



# 2025 STATE POLICY PRIORITIES

REPRESENTING NEARLY **8,000 MEMBERS** ACROSS THE STATE OF IOWA

## HERD HEALTH

### Foreign Animal Disease Preparedness

We support the development of a traceability system that works for producers, mitigates risk for farm businesses, and safeguards the beef supply chain during a disease outbreak.

Additionally, we support funding for Foreign Animal Disease (FAD) vaccine development and FAD outbreak preparedness.

### Animal Health and Well-Being

Farmers and ranchers are concerned with the welfare of livestock and recognize that good animal health, care, production, and handling practices are essential to efficient and profitable production. We oppose efforts by other states to impose standards or conditions related to animal husbandry or welfare.

We support the use of any approved and regulated vaccine technology that protects and/or improves the health and well-being of beef cattle. Additionally, we support protecting the use of animal health tools to combat disease in Iowa's cattle herd.

## CONSERVATION & SUSTAINABILITY

As the original stewards of the land, cattle producers have proven their dedication to protecting and preserving our natural resources. We affirm this longstanding commitment, and will continue to:

- Encourage use of voluntary, evidence-based conservation practices to enhance soil health, reduce nutrient escape, and improve water quality;
- Promote the value of incorporating managed livestock grazing on more acres throughout the state;
- Combat burdensome overreach at the local, state, and federal levels with regard to regulating livestock barns, changes to the Master Matrix, and county-specific ordinances; and
- Oppose the regulation of greenhouse gases in the cattle industry.

## RESEARCH & PROGRAMMING

We support the designation of funds for Iowa State University and the Iowa Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship for the advancement of Iowa's agriculture industry and the next generation of farmers.

## PROTECT PROPERTY RIGHTS

The livelihoods of cattle producers in Iowa depend on the land. We will fight to protect private property rights, and oppose the use of eminent domain.

- Discouraging the purchase or acquisition of agricultural land by the government;
- Prioritizing the preservation of agricultural land for grazing and livestock production; and
- Upholding Iowa's fence law.

## TAX & FINANCE

- We will counter detrimental tax policy proposals that limit the ability of Iowa cattlemen to stay in business or pass on their legacies to the next generation of producers.
- We oppose the use of greenhouse gas emissions targets (regulating Scope 3 emissions) to determine bank lending rates for farmers and ranchers.
- We support reducing or eliminating the property tax exemption on Fruit Tree/Forest Reserve, Wetlands Reserve, Native Prairie and Iowa Slough Bill lands, such that Iowa's cattle industry does not unfairly and disproportionately carry the tax burden.

## PROCESSING & LABELING

- Advocating for increased competition and processing capacity in the beef meatpacking sector, particularly in Iowa;
- Promoting fair and accurate labeling, which includes eliminating the use of the Product of the USA label on imported beef products;

## TRANSPORTATION

- Supporting an increased weight limit on the interstate road system to help truckers safely and efficiently haul cattle.

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