

INDEPENDENT BEEF ASSOCIATION OF NORTH DAKOTA

Your state wide voice in the cattle industry!

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2022-4

17th Annual Meeting



Plan to attend the 2022 Convention to be held at the Ramada in Bismarck, ND, this year!

We have an excellent lineup of speakers. Come on out for a day to discuss the issues regarding our cattle industry. Grab your friends and neighbors and come help make a difference!

Contact us if you would like to sponsor the event or feel free to bring an item for the live and silent auctions.

A block of rooms have been reserved.

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Presidents message

Greetings:

As I sit down to write this article for our newsletter, I think we are at the time of the year when producers are deciding what to do with the 2022 calf crop. Some producers traditionally sell the calves right off the cow, some will sell off the heavy end and background the rest, some will wean and background all the calf crop, and some will send the calf crop to a feedlot to retain ownership and to be finished, and some will keep the calf crop to carry over and run as yearlings next year.



However your operation does it, and which way is the most profitable, I don't have a clue, but I know producers know best what fits their respective operations. No matter which way your operation goes there are many varying factors and challenges to address. The first that comes to mind is of course the price of corn. For much of our state, we had a good hay and forage crop compared to a year ago. However, the question remains "Do I want to pay \$6.00 for corn or distillers? Which will follow accordingly to feed these calves? Or even if you raise your own corn, "Do I just haul it to town for a sure thing or do I market it through my livestock?"

Whichever way we may look at these factors we have to admit the markets have moved in the right direction compared to a year ago but in my opinion not enough to offset the increase in input costs. Another concerning factor is the dry conditions most of us are facing going into the winter. I am hearing stories of the dust conditions being faced with weaning and also with calves out on range following their mommas. We all would agree we don't want to rely on April Blizzards again to bring much-needed moisture.

Watching the market reports and visiting with other producers as well as small family-farmer--feeders, it all boils down to what the fat cattle market is doing. My understanding is that the \$1200 calves contracted earlier were a push by the corporate feedlots who probably had guaranteed deals with the packers to assure their captive supply when needed and to assure the lack of numbers which I believe are yet to come with the death loss of blizzards, the liquidation of cows because of droughts and the age of producers just getting out of the business. But visiting with these smaller feeders they tell me that with \$6.00 corn and \$1.42 fat cattle it just doesn't work. Unfortunately, without them in the market, it doesn't help with giving us some more options. Enough negativity, I hope someone has a brighter outlook for our industry and will share it with me.

On a different note, our annual convention is fast approaching, and I want to encourage every one of our members and producers to attend. And to ask a neighbor or friend to also attend and listen and get involved. This year's lineup of speakers is top-notch and will cover a variety of topics and will provide great information we can all use and work together to make our industry better, and profitable and be able to "sustain" our family operations and not be consumed into the corporate world like our hog and poultry industries have become.

Again, our convention is November 18-19. The evening of the 18th is our Resolutions meeting, and so if anyone has any policy they want I-BAND to adopt that is the time to bring it before the committee. And then on the 19th, we will have a full day of speakers and discussion about our industry followed by our banquet serving Prime Rib supplied by the Bowden Processing Plant. Please plan to attend and will see you there!

Your President ,
Kerry Dockter

**Are you interested in becoming an
I-BAND board member or know someone
who might be?**

Dist 1 & Dist 2 will both be seeking new
nominations at our annual meeting in
November!

**Names can be submitted to Kari or to your
local board member.**



Speakers



Dr. Ethan Andress, ND State Veterinarian

Dr. Andress graduated from South Dakota State University in Brookings in 1994 with a bachelor's degree in biology. He earned his Doctor of Veterinary Medicine degree from Iowa State University in 1997. Following graduation, he was the associate veterinarian at an animal health center in Redfield, SD. Since 2000, he has been an

owner and partner of West River Veterinary Clinic in Hettinger, ND and has served his community as a mixed animal practitioner for 24 years.

Dr. Andress is a past president and a current member of the South Dakota Veterinary Medical Association, a member of the American Veterinary Medical Association, a member of the North Dakota Veterinary Medical Association, a member of the American Association of Bovine Practitioners and has served in various other veterinary and community organizations and associations.

Administrator Farm Service Agency U.S. Department of Agriculture Washington, D.C.

Zach Ducheneaux was appointed Administrator for USDA's Farm Service Agency on February 22, 2021. In this role Ducheneaux will provide leadership and direction on agricultural policy, administering loan programs, and managing conservation, commodity, disaster, and farm marketing programs through a national network of offices. Ducheneaux previously served as the Executive Director of the Intertribal

Agriculture Council and had been with the IAC since the 1990s. He has also previously served as tribal council representative for the Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe. He has spent his career educating people about the critical role of improved food systems, value-added agriculture, and foreign exports to respond to the enduring economic and social challenges facing Native Americans and reservations.

Ducheneaux serves on the board of directors for Project H3LP!, a nonprofit founded by his family to benefit their local community by providing life lessons through horsemanship. His family still operates the 4th generation ranch on the



Brett Kenzy, R-CALF USA President & Region III Director.

Brett and his family operate Kenzy Backgrounding, a 3000-head feedlot, and maintain a commercial cow herd in south central South Dakota. Along with his wife and three children, they have been strong supporters of R-CALF USA since the beginning.

Speakers

Bill Bullard, C.E.O. - R-CALF

Bill Bullard is the Chief Executive Officer of the Ranchers-Cattlemen Action Legal Fund, United Stockgrowers of America (R-CALF USA) and has held this position since 2001. R-CALF USA is the largest national cattle-producer organization in the U.S. that exclusively represents the live cattle segment of the United States' multi-segmented beef supply chain. R-CALF USA's voluntary membership consists of more than 5,000 U.S. cow/calf producers, backgrounders, stockers and feeders who are located in 42 states. R-CALF USA represents its members on issues concerning international trade and marketing and its purposes include representing its members' interests before Congress, agencies of the federal government, and in court.

Bullard has testified on behalf of R-CALF USA members before Congress and executive branch agencies, has managed numerous lawsuits on behalf of the organization, and is the organization's registered lobbyist.



Rhonda Amundson

School Nutrition Program Manager , ND Dept of Instruction

Rhonda ensures the school nutrition professionals are well-versed in the program requirements to participate in federal meal programs. This requires training, technical assistance, and monitoring of the breakfast, lunch, and after-school snack programs. The largest part of her job is monitoring but the most impactful is training.

One way to help the food service director is to provide recipes for their kitchen that meet the requirements for the federal meal pattern. Rhonda manages a state-wide resource that has shared recipes with crediting information to use as the food service director plans the menu. They are grateful for the cookbook the ranchers put together for the Beef cooking class. Some recipes are already loaded into this software; the rest should be available to schools using the program by the end of the year.

Another resource she is proud to work with is the National School Lunch equipment grant. Since 2009, USDA has made funds available for schools to update their kitchen equipment. The grant allows them to provide healthier meals more efficiently with a focus on food safety and increased participation. This year, she will shepherd the process of awarding \$166,000 to North Dakota's school food service to upgrade and add equipment aligned with their goals. Rhonda expects to see some flat-top grills and burger presses requested this year.

Food safety is of great concern when we think about feeding the 116,694 students in the state in congregate settings. She monitors federal program requirements that all school kitchens are inspected by the local health unit at least twice a year and that all food service directors and kitchen managers are certified in food safety for their school.

Thank you for this opportunity to highlight the school nutrition programs in North Dakota!

Pre - Registration for Banquet Meal

I-BAND's 17th Annual Meeting

Friday & Saturday—November 18 & 19, 2022

Ramada Inn * 1400 Interchange Avenue East—Bismarck, ND

Friday, November 18, 2022

4:00—Policy and Resolutions Meeting



Saturday, November 19, 2022

8:00-9:30~ Registration; Trade Show Opens

9:30-10:45~ Business Meeting & Director Elections

BREAK – Sponsored by Wald Trucking

11:00 ~ Dr. Ethan Andress, DVM, North Dakota State Veterinarian

12:00 ~ Lunch

1:00-2:45~ Zach Ducheneaux, FSA Administrator

2:45- 3:45 Bill Bullard, R-CALF CEO & Brett Kenzy, President & Region III Director

BREAK – Sponsored by Maher JM Angus

4:00- 4:30 Rhonda Amundson, School Nutrition Program Manager, ND DPI

Kitchen Video

5:00 - Panel Discussion

5:30 ~ Social

6:00 ~ President's Message

6:30 ~ Prime Rib Supper – Beef provided by Bowdon Meat Processing

50/50 Raffle, Live & Silent Auction

Feel Free to stay and visit afterward

We need a head count for meals, either fill out the bottom portion and mail back in or call Kari @ 701-214-0639 or send an email to independent.beef.assoc.nd@gmail.com by November 14th. Meal registration also available online!

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

NO REGISTRATION FEE!

Saturday Lunch _____ Number attending—Free

Saturday Banquet **Prime Rib** _____ Number Attending—\$25.00 each

Chicken (Kids) _____ Number Attending - \$10 each

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OUR MISSION: The Independent Beef Association of North Dakota (I-BAND) shall address the market interests of North Dakota cattle producers with the primary purpose of addressing threats posed to the domestic cattle industry by unfair and illegal trade practices and imports and any other issues affecting the profitability of the North Dakota beef producer.

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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 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.

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- 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.

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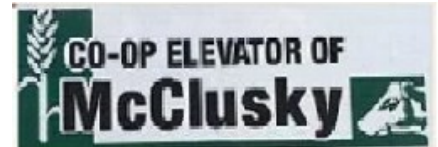
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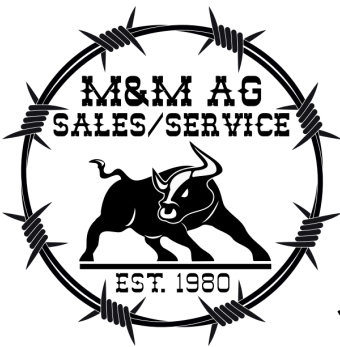


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