



# Iowa Cattlemen's Association Mission

*ICA's mission is to "Grow Iowa's beef business through advocacy, leadership and education."*

## Strategic Priorities & Goals

The strategic priorities and the goals of each are:

### **Represent ICA Members**

Goal: Be the definitive voice of the Iowa beef industry.

### **Have a Legislative and Regulatory Presence**

Goal: Influence the outcome of government actions to the most positive outcome for cattle producers.

### **Support Leadership Development of Members**

Goal: Strengthen the leadership capacity of ICA members with a special emphasis on developing young leaders.

### **Provide Staff Support to County Affiliates**

Goal: Develop tools and training for county affiliates to effectively implement local activities.

### **Review Governance Structure**

Goal: Assure association governance is representative of members while maintaining effective and efficient operations.

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# ICA POLICY SETTING PROCESS

Policy input is gathered from producer members year-round through listening sessions, District Meetings and an annual survey. A Cow-Calf Council and Feedlot Council also provide input.

Twice a year, the Iowa Cattlemen's Association (ICA) Policy Committees meet to develop policy based on that input. All ICA members are invited to participate in policy discussion and vote at the Policy Committee Meetings.

Policies adopted in the summer committee meetings are taken to the ICA board, who has the authority to adopt interim policy when needed.

Policies adopted in the committee meetings are taken to the ICA Annual Meeting, which takes place in the winter. At the Annual Meeting, all members present are able to vote on the policies.

The ICA Board of Directors, Executive Committee and Staff are all guided by the policies adopted at the Annual Meeting. ICA policies provide the framework for these groups to enforce, improve or change legislation and programming to support Iowa's cattle producers throughout the year.

ICA presently has three standing policy committees, they are:

- Beef Products Committee
- Business Issues Committee
- Cattle Production Committee

Below is the contact information for Policy Committee Chairs.

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All Policies (Resolutions) shall remain in effect for five years. (Policies requiring review either need to be deleted or reinstated as a new Resolution.)

- Policies not expiring can be pulled for review during the ICA Annual Meeting.

All Directives shall remain in effect for only one year. (Directives requiring review either need to be deleted or reinstated as a new Directive.)

- Directives contain the letter "D" in their title. (Example: XX-XXX-D-X)

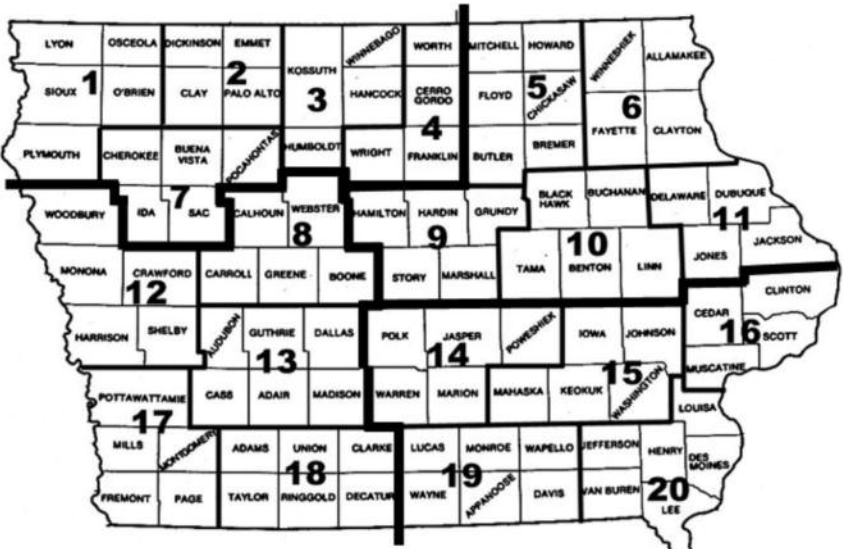
# IOWA CATTLEMEN'S ASSOCIATION BOARD CONTACTS

Producers have a voice in setting priorities and developing policy to support Iowa's cattle industry. ICA policies are developed at the ICA Annual Meeting and the policies are taken before the Iowa Legislature or the National Cattlemen's Beef Association Annual Convention. These policies result in new programs, laws or regulations that improve the state and national business climate for

the beef industry. ICA monitors many issues and programs and has been instrumental in developing new programs.

The ICA Board of Directors is made up of an Executive Committee, 20 District Directors and 11 Directors at Large. Feel free to contact them at anytime.

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# ASSOCIATION SERVICES

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### **Membership**

WHEREAS, the Iowa Cattlemen's Association has more than 10,000 members; and

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

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.

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

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, 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 with the inclusion of an NCBA membership option on future ICA membership form.

# BEEF PRODUCTS COMMITTEE

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## BEEF SAFETY

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### **BP-BS-1                      Research** **2014**

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, 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                      Beef Quality Assurance (BQA)** **2016**

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.

THEREFORE BE IT 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.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Iowa Cattlemen's Association continue to support the current beef checkoff-funded Beef Quality Assurance Program.

### **BP-BS-6                      Foodborne Pathogens** **2015**

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, the Iowa Cattlemen's Association supports meaningful research directed toward the identification and reduction of foodborne pathogens in beef animals.



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### **BP-BS-10                    Understanding the Food Chain & Quality Assurance Training**

**2016**

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

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, 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 producers as to proper management techniques to assure continued production of safe and wholesome beef product.

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

**2015**

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, the Iowa Cattlemen's Association supports food labeling and educational programs which inform consumers of the proper method of handling foods to avoid foodborne illness.

### **BP-BS-14                    Gold Tag Program Weaning Period**

**2015**

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

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

### **BP-BS-15                    Non-Ambulatory Cattle**

**2016**

WHEREAS, the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) 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, 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, the USDA should establish scientific criteria for a veterinarian to distinguish between recently injured cattle and diseased cattle.

### **BP-BS-16                    Irradiation**

**2014**

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, the Iowa Cattlemen's Association encourage the use of irradiation throughout the beef industry.

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### **BP-BS-17                      Preconditioned Cattle Sales** **2016**

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

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, 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. Contracts 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. 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.
7. Sales will be advertised to indicate approximate number of cattle and will be announced from the block if any optional vaccinations have been given.
8. 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, 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.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Iowa Cattlemen's Association work with the Iowa Veterinary Medical Association and Iowa Livestock Marketing Association to encourage their members to up hold all aspects of Iowa preconditioned calf sales.

### **BP-BS-18                      Beef Products Production Transparency** **2013**

WHEREAS, Consumers often have a lack of exposure and understanding on how beef products are produced; and

WHEREAS, this void of knowledge can lead to doubts or even worse, a sense that beef producers and processors are hiding something.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, The Iowa Cattlemen's Association supports transparency in beef production and processing intended to provide objective, honest, and factual information about modern beef production practices to influencers and consumers in general.

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### **BP-BS-19                      Beef Import Safety & Inspection** **2017**

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 of all Beef products produced domestically and imported; and

WHEREAS, the U.S. consumer deserves to know where beef is produced; and

WHEREAS, the U.S. is now importing beef from countries with known cases of Foot and Mouth disease; and

WHEREAS, it has been alleged that a minimal percentage of imported beef is inspected by USDA.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Iowa Cattlemen's Association encourage the National Cattlemen's Beef Association to work with USDA to enforce the same inspection rules on imported beef that are currently being used on U.S. produced beef.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that all imported beef inspected by the USDA have a certification that identifies the product as imported beef.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the USDA ensures that imported beef is certified free of foreign disease at port of origin.

## **GLOBAL CONSUMER MARKETING**

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### **BP-GCM-1                      World Trade** **2015**

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

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Iowa Cattlemen's Association supports and encourage the activities and efforts of the United States Meat Export Federation to research markets.

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

### **BP-GCM-7                      U.S. Meat Export Federation** **2017**

WHEREAS, the United States Meat Export Federation (USMEF) program has been successful in increasing U.S. beef exports.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Iowa Cattlemen's Association and the Iowa Beef Industry Council continue to support the efforts of the USMEF.

### **BP-GCM-10                      Small Processor, Differentiated Consumer** **& Local Foods Systems Markets**

**2014**

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

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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, the Iowa Cattlemen's Association supports 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 2014**

WHEREAS, international markets for beef can have a positive impact on U.S. beef production; and

WHEREAS, import quotas and non-tariff trade barriers restrict access of U.S. beef products into many foreign markets.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Iowa Cattlemen's Association continues 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.

### **BP-GCM-27                      Export Assistance Funding 2017**

WHEREAS, the United States Meat Export Federation (USMEF) has received substantial financial assistance per year in export assistance; and

WHEREAS, the Market Access Program (MAP) and its predecessor programs dating back to 1987 have provided the USMEF a source of additional funding to expand U.S. beef exports to over 80 nations.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Iowa Cattlemen's Association supports 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-34                      Repeal of Mandatory Country of Origin Labeling 2016**

WHEREAS, mandatory Country of Origin Labeling (COOL) on meat products has been implemented in the U.S.; and

WHEREAS, there are concerns that the current COOL policy has been challenged by World Trade Organization members and major trading partners of U.S. beef.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Iowa Cattlemen's Association support full repeal of the current Mandatory Country of Origin Labeling legislation.

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### **BP-GCM-35                      Support for Iowa Beef Checkoff Fund 2017**

WHEREAS, the Iowa Beef Checkoff has been reinstated by a referendum majority vote by Iowa cattle producers as per Iowa Code Chapter 181; and

WHEREAS, the Iowa Cattlemen's Association compiled industry input used to update Iowa Code Chapter 181; and

WHEREAS, the Iowa Cattlemen's Association membership and other industry input was used throughout the process from the fulfillment of a producer petition to the completion of a vote.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Iowa Cattlemen's Association continue to provide support and input to the Iowa Beef Industry Council to ensure funds derived from the assessment are utilized fully for the betterment, success and sustainability of Iowa's beef industry and its producers.

### **BP-GCM-36                      Usage of Iowa Beef Checkoff Funding 2017**

WHEREAS Iowa Beef Checkoff funds can be used more flexibly to support and enhance Iowa's beef business outside the scope of National Beef Checkoff funding; and

WHEREAS Iowa producers have indicated favorable support toward utilizing funds more strategically for Iowa beef industry targeted needs.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Iowa Cattlemen's Association continue to identify industry resource needs.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, THE Iowa Cattlemen's Association work with the Iowa Beef Industry Council for the betterment of Iowa's beef industry.

## **NUTRITION, HEALTH & INFORMATION**

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### **BP-NHI-4                      Beef Team 2017**

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 RESOLVED, 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 RESOLVED, the Iowa Cattlemen's Association recommends 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 RESOLVED, all County Beef Queens would be eligible to apply for these scholarship awards along with Youth Beef Team trainees as defined above.

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### **BP-NHI-10                      National Beef Checkoff Program 2016**

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 checkoff program; and

WHEREAS, the Beef Promotion and Research Board has passed guidelines intended to clarify the Federal Act and Order; and

WHEREAS, caution needs to be exercised by the Beef Promotion and Research Board to further define the use of the federal beef checkoff program.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, 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 eliminate the rights of the state beef councils given them in the Beef Promotion and Research Act.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Iowa Cattlemen's Association support changes in the Act and Order that allow beef producers an organized way to vote on checkoff increase.

### **BP-NHI-11                      Food Safety 2015**

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, the beef industry supports and take part in a Iowa's 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.

### **BP-NHI-12                      Public Education 2015**

WHEREAS, information regarding the cattle industry's effects on the environment and other pertinent information concerning food safety, human safety, etc. is often misstated through electronic, digital, and print media, and has a negative impact on the cattle industry; and

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

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Iowa Cattlemen's Association utilize all materials and publications available and applicable to increase public awareness on the benefits of the cattle industry has concerning the environment, wholesomeness and availability of our food supply, and human health.

**BP-NHI-13                      Lean Beef in Nutritional Programs  
2014**

WHEREAS, dietary guidelines for school lunches and other public nutrition programs are being re-evaluated by public agencies.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, 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                      Public News Releases  
2015**

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, 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; further pledge the assistance of the Association toward this end and encourage the National Cattlemen's Beef Association to do the same.

**BP-NHI-15                      Health/Obesity  
2015**

WHEREAS, the prevalence of American obesity threatens the health of both adults and children; 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, 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.

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## AGRICULTURE POLICY

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### **BI-AP-D-5                      Supporting Curriculum for Iowa's Beef Industry Employees**

**2017**

WHEREAS, the state of Iowa has an outstanding system of community colleges and post-secondary Schools that have agriculture or animal science programs to properly train students to enter the workforce.

THEREFORE, BE IT DIRECTED, that the Iowa Cattlemen's Association collaborate with the state's community colleges and post-secondary agriculture schools to develop curriculum and course outcomes that properly train students through hands-on experiences for a profession in the beef industry.

### **BI-AP-1                      Support Forage Experiments**

**2013**

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

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

### **BI-AP-2                      Dairy Policy**

**2013**

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, 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                      Compulsory Union Membership**

**2014**

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

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, 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 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.

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### **BI-AP-9                      Federal Grazing Fees 2016**

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 re-assessment of grazing fee formulas.

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

### **BI-AP-10                     Disaster Assistance 2017**

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

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

### **BI-AP-11                     Loss of Market Competition 2014**

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, 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-13                     Hunting Access 2014**

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, 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 2014**

WHEREAS, Iowa's beef industry is competing for pasture ground with government programs;

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

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### **BI-AP-15                      Definition of Crop 2014**

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, the Iowa Cattlemen's Association supports the definition of crops to include harvested residue.

### **BI-AP-24                      Cattlemen Serving as Local Leaders 2017**

WHEREAS, involvement in farm program administration is important.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, 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                      Right-of-Way Fencing 2013**

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, the Iowa Cattlemen's Association work to encourage these entities to repair and maintain these fences.

### **BI-AP-27                      Farm Programs 2016**

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.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Iowa Cattlemen's Association provide the following recommendations to Congress and the U.S. Department of Agriculture for formulating and administering future farm policies:

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 term 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.

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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; however balancing the federal budget with proportionate cuts in spending should not be accomplished at the expense of the cattle industry and agriculture.
10. We endorse efforts to reduce the real interest rates for agriculture.
11. Future farm legislation should be announced in accordance with the September 15 statutory deadline.
12. 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.
13. Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) rental rates should reflect private sector pasture rental rates and should not be on the leading edge of these rates.
14. Field borders with an Erodibility Index greater than 15 and agricultural drainage wells should be eligible for inclusion as conservation practices in the continuous sign-up of land in the CRP.
15. Allow managed haying and grazing and 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.
16. A minimum of 60% of the Environmental Quality Incentives Program funds be spent on livestock conservation and incentive production projects on a federal basis.
17. Allow managed grazing on land that is enrolled in continuous sign-up of CRP under the provisions outlined in the Conservation Reserve Program.

### **BI-AP-29 2015**

### **Regents Funding**

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, Iowa citizens depend on the Iowa Department of Agriculture and

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Land Stewardship (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, 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.

### **BI-AP-31                      Iowa Fence Law** **2017**

WHEREAS, the Iowa Cattlemen's Association supports the current Iowa fence law.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that landowners should be encouraged to reach a written agreement regarding their border fences and file them with the county recorder.

### **BI-AP-32                      Nutrient Plan Exemption for Solid Cattle Manure** **2013**

WHEREAS, livestock confinements with dry manure have an exemption under Iowa Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship Administrative Rule 200A and can sell their manure to a licensed fertilizer dealer.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Iowa Cattlemen's Association work toward a similar exemption for open feedlot cattle manure.

### **BI-AP-33                      Iowa State University Support** **2016**

WHEREAS, the Iowa State University College of Agriculture and Life Sciences and College of Veterinary Medicine recognize the importance of future science and technology needs for animal agriculture; and

WHEREAS, the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences (including the Animal Science Department) and College of Veterinary Medicine have asked for industry partners to develop strategies for identifying and funding these critical technologies.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Iowa Cattlemen's Association support and encourage efforts to secure sufficient funding at Iowa State University to help strengthen sustainability for Iowa's beef cattle industry.

## **PUBLIC/PRIVATE LANDS & ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT**

### **BI-PPLEM-3                      Taking Private Property** **2014**

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, 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.

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the taking of a person's property or restriction of use by regulation shall be justly compensated.

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

### **BI-PPLEM-4 Criminal Trespass Law 2013**

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

### **BI-PPLEM-5 Underground Water Supplies 2014**

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, 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, 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, the Iowa Cattlemen's Association supports 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 Separation Distances 2014**

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, 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 Endangered Species 2015**

WHEREAS, the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) endangered species

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protection program places unwarranted and potentially devastating restrictions on the cattle industry and all agriculture.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Iowa Cattlemen's Association supports 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 U.S. 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      Land Use 2016**

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, land suitable for the grazing of livestock be deemed agricultural land worthy of preservation and that grazing be given preference over recreational and/or urban uses.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, public lands be subject to the same laws, rules and regulations as privately-owned lands.

### **BI-PPLEM-13      Environment and Property Rights Representation**

**2017**

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, 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.



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### **BI-PPLEM-14      Soil Conservation** **2017**

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

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, 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-18      Land Acquisition** **2014**

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 needs 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, 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

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- 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. Utilize expertise of DNR, ISU Extension, NRCS, FSA, U.S. 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, 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-22            Resource Enhancement and Protection (REAP) Congress**

**2017**

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, 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 2015**

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, the Iowa Cattlemen's Association supports the continuation of the zoning exemption for agricultural purposes as contained in Chapter 335 of the Iowa Code.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, agricultural purposes be determined by definition

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contained in Chapter 701.71(3) of the Iowa Administrative Code.

### **BI-PPLEM-31 Iowa Slough Bill 2017**

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, 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 2016**

WHEREAS, managed grazing on public or private lands can both enhance the wildlife carrying potential of the land and allow for expansion of the cattle industry.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Iowa Cattlemen's Association support the implementation of managed grazing projects between public agencies and private cattle producers, in a feasible and practical manner for all parties.

### **BI-PPLEM-36 Livestock Feeding Regulations 2016**

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, Iowa has a substantial portion of our nation's prime farmland and the ability to add value to the crops produced on that land through a thriving cattle industry which is vital to Iowa's economic success; and

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

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, 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.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Iowa Cattlemen's Association encourage environmental research by Iowa State University and other entities that will provide viable economic solutions.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Iowa Cattlemen's Association shall work closely with the DNR to further develop alternative technologies to enhance, and improve water quality at livestock operations.

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### **BI-PPLEM-37 Environmental Planning**

**2013**

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, 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**

**2013**

WHEREAS, clean water is important to everyone including Iowa's Beef Industry; and

WHEREAS, civil and criminal penalties are necessary to help ensure compliance.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Iowa Cattlemen's Association work with the Iowa Legislature, EPA, and DNR to identify and deter intentional and repetitive violators

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that accidental manure spills be no more than a civil penalty.

### **BI-PPLEM-40 Wetland Definition**

**2014**

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, the Iowa Cattlemen's Association supports 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**

**2014**

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, 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**

**2017**

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

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

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

### **BI-PPLEM-46      Non-Point Source Pollution** **2013**

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

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, 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** **2013**

WHEREAS, clean water and air are essential to the health and well-being 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, 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, Iowa environmental quality protection standards and regulations be established at the state level.

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

### **BI-PPLEM-48      Nuisance Lawsuits** **2017**

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

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from nuisance lawsuits; and

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

WHEREAS, anonymous reporting of feedlots' alleged violations occur without any accountability to the reporter and causes considerable inconvenience and cost to feedlot operators, many times without justification to the reported event.

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

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Iowa Cattlemen's Association supports changes to the Iowa Code to provide protection for the Iowa cattle producers from anonymous reporting of alleged violations.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, 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 2013**

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, the Iowa Cattlemen's Association encourage the Iowa Department of Natural Resources and Iowa Department of Transportation to enforce and carry out proper disposal of wildlife carcasses.

### **BI-PPLEM-50 Clean Air 2015**

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 RESOLVED, that the Iowa Cattlemen's Association supports and encourages national and state committees and farm groups working together to achieve such standards based on sound science.

### **BI-PPLEM-51 Nutrient Reduction Strategy 2016**

WHEREAS, a voluntary strategy to reduce nutrient escape has been developed by the Iowa Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship, Iowa Department of Natural Resources, and Iowa State University for the state of Iowa.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Iowa Cattlemen's Association support and encourage voluntary efforts to reduce nutrient escape in order to maintain and improve water quality in the state of Iowa and Gulf of Mexico.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Iowa Cattlemen's Association support funding through the state legislature for cost-share initiatives, educational outreach, and water quality projects that are available to producers to reduce nutrient escape.

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### **BI-PPLEM-52            Unmanned Aerial Vehicle (UAV) Use 2016**

WHEREAS, the public and private use of Unmanned Aerial Vehicles (UAV) in society will continue to intensify; and

WHEREAS, this technology has the capability to infringe upon private property rights.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Iowa Cattlemen's Association supports the development and integration of UAV technology in our state, provided this technology does not infringe on private property rights.

### **BI-PPLEM-53            Land and Water Stewardship 2016**

WHEREAS, the Iowa Cattlemen's Association supports the protection of private property rights and our state's natural resources through provisions of the Clean Water Act as it was written by Congress and has been interpreted by the Supreme Court.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Iowa Cattlemen's Association oppose current rulings by the Environmental Protection Agency to define Waters of the United States and the Des Moines Water Works litigation as it could impose burdensome mandates on our members and all of the agricultural community.

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### **BI-TF-3                    Balanced Budget 2017**

BE IT RESOLVED, the Iowa Cattlemen's Association supports 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, as Iowa moves to be more fiscally responsible with our tax dollars, the Iowa Cattlemen's Association supports exhausting all existing financial resources before passing any tax increases.

### **BI-TF-7                    Job Creation 2014**

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.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Iowa Cattlemen's Association supports further processing of farm products.

### **BI-TF-9                    School and Bond Issues 2013**

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

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Iowa Cattlemen's Association supports

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retention of the current 60 percent approval requirement.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Iowa Cattlemen's Association supports 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-13                      Property Tax Exemption for Pollution Control Systems**

**2014**

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

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

### **BI-TF-15                      Foot and Mouth Disease Indemnity Fund**

**2017**

WHEREAS, the federal government has an indemnity fund to pay producers for their livestock in the event of an Foot and Mouth Disease (FMD) outbreak in the U.S.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, 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**

**2013**

WHEREAS, the Road Use Tax Fund is constitutionally protected to repair and maintain Iowa's roads and bridges; and

WHEREAS, the Road Use Tax Funds are distributed according to a state mandated formula.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Iowa Cattlemen's Association opposes any changes to the formula that would jeopardize funding for use on rural Iowa road and bridge infrastructure.

### **BI-TF-20                      Incentives for Livestock Facilities**

**2014**

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, 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.



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### **BI-TF-23                      Unemployment Compensation** **2016**

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

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

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

### **BI-TF-30                      Livestock Production Incentive Refund** **2014**

WHEREAS, animal agriculture is essential to Iowa's economy.

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, the Iowa Cattlemen's Association supports 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, 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                      Agricultural Tax Credit** **2016**

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

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

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

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

### **BI-TF-32                      Social Security Exemption on** **Cooperative Dividends**

**2016**

WHEREAS, corporate entities and inactive farmers are not subject to social se-

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curity 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 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, 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 2015**

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, the Iowa Cattlemen’s Association supports legislation that would alter the property tax exemption on Woodland 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                      Federal Estate Tax 2017**

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 estate tax laws have not kept pace with inflation.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, ICA:

- Support, first and foremost, full and permanent repeal of the Estate Tax,
- Oppose any proposal to increase the gift or estate tax liability of farmers and ranchers,
- Oppose any proposal to repeal the stepped-up basis provisions not tied to repeal of the estate tax, and
- Support passage of estate and gift tax legislation which will eliminate or significantly reduce the burden of estate and gift taxes on family farms, ranches, and small businesses.

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, in absence of a full and permanent repeal, any potential exemption level be indexed to inflation going forward.

### **BI-TF-35                      Gift Exemption 2013**

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, the Iowa Cattlemen's Association supports and encourages the National Cattlemen's Beef Association to support raising the annual gift exemption and once raised, that the increase be indexed to inflation for the future.

### **BI-TF-36                      Renewable Fuels and Co-Products 2013**

WHEREAS, the production of renewable fuels and their co-products in the state of Iowa is beneficial to the Iowa cattle industry.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Iowa Cattlemen's Association supports renewable fuels production and legislation that promotes growth in renewable energy and supports initiatives which maximize access to co-products for Iowa's cattle industry.

### **BI-TF-37                      Capital Gains 2013**

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, the Iowa Cattlemen's Association supports the reduction of federal and state capital gains taxes on farmland and livestock.

### **BI-TF-38                      Fuel Taxes and Pickup License Fees 2013**

WHEREAS, the Iowa State Legislature is looking for ways to improve Iowa transportation infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, the Iowa Cattlemen's Association recognizes that rural Iowa road infrastructure is in need of repair and maintenance; and

WHEREAS, the Iowa Cattlemen's Association recognizes additional resources are necessary to complete such repairs and maintenance.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Iowa Cattlemen's Association supports efforts that increase funding for rural road infrastructure and state and county funds collected be used for their intended purpose.

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2017**

### **Agricultural Property Tax Adjustment**

WHEREAS, within the State of Iowa there has developed an unfair disparity in the calculation and adjustment process in the establishing of agricultural property assessed values which are the foundation for property taxes.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Iowa Cattlemen's Association supports value calculations that include the use of the property in the formula and assesses all agriculture property on a uniform and equitable level playing field across the State of Iowa.

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### **CP-CHWB-D-6 Iowa Livestock Health Advisory Council (ILHAC) Priorities**

**2017**

WHEREAS, beef representatives on the Iowa Livestock Health Advisory Council (ILHAC) 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**

**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**

**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**

**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.

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### **CP-CHWB-2            Brucellosis Vaccination**

**2014**

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, the Iowa Cattlemen's Association supports continued brucellosis calfhood vaccination and accompanying state funding.

### **CP-CHWB-7            Iowa Livestock Health Advisory Council**

**2014**

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

WHEREAS, ILHAC funding has remained flat since established in 1977 through 2013.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Iowa Cattlemen's Association supports increased funding for ILHAC.

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

### **CP-CHWB-9            Ultrasound, Bovine Fetal Aging, Carcass Measurement and Embryo Transfer Technicians**

**2015**

WHEREAS, the beef cow-calf and registered seedstock industry segments are an important and significant part of 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, the Iowa Cattlemen's Association Ultrasound Task Force continue their efforts to reach agreement providing for a practical solution to this issue with the Iowa Board of Veterinary Medicine and Iowa Veterinary Medical Association (IVMA) 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.

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Iowa Cattlemen's Association work with the Iowa Board of Veterinary Medicine, IVMA, ISU Dept. of Animal Science, ISU Veterinary College, and the Iowa Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship 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, the Iowa Cattlemen's Association 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, if any proposed regulation changes for 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 Iowa Cattlemen's Association 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      Humane Animal Practices 2016**

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

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Iowa Cattlemen's Association pursue opportunities to educate the citizens of Iowa regarding the humane practices which Iowa cattlemen use to ensure the welfare, safety, and good health of their cattle.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Iowa Cattlemen's Association support individual cattlemen who observe animals in need of assistance and/or contact individuals or organization to provide such assistance.

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 assist in providing for the sale or harvest of said cattle.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Iowa Cattlemen's Association encourage prosecution of individuals or organizations that trespass or gain employment in animal production operations to collect information to use in a negative manner.

### **CP-CHWB-16      Iowa Beef Center 2016**

WHEREAS, the Iowa Legislature has provided funds for the establishment of the Iowa Beef Center.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, 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, the Iowa Cattlemen's Association support increased appropriations for the Iowa Beef Center.



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### **CP-CHWB-18 Foreign Animal Disease Response 2017**

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-20 Judicious Antimicrobial Use 2013**

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, the Iowa Cattlemen's Association advocate the judicious 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, cattle producers should strive to limit the need for antimicrobial use through sound husbandry and preventative practices.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Iowa Cattlemen's Association call for ongoing continuing education for both producers and veterinarians in the area of judicious antimicrobial use.

### **CP-CHWB-24 Nationwide Cattle Identification 2017**

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.

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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.

### **CP-CHWB-26      Trichomoniasis Testing 2015**

WHEREAS, Trichomoniasis is a devastating disease for cow/calf operators upon which there is currently no treatment post-diagnosis; and

WHEREAS, the disease has been detected in Iowa herds across the state; and

WHEREAS, other states with significant cow/calf herds have mandated mandatory testing.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Iowa Cattlemen's Association and the appointed Trichomoniasis task force of veterinarians and producers collaborate with the Iowa Veterinarian Medical Association and Iowa Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship State Veterinarian to monitor a testing protocol which is economical, efficient, and protects Iowa cattle herds.

### **CP-CHWB-27      Foreign Animal Disease Preparedness 2017**

WHEREAS, U.S. 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

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Iowa Cattlemen's Association supports the development of rapid, practical diagnostic and surveillance tools for foreign animal diseases.

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#### **CP-LCM-3                      Mandatory Reporting 2017**

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-4                      Instrument Evaluation 2013**

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, the Iowa Cattlemen's Association supports the implementation of an instrument recording system and assure producer access to the data.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, 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                      Seafood, Meat and Poultry Inspection 2016**

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 regulatory and administrative

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services at the federal level.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, 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, all meat inspection and labeling programs should be under the authority and jurisdiction of the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

### **CP-LCM-7                      Humane Harvest Practices** **2016**

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, 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** **2013**

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

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Iowa Cattlemen's Association supports and encourages efforts to improve our rail systems.

### **CP-LCM-23                     Concentration/Consolidation** **2017**

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 as-

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sure 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 2017**

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 2013**

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

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

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

### **CP-LCM-31 Chicago Mercantile Exchange (CME) Futures Contracts**

**2017**

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;

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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-36            Horse Slaughter** **2016**

WHEREAS, the method of euthanasia employed by processing facilities that harvest horses is a humane procedure; 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, 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, Iowa Cattlemen's Association support the right of horse owners to ethically and humanely dispose of horses, and oppose legislation that could potentially hinder future efforts to dispose of horses.

### **CP-LCM-37            Value Markets** **2013**

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, the Iowa Cattlemen's Association strongly encourages 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            Harmony in Beef Promotion** **2013**

WHEREAS, the Iowa Cattlemen's Association has supported and does support

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alternative beef markets such as all natural, implant free, humanely treated, antibiotic free, etc.

WHEREAS, the absence of health-enhancing and performance-improving technologies such as implants, beta agonists, antimicrobials does not improve beef safety and wholesomeness.

And WHEREAS, certain niche beef marketing programs have promoted their products as safer or more healthful than conventionally produced beef.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Iowa Cattlemen's Association work cooperatively with all beef marketers to eliminate beef advertising which promotes niche beef products favorably, while also implying that conventionally fed beef is less safe or wholesome for consumers.

### **CP-LCM-42 Chicago Mercantile Exchange (CME) Feeder Cattle Index**

#### **2016**

WHEREAS, the Chicago Mercantile Exchange (CME) feeder cattle contract is often used as vehicle to aid in price discovery of the cash feeder cattle market, and;

WHEREAS, the CME feeder cattle contract is a cash settled contract, and;

WHEREAS, the cash feeder cattle market index acts as an objective target for the CME feeder cattle contract to settle to, and;

WHEREAS, the current index composition lists a number of exclusions based upon body and/or flesh condition in addition to breed type, and;

WHEREAS, Iowa Cattlemen feels the index may not be fully representative of the cash market.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Iowa Cattlemen's Association encourages the U.S. Department of Agriculture to eliminate all exclusions due to condition and include all cash sales of feeder cattle which are predominately of beef breeding in the calculations to determine the feeder cattle index.

BE IF FURTHER RESOLVED, Iowa supports using statistical analysis to exclude market outliers and reduce index volatility.

### **CP-LCM-43 State Funding for Feeder Cattle Price Reporting Program**

#### **2016**

WHEREAS, Iowa Cattlemen members in numerous segments of the industry find the information provided through U.S. Department of Agriculture's Iowa feeder cattle price reporting program to be a valuable decision making tool; and

WHEREAS, price and volume data published through the program is essential to the calculation of the "cash index price" which is used for cash settlement of the Chicago Mercantile Exchange Feeder Cattle futures contract; and

WHEREAS, the federal and private funding that is allowing the program to continue operating was intended to be temporary financial support to allow the program to operate until state funding is restored.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Iowa Cattlemen's Association shall continue to support state funding for the feeder cattle price reporting program.

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### **CP-LCM-44                    Increasing Price Discovery 2017**

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.

### **CP-LCM-45                    Standards of Delivery 2017**

WHEREAS, currently producers are forced by buyers to hold purchased cattle for three or more weeks; and

WHEREAS, the packer is using purchased cash negotiated cattle as captive supply.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, Iowa producers should not agree to cash negotiated cattle sales further than two trading weeks out.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, if cattle are held past the agreed two weeks, the buyer will pay a fee of \$3 or more per head per day.

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### **CP-ST-3                      Beef Quality Assurance (BQA) 2015**

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, the Iowa Cattlemen's Association supports the recommendations of the Beef Quality Assurance (BQA) 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, the Iowa Cattlemen's Association urge its members to adopt the proper BQA practices to assure consumers that beef is a safe product.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the Iowa Cattlemen's Association encourage meat processors to utilize the BQA program as a foundation for developing animal welfare audit and evaluation programs.



**CP-ST-6**

**Iowa State University Beef Research  
and Extension**

**2015**

WHEREAS, the Iowa cattle industry generated \$3.85 billion in farm receipts in 2012; and

WHEREAS, virtually all Iowa cattle farms are family owned and operated (98%); 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, 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, 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, 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**

**Iowa State University Extension**

**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-11**

**Environmental Management Education**

**2015**

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

**CP-ST-14                      Tenderness Research  
2015**

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, the Iowa Cattlemen's Association supports increased, expanded and continued tenderness research in production and post-harvest practices.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Iowa Cattlemen's Association encourages the marketing of USDA verified tender product.

**CP-ST-21                      Iowa State University Facilities  
2017**

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.

**CP-ST-28                      Iowa State University Veterinary  
Diagnostic Lab Funding**

**2017**

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-30                      Co-Product in Livestock Diets  
2014**

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, the Iowa Cattlemen's Association supports the continued research funding for utilizing co-products in the cattle industry.

**CP-ST-31                      Iowa State University Agriculture  
Experiment Station Funding**

**2014**

WHEREAS, animal agriculture is important to Iowa's economy; and

WHEREAS, the development and adoption of technologies are necessary for Iowa's beef industry to stay competitive; and

WHEREAS, increased budgets for Iowa State University (ISU) Ag Experiment Station and ISU Extension are necessary to accomplish research necessary to improve the beef industry; and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Iowa Cattlemen's Association work aggressively with the Iowa Legislature to increase funding for animal agriculture research for the ISU Experiment Station and ISU Extension for fiscal year 2014 and beyond.

**CP-ST-32                      Beef Quality Assurance Auditing**

**2014**

WHEREAS, the industry is moving towards third party audited systems that potentially could have varying audit points; and

WHEREAS, beef producers are expected to keep written records for the audit process and cannot be tied to multiple record systems.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that ICA should work towards utilizing the current Beef Quality Assurance program as the accepted record keeping for such third party audits.

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An Iowa legislator is someone who has many roles -- lawmaker, a representative of constituents' interests, and an overseer of state citizen interests.

Their job is defined as:

## Lawmaking

- Proposing, studying, discussing and voting on legislation
- Appropriating money to state agencies and programs
- Creating, eliminating and modifying Iowa laws and programs

## Representing

- Serving constituents living in each district
- Functioning as a liaison between citizens and Iowa government

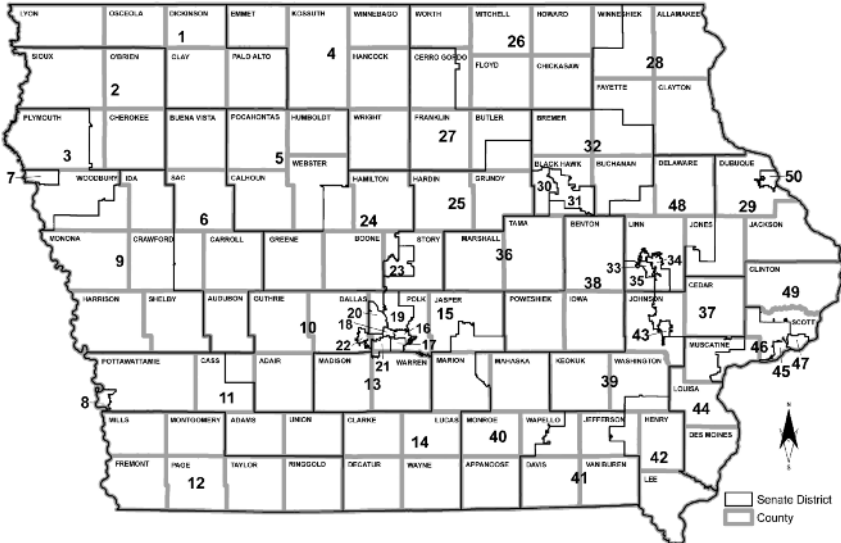
## Evaluating

- Overseeing the work of departments and agencies funded by the Legislature
- Ensuring that laws are being carried out according to legislative intent
- Confirming the Governor's appointments and responding to vetoes

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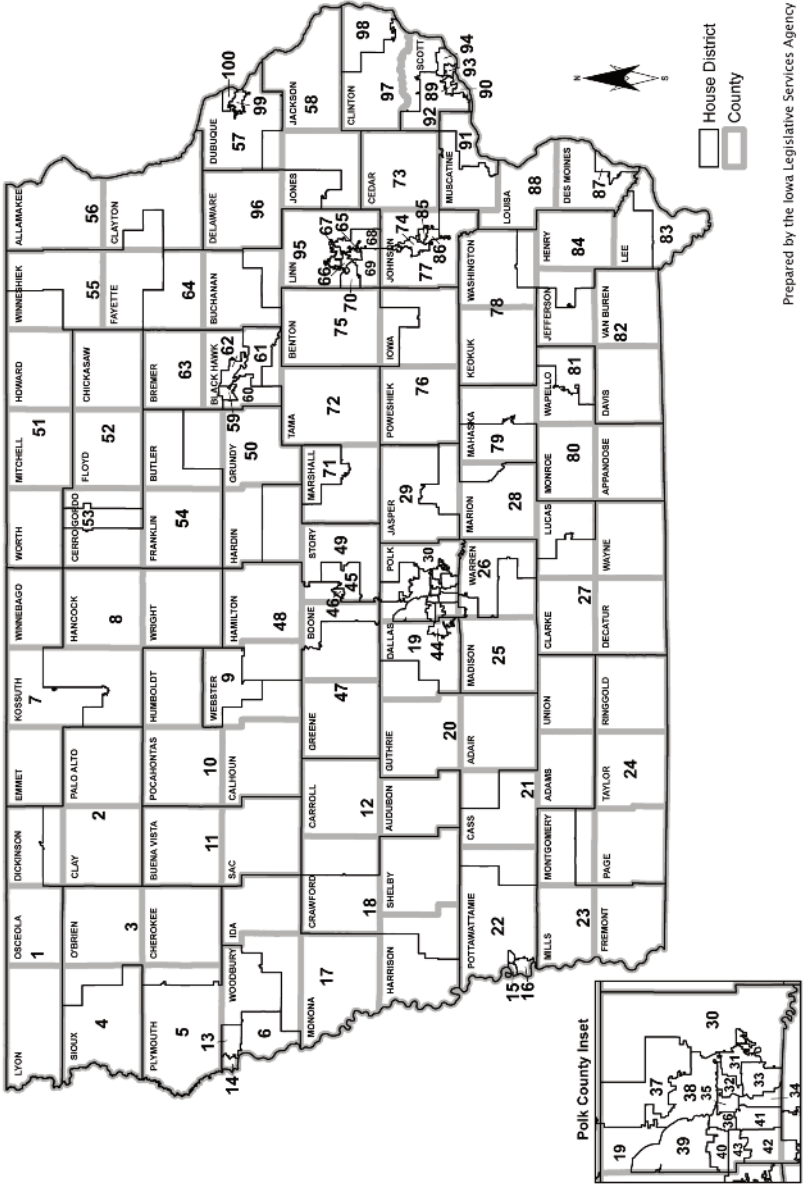
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