

CATTLE PRODUCTION COMMITTEE 2017

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CP-CHWB-D-6 Iowa Livestock Health Advisory Council (ILHAC) Priorities (renewed 2017)

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

THEREFORE BE IT DIRECTED, the following are recommendations listed in order of most importance: Anaplasmosis, Digital Dermatitis (hairy heel wart), Trichomoniasis, Animal Well-being Issues, and BRD/Mycoplasma Bovis.

CP-CHWB-D-15 Verified Iowa Preconditioned Program (renewed 2017)

WHEREAS, we now have harvest facilities that are currently offering a premium for cattle enrolled in a U.S. Department of Agriculture 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 PVP that verifies age and source for export markets.

THEREFORE BE IT DIRECTED, the Iowa Cattlemen's Association, in cooperation with Iowa Veterinary Medical Association promote the VIPP and work to educate cattle industry stakeholders, with a letter, about the proper use of the program.

CP-CHWB-D-17 Iowa Ultrasound Taskforce Development (renewed 2017)

BE IT DIRECTED, the Iowa Cattlemen's Association and the appointed Ultrasound taskforce of veterinarians and producers collaborate with the Iowa Veterinary Medical Association, Iowa Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship, Iowa State University Department of Animal Science and College of Veterinary Medicine to proactively develop a reasonable and effective Iowa Reproductive Ultrasound Training and Certification Course for technicians to validate skill and accuracy levels of all those individuals providing ultrasound services to cattlemen.

CP-CHWB-D-18 Green/Gold Tag Task Force Development (renewed 2017)

BE IT DIRECTED, the Iowa Cattlemen's Association Board of Directors form a task force with members of the Iowa Livestock Marketing Association and the Iowa Veterinary Medical Association to look at revamping the current "preconditioned", "green tag" and/or "gold tag" labels being applied to feeder cattle sold in the state.

Particular emphasis should be placed on the weaning period for those calves and steps that can be taken to ensure the weaning period was followed before the release of the papers necessary to accompany the cattle.

CP-CHWB-27 Foreign Animal Disease Preparedness NEW

WHEREAS, US livestock producers face continual threat from common livestock diseases, as well as new threats from exotic foreign animal diseases and

WHEREAS, a foreign animal disease outbreak would devastate the beef cattle industry and

WHEREAS, rapid diagnosis, prompt movement restrictions, implementation of federal, state and local emergency management plans and indemnity programs can often forestall outbreaks of epidemic or quasiepidemic proportions and

WHEREAS, implementation of sound biosecurity measures on livestock operations can be an effective tool in preventing and mitigating livestock disease risks

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Iowa Cattlemen's Association request that USDA place a high priority on the development of improved and validated FMD vaccines, including funding for production of an adequate supply and surge capabilities of the vaccines

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Iowa Cattlemen's Association support mandatory Premise Identification registration with the Iowa Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship for all livestock facilities, provided that:

1. Information is kept confidential
2. Information is used only for animal health purposes including animal disease surveillance, control, and eradication and indemnification processes

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Iowa Cattlemen's Association works to educate the cattle industry on appropriate biosecurity practices and encourage producers, livestock haulers, feed companies, etc., to incorporate stronger biosecurity into their management practices
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Iowa Cattlemen's Association supports the development of rapid, practical diagnostic and surveillance tools for foreign animal diseases

CP-CHWB-18 Foreign Animal Disease Response (passed as amended)

WHEREAS, bioterrorism and agro-terrorism could result in a devastating problem for the livestock industry in Iowa through diseases such as Foot and Mouth Disease and others.
THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Iowa Cattlemen's Association fully supports and encourages state agencies and involved institutions to maintain an aggressive and coordinated response.
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, ICA encourage the coordination of the development of comprehensive federal, state and local emergency response plans, including the role of the Federal Emergency Management Agency and state counterparts.
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, ICA supports additional funding at the state level for animal disease preparedness.
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, ICA supports the work of the Center for Food Security and Public Health and the Secure Beef Supply Plan to further prepare the United States and Iowa for an animal disease outbreak.

CP-CHWB-24 Nationwide Cattle Identification (passed as amended)

WHEREAS, the Traceability for Livestock Moved Interstate rule was finalized in December of 2012 and took effect March 11, 2013, establishing official national identification; and documentation requirements for the traceability of livestock moving interstate and
WHEREAS, animal traceability would play a vital role in foreign animal disease response; and
WHEREAS, federal indemnity payments may require animal traceability in the future.
THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Iowa Cattlemen's Association work in partnership with other stakeholders towards developing a standardized and voluntary national cattle ID system.
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Iowa Cattlemen's Association monitor any amendments to the Iowa Code pertaining to animal movement and identification to ensure such changes remain acceptable to the Iowa cattle industry.
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Iowa Cattlemen's Association educate producers on the benefits of animal traceability.

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Replace CP-LCM-3 Mandatory Reporting (renewed as amended)

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

WHEREAS, Mandatory Price Reporting (MPR) is a valuable tool to allow participants in the beef industry to view historical price and volume data; and

WHEREAS, the negotiated transaction reported by MPR are used by some to price and formulate the value of cattle; and

WHEREAS, at times there are daily reports that have volumes that are too small to represent true price discovery;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Iowa Cattlemen's Association work to eliminate all daily fed cattle reports and compile all price and volume data into weekly reports

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the release of the weekly fed cattle reports be delayed at least one week.

CP-LCM-31 Chicago Mercantile Exchange (CME) Live Cattle Futures Contracts

(Interim from Summer 2016, amended Dec. 16)

WHEREAS, fed cattle futures provide an important risk management tool for Iowa cattlemen; and

WHEREAS, cattle feeding in Iowa continues to enjoy a resurgence because of ethanol co-products and feed availability.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,:

1. That ICA oppose any changes by the Chicago Mercantile Exchange (CME) that would adversely affect Iowa cattle feeders' ability to deliver on CME contracts;
2. That the CME allow heifers to be delivered to meet futures market obligations;
3. That the CME lower the weight spec on steers to 1500 lbs
4. That the CME increase the choice spec to 70%
5. That the CME increase the yield spec to 63%

6. That the CME continue the existence of the Worthing, South Dakota delivery point for CME Live Cattle futures contracts and reject any discounting of cattle delivered to the Worthing, South Dakota delivery point;
7. The CME add more delivery points for cattle on the Live Cattle Futures Contract;
8. The CME avoid creating a cash settled Live Cattle Futures Contract;
9. The CME increase transparency, level access to information, and transactions, and foster an environment that builds confidence in the ability to use the Live Cattle Futures Contract; and
10. That NCBA retain staff and budget resources to investigate and represent cattle industry issues to the CME;
11. The Iowa Cattlemen's Association work with NCBA to further explore a long demand option;
12. The Iowa Cattlemen's Association work with NCBA to further explore dynamic contract specifications for settlement.

CP-LCM-23 concentration/consolidation (renewed as amended)

WHEREAS, the Iowa cattlemen are very concerned about pending and future mergers, acquisitions and consolidation of agri-businesses; and

WHEREAS, beef packers currently are as concentrated as at any time in history; and

WHEREAS, a competitive market structure is needed to promote price discovery in the fed cattle market.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Iowa Cattlemen's Association and the National Cattlemen's Beef Association demand 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. U.S. Department of Agriculture and U.S. Department of Justice assure that:

1. No merger be allowed that would decrease competition for cattle or other commodity or reduce access; and
2. The fed cattle market is a fair and competitive market place with robust weekly participation by all packers.

CP-LCM-24 Interstate Highway Weight Limits (renewed)

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-44 Increasing Price Discovery (INTERIM FROM SUMMER 2016, amended and passed Dec. 16)

WHEREAS, the Iowa cattlemen who sell their cattle on the open market rely on competitive price discovery to get a fair price for their cattle; and

WHEREAS, most independent Iowa cattlemen wish to avoid vertical integration that is evident in the pork and poultry sectors; and

WHEREAS, the popularity of packer formula pricing based on the weighted average limits negotiations on the open market.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, ICA work with its membership as well as NCBA to require producers in all major cattle feeding regions to market 50% or more of their cattle on negotiated cash trade for their benefit as well as that of the beef industry.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, ICA and NCBA encourage members to utilize voluntary price reporting of fed cattle prices.

Science and Technology

CP-ST-8 Iowa State University Extension (renewed 2017)

CP-ST-28 Iowa State University Veterinary Diagnostic Lab Funding (passed as amended)

CP-ST-21 Iowa State University Facilities (passed as amended)

CP-ST-8 Iowa State University Extension (renewed 2017)

WHEREAS, agriculture is a highly technical 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, the Iowa Cattlemen's Association supports the continuation of the Iowa State University Extension Specialists to disseminate the adopted technology on a timely basis.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, 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-28 Iowa State University Veterinary Diagnostic Lab Funding (passed as amended)

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.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Iowa Cattlemen's Association support increased funding for the Iowa State University Veterinary Diagnostic Lab.

CP-ST-21 Iowa State University Facilities (passed as amended)

WHEREAS, facility quality is critical to continued animal science and veterinary medicine activities at Iowa State University (ISU); and

WHEREAS, a recent external peer review by the accreditation committee of the American Association of the Veterinary Laboratory Diagnosticians identified potentially serious concerns related to biosafety, biocontainment and adequacy of the amount of space to meet current and future need in diagnostic medicine at the Iowa State University Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory; and

WHEREAS, a professional needs assessment and program planning study for the Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory concluded a new \$100 million is needed.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, 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.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Iowa Cattlemen's Association strongly encourages the Governor of Iowa, Iowa Legislature and Board of Regents to fund building a new Iowa State University Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory.