support Forage Experiments

WHEREAS, the Iowa Cattlemen's Association recognizes the importance of establishment of grasses and forages to the cattle industry.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Iowa Cattlemen's Association recognize and support ongoing forage research and experiments conducted by all entities in the State of Iowa.

BI-AP-2
2008

Dairy Policy

WHEREAS, Congress has spent considerable time and resources on dairy policy and a satisfactory solution has not been forthcoming, and

WHEREAS, the solution may have significant economic impact on both the dairy and beef industry.
THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Iowa Cattlemen's Association urge the National Cattlemen's Beef Association to continue to work with the dairy industry in finding a long range solution to dairy policy that will be beneficial and acceptable to both the dairy and beef industry.

BI-AP-7
2009

Compulsory Union Membership

WHEREAS, compulsory union membership is contrary to the basic principles of individual freedom upon which this nation was founded.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Iowa Cattlemen's Association will defend the provisions of state and federal law which assures enactment of "Right-To-Work" laws, and insists the law be enforced against secondary boycotts.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Iowa Cattlemen's Association oppose any existing legislation or legislation which may be proposed, that would extend the authorization of compulsory unionism to all related agricultural employees or to any other employees not now covered by such provision.

BI-AP-9
2006

Federal Grazing Fees

WHEREAS, the Iowa Cattlemen's Association supports economic equality in all regions of the country, and

WHEREAS, public awareness and competition for public lands may cause reassessment of grazing fee formulas.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Iowa Cattlemen's Association favor establishment of federal grazing fees at fair rates.

BI-AP-10
2007

Disaster Assistance

WHEREAS, in the event of any future disaster assistance programs gross income may be used as a criteria of eligibility.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that replacement feeder cattle and other purchased inputs be deducted when determining disaster assistance eligibility.

BI-AP-11
2009

Loss of Market Competition

WHEREAS, the trend of mergers and mega mergers within the economic structure of world business continues at an unprecedented pace, and

WHEREAS, the result of these mergers results in fewer and fewer choices in the fields of finance, supply and product processing, thereby reducing competition in all areas.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Iowa Cattlemen's Association seek to create a unified group of all commodity producing organizations to monitor such mergers and ensure governmental regulatory agencies preserve a competitive business climate for all producers.

BI-AP-12
2007

Liability of Volunteer Boards

WHEREAS, the Iowa Cattlemen's Association is governed by volunteer leadership and a volunteer Board of Directors which are responsible for establishing policy within the Iowa Cattlemen's Association, and

WHEREAS, the Iowa Cattlemen's Association is considered a non-profit commodity organization, and

WHEREAS, there is growing concern of legal liability in this type of volunteer leadership.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Iowa Cattlemen's Association support legislation absolving liability of volunteer board members.

BI-AP-13 **Hunting Access**
2009

WHEREAS, Iowa cattle producers are private property landowners, and

WHEREAS, many Iowa cattlemen voluntarily allow people to hunt, or lease hunting rights.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Iowa Cattlemen's Association work to ensure that cattle producers are not forced to give unrestricted public access to private land which has received federal funding related to conservation assistance and farm programs.

BI-AP-14 **Grazing Land Availability**
2009

WHEREAS, Iowa's cow herds are competing for pasture ground with government programs, and

WHEREAS, the problem will continue to get worse if something isn't done.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Iowa Cattlemen's Association Board of Directors continuously monitor the implementation of the new Farm Bill and make interim policy as necessary to encourage the continuation of Iowa's beef industry.

BI-AP-15 **Definition of Crop**
2009

WHEREAS, the harvested crop is the grain and the residue including corn stalks, corn cobs, bean straw, oat straw, wheat straw, etc., and

WHEREAS, corn stalk and soybean straw are important bedding materials, feed stuffs and material for cellulose ethanol plants, and

WHEREAS, confusion may exist as to what constitutes a crop for farm lease purposes.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Iowa Cattlemen's Association support the adoption of the definition of crops to include the harvested residue in Chapter 562 of the Iowa Code.

BI-AP-23 **Line Item for CDI Budget**
2010

WHEREAS, the Conservation District of Iowa (CDI) Board understands it is important to stabilize the necessary funds for staff support to carry out Iowa's Soil and Water Quality objectives, and

WHEREAS, with the current administrative system the DSC budget remains an unknown, and

WHEREAS, the District operation funds (1M) also needs appropriate and stable funds to continue SWCD programs.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Iowa Cattlemen's Association support that the CDI will seek the re-creation of a separate and distinct budget line item for the Division of Soil Conservation within the annual budget of the Iowa Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship (until 2002 this is the way it was).

BI-AP-24 **CFSA Committee**
2007

WHEREAS, involvement in farm program administration is important.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Iowa Cattlemen's Association Board of Directors encourage members to gain County Farm Service Agency Committee positions, District Soil and Water Commission seats, Township Trustees and Zoning Commissioners, and local conservation work groups.

BI-AP-26
2008

Right-of-Way Fencing

WHEREAS, federal interstate highways and railroads are all bordered by fences originally constructed by the right-of-way holder, and

WHEREAS, those fences have fallen into disrepair.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Iowa Cattlemen's Association work to encourage these entities to repair and maintain these fences.

BI-AP-27
2010

Farm Programs

WHEREAS, the Iowa Cattlemen's Association believes that the federal government's involvement in agriculture through feed grain programs are often detrimental to the cattle industry, and

WHEREAS, government programs of the past have benefited one segment of agriculture without considering the impact on another, and

WHEREAS, government programs will have an impact on the cattle industry.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Iowa Cattlemen's Association recommend that Congress and USDA in formulating and administering future farm policy observe the following:

1. Eliminate from all farm programs discrimination against the cattle industry in the area of base acreage and normal crop acres, base yields, loan privileges, including hay and silage loans, and soil conservation;
2. Farm policies should be developed having both long and short range objectives;
3. The intent of American farm policy should be profitable markets with emphasis on producing and exporting value added products;
4. Farm programs should be market oriented though providing a price safety net somewhere below the variable cost of production which could be adjusted seasonally;
5. Strategic reserves should be maintained as hedges against disaster and to assure the world that the United States is a reliable supplier. Reserves should **NOT** be used to control or influence prices;
6. Farm policy must promote soil conservation and the best use of resources;
7. Policies should not be formulated so as to favor one segment of agriculture over another;
8. If Federal Crop Insurance is to continue and be considered as part of future farm programs, it must become more cost efficient and coverage should be expanded to cover the commonly produced pasture and hay crops. Yield coverages must be raised and should be calculated on a field-by-field and farm-by-farm basis;
9. Fiscal responsibility is a concern of Iowa cattlemen. We recognize that all segments of our economy will have to respond by decreased spending to facilitate balancing the budget;
10. Balancing the federal budget with proportionate cuts in spending should not be accomplished at the expense of the cattle industry and agriculture;
11. We endorse efforts to reduce the real interest rates for agriculture;
12. Future farm legislation should be announced in accordance with the September 15 statutory deadline;
13. The importance of local governance and oversight at Farm Services Agency offices increases with the complexity of current farm programs (e.g. LDP payments). Iowa Cattlemen's Association strongly urges that local boards be empowered to make decisions regarding strictly local issues and/or entities; and
14. CREP and CRP rental rates should reflect private sector pasture rental rates and should not be on the leading edge of these rates.

BI-AP-28
2010

National Cattlemen's Beef Association

WHEREAS, national issues before Congress and federal regulatory agencies have the potential to greatly impact Iowa and U.S. cattle operations, and

WHEREAS, it is more important than ever for the cattle industry to have strong representation at the federal level, and

WHEREAS, the National Cattlemen's Beef Association is attempting to get its financial house in order by restructuring its governance structure and membership model.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that if NCBA successfully develops a structure allowing for equitable grassroots input and fair representation for all affiliates and appears willing to make the necessary budgetary adjustments, ICA will encourage all Iowa cattlemen to individually support NCBA as they see fit.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the ICA Board will not support an annual affiliation fee that has the potential to negatively impact ICA member numbers as a result of a dues increase, or by creating the impression that all ICA members **must** be NCBA members.

BI-AP-29
2010

Regents Funding

WHEREAS, state appropriations to the Iowa Board of Regents to support Iowa's state universities have been declining over the years, and

WHEREAS, tuition has been increasing to offset the declining appropriations, and

WHEREAS, Iowa agriculture depends on Iowa State University to educate our young people interested in careers in agriculture, to conduct agricultural research, and to deliver information to the citizens of Iowa, and

WHEREAS, the state appropriations to the Iowa Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship (IDALS) have been declining over several years, and

WHEREAS, Iowa citizens depend on IDALS for a wide variety of protection programs including meat processing, commercial feed and fertilizer, pesticide application, weights and measures and animal health.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Iowa Cattlemen's Association encourages the State of Iowa to prioritize funding to the Board of Regents and IDALS to address these critical agricultural issues.

PUBLIC/PRIVATE LANDS & ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT

BI-PPLEM-D-2
2010

Clean Air

WHEREAS, the Iowa Cattlemen's Association supports working with commodity and farm associations/groups to assure that sound science is utilized in developing regulations that are transparent, workable and practical for future air quality standards.

THEREFORE, BE IT DIRECTED, that the Iowa Cattlemen's Association support and encourage that the national and state committees and farm groups work together to achieve such standards based on sound science.

BI-PPLEM-1
2010

Noxious Weeds

WHEREAS, federal, state, and county-owned lands are susceptible to noxious weed growth, and

WHEREAS, the control of noxious weeds and fencing of lands is of a genuine concern to cattlemen as well as row-crop farmers.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that said lands be subject to the same laws, rules and regulations as privately-owned lands.

BI-PPLEM-3
2009

Taking Private Property

WHEREAS, sound environmental policy must balance protection of the environment with other equally important state interests like economic growth of the Iowa cattle industry, availability of food and affordable housing.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that all regulations which affect the use or value of property should be reviewed to insure that they do not restrict an owner's use of that property.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the taking of a person's property shall be justly compensated.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that government agencies should exercise that power responsibly and should never act arbitrarily and are aware of the true cost of regulations.

BI-PPLEM-4
2008

Criminal Trespass Law

WHEREAS, the present criminal trespass law has been improved, and

WHEREAS, prior written permission to enter property would provide an evidentiary basis for enforcement of the trespass law as well as providing a potential legal basis for reduced personal liability.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Iowa Cattlemen's Association recommend any further change of trespass law to require written permission to enter any property.

BI-PPLEM-5
2009

Underground Water Supplies

WHEREAS, the cattle industry in Iowa depends heavily on underground water supplies, and

WHEREAS, the potability of such underground water is important to Iowa's beef cattle producers.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Iowa Cattlemen's Association urge its members to take whatever steps they can to prevent the pollution of underground water supplies by building properly constructed wells, plugging abandoned wells, using best environmental management practices for organic nutrient utilization and nitrogen management and proper surface water drainage systems.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the goal of non-degradation of groundwater is supported by the Iowa Cattlemen's Association, but until adequate research is completed upon which to base decisions, we urge restraint in developing rules to achieve this goal.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Iowa Cattlemen's Association support funding for costs incurred from additional regulations or guidelines applied by state or local agencies concerning the correct plugging of abandoned water wells.

BI-PPLEM-6
2009

Separation Distances

WHEREAS, current laws require that new livestock facilities are required to maintain a separation distance from existing dwellings and public use areas.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that new residences, subdivisions and public use areas in rural areas be required to meet the maximum separation distances from existing livestock operations that new livestock facilities must meet from existing residences. Residential and subdivision owners may obtain a recorded waiver from the separation distance from the neighboring livestock operation.

BI-PPLEM-9
2010

Endangered Species

WHEREAS, the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) endangered species protection program places unwarranted and potentially devastating restrictions on the cattle industry and all agriculture.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Iowa Cattlemen's Association support a complete delay on listings until:

1. A Federal Register Notice is issued soliciting public comment on each new listing;
2. A complete public review of all US Fish & Wildlife Service Jeopardy Opinions for any species being listed;
3. An Economic Assessment of the impacts to agriculture;
4. An Environmental Impact Study has been prepared;
5. National, state and local hearings are conducted for each new listing;
6. All endangered species ranges are updated, justified and verified;
7. Clear goals for recovery and criteria for de-listing of a species are developed prior to listing of that species; and
8. Alternate programs are explored.

BI-PPLEM-11
2007

Land Use

WHEREAS, the issue of land use in Iowa becomes increasingly important as Iowa population grows and the use of its land becomes more intensified, and

WHEREAS, the cattlemen of Iowa have distinctive problems and interests in the use of land for production of beef cattle, and

WHEREAS, the complexities of the many issues and interests involved are substantial, not the least of which are the preservation of private property rights and the location of control over land-use decisions.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that land suitable for the grazing of livestock be deemed agricultural land worthy of preservation and that grazing be given preference over recreational uses.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that because animal feeding operations are logically located in rural areas and are interdependent upon other farming operations and functions, the Iowa Cattlemen's Association support continuing conceptualization and classification of animal operations as agricultural operations.

BI-PPLEM-13
2007

Environment and Property Rights Representation

WHEREAS, the Iowa Cattlemen's Association's diverse membership includes producers with experience and expertise in all facets of cattle production, and

WHEREAS, the Iowa Cattlemen's Association employs a professional staff capable of communicating the importance and interests of the cattle industry to elected officials, agencies and the general public, and

WHEREAS, the Iowa Cattlemen's Association has historically been active in preserving and promoting the cattle industry in Iowa.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that if new environmental or property rights legislation or regulation is proposed which would impact the cattle industry, the Iowa Cattlemen's Association will represent cattle producers' interests to the fullest extent possible.

BI-PPLEM-14
2007

Soil Conservation

WHEREAS, the preservation of Iowa's productive topsoil is of concern to all segments of society, and

WHEREAS, we have learned a great deal about effective soil conservation practices, and

WHEREAS, Iowa still has a considerable number of marginal acres that are of too high a degree of slope to have acceptable levels of soil loss regardless of conservation practice when intensively row-cropped.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Iowa Cattlemen's Association develop promotional and educational programs to call attention to this problem and promote the conversion of these acres, subject to severe erosion, to grass and forage production, which can only be utilized by ruminant animals and ICA support that funding of soil conservation cost share be maintained at current funding levels or above.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Iowa Cattlemen's Association work with state and federal government to insure that programs addressing soil conservation recognize the role that the beef industry can play in addressing this problem and that these programs do not discriminate against the beef industry.

BI-PPLEM-15

Environmental Regulations

2006

WHEREAS, environmental regulations have a dramatic impact on agricultural production, and

WHEREAS, a better job needs to be done in obtaining a balance between the costs and benefits of environmental regulations.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Iowa Cattlemen's Association coordinate closer cooperation between the organizations representing agricultural production in an attempt to have more impact on the decision-making process relating to these issues.

BI-PPLEM-18

Land Acquisition

2009

WHEREAS, the State of Iowa is primarily comprised of agricultural land consisting of row crop, pasture and timberland, and

WHEREAS, much of the state-owned land including state parks, recreational areas and preserves need to be improved and repaired, and

WHEREAS, ownership of ground by the state relinquishes it from the tax rolls which inevitability raises taxes.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Iowa Cattlemen's Association discourage the purchases of agricultural land by the federal, state, county, and or local governments and encourage use of acquisition funds for improving existing properties as suggested in the "Private Property Enhancement Alternatives" and listed below:

I. Alternatives should be implemented on a voluntary basis only, as individual management systems vary

II. Private Alternatives for Wildlife Habitat

A. Encourage owners to set aside plots for wildlife habitat, i.e. existing building sites, existing ditches

B. Food plots on CRP acres

C. Protecting nesting areas on grassland

1. Short-term rental by groups; i.e. Pheasants Forever

2. Rotational grazing

3. Warm season grasses

D. Establish leasing program on grassland currently enrolled in CRP

E. Incentive for owner to leave CRP in grassland at maturity of contract

III. Alternative for Preventing Soil Erosion

A. Establish permanent vegetation on D & E slopes

B. Establish living snow fence and shelterbelts

C. Conservation tillage

D. Trees on CRP acres

IV. Water Quality

- A. Improvement of existing lakes to enhance fish habitat
- B. Construction of farm ponds and dugouts for runoff control
- C. Grassland on watersheds

V. Areas of Prairie Ecosystems

- A. Establish native prairie grass and flowers on operating railroad right-of-ways
- B. Plots previously mentioned under wildlife habitat

VI. Education and Communication

- A. Utilized expertise of DNR, ISU Extension, NRCS, FSA, US Fish and Wildlife Service and wildlife and conservation groups to develop projects and programs funded by state and federal revenue. These projects and programs will utilize the management and labor resources of the private sector and thus guarantee success due to the "pride in a job well done" philosophy instilled in rural Iowa landowners.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Iowa Cattlemen's Association would support acquisition of private land for public use only to preserve special or unique natural areas, provided endowed management, maintenance, and tax funds be included as part of those purchases or gifts.

BI-PPLEM-19

Deep-Bedded Facilities

2009

WHEREAS, deep-bedded cattle barns are becoming more popular for beef production, and

WHEREAS, dry manure produced from deep-bedded barns is different than liquid manure and poultry manure.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Iowa Cattlemen's Association continue to work with the Iowa Department of Natural Resources and the Iowa Legislature to see that dry manure from deep-bedded barns be classified and regulated differently.

BI-PPLEM-22

REAP Congress

2007

WHEREAS, the cattle industry in the State of Iowa is comprised of private land consisting of row crop, grazing land and timberland, and

WHEREAS, the actions taken by the Resource Enhancement and Protection (REAP) Congress have a direct impact on existing and future livestock operations through management practices and tax rates.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that only delegates selected by the county Resource Enhancement and Protection (REAP) Committee to the regional REAP meeting be eligible to be selected as delegates to the REAP Congress and that federal, state and county employees and their spouses are not eligible to be delegates to the REAP Congress.

BI-PPLEM-28

Zoning Exemption for Agricultural Facilities

2010

WHEREAS, counties may attempt to circumvent the Iowa Code by zoning agricultural facilities, and

WHEREAS, controversies regarding concentrated livestock facilities have escalated.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Iowa Cattlemen's Association support the continuation of the zoning exemption for agricultural purposes as contained in Chapter 335 of the Iowa Code.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that agricultural purposes be determined by definition contained in Chapter 71.1(3) of the Iowa Administrative Rules.

BI-PPLEM-29

Rhodes Research Farm

2007

WHEREAS, the Iowa State University Research and Demonstration Farms conduct research applicable to all agricultural interests in Iowa, and

WHEREAS, the Iowa cattle industry depends on research and development of new technologies, and

WHEREAS, the Rhodes Research Farm is one of the few public research farms that is oriented heavily toward beef cattle, and

WHEREAS, the Iowa Department of Natural Resources has proposed a new lake site that may eliminate the Rhodes Research Farm.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Iowa Cattlemen's Association oppose the taking of the Rhodes Research Farm for the purposes of building a lake or other activity other than the present use.

BI-PPLEM-31

Iowa Slough Bill

2007

WHEREAS, the Iowa Slough Bill provides property tax relief for particular uses of land including: open prairies, forest cover, river and stream banks, and wildlife habitat, and

WHEREAS, the Iowa Slough Bill does not require restoration of such land to a native condition, and

WHEREAS, public assistance for restoration of native habitat is available through various agencies.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that restoration of land to a condition such that a majority of the vegetation is consistent with a native habitat be required, and certified by a government naturalist, prior to being granted property tax relief.

BI-PPLEM-33

Pilot Projects/Public Grazing

2006

WHEREAS, it is possible that limited or managed intensive grazing on public or privately managed lands can both enhance the wildlife carrying potential of the land and allow for expansion of the cattle industry.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Iowa Cattlemen's Association support the implementation of grazing projects between the public agencies and private cattle producers.

BI-PPLEM-35

State Appropriations for Soil & Water

2006

WHEREAS, soil and water conservation is important to all Iowa citizens, and

WHEREAS, funding for this purpose has not met the needs.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Iowa Cattlemen's Association undertake efforts to increase state and federal appropriations for cost share financing of on-farm soil conservation and water quality protection projects.

BI-PPLEM-36

Livestock Feeding Regulations

2006

WHEREAS, Iowa's current environmental regulations are comparable to other major livestock producing states. In order to expand our livestock base, environmental concerns must be balanced with economic reality. New restrictions will drive the industry away from Iowa, and

WHEREAS, every year Iowans are harvesting large corn and soybean crops, the livestock industry is vital to adding value to that grain. Studies show that counties where a high percentage of grain grown is fed to livestock show up to three times the per acre gross farm income as counties where grain is exported. Iowa cannot afford to discourage livestock production with regulations based on emotion. We need to take a positive approach to growing our livestock industry, and

WHEREAS, unreasonable environmental regulations will only impose more costs on our cattle producers.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Iowa Cattlemen's Association oppose any changes to current state and federal regulations which would be adverse to the cattle industry, unless the changes are based on sound scientific and economic data.

BI-PPLEM-37**Environmental Planning****2008**

WHEREAS, cooperation and attitudes are important to good working relationships, and
WHEREAS, environmental concerns and the regulations relating to them are becoming increasingly important and sometimes controversial.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Iowa Cattlemen's Association continue the policy of proactive participation with other organizations and governmental entities in environmental planning.

BI-PPLEM-39**Accidental Spills Penalties****2008**

WHEREAS, public pressure has caused near hysteria regarding clean water, and
WHEREAS, lawmakers and the courts have over-reacted and made accidental manure spills both a civil and criminal offense.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Iowa Cattlemen's Association work with the Iowa Legislature and Bar Association to limit prosecution of accidental manure spills to be no more than a civil penalty.

BI-PPLEM-40**Wetland Definition****2009**

WHEREAS, the cattle industry is directly impacted by pastureland vs. cropland that may be designated wetlands, and

WHEREAS, there is considerable confusion in determining the wetland definition.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Iowa Cattlemen's Association support the definition of wetlands by simultaneous actual presence of three naturally occurring criteria: hydric soils, hydrophilic vegetation and surface inundation for a significant portion of the growing season of every year under normal precipitation.

BI-PPLEM-41**Wildlife Control****2009**

WHEREAS, wildlife has the potential to cause damage to real and/or personal property in both the private and public sectors and may threaten human health and safety on occasion, and

WHEREAS, prevention and/or control of wildlife damage is an essential and responsible part of wildlife management.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Iowa Cattlemen's Association encourage the State of Iowa provide an effective wildlife management program in Iowa that includes controlled hunting, trapping, and educational and research projects.

BI-PPLEM-42**Predators****2006**

WHEREAS, the cattle industry is vital to Iowa's economy, and

WHEREAS, the cattle industry and our human population are being threatened by predators and other species.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Iowa Cattlemen's Association will oppose all attempts to give any type of legal protection to mountain lions, wolves and bears.

BI-PPLEM-43**Alternative Technologies****2006**

WHEREAS, there is a great deal of confusion regarding the administration of water quality standards, and

WHEREAS, this confusion is detrimental to the growth and sustainability of the Iowa cattle industry.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Iowa Cattlemen's Association encourage feedlot operators to conduct a private environmental audit, and become trained in water sampling for the purpose of science-based self-evaluation.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Iowa Cattlemen's Association communicate with the lending community the need for a science-based water quality systems approach to feedlot management rather than focusing on a permit process in need of revision.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Iowa Cattlemen's Association encourage state and federal officials to allow producers to employ Best Available Technologies (BAT's) that are Economically Achievable and that enforcement action will not be taken against those AFOs during the implementation period of those technologies. This is to allow time for construction and adjustment of the system in order to meet reasonable water quality standards.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Iowa Cattlemen's Association intensify its dialogue with elected state and federal officials to keep them informed on the status of science based research efforts. And further encourage the regulatory agencies to accept the use of those alternative technologies.

**BI-PPLEM-44
2006**

Environmental Cost Benefit Analysis

WHEREAS, enforcement of environmental laws is increasing, and

WHEREAS, costs of fines and compliance to environmental mandates to the cattle industry have the potential of costing millions of dollars and causing many family cattle operations to leave the cattle business, and

WHEREAS, cattlemen care about maintaining environmental quality but do not know the relative benefit to the environment from compliance.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Iowa Cattlemen's Association and the National Cattlemen's Beef Association request from the proper entity a credible cost/benefit assessment to compare all the cost to the cattle industry and Iowa from strict enforcement of environment laws or regulations against the value of the actual environmental improvement.

**BI-PPLEM-45
2007**

Urban Sprawl

WHEREAS, many discussions concerning land use and urban sprawl are occurring statewide, and

WHEREAS, urban sprawl continues to impact cattle producers.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Iowa Cattlemen's Association represent cattle producers' interests in these land use discussions whenever possible.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Iowa Cattlemen's Association support legislation designed to encourage development and redevelopment within our cities and towns.

**BI-PPLEM-46
2008**

Non-Point Source Pollution

WHEREAS, it is generally recognized that the use of best management practices reduce non-point source pollution, and

WHEREAS, control of non-point source pollution is dependent on scientifically based, site-specific application of best management practices, and

WHEREAS, research data is inadequate to scientifically outline what criteria should be established in developing mandatory regulations.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Iowa Cattlemen's Association favor the voluntary use of best management practices for non-point pollution control and encourages its members and all segments of society to implement these practices whenever and wherever possible.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Iowa Cattlemen's Association oppose the implementation of mandatory regulations for non-point sources of agricultural pollution.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that if mandatory non-point source regulations are imposed over the Iowa Cattlemen's Association's objection, it is necessary that regulations be funded and be developed at the state level based on sound science where such decisions can best be made.

BI-PPLEM-47

Environmental Quality/Local Control

2008

WHEREAS, clean water and air are essential to the health and welfare of all producers in the cattle industry, and

WHEREAS, water and air are precious resources that we manage to the benefit of social environmental and economic values that are important to the stability of our industry and with the understanding of our unique needs.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the appropriate agencies recognize the state's abilities to best manage the resources within their jurisdictions and that environmental laws shall not be interpreted to be more restrictive than statute.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Iowa environmental quality protection standards and regulations be established at the state level.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Iowa Cattlemen's Association oppose local control of environmental standards and regulations.

BI-PPLEM-48

Nuisance Lawsuits

2008

WHEREAS, the steady increase of nuisance lawsuits in the state of Iowa against cattle producers has closed existing facilities, and

WHEREAS, the threat of nuisance lawsuits has discouraged many cattle producers from expanding facilities, and

WHEREAS, Iowa's Right to Farm Act does not protect Iowa cattle producers from nuisance lawsuits, and

WHEREAS, neighboring states have Right to Farm Acts that do protect their cattle producers from nuisance lawsuits.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Iowa Cattlemen's Association support changes to the Iowa Code to provide better protection for Iowa cattle producers from nuisance lawsuits.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Iowa Cattlemen's Association work with the other agriculture organizations in the state of Iowa to achieve this change to the Iowa Code.

BI-PPLEM-49

Wildlife Carcass Disposal

2008

WHEREAS, improper disposal, removal and cleanup of wildlife carcasses and remains has potential to cause human and cattle health problems by threatening and contaminating our water sources, proper disposal must be an essential part of Wildlife Management.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Iowa Cattlemen's Association encourage the Iowa Department of Natural Resources to enforce and carry out proper disposal of wildlife carcasses.

TAX & FINANCE

BI-TF-D-2

Utility Vehicle Licenses

2010

WHEREAS, ATV's used for farming purposes are not subject to sales tax or licensing requirements and are allowed to be driven on roads for qualified uses, and

WHEREAS, utility vehicles have become popular for farming use and are not classified in the same way as ATV's.

THEREFORE, BE IT DIRECTED, that the Iowa Cattlemen's Association work to have utility vehicles classified for sales tax, licensing and road use in the same way as ATV's.

BI-TF-3 **Balanced Budget**
2007

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Iowa Cattlemen's Association support the approach to a balanced budget and more fiscal responsibility in state and national government with any burden being placed on all segments of society equally.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that as Iowa moves to be more fiscally responsible with our tax dollars, the Iowa Cattlemen's Association support a 60% majority necessary to pass any tax increase in the Iowa Legislature.

BI-TF-7 **Job Creation**
2009

WHEREAS, the creation of jobs is a top priority in the State of Iowa, and

WHEREAS, further processing of farm commodities would increase jobs in Iowa up to seven times.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Iowa Cattlemen's Association support further processing of farm products and that this be encouraged by tax incentives.

BI-TF-8 **Lift Program**
2010

WHEREAS, the opportunity is present for a new harvesting facility and refurbished facility, and

WHEREAS, the cattle industry adds value to the grain and forages produced in Iowa.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Iowa Cattlemen's Association encourage the State Treasurer's Office to utilize funding from the state revolving fund for the expansion of cattle facilities in Iowa.

BI-TF-9 **School and Bond Issues**
2008

WHEREAS, it has been proposed that current Iowa law requiring a 60 percent positive majority to pass a bond issue be reduced to a simple majority.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Iowa Cattlemen's Association support retention of the current 60 percent positive majority requirement.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Iowa Cattlemen's Association support allowing local school districts, upon a favorable vote, to retire future school bond indebtedness 50 percent on income tax and 50 percent on property tax.

BI-TF-10 **Agricultural Business Structure**
2006

WHEREAS, we support growth of the cattle business in Iowa by capturing a larger share of the US cattle industry, and

WHEREAS, this growth appears to be limited because of state laws restricting business structure, thereby limiting lenders ability to lend for expanding cattle businesses.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Iowa Cattlemen's Association support further change of Iowa laws pertaining to agricultural business structure and pursue amendments that place Iowa in a competitive position with surrounding states and those states primarily competing in the cattle business.

BI-TF-12 **Property Taxes**
2007

WHEREAS, cattlemen and farmers are increasingly concerned about the burden of property taxes, and

WHEREAS, in the past, unfunded mandates have caused property and other local taxes to be increased, and

WHEREAS, property taxes bear a large share of school infrastructure costs.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Iowa Cattlemen's Association support the concept of holding the line or freezing property taxes so that any changes in the state budget not result in higher property taxes and that any mandate, direct or indirect, passed by the Iowa Legislature be fully funded.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Iowa Legislature explore increasing the state sales tax to equitably relieve the property tax burden of paying for school infrastructure costs.

BI-TF-13

Property Tax Exemption/Pollution Control

2009

WHEREAS, there is currently a property tax exemption on land holding pollution control systems.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that we work to retain the existing property tax exemption on pollution control containment systems.

BI-TF-14

Feedlot Tax Credit

2007

WHEREAS, the State of Iowa is trying to expand ethanol production and other value added grain processing with the resulting increase in co-products which are extensively used by Iowa's cattle industry, and

WHEREAS, new AFO/CAFO regulations will make it increasingly difficult for Iowa feedlots to compete with other major feeding states due to higher average rainfall.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that new Iowa cattle feedlots, feedlots which expand, and those that build pollution control structures shall receive an income tax credit for their contributions to value added agriculture.

BI-TF-15

FMD Indemnity Fund

2007

WHEREAS, the federal government has an indemnity fund to pay producers for their livestock in the event of an FMD outbreak in the US.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the income from the FMD indemnity fund should be handled the same as an involuntary conversion and qualify for two year deferral or replacement.

BI-TF-18

Road Use Tax Fund

2008

WHEREAS, highway funds are being transferred to the general fund for various purposes, and

WHEREAS, if these transfers continue, the resulting reduction of highway maintenance funding will accelerate highway deterioration and result in higher repair cost on Iowa highways in the future.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Iowa Cattlemen's Association continue to oppose altering the current formula or transfer of any road use tax fund into the general fund or any other fund.

BI-TF-20

Incentives for Livestock Facilities

2009

WHEREAS, recent studies completed by various groups and organizations report "the best way to generate economic activity and revitalize rural and small town Iowa is to expand the livestock industry", and

WHEREAS, studies done by the Leopold Center for Sustainable Agriculture show the greatest financial return to management is through a livestock operation, and

WHEREAS, modern livestock production systems can benefit the environment as well.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that in order to furnish an incentive for modernizing existing livestock facilities and to encourage building new livestock facilities, the Iowa Cattlemen's Association

work with the Legislature to create incentives to encourage modernization and construction of improved pollution control and livestock production systems.

BI-TF-21
2009

Biodiesel Feedstock Tax Equity

WHEREAS, the byproduct value per 1,000-lb. Steer for inedible tallow and meat scraps - the primary animal byproducts used in biodiesel refining - is approximately \$9 per animal, and

WHEREAS, the environmental benefits of using animal byproducts for renewable fuel generation include reduced diesel emissions and improved air quality; reduced landfill disposal for dead and diseased animals; reduced dependence on foreign energy sources - the ultimate recycling of traditional byproducts of animal husbandry for a high-benefit alternative fuel source that is totally renewable, and

WHEREAS, biodiesel plant construction and related investment/hiring can potentially help improve rural economies.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Iowa Cattlemen's Association support tax incentives for biodiesel as an alternative renewable fuel.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that animal byproducts are not discriminated against in any way as compared to vegetable based fats.

BI-TF-23
2006

Unemployment Compensation

WHEREAS, the quarterly unemployment compensation exemption of \$20,000 is no longer practical in the present inflated economy.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the quarterly exemption be increased to \$60,000 and hereafter be adjusted by the Consumer Price Index.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that all officers of a family corporation and its family members be exempt from state and federal unemployment compensation tax.

BI-TF-30
2009

Livestock Production Incentive Refund

WHEREAS, animal agriculture is essential to Iowa's economy and provides about \$9 billion in cash receipts, and

WHEREAS, taxes on these receipts are not equitably returned to county governments, and

WHEREAS, the beef cow herd provides environmental and economic benefits to the state by adding value to our fragile lands.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Iowa Cattlemen's Association support the continuation of the individual livestock incentive refund where the individual receives a payment from the state general fund which reflects the number of cows, bulls and bred heifers in inventory.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Iowa Legislature move toward fully funding the Iowa Production Credit without regard to individual or business structure income or net worth factors.

BI-TF-31
2006

Ag Tax Credit

WHEREAS, our present system of property tax in Iowa is not operating fairly and adequately.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Iowa Cattlemen's Association support improvements in the productivity formula to initiate county-by-county calculations using productivity values to more accurately reflect actual farming expenses.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Iowa Cattlemen's Association favor continuation of the limit on increases in assessed value of agriculture property.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Iowa Cattlemen's Association favor continuation of the homestead tax credit and agricultural tax credit full payment each year unless it could be replaced with

a fully funded livestock value-added tax credit, or similar legislation which encourages cattle and other livestock production which includes pasture and forage production and protection of the environment.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the present fixed seven percent capitalization rate be changed to a flexible rate to better reflect the actual situation.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Iowa Cattlemen's Association favor continuation of the Family Farm Tax Credit.

BI-TF-32

SS Exemption on CRP & Coop

2006

WHEREAS, corporate entities and inactive farmers are not subject to social security tax on income received from participation in the Conservation Reserve Program, but individual active farmers may be subject to the tax, and

WHEREAS, corporate entities which are members of cooperatives are not subject to social security tax on income they receive from earnings distributed to them by a cooperative, but individual farmer-members are subject to the tax, and

WHEREAS, it is longstanding federal policy to encourage farmers to participate in the CRP and to band together in cooperatives, particularly now in "valued-added" cooperatives.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that as a matter of fairness to active farmers and to non-corporate farmers, and as a matter of increased effectiveness in achieving widely supported federal farm policy goals, the Iowa Cattlemen's Association request Congress to grant a complete exemption from social security taxes on income received by farmers from participation in the Conservation Reserve Program and on income received from earnings distributed to them by cooperatives.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Iowa Cattlemen's Association work for an equitable solution to the social security tax on earnings distributed by cooperatives.

BI-TF-33

Property Tax Levies

2010

WHEREAS, county property tax levies are rising in part due to exemption of some private property from taxation, and

WHEREAS, exempt lands still require roads, fire and police protection, and

WHEREAS, exempt lands are generally assessed at relatively low valuations such that the tax that would be collected would unlikely cause undue economic hardship on the owners.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Iowa Cattlemen's Association support legislation that would alter the property tax exemption on Forest Reserve, Wetlands Reserve, Native Prairie and Iowa Slough Bill lands, such that a more equitable treatment of these lands with respect to Iowa's cattle industry be achieved.

BI-TF-34

Iowa Inheritance Tax

2007

WHEREAS, the family farm is and should continue to be the backbone of agriculture in Iowa, and

WHEREAS, a family livestock operation cannot attain economic success without a substantial land base for growing feed grains, and

WHEREAS, amendments to the federal estate tax laws have not kept pace with inflation.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Iowa Cattlemen's Association favor the repeal of the federal estate tax as currently written to include a higher exemption level of \$15 million per family tied to inflation and maintaining the stepped-up basis.

BI-TF-35

Gift Exemption

2008

WHEREAS, it has become increasingly difficult to own and operate a small business or family farm in this country, and

WHEREAS, the transfer of ownership of these vital businesses has been restricted for years.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Iowa Cattlemen's Association support and encourage the National Cattlemen's Beef Association to support raising the annual gift exemption to \$30,000, and once raised, that the increase be indexed to inflation for the future.

BI-TF-36
2008

Ethanol

WHEREAS, the production of ethanol in the state of Iowa is beneficial to the Iowa cattle industry.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Iowa Cattlemen's Association support initiatives of the Iowa Renewable Fuels Association and other state organizations to grow the ethanol industry in Iowa not inconsistent with the policies of this organization.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Iowa Cattlemen's Association work with the Iowa and National Corn Growers Association, and other supportive organizations, entities or individuals to insure the security of the ethanol tax incentive.

BI-TF-37
2008

Capital Gains

WHEREAS, there has been a major change in the capital gains tax at the federal level, and

WHEREAS, the average age of farmers and landowners is increasing and most livestock is raised by younger farmers, and

WHEREAS, a reduction in capital gains taxes on farmland and livestock would enhance the transfer of these assets thereby increasing livestock numbers.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Iowa Cattlemen's Association support the reduction of capital gains taxes in Iowa on farmland and livestock.

BI-TF-38
2008

Fuel Taxes and Pickup License Fees

WHEREAS, the Iowa State Legislature is looking for ways to increase road funds, and

WHEREAS, they are considering raising the fuel tax and or raising licensing fees on pickups.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Iowa Cattlemen's Association support raising the fuel tax with the increased revenue going to road maintenance.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Iowa Cattlemen's Association support an increase of pickup licenses, with an option on the Iowa Income Tax Return to apply for a tax credit on the difference between the increased license fee and the existing license fee, if a Schedule F is filed by the owner of the pickup.

CATTLE PRODUCTION COMMITTEE

CATTLE HEALTH & WELL-BEING

CP-CHWB-D-6
2010

I.L.H.A.C. Priorities

WHEREAS, beef representatives on the Livestock Health Advisory Council have requested priorities for bovine research.

THEREFORE, BE IT DIRECTED, that the following are recommendations of priority:

FOOD SAFETY ISSUES
JOHNE'S DISEASE
MYCOPLASMA BOVIS
BRD
PINK EYE
ANIMAL WELFARE ISSUES

CP-CHWB-D-15
2010

Verified Iowa Preconditioned Program

WHEREAS, we now have harvest facilities that are currently offering a premium for cattle enrolled in a USDA Process Verified Program (PVP), and

WHEREAS, the Verified Iowa Preconditioned Program (VIPP) is a combination of Iowa Cattlemen's Green or Gold Tag preconditioned programs and any USDA Process Verified Program (PVP) that verifies age and source for export markets.

THEREFORE, BE IT DIRECTED, that the Iowa Cattlemen's Association promote the Verified Iowa Preconditioned Program (VIPP) and work to educate cattle industry stakeholders about the program.

CP-CHWB-2
2009

Brucellosis Vaccination

WHEREAS, brucellosis is an infectious and contagious disease which can cause economic hardship to the Iowa cattle industry, and

WHEREAS, some states bordering Iowa have not achieved brucellosis free status, and

WHEREAS, the threat of reintroduction into herds continues to exist, and

WHEREAS, loss of Iowa's brucellosis free status would impede sale of Iowa cattle within and across state lines.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Iowa Cattlemen's Association support continued brucellosis calf hood vaccination and accompanying state funding.

CP-CHWB-5
2009

Support Healthy Livestock

WHEREAS, healthy livestock are important to the future of the Iowa cattle industry, and

WHEREAS, adequate funding is essential to the mission and purpose of the Iowa State University College of Veterinary Medicine.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Iowa Cattlemen's Association continue to seek support for the Healthy Livestock Initiative from the Iowa Legislature.

CP-CHWB-7
2009

Iowa Livestock Health Advisory Council

WHEREAS, the Iowa Livestock Health Advisory Council was formed to monitor disease research of food-producing animals at Iowa State University.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Iowa Cattlemen's Association support the current definition of the term livestock utilized in Section 267.1, Subsection 1, Code 1985, and further, that the Iowa Cattlemen's Association support the current composition of membership of the Iowa Livestock Health Advisory Council, specifically excluding the canine, equine, ratite, bison, cervids, camels and llamas.

**CP-CHWB-9
2010**

**Ultrasound, Bovine Fetal Aging, Carcass Measurement
and Embryo Transfer Technicians**

WHEREAS, the beef cow-calf and registered seedstock industry segments are an important and significant part of the Iowa's cattle industry and economy, and

WHEREAS, there is a current and projected shortage of livestock Veterinarians available to specialize in providing ultrasound, bovine fetal aging, carcass-trait measurement, and embryo transfer services to the cattle industry, and

WHEREAS, expectations and competition for Veterinarian and Technician services continue to rise from all animal owners and limit most Veterinarians' ability to specialize and therefore become more accurate with bovine ultrasound, and

WHEREAS, there is a projected need for more qualified, competent, and experienced ultrasound Technicians or Veterinarians to meet the increasing cattle industry demand for these affordable, cost-saving, and value-adding services, within a time-sensitive period in Iowa.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the ICA Ultrasound Task Force continue their efforts to reach agreement providing for a practical solution to this issue with the Iowa Board of Veterinarian Medicine and Iowa Veterinary Medical Association that will allow certified, competent technicians and Veterinarians to offer ultrasound services in Iowa, including those required for fetal aging, carcass measurement, and embryo transfer.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the ICA work with the IBVM, IVMA, the ISU Dept. of Animal Science, ISU Veterinary College, and IDALS to develop a reasonable and effective Iowa Reproductive Ultrasound Training and Certification Course for Technicians and Veterinarians to validate skill and accuracy levels of all those individuals providing ultrasounds services to cattlemen, for a fee.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the ICA fully and completely supports the continuance of ultrasound fetal aging, carcass trait measurement, and embryo transfer by certified, competent, and experienced Technicians and Veterinarians, within the previously established Iowa regulations for the use of prescription-only drugs.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that if any proposed regulation changes to any Iowa rules, pertaining to bovine ultrasound use and embryo transfer, fail to allow the legal offering of these services, for a fee, by qualified, certified, competent, and experienced technicians, then the ICA will initiate legislation to allow these services by competent, certified Technicians as a legal Iowa service business and seek the support of other farm and livestock groups with similar policy.

**CP-CHWB-11
2007**

Humane Animal Practices

BE IT RESOLVED, that the members of the Iowa Cattlemen's Association make the health and well-being of their livestock the number one priority.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Iowa Cattlemen's Association pursue every opportunity to educate the citizens of Iowa regarding the many humane practices which Iowa cattlemen use to insure the welfare, safety, and good health of their cattle.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that if, for any reason, an Iowa farmer finds he is unable to provide adequate care for his cattle, the Iowa Cattlemen's Association will assist in providing for the sale or harvest of said cattle.

CP-CHWB-16
2006

Beef Center

WHEREAS, the Iowa Legislature has provided funds for the establishment of the Iowa Beef Center.
THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Iowa Beef Center has the support of the Iowa Cattlemen's Association in its effort to help improve the beef industry in the State of Iowa.
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Iowa Cattlemen's Association support increased appropriations for the Iowa Beef Center.

CP-CHWB-18
2008

Foreign Animal Disease Response

WHEREAS, bioterrorism and agroterrorism could result in a devastating problem for the livestock industry in Iowa through such diseases as FMD and BSE.
THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Iowa Cattlemen's Association fully support and encourage state agencies and involved institutions to develop an aggressive and coordinated response.

CP-CHWB-20
2008

Prudent Antimicrobial Use

WHEREAS, the use of antimicrobial agents is necessary at times to preserve life and prevent suffering in the face of disease in cattle, and
WHEREAS, indiscriminant use of antimicrobials may select for bacterial resistance, and
WHEREAS, the Iowa Cattlemen's Association recognizes that cattle producers have an obligation to protect animal health, and
WHEREAS, the Iowa Cattlemen's Association further recognizes the obligation to protect human health by promoting food safety.
THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Iowa Cattlemen's Association advocate the prudent use of antimicrobials and issues involving the use of antimicrobials in animals and humans, which must be resolved using sound science without influence of emotion or political agendas.
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that cattle producers should strive to limit the need for antimicrobial use through sound husbandry and preventative practices.
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Iowa Cattlemen's Association call for on-going continuing education for both producers and veterinarians in the area of prudent antimicrobial use.

CP-CHWB-24
2007

Nationwide Cattle Identification

WHEREAS, national animal identification is important to insure beef safety and traceability of the nation's beef, and
WHEREAS, the Iowa Cattlemen's Association has been an industry leader in animal identification.
THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Iowa Cattlemen's Association support a standardized and voluntary national cattle ID system.
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that any amendments to the Code of Iowa pertaining to animal movement and identification be monitored by the Iowa Cattlemen's Association to ensure such changes remain acceptable to the Iowa cattle industry.

CP-CHWB-25
2007

BVD Eradication

WHEREAS, BVD is a prevalent and costly disease in the cattle industry, and
WHEREAS, new research has shown that a small percentage of cattle are persistently infected and that persistently infected cows pass the disease through their offspring, and
WHEREAS, there is a new and improved diagnostic test for these persistently infecteds.
THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Iowa Cattlemen's Association support efforts by Iowa State University and other institutions which would lead to the eradication of BVD.

CP-CHWB-26
2008

Veterinary College Modernization

WHEREAS, livestock production agriculture is important to the State of Iowa, and
WHEREAS, the Iowa State University College of Veterinary Medicine has been an integral part of this.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Iowa Cattlemen's Association support the Iowa State University College of Veterinary Medicine modernization plan and funding from the Iowa Legislature and other sources for such project.

LIVE CATTLE MARKETING

CP-LCM-2
2008

NCBA Carcass Data Service

WHEREAS, there is need for genetic improvement of beef cattle and to assure the production of lean, high cutability and quality beef, and

WHEREAS, for various reasons it is often difficult for cattlemen to obtain carcass information through the use of the USDA Carcass Data Service.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Iowa Cattlemen's Association promote and encourage the use of the National Cattlemen's Beef Association and other Carcass Data Collection Services.

CP-LCM-3
2009

Mandatory Reporting/Captive Supplies

WHEREAS, the Iowa Cattlemen's Association has always supported a competitive, free and open market system, and

WHEREAS, the methods of fed cattle procurement have changed with the increased concentration of both the feedlot and processing industries, and

WHEREAS, many fed cattle prices are based on USDA reported boxed beef and live cattle prices.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Iowa Cattlemen's Association support mandatory packer reporting of all transactions, including all conditions of the sale.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that packers report all supplies acquired through captive supply arrangements.

CP-LCM-4
2008

Instrument Evaluation

WHEREAS, much effort is being devoted to perfect instrument recording of beef carcass grading, and

WHEREAS, equipment is now available which can accurately record and augment human grading which could permanently accumulate data for present and future reference.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Iowa Cattlemen's Association support the implementation of an instrument recording system and assure producer access to the data.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Iowa Cattlemen's Association exert its influence to cause pilot programs to be installed in plants that harvest Iowa fed cattle by acquiring the necessary funding from public and private sources to successfully implement this proven technology.

CP-LCM-6
2006

Seafood, Meat and Poultry Inspection

WHEREAS, the federal meat inspection program was mandated by Congress for the safety of the public, and

WHEREAS, there is a need to have consistent inspection and labeling of all meat products, and

WHEREAS, fish, seafood and shellfish are being considered for federally mandated inspection programs, and

WHEREAS, there is a need to avoid duplication of any regulatory and administrative services at the federal level.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Iowa Cattlemen's Association encourage the National Cattlemen's Beef Association and other commodity organizations to initiate legislation to have fish, seafood, and shellfish subject to the same types of inspection as are included in the Meat Inspection and Poultry Inspection Acts.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that all meat inspection and labeling programs should be under the authority and jurisdiction of the US Department of Agriculture.

CP-LCM-7

Safe Harvest Practices

2010

WHEREAS, Iowa cattlemen are active proponents of animal care and well-being, and

WHEREAS, the humane harvest of all animals entering the food chain is important to all consumers, and

WHEREAS, the Humane Slaughter Act provides for accepted practices and guidelines for live animal harvesting and disposal.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Iowa Cattlemen's Association encourage the National Cattlemen's Beef Association to monitor and support the humane harvest of all livestock.

CP-LCM-18

Railroad Improvement

2008

WHEREAS, our secondary highway system is a vital part of our food production in Iowa, and

WHEREAS, railroads are an efficient means of transporting freight and are often more efficient in the use of energy, and

WHEREAS, our present highway system is already deteriorating faster than it is being replaced.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that railroad abandonment not be continued to the point that our highway system be burdened further.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Iowa Cattlemen's Association support and encourage efforts to improve our rail systems.

CP-LCM-23

Concentration/Consolidation

2007

WHEREAS, the National Cattlemen's Beef Association's Beef Industry Concentration Integration Task Force has thoroughly examined the economic forces at work in the beef and cattle industry, and

WHEREAS, the National Cattlemen's Beef Association's Beef Industry Concentration Integration Task Force has unanimously endorsed the belief that the nation and the beef industry are best served by the capitalistic, competitive free market system, and

WHEREAS, the Iowa cattlemen are very concerned about pending and future mergers, acquisitions and consolidation of agri-businesses, we encourage a close scrutinization of any merger.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Iowa Cattlemen's Association endorse the National Cattlemen's Beef Association's request that the Federal Government more closely monitor mergers and acquisitions in the packing, processing and retailing industries because of increased potential for anti-trust violations.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Packers & Stockyards Administration be requested to continue to closely monitor price movements and sector margins to assure that price changes are the result of market signals and not the exercise of market power. USDA and US Department of Justice assure that:

1. No merger be allowed that would decrease competition for cattle or other commodity or reduce access; and

2. Determination that the financial condition of the proposed merger be such that the new entity would be sound and reliable.

CP-LCM-24

Interstate Highway Weight Limits

2007

WHEREAS, other states in the union allow interstate travel of triple and spread axle trucks with weight limits over 80,000 lbs., and

WHEREAS, in Iowa it is legal to travel on state roads with triple and spread axle trucks over 80,000 lbs. gross, and

WHEREAS, any livestock trucks weighing over 80,000 lbs. have no feasible way to travel through Des Moines.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, should the opportunity arise, that the Iowa Cattlemen's Association work towards instituting the travel of triple and spread axle trucks grossing over 80,000 lbs. on interstate highways.

CP-LCM-30

Abandoned Railroad Right-of-Ways

2008

WHEREAS, Iowa agriculture is dependent on rail transportation, yet railroad companies continue to request that lines be abandoned.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that abandoned railroad right-of-ways acquired by lease arrangement or easement is the rightful property of adjoining property owners. The Iowa Cattlemen's Association favor giving adjoining property owners the first option to purchase said rights of way.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Iowa Cattlemen's Association favor enactment of legislation to require that any public agencies, individuals, or organizations which do take title to abandoned railroad right-of-ways be responsible for maintaining fences, drainage systems, crossings and weed and brush controls of any such acquired railroad right-of-ways.

CP-LCM-31

CME Futures Contracts

2008

WHEREAS, fed cattle future's provide an important risk management tool for Iowa cattlemen, and

WHEREAS, changes in the fed cattle contract specifications are currently being addressed.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

1. That NCBA and CME work with the CFTC to find a way to trade options longer into the delivery month;
2. That the CME allow heifers to be delivered to meet futures market obligations;
3. That the CME keep speculative limits to 300 contracts in the delivery month;
4. That the CME set the weight specs consistent with carcass and live delivery and applicable to current industry weights; and
5. That delivery rights be given to the seller.

CP-LCM-36

American Horse Slaughter Prevention Act

2006

WHEREAS, the method of euthanasia employed by processing facilities that harvest horses is a humane end of life, and

WHEREAS, there is a continued need for the humane harvest of horses to prevent the inhumane treatment of horses that would suffer from neglect and abandonment, and

WHEREAS, there exists an extremely insufficient infrastructure and no funding mechanism to support the humane existence of unwanted horses, and

WHEREAS, unwanted horses are processed into products that are consumed by humans in overseas markets, and

WHEREAS, the value of unwanted horses as a food animal dictates they not be abused, lest this value be diminished, and

WHEREAS, this market establishes a baseline value for the industry which would collapse without such market, and

WHEREAS, the cattle industry depends upon an economically healthy horse industry and systems to offer a humane end of life for unwanted horses.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Iowa Cattlemen's Association oppose any legislation that would prohibit the harvest of horses for human consumption and support the National Cattlemen's Beef Association in its opposition of the American Horse Slaughter Prevention Act.

CP-LCM-37
2008

Value Markets

WHEREAS, producers in Iowa have taken advantage of value based programs, and

WHEREAS, value based programs allow all producers to capture more value for their cattle.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Iowa Cattlemen's Association strongly encourage a complete and competitive value based marketing program consisting of, but not limited to, total seedstock evaluation, individual carcass data collection with industry pass through, age and source verification, development and promotion of new and existing beef programs.

CP-LCM-38
2008

Fair Trade

WHEREAS, the Iowa Cattlemen's Association has supported and does support alternative beef markets such as all natural, implant free, humanely treated, antibiotic free, etc.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Iowa Cattlemen's Association ask all segments of the industry to not market their product in a way that casts a negative light on the rest of the beef industry.

CP-LCM-40
2009

Packer/Retailer Control

WHEREAS, the beef industry has made progress in producing a more consistent product, and

WHEREAS, the Iowa Cattlemen's Association supports value based marketing, and

WHEREAS, it is important to have numerous risk management tools available to beef producers.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Iowa Cattlemen's Association support federal legislation which very closely monitors packer and retailer control of livestock thereby preventing these entities from manipulating and controlling prices.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Iowa Cattlemen's Association support allowances including, but not limited to, basis contracts and process verification.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Iowa Cattlemen's Association opposes direct packer ownership of cattle, but strives to preserve the rights of producers/feeders to participate in value added programs.

SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

CP-ST-2
2008

ICA's Service Programs

WHEREAS, it is the goal of the Iowa Cattlemen's Association to revive Iowa's cattle industry to the position of prominence held previously, and

WHEREAS, the Iowa Cattlemen's Association identified the lack of adequate records as a critical factor in the decline of the cattle industry in Iowa.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Iowa Cattlemen's Association continue to work to increase member participation in record-keeping programs designed to help in making the decisions involved in enhancing the profitability of their operations.

CP-ST-3

Beef Quality Assurance

2010

WHEREAS, consumer acceptance of beef and beef products depends on consumer confidence in the safety and wholesomeness of beef products, and

WHEREAS, consumer confidence depends on the knowledge that producers are following all guidelines for proper management techniques.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Iowa Cattlemen's Association support the recommendations of the Beef Quality Assurance Committee and Programs in their continuing efforts to educate producers as to proper management techniques to assure continued production of safe and wholesome beef products.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Iowa Cattlemen's Association urge its members to adopt the proper BQA practices to assure consumers that beef is a safe product.

CP-ST-5

Beef Education Programs

2007

WHEREAS, accurate information concerning beef production is important, and

WHEREAS, the Iowa Cattlemen's Association and the Iowa Beef Industry Council have this information available for all age groups, and

WHEREAS, it is important to disseminate this information to youth, as well as adult, and

WHEREAS, the Iowa Cattlemen's Foundation's mission is to provide educational opportunities for Iowans in the cattle business.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Iowa Cattlemen's Association support the Iowa Beef Industry Council and the Iowa Cattlemen's Foundation and the Iowa Beef Center in their educational projects and programs as well as existing county volunteer efforts.

CP-ST-6

Iowa State University Beef Research and Extension

2010

WHEREAS, nearly 30,000 farms in Iowa have cattle, and cattle marketings generated \$2.9 billion in farm receipts in 2008, and

WHEREAS, virtually all of these cattle farms are family owned and operated, and

WHEREAS, climate and soil conditions are integral in developing and evaluating crop and cattle production systems, and

WHEREAS, Iowa is a diverse agricultural state and needs to maintain scientific research in the industry.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Iowa Cattlemen's Association strongly encourage Iowa State University to support the beef cattle research and extension program at Iowa State University.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Iowa State University shall maintain a network of outlying research farms to conduct applied research that reflects soil and climate conditions across the state.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Iowa Beef Center at Iowa State University continue to be responsible for extension education and delivery of research based information for Iowa cattle producers.

CP-ST-8

ISU Extension

2007

WHEREAS, agriculture is a high technology business and the largest industry in Iowa, and

WHEREAS, technology is constantly developing and changing, and

WHEREAS, Iowa State University Extension Service plays an important role in the adoption of developing technology from an unbiased position.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Iowa Cattlemen's Association support the continuation of the Iowa State University Extension Specialists to disseminate the adopted technology on a timely basis.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Iowa Cattlemen's Association urge that agriculture be given the highest priority possible in applied research and education efforts of Iowa State University.

CP-ST-11
2010

Environmental Management Education

WHEREAS, cattlemen need access to current environmental regulations and compliance requirements that are critical to alleviating pressures and concerns of special interest groups, and

WHEREAS, action of the Attorney General's office to prosecute violators under the criminal rather than civil section of the Iowa Code places these producers in jeopardy.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Iowa Cattlemen's Association continue to inform cattlemen on the regulations, resources and technology available to environmentally manage their cattle operations.

CP-ST-12
2007

Forage for Winter Livestock Systems

WHEREAS, the Iowa Cattlemen's Association recognized the importance of year-round utilization of forage to the cattle industry.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Iowa Cattlemen's Association request Iowa State University and other research institutions to place continued emphasis toward the breeding, development or introduction of forages that are acceptable for winter livestock systems.

CP-ST-14
2010

Tenderness Research

WHEREAS, the beef cattle industry nationwide and the Iowa cattle industry specifically have long recognized that the inability to identify tenderness in our end product has been a major factor in loss of market share.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Iowa Cattlemen's Association support increased, expanded and continued tenderness research in production and post-harvest practices.

CP-ST-18
2006

Feedlot Regulations

WHEREAS, EPA is making increased efforts to inspect feedlots and enforce regulations in Iowa and the surrounding states, and

WHEREAS, new proposals are being issued by EPA concerning regulations that affect the beef industry in Iowa, and

WHEREAS, these regulations directly affect the economics of feeding cattle in Iowa.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Iowa Cattlemen's Association work to insure that these regulations are based on sound scientific data.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Iowa Cattlemen's Association support environmental research by Iowa State University and other entities that may provide viable, economic solutions, to enhance producer compliance.

CP-ST-19
2007

Strategic Plan for College of Ag

WHEREAS, the College of Agriculture at Iowa State University is of critical importance to advancing the profitability of Iowa cattle producers, and

WHEREAS, the Animal Science Department, as well as other Departments of the College of Agriculture, provide significant information either directly to cattle producers or indirectly to producers through the Agricultural Extension Service.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Iowa Cattlemen's Association support the Iowa State University Strategic Plan, but also urge the retention of a balance of applied and basic science in disseminating information to the producers of Iowa.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Iowa Cattlemen's Association will continue to support a version of this Strategic Plan that supports the interest of Iowa cattle producers.

**CP-ST-20
2007**

NADC & NVSL Facility Funding

WHEREAS, the National Animal Disease Center & National Veterinary Science Laboratory located in Ames, Iowa, have a worldwide reputation for animal disease research, and

WHEREAS, the current National Animal Disease Center & National Veterinary Science Laboratory facilities are aged to the point that future research possibilities and bio-security measures will be limited, which will inhibit the safety and competitive position of the US livestock industry, and

WHEREAS, the National Animal Disease Center & National Veterinary Science Laboratory are cooperatively developing a master plan utilizing joint facilities and departmental cooperation which will result in more efficient research at a reduced cost.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Iowa Cattlemen's Association support the funding requests for the construction, remodeling and equipment needed to implement this master plan for a facility to be located in Ames, Iowa.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Iowa Cattlemen's Association work with other livestock organizations and agriculture groups to urge Congress to accelerate the funding for the master plan.

**CP-ST-21
2008**

ISU Facilities

WHEREAS, facility quality is critical to continued animal science activities at Iowa State University.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Iowa Cattlemen's Association strongly encourage the Governor of Iowa, Iowa Legislature and Board of Regents to give adequate funding to maintain and improve the Animal Science and Veterinary Medicine facilities at ISU.

**CP-ST-22
2008**

Credible Data Law

WHEREAS, waterways that have been placed on the 303d (impaired waters) list can cause restrictions to be placed on area farming practices, and

WHEREAS, the Iowa Legislature has passed the Credible Data Law so that waterways are not placed on this list unfairly.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Iowa Cattlemen's Association support the continued implementation of the Credible Data Law.

**CP-ST-27
2006**

Plant Science Initiative

WHEREAS, feedstuff and forage production is a critical segment of the beef industry in Iowa, and

WHEREAS, the Iowa State University Plant Science Initiative will be a multi-disciplinary project including corn, soybeans, forage plants and other plant species.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Iowa Cattlemen's Association support the Plant Science Initiative and work toward increasing the appropriation to the requested amount.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Iowa Cattlemen's Association strongly encourage an increase in the priority level of forage research.

CP-ST-28
2007

ISU Veterinary Diagnostic Lab Funding

WHEREAS, the Iowa State University College of Veterinary Medicine is one of the crucial links in evaluating and controlling livestock diseases in Iowa and education of food supply veterinarians, and

WHEREAS, the Iowa legislature appropriated \$1 million in recurring direct appropriation to the Iowa State University Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory (ISU VDL) in FY 2007 with intent language to increase this to \$2 million in FY 2008, \$3 million in FY 2009, and \$4 million in 2010 (House File 2540).

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Iowa Cattlemen's Association support implementation of the intent language as written and if possible moving toward full appropriation of the \$4 million in the current session.

CP-ST-29
2009

ISU Air Quality Study

WHEREAS, air quality and odor is a major limit in growing animal agriculture in Iowa, and

WHEREAS, there are technologies and management practices shown to be effective in reducing emissions from facilities and new ones are being developed.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Iowa Cattlemen's Association aggressively encourage ISU to continue scientific studies, held to accepted standards of agricultural research, of airborne emissions of all livestock and how they relate to public health.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Iowa Cattlemen's Association support legislation to fund on farm application and monitoring of proven and emerging technologies to improve air quality near livestock and poultry operations.

CP-ST-30
2009

Co-Product Livestock Diets

WHEREAS, the cattle industry is an important segment of the Iowa economy, and

WHEREAS, the ethanol industry provides an abundant feed co-product for the cattle industry, and

WHEREAS, additional research is needed to improve utilization, safety, impact on product quality and rapid test technology on feed characteristics of co-product for the cattle industry.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Iowa Cattlemen's Association support the continued research funding for utilizing co-products in the cattle industry.

CP-ST-31
2009

ISU Ag Experiment Station Funding

WHEREAS, the ISU Ag Experiment Station and ISU Extension have during the last few years received budget cuts, and

WHEREAS, the Iowa Legislature has during this time period mandated salary increases for staff in these areas without providing additional funding, and

WHEREAS, these budget shortfalls and constraints have forced the College of Agriculture at ISU to take drastic measures including closing research stations, discontinuing research projects and eliminating staff positions, and

WHEREAS, these funding shortfalls hinder ISU's position as a leading agricultural research institution.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Iowa Cattlemen's Association work aggressively with the Iowa Legislature to adequately restore funding for the ISU Experiment Station and ISU Extension for fiscal year 2010 and beyond.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Iowa Cattlemen's Association encourage the Iowa Legislature to discontinue its practice of mandating salary increases without supplying appropriate funding.

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Membership

WHEREAS, the Iowa Cattlemen's Association has approximately 9,500 members, and

WHEREAS, it is imperative that the Iowa beef industry have maximum representation in a national organization.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Membership Committee of the Iowa Cattlemen's Association encourage regular members of the Iowa Cattlemen's Association to become dues-paying members of the National Cattlemen's Beef Association and urge the Officers and Directors of the Iowa Cattlemen's Association to work toward that end.