

INDEPENDENT BEEF ASSOCIATION OF NORTH DAKOTA

Your state wide voice in the cattle industry!

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A message from our president

I-BAND started the year 2022 running and hasn't slowed up much yet.

Thanks to board member Jeremy Maher and his wife, Stef, who took it upon themselves to donate a beef to their respective school district in McIntosh, where their boys go to school in South Dakota, it was a big success! Jeremy came to a board meeting and said we can do this in North Dakota also.

Members of our board met with the Dept of Public Instruction and the Ag Dept. to see what requirements needed to be met; the beef needs to be processed, at least, at a State Inspected plant. And so, with the much-appreciated help from Deb Egeland of the DPI and John Roswech of South 40 Beef, we were able to introduce N.D. Beef into close to 25 schools; either providing them with a sample or connecting the schools with a source where they can get their Beef needs at a very reasonable price.

The feedback we have received from the schools has been very positive and they are very happy with the quality and consistency and the ease of handling the Beef.

I-Band believes that if the school districts source, and make their own connections within their districts, to try and buy locally, it will be a win-win situation for the schools, their districts, and their towns; it will also help support the producers of their districts. So, we encourage every member to be in contact with their schools to see how they may help and to see how they are approaching the plan to source their beef needs.

Next item of interest to I-BAND, is to support the "American Beef Labeling Act" or SB2716, also known as the MCOOL bill. As I am writing this message, the week of January 24-28 had been chosen to get as



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many consumers and producers alike to make calls to Senator Cramer's office and put pressure on him to sign onto the bill and support Senator Hoeven who is one of the co-sponsors of the bi-partisan bill and get this passed for once.

Also, I personally would like to suggest to each member that as we are getting into the production sale season, that we have a conversation with whom we support to buy our seed stock to get their opinion on reinstating MCOOL. I feel if their seed stock is going to improve our herd and lead us in a positive direction then they should also feel that our product should be identified and labeled. In my opinion, the purebred breeders should have as much skin in the game if NOT MORE, as we as commercial producers do.

Again, I ask each of you members to get involved with your industry. If you have any suggestions or ideas, just pick up the phone & call any of our directors; we would be happy to visit with you as you are who we represent.

Good Luck with calving season and have a prosperous year!!

Your President,
Kerry Dockter

Save the Date

February 15 & 16
KFYR Agri- International
Bismarck Event Center

February 15, 2022
Agriculture & Natural Resources
Committee
Interim Meeting
10am -4pm
ND State Capital
Roughrider Room

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ND Farm to School

By Stef & Jeremy Maher

Independent Beef Association of North Dakota (I-BAND) partnered with North Dakota Department of Public Instruction (DPI) and North Dakota Agriculture commissioner's office in the local food to school movement. We worked together to put ND beef into ND Schools. After a few meetings with Deb Egeland at DPI and the Ag Commissioners office the ND Beef to Schools Pilot Project was created.

I-BAND purchase 1,000 lbs. of ground beef from John Roswech at South 40 Beef in Mott to donate to schools. Twelve schools were selected, and deliveries started with the hopes of schools implementing the local beef into their lunch program. The schools were chosen by Deb Egeland with the input of board members. It took less than 30 days from the initial meeting to deliveries being made by board members. We were amazed at the response from the schools and the speed this took place. The schools were all grateful & thankful for the ND Beef donation. One I-Band board member said, "It's addicting."

Since delivering the initial 1,000 lbs. of beef, schools around ND have purchased an additional 2,700 lbs. of beef. I-BAND board members have received reports back from the schools that the local beef is yielding more than the commodity beef. Another school also said there was a fresh beef aroma in the kitchen.

It is I-BAND'S plan, for the future, to implement this program into all aspects of ND food services (hospitals, nursing homes, etc.).



Just a few of the Farm to School deliveries made!



Meeting Notice

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North Dakota Legislative Council

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January 12, 2022

MEETING NOTICE

Senator Randy D. Lemm, Chairman, has called a meeting of the **AGRICULTURE AND NATURAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE**.

Date: Tuesday, February 15, 2022

Time: 10:00 a.m.

Place: Roughrider Room, State Capitol, Bismarck

Video: This meeting can be viewed online at <https://video.legis.nd.gov/>

Agenda: Presentations and discussion regarding the committee's studies of the North Dakota Beef Commission and United States Fish and Wildlife Service easements; the receipt of required reports; and other committee matters related to committee directives

Special Note: Anyone who plans to attend the meeting and needs assistance because of a disability should contact the Legislative Council staff as soon as possible.

Committee Members: Senators Randy D. Lemm, Michael Dwyer, Jay R. Elkin, Robert O. Fors, Oley Larsen, Larry Luick, Janne Myrdal, Merrill Piepkorn, Terry M. Wanzek; Representatives Mike Beltz, Mike Brandenburg, Chuck Damschen, Dori Hauck, Dennis Johnson, Dwight Kiefert, Dave Nehring, Kathy Skroch, Paul J. Thomas, Wayne A. Trottier, Bill Tveit

Staff Contact: Dustin Assel, Counsel

Any member unable to attend this meeting is asked to notify this office as soon as possible.

Sincerely,

/S/
John Bjornson
Director

JB/HD

More information can be found here

<https://www.legis.nd.gov/assembly/67-2021/committees/interim/agriculture-and-natural-resources->

Interim Committee Studies and Assignments

(20 members)

1009 § 22 Study the North Dakota Beef Commission, including its operations and the selection of commission members.

3019 Study the fiscal and safety impacts of United States Fish and Wildlife Service easements in North Dakota on the Department of Transportation, Department of Agriculture, and counties.

Receive report from the Advisory Committee on Sustainable Agriculture on the status of the committee's activities. (NDCC § 4.1-01-11)

Receive a biennial report from the Federal Environmental Law Impact Review Committee. (NDCC § 4.1-01-21.1 (8))

Receive report from the State Board of Agricultural Research and Education on its annual evaluation of research activities and expenditures. (NDCC § 15-12.1-17(8))

Receive report from the Department of Transportation regarding information collected from transportation network companies during each biennium. (NDCC § 39-34-05)

Receive a report from the Department of Transportation regarding its study of public transportation services within the state. (2019 S.L. ch. 12, § 10)

Receive reports from the Department of Transportation, as requested, on the road train pilot program. (2019 S.L. ch. 452, § 1)

Before August 1, 2022, the Department of Transportation shall report its findings and recommendations of its study on pilot projects on the feasibility and impact of long combination vehicle operations on North Dakota roadways, together with any legislation required to implement the recommendations, to the Legislative Management. (2021 Senate Bill No. 2026 § 1)

Horn Wrap



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Horn Wrap Call



Each month, hear from your Washington, DC staff or featured guest speakers on issues affecting your bottom line. We consider the monthly Horn Wrap call to be your direct connection to Capitol Hill, and welcome the opportunity to address your questions, comments, and concerns. You can listen in on mute, or join in on the conversation.

**SECOND TUESDAY OF EACH MONTH AT 7:00 AM MOUNTAIN TIME
DIAL: (866) 254-5984; NO PASSCODE NEEDED.**

2021 Annual Meeting

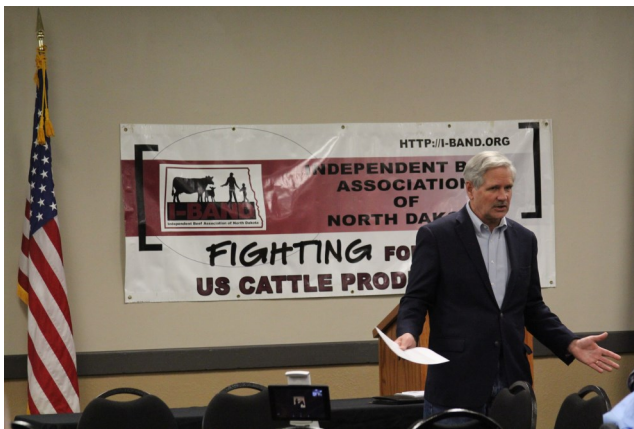
Another year, another great meeting!



Wheel Award Recipient, Carrie Stadheim, being presented by Kerry and Mike.



Frank Tomac giving a secretary report



Senator John Hoeven



Shelby, Rep Armstrong office



State Vet, Dr. Ethan Andress



Justin Tupper, USCA



Kari Hoppe, NDSU Extension



Kevin Sedivec, NDSU Extension



Justin, Mary and Kim ,
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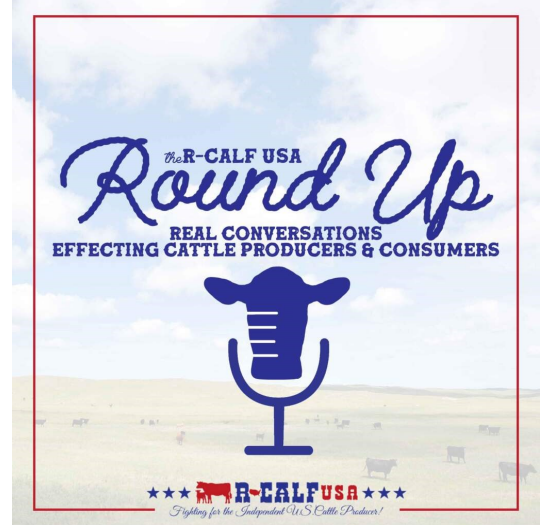
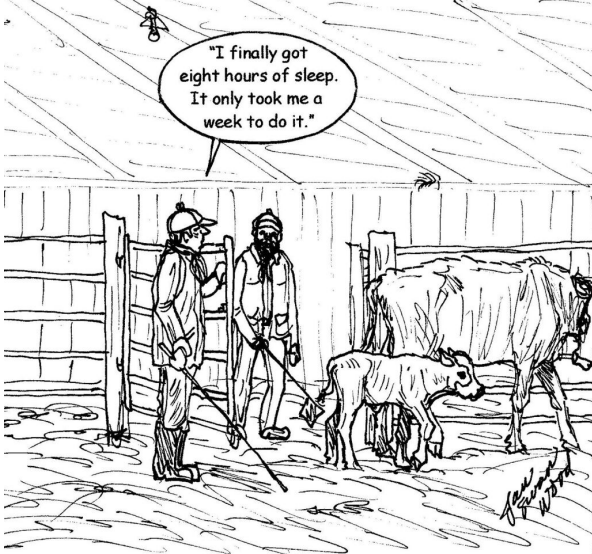
Member James, speaking
with NDSU speakers



Members listening to the speakers



OUTTAGRASS CATTLE COMPANY by Jan Swan Wood c 2021



Available on iTunes and Google Play

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We would love to include them in our newsletter and on our Facebook page.

Photos can be sent to Kari at independent.Beef.assoc.nd@gmail.com



Your Bucks Better Spent

If you want to see your state checkoff dollar go to work for you, consider requesting your refund and donating it back to I-BAND. Log onto www.i-band.org for an electronic donation or send your donation to:

I-BAND PO Box 123, Menoken, ND 58558.

--- Here's how to get your refund back

<https://www.ndbeef.org/cattlemens-corner/checkoff>

A producer may request a refund application *within 60 days after the date of the sale of cattle* upon which the ND state beef checkoff was collected.

This request may be made:

1. Orally, including a phone request or personal office visit (701) 328-5120
2. In writing and mailed 4023 STATE STREET, BISMARCK, ND 58503
3. Electronically via email ndbeef@ndbeef.org

R-CALF USA Board of Directors Elects New Officers

For Immediate Release: January 24, 2022

Contact: R-CALF USA CEO Bill Bullard

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Billings, Mont. – During their January meeting, the Board of Directors of R-CALF USA elected Region III Director Brett Kenzy as their new President of the Board and Region VII Director Eric Nelson as the Board's new Vice President.

Under R-CALF USA's governance, the President and Vice-President of the Board are selected by the Board from among their ranks. The two officers then serve two-year terms.

Outgoing President of the Board, Region II Director and cow/calf rancher Gerald Schreiber from Woodrow, Colo. served the maximum of two three-year terms and served as President of the Board since 2019. Judy McCullough, a cow/calf rancher from Moorcroft, Wyo. was elected to replace Schreiber as the new Region II Director by R-CALF USA's cattle-owning members in Wyoming, Colorado, and Utah.

Kenzy, whose region consists of North Dakota, South Dakota and Nebraska, operates Kenzy Back-grounding, a 3000-head feedlot and maintains a commercial cow herd in south central South Dakota with his family. Kenzy and his wife have seven children.

"R-CALF USA is the organization that fights for competition, transparency, and honesty for independent livestock producers." Kenzy said adding, "I believe that it is one of the very few organizations actively resisting the now global push for full vertical integration of our beef industry. Cooperation is a good thing; control is a different story."

Nelson, whose region consists of Iowa, Minnesota, and Wisconsin is a fourth-generation farmer/feeder and rancher from Merville, Iowa. Along with his wife and family, he operates two feedlots, a cow-calf operation, raises crops and operates a commercial farm seed business in a three-county area.

Nelson is also an individual plaintiff in the national class action antitrust lawsuit that R-CALF USA first filed against the four largest beef packers in 2019.

"R-CALF USA is steadfast on its work on competition, country-of-origin labeling (COOL), and total transparency. A vibrant cattle industry is vital to all of agriculture, rural communities and to the entire nation," Nelson said of his support for his organization.

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R-CALF USA (Ranchers-Cattlemen Action Legal Fund United Stockgrowers of America) is the largest producer-only lobbying and trade association representing U.S. cattle producers. It is a national, nonprofit organization dedicated to ensuring the continued profitability and viability of the U.S. cattle industry. Visit www.r-calfusa.com or, call 406-252-2516 for more information.

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- * Sterling Cuts
- * US Beef Processors/ Ulmer Cattle Co
- * Xcel Ag Solutions/Baumgartner Ranch

Our Affiliates



Membership

The Independent Beef Association of North Dakota is North Dakota's statewide voice in the cattle industry for the cattle producer. Our membership is primarily made up of cow calf operations in North Dakota. We're a non-profit organization that works in conjunction with other organizations as your statewide and national voice in the cattle industry. We have represented our membership on issues including the Farm Bill, COOL, Waters of the US, HSUS bills, Horse Slaughter, the National Animal Identification System, EPA, Foot and Mouth disease in South America, and the Beef Checkoff. There are numerous issues of importance to cattle producers in the coming year. Strength comes in numbers and I-BAND needs a strong membership to carry out your voice within and outside of North Dakota. We're a grassroots cattle-men's organization, addressing the market interests of North Dakota cattle producers.

I-BAND has been going strong for 17 years now. If you are a new member, a past member or an existing member, we would like you to let us know what you like about this organization and the direction you would like to see this organization take in the future. We take pride in having a membership association where every member's voice is heard through a one member one vote policy. Without the backing of membership, I-BAND would not be in existence. We wish to thank each and every one of you for your support. Any comments can be directed to any I-BAND board member or drop us a line at: I-BAND, Box 123, Menoken, ND 58558.

Strength comes in numbers and I-BAND needs a strong membership to carry out your voice within and outside of North Dakota. Please feel free to pass this newsletter on to any friends, neighbors or businesses that may be interested. If anyone would like to schedule an informational meeting in their area please contact any I-BAND Director.



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Signature _____

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District Residing In:

District One _____ District Two _____

- Voting Members must own cattle. Annual dues are \$50.00 per year per member (one member/one vote).
- Associate Members do not own cattle and do not have voting rights. Annual dues \$50.00.

Please mail application and dues (cash, check or money order) to the address below. Contributions or gifts to I-BAND are not tax deductible as charitable contributions. However, they may be tax deductible as ordinary and necessary business expenses.

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Courage is being scared to death
but saddling up anyway.

..John Wayne & I-BAND

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