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Message from our President, Kerry Dockter

(What a year we are having!)

Since my last column that I have written, it's been quite a year to say the least. It started in January during the legislative session when I-Band became involved when House Bill HB1487 was introduced by representative Sebastian Ertelt, to make the 2nd dollar of the checkoff voluntary.

I really respect rep. Ertelt for taking on such a task knowing very little about the checkoff program. He agreed to present the bill at the request of a constituent from his district who apparently was sharing his frustration of the checkoff & it's structure.

When the day came that the bill was brought forth before the House Ag Committee, I was very proud of I-Band's members who came to testify. There were members who have been involved in the fight of the 2nd dollar since its beginning in 2015. There were members that I didn't know until the day of the hearing and also producers that came to show their support and later joined I-Band. We had support and numbers that filled the room and much of the hallway.

At the end we lost by a very narrow margin however we were successful in getting discussion amongst the legislators and unanimously agreed to have the makeup of the structure of the Beef Commission Board studied before the interim legislative committee.

Again I-Band is working very hard to be involved to have input for the outcome of the study and want to have a say in the selection of future board members and the makeup of the board in general.

Also at the house ag committee hearing, the question was asked if we attend any



A message from our president

of the beef commission meetings? So, I-Band has asked to be contacted as to when their meetings will be held and to have a notice published stating so along with the minutes of previous meetings. We are making some progress as to being informed of upcoming meetings, but to my knowledge, no minutes have been made available to the producers that pay into the checkoff.

I-Band and some of its members have made a point to attend the Beef Commission meetings and asked important questions as to where the money is being spent and what (return on investment) ROI is coming back to the people who pay into the checkoff. The answers are very vague and usually quite defensive. I-Band will continue to be a presence and ask the questions that need answering.

On the National level, I-Band has been very active in getting signatures on the petition to bring the beef checkoff program to a vote of the producers that pay into the program. I hope everyone who is eligible to sign the petition already has done so. Again, I-Band had members and board members become very involved in getting these signatures & petitions collected. I had producers call me for petitions to get signed and also to send them membership forms for I-Band. It is very rewarding to see producers wanting to get involved!!

As I started saying at the beginning, what a year we are having!! By the time all of you read this newsletter we all can agree that we had a very cooperative calving season, no blizzards, no snow, no mud, and no rain either. All things that we realize contribute to our moisture situation. Hence the majority of us producers are faced with short pastures, a very short hay crop and planted forages, if they emerged, hanging on by threads.

Decisions are having or already have been made by cattlemen on whether to sell down their herd, look to relocate where there may be better grass and winter forages, or if possible, try and buy some type of feed. None of these options are easy or very viable to the future of most operations. I wish I had the right advice to give but haven't found the right plan for our own operation.

In regard to the drought, there have been meetings held throughout the state both by state officials and national officials and I am pleased to say I-Band was well represented giving input and suggestions on what may help our producers.

Also on a national level, I-Band and its members were quite involved in contacting our congressional delegation and encouraging them to sign onto the Rounds-Smith letter to the Attorney General to instruct the Department of Justice to investigate the packer concentration and profit gouging being done to the producers and consumers. As it turned out, none of the upper Midwest legislators signed on but Rounds & Smith themselves. This is something to keep in mind if you have an opportunity to visit with any of our legislators.

As I write this column, President Biden has signed an executive order to begin addressing these issues that have been affecting our beef industry for quite some time. We will stay tuned and help wherever I-Band can.

In closing, I just want to make a comment about the type of year we are having. Please get involved with your organization, we always welcome comments and direction. Again, it has been very rewarding meeting new and old members that have stepped up & become involved. Also, some of whom I have had numerous conversations with on the phone and have yet to meet in person.

A message from our president

During these TOUGH TIMES, I ask all of you to check on your neighbors, friends, and relatives. Sometimes, just a phone call or short visit can give a person a lift & encouragement to make it through these stressful times. Remember, we are all in this fight together and we don't want to lose any more producers.

Your President,

Kerry Dockter



SAVE THE DATE!

**Annual Meeting
November 19-20, 2021
Ramada Inn
Bismarck, ND**

More information to follow!

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Mandan Parade Photos - 2021

Thank you to everyone who helped with our parade float!

Katy Keller

Keller's (Brent and Rachel)

Bailie & Russell Graner

Mattie and Grace (girls)

Roethlisberger's

Mike Heaton

Rebenitsch's

Jeremy Maher , John & James



GOEHRING ADDRESSES DROUGHT ISSUES

Wednesday, July 21, 2021

BISMARCK, N.D. – Agriculture Commissioner Doug Goehring has requested the early release of emergency haying on acres enrolled in all Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) contract types from United States Department of Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack due to the drought. No response has been received.

Emergency haying on acres enrolled in CRP typically does not open until after Primary Nesting Season (PNS) ends. North Dakota's PNS ends Aug. 1, while Montana's ends July 15, which is why some confusion has arisen due to Montana producers being able to conduct emergency haying.

"We have been receiving daily calls asking about the early release of emergency haying on CRP lands. I have requested that USDA allow emergency haying on CRP lands enrolled in all contract types starting as soon as possible to maintain some of the nutritional quality of the hay that is harvested," Goehring said. "In order for our livestock producers to make it through this disaster, it is necessary to marshal every available resource."

Goehring has also been exploring options for a program to assist eligible producers with feed transportation expenses.

<https://www.nd.gov/ndda/news/producer-options-grasshopper-control>

LIVESTOCK PRODUCERS REMINDED OF ANTHRAX DANGER

Aug. 5, 2021

BISMARCK – North Dakota's state veterinarian says the state's first reported case of anthrax this year is a reminder to livestock producers to take action to protect their animals from the disease, especially in areas with a past history of the disease. The case, in Kidder County, was confirmed earlier this week by the North Dakota State University Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory.

"Anthrax has been confirmed in cattle in a Kidder County beef herd," Dr. Ethan Andress said. "Producers in past known affected areas and counties should consult with their veterinarians to make sure the vaccination schedule for their animals is current. Producers in Kidder County and surrounding areas should confer with their veterinarians to determine if initiating first-time vaccinations against anthrax is warranted for their cattle at this time."

Effective anthrax vaccines are readily available, but it takes about a week for immunity to be established, and it must be administered annually for continued protection. Producers should monitor their herds for unexplained deaths and work with their veterinarian to ensure appropriate samples are collected and submitted to a diagnostic lab to give the best chance of obtaining a diagnosis.

"Anthrax has been most frequently reported in northeast, southeast and south-central North Dakota, but it has been found in almost every part of the state," Agriculture Commissioner Doug Goehring said. "A few anthrax cases are reported in North Dakota almost every year. The animals impacted included cattle, bison, horses, sheep, llamas and farmed deer and elk."

Two cases of anthrax were reported in North Dakota in 2020. In 2005, however, more than 500 confirmed deaths from anthrax were reported with total losses estimated at more than 1,000 head.

An anthrax factsheet is available on the North Dakota Department of Agriculture website at www.nd.gov/ndda/disease/anthrax.

Anthrax is caused by the bacteria *Bacillus anthracis*. The bacterial spores can lie dormant in the ground for decades and become active under ideal conditions, such as heavy rainfall, flooding and drought. Animals are exposed to the disease when they graze or consume forage or water contaminated with the spores.

<https://www.nd.gov/ndda/news/livestock-producers-reminded-anthrax-danger-3>

National Beef Checkoff Petition Drive Extended Through October 3

For Immediate Release: August 3, 2021

Contact: R-CALF USA CEO Bill Bullard

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Billings, Mont. – [In a letter sent today](#), Secretary of Agriculture Tom Vilsack granted the organizers of the National Beef Checkoff Petition Drive until October 3, 2021 to collect the necessary signatures on the petition calling for a producer vote of the National Beef Checkoff Program.

The South Dakota Livestock Auction Markets Association and Steve Stratford of Kansas-based Stratford Angus organized and initiated the National Beef Checkoff Petition Drive that began July 2, 2020, in the midst of the COVID-19 pandemic. The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) originally established a 12-month period for the collection of the required 88,269 signatures.

R-CALF USA and other groups have helped to collect signatures but due to COVID-19-related restrictions, were unable to even meet with cattle producers for several months in locations such as livestock auction yards and public meeting places. As a result, the organizers and assisting groups were principally relegated to relying upon an online petition site to collect signatures. That site, located at www.checkoffvote.com, currently has 18,790 signed petitions.

On May 20, 2021, the organizers made a formal, written request to Secretary Vilsack for a one-year extension for which to collect signatures given the extenuating, COVID-related circumstances.

Receiving no reply from Vilsack after the original 12-month period had expired on July 2, 2021, the organizers decided to keep the online petition site operational until a formal response was received.

Today's response from Vilsack was a denial of the organizers' one-year extension request and, instead, a granting of a 60-day extension beyond the date of Vilsack's letter. Vilsack wrote that this 60-day extension "reflects the prevailing will of producers."

Along with the petition organizers' request for a one-year extension, in May over 130 state legislators representing 11 states wrote Vilsack asking him to call for a producer referendum on his own.

In today's letter, Vilsack indicates that he does not have the statutory authority to call for such a referendum unless it is requested by producers through the petition process.

"We don't have much time, but R-CALF USA will do everything it can to help the organizers achieve the required signatures by the new deadline," said R-CALF USA CEO Bill Bullard.

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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.

Petition to Immediately Pass Mandatory Country-of-Origin Labeling for Beef, Pork and Dairy Products In response to the COVID-19 Crisis, the President and Congress should immediately pass Mandatory Country of Origin Labeling for beef, pork and dairy products to strengthen national food security and help stimulate economic growth. In line with President Trump's Buy American, Hire American policy, Mandatory Country of Origin Labeling grants Americans the right to choose between imported or USA produced beef, pork and dairy products. Only Mandatory Country of Origin Labeling, and not voluntary, requires all imported and domestic beef and pork to be labeled as to where they were born, raised and harvested; and where dairy products were originated, produced, sourced and processed. In this time of crisis every American consumer should be able to make an informed purchasing decision as to where their food is from. Access to safe food is the right of every American. Mandatory Country of Origin Labeling allows U.S. food producers to compete fairly against undifferentiated substitute imports. Mandatory Country of Origin Labeling strengthens the largest sector of U.S. agriculture, secures and creates jobs, strengthens the working class and supports rural American industry, production and manufacturing.

First and Last Name: _____

Street Address (Optional): _____

City, State, and Zip Code: _____

Phone (Optional): _____

Email (Optional): _____

Signature: _____

*If you have friends and family that would like to sign-on please feel free to copy this page.

Return to R-CALF USA, PO Box 30715 Billings, MT 59107

2022 Calendar Photos!

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Emergency Water Supply Program opens for applications

Aug. 19, 2021

For immediate release

BISMARCK – The North Dakota Department of Agriculture (NDDA) Emergency Water Supply Program has opened for applications. The program will reimburse livestock owners with verifiable water losses from the drought for 50% of eligible costs for temporary water supply, equipment and hauling, up to \$4,500 per individual.

“The drought has dried up watering holes that livestock producers usually depend on for pastured livestock and more permanent solutions are needed,” Agriculture Commissioner Doug Goehring said. “While the Drought Disaster Livestock Water Supply Project Assistance Program helps with new wells and water infrastructure, the demand is high and the wait for water well drillers often exceeds six months. This program will help fill the gap until producers can get a new well or other water source secured.”

The North Dakota State Water Commission approved \$2 million for the program late last month.

Transportation costs incurred for water hauled between July 1, 2021, and Oct. 31, 2021, are eligible. Only one payment will be made, so producers should wait to apply until they have completed hauling water for the season.

To access the application, or for more information including eligibility and application requirements, go to www.nd.gov/ndda/ewsp. Questions may be directed to livestockwater@nd.gov or 1-844-642-4752. Applications must be submitted by Dec. 1, 2021.

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MEDIA: For more information, please contact Michelle Mielke at (701) 328-2233 or mmielke@nd.gov.

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

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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 16 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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