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Plan to attend the 2018 Convention to be held at the Ramada in Bismarck, ND, this year! We have an excellent line-up 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.

Call 701-258-7000 for reservations.

More details to come

Courage is being scared to death but
saddling up anyway.

.....John Wayne



President's Message: Dwight Keller

2018 sure is flying by! The winter of 2017-2018 was nice, but calving season's weather was not so kind to most producers in North Dakota. I hope the summer has treated you well so far. We are certainly in need of rain in our area, since there hasn't been anything significant since July 3rd.



In June, I attended the Western States Animal Health meeting in Montana. It was informative and I learned more about challenges facing the state veterinarians when they are working on a disease outbreak and there's a lack of traceability. From there, Kenny Graner, Larry Kinev and I met in D.C. for the USCA Fly-In for two days of meetings. I always come away from these meetings feeling like we at least got our point expressed to people that can use the information to develop policies and rules that impact our livelihoods. They seem to like to hear from producers directly, so we encourage you to become a member and of I-BAND and join us some time for a Fly-In.

We are currently focusing on several issues: the Farm Bill, NAFTA, Electronic Logging Devices, Alternative (fake) Meat, CME and national animal identification program.

It looks like we are going to get money for a more robust FMD vaccine bank in the Farm Bill. We would like to modernize the Beef Checkoff to give producers the right to vote on it every few years. We would also like a portion of the funds used to promote products from cattle that are born raised and processed in the USA.

NAFTA is still being worked on. In 2016, we imported \$2.25 billion more in beef and cattle than we exported to NAFTA countries. The US beef and cattle industry holds a 25 year cumulative trade deficit with Canada and Mexico of almost \$32 billion. We encourage our Representatives to support working for better trade deals. We want COOL put back into NAFTA and future trade agreements as well. By July 2015, we had \$2.40/lb feeder cattle, which historical data shows that it could be largely contributed to mandatory COOL requirements. COOL was repealed October of 2015 and by January 2016 feeder cattle were down to about \$1.40.

The ELD deadline is going to be extended a year, but that means we still need to continue to work with our Representatives on more reasonable allowance for hours of hauling. We are concerned that cattle be moved to feedlots without having to stop or stop and unload them.

Plant based protein alternatives, lab grown beef, or fake meat is in the news. The United States Cattlemen's Association is leading the effort to have the product labeled correctly so that consumers know what they are eating and how it was produced. With huge investments from Cargill, Tyson and individuals like Bill Gates, we need to take this issue seriously. The dairy industry has lost a large part of their milk sales to other alternative products also. We need truth in labeling!

We met with 3 individuals from the CME when we were in D.C. for the USCA FLY IN. I came away from those meetings recognizing that we have some serious problems and producers need to get engaged and let their representatives know what we think and what actions we would support them taking. For example, it is really not possible to use the current board of trade to protect our calf crop when the future board is always \$6 to \$10 lowers than the cash market.

Discussion about a national animal identification system is back in the news. We need to pay attention to what will come out of the recent push for disease traceability. A national Cattle Traceability Working Group (CTWG) was formed which is mainly made up of tech and tag companies. Their goal seems to be to have a program that will cost producers money and not further the much needed disease traceability beyond

President's Message Continued

and between the farm of origin and the slaughter plant. We will continue to try and influence it towards a positive and cost effective direction and prevent companies from being the only ones that profit from the final product.

We held a meeting for the young producers in our group recently and it was great to hear their ideas and sense their enthusiasm for being involved with the livestock industry in the future. They are the future of our industry!

We invite everyone to join us for I-BANDs upcoming annual Convention at the Ramada in Bismarck on November 17, 2018! There will be great speakers and time to have some good discussions with your friends and neighbors.

Thank you for supporting I-BAND. Please contact any of our Board members if you have questions or would like to join us in our efforts to support your industry.

Dwight Keller

I-BAND President

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Gun Raffle

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President of USCA visits White House to discuss trade



Kenny Graner - Photo from USCA

WASHINGTON — United States Cattlemen's Association President Kenny Graner on June 15 was invited by Congressman Kevin Cramer (R-N.D.) to the White House for a meeting with U.S. Secretary of Commerce Wilbur Ross. President Graner joined a delegation of ranchers and farmers from North Dakota to discuss international trade issues and impacts to U.S. agriculture.

USCA President Kenny Graner stated the following:

"The meeting with Commerce Secretary Ross was highly encouraging and I appreciate both he and Congressman Cramer for taking the time to meet with agriculture stakeholders directly. U.S. cattle producers continue to face unbalanced trade standards in the international marketplace and the Secretary outlined several steps that the Administration is taking to address some of the ongoing issues.

"USCA is continuing our work in addressing U.S. beef access to international markets and maintaining needed safeguards and snap back provisions in any new trade deal entered into. Specifically, as the NAFTA negotiations continue, USCA has urged for the reestablishment of a country-of-origin labeling program to be included in any agreement signed, as U.S. cattle producers across the country won't declare the renegotiation efforts a success unless our product is accurately labeled.

"USCA appreciates the leadership of Congressman Cramer and Secretary Ross in addressing necessary agriculture concerns and opportunities as we look to the future of trade. It's time to shake things up and secure a better deal, and that's exactly what this Administration is doing."

—USCA

"Now that we have a court established finding that lack of country of origin labeling harms cattle producers in the United States, we're going directly to the White House," said Bill Bullard, [R-CALF](#)

Member Photos



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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
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What counts is not the size of the dog in the fight, but the size of the fight in the dog!! Dwight David Eisenhower

Soymanella Poisoning by Lee Pitts

I don't know about you but I became a little irritated when I read that two of the three largest meat processors have made sizable investments in upstarts that produce fake meat. So, in addition to all the other things we have to worry about, now we have to be concerned that somebody might be slipping us a seaweed burger or a tofu steak. As a public service I've made a list of ways to tell if you are about to eat, or have eaten, fake meat.

- Right after dinner there is a run on mouthwash, Pepto Bismol and Tic Tacs.
- After your husband or child hid the fake meat in the bottom of the kitchen flower pot when you weren't looking, the plant's leaves turn brown and the flowers all fall on the floor.
- As with safe sex, when fake meat is suspected everyone at the table starts practicing safe eating habits and using lots of condiments.
- When your spouse puts a "garden" or "farm burger" on the grill Aunt Jemima, Jenny Craig and Marie Callender all hold their noses.
- None of the food is the right color. The lettuce and bell peppers are red and the meat is a congealed green or nauseating yellow. (Sounds like two new potential Crayola® colors.)
- If the fake meat is put in the refrigerator instead of the garbage disposal where it belongs, the milk goes bad, the eggs turn rotten, the butter container decomposes and leaves a big grease spot behind, beer cans swell and pop their tops. While next door in the freezer compartment the ice cream becomes uneatable. (Something I thought impossible.)
- The dog no longer begs at the table and the cat left for good.
- A rat staggers from the kitchen and keels over dead.
- When the fake meat is taken out of the freezer to thaw both the smoke alarm and the carbon monoxide early detection warning device start screeching.
- At a family reunion barbecue a teenage vegetarian girl throws a "farm burger" on the grill and buzzards start circling overhead.
- The man of the house comes home from work, takes one sniff of what's cooking in the kitchen and insists on treating his wife by taking her out to dinner. (Henceforth, whenever the smart wife wants to go out to eat all she has to do is open a package of fake meat.)
- After eating a study diet of fake meat suddenly all your coworkers have opted out of your carpool. They cancel meetings with you and spray your cubicle with extra-strong cinnamon spice room deodorizer.
- The appliance repairman says it's the first time he's ever seen ulcers on a garbage disposal. Two days later the FDA quarantines your home because the ulcers have spread to your cookware.
- It's 30 degrees below outside but all the windows in the house are open for some fresh air.
- Someone from the Environmental Protection Agency knocks on your door and informs you that satellites have identified your kitchen as a hot spot that is causing global warming.
- A baby nursing on its vegetarian mother says its first words: "Please, lay off the fake meat. It's giving me gas."
- You go out to eat with friends at a new restaurant called The Skull and Bones and your server, Rainbow, informs you the special is bird's nest soup, sweet and sour garden enchiladas, baked pears in a Tofurkey gravy with broccoli milk shakes for dessert. Is it any wonder there are dead flies, termites and spiders everywhere you look? The next day the entire family suffers from "flu-like" symptoms.
- You're told fake meat will open up an all new world to you and sure enough, after eating some you get the Aztec two-step, the Delhi Belly and the Hong Kong Trotskies. And you haven't even left your house.
- The hog died.
- Prayers are offered AFTER the meal.

www.LeePittsbooks.com

ELD

Senate passes bill to extend ELD waiver for livestock haulers through Sept. 2019

The Senate on Wednesday (8-1-18) passed a bill that exempts livestock haulers from compliance with the electronic logging device mandate for another year, allowing them to run on paper logs until the end of September 2019.

The measure still has hurdles to clear before becoming final, however. Though the House has taken up a similar year-long extension of the livestock ELD waiver, it has not yet passed the bill to which it is attached. The two chambers, once the House passes its bill, will need to confer to iron out differences between the two pieces of legislation. Both chambers will need to pass the bills again. President Trump must also sign the legislation, but he **has threatened to veto appropriations packages** coming out of Congress if they don't include funding for a wall along the U.S.' southern border.

Legislators have just two months to finalize 2019 appropriations packages to ward off a government shutdown. Livestockers are currently exempt from ELD compliance through September 2018.

The Senate's livestock ELD waiver was added late Tuesday via an amendment offered by Sen. Deb Fischer (R-Neb.). Also added was an amendment from Fischer to urge the **Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration** to complete its ongoing study into adding split sleeper berth flexibility to hours of service regulations, though the amendment does not stipulate a timeline.

The **House's DOT appropriations bill**, which includes the ELD waiver for livestockers, also includes the so-called Denham Amendment, which would block states from enforcing laws that require carriers to provide drivers meal breaks and paid rest breaks beyond what is required by federal hours of service regulations.

That bill is awaiting consideration on the House floor. It was passed by the House's Appropriations Committee in late May.

<https://www.overdriveonline.com/senate-passes-bill-to-extend-eld-waiver-for-livestock-haulers-through-sept-2019/>

"I look forward to working with members of the House and Senate conference committee to finalize the farm bill and get it in place as soon as possible," Hoeven said. "We'll work to ensure that the final farm bill reflects our priorities, including strong crop insurance, improvements to the Agriculture Risk Coverage program, strong support for agriculture research and greater access to capital. Good farm policy will help ensure that our nation's farmers and ranchers can continue to provide Americans with the highest quality, lowest cost food supply, which benefits every American at the dinner table, every day." - Senator John Hoeven

Cattlemen's Debate: What to Call Fake Meat? Who Should Regulate?

Drovers Cattle Network, Wyatt Bechtel July 27, 2018

A debate on which regulatory agency should enforce fake meat products is being had by two cattlemen's groups as lab-grown "meat" is still being developed.

At issue between the National Cattlemen's Beef Association (NCBA) and the U.S. Cattlemen's Association (USCA) is what to call cell-cultured, lab-grown "meat." If the product is called "meat" it would then be regulated by USDA, under current rules and regulations. However, if the product isn't called "meat" it would move to the Food and Drug Administration (FDA).

On July 26, several animal agriculture industry organizations known as the "the Barnyard," sent a letter to President Donald Trump asking him for assurance USDA will be the primary regulator of cell-cultured, lab-grown meat.

The Barnyard includes NCBA, American Farm Bureau Federation, American Sheep Industry Association, National Chicken Council, National Pork Producers Council, National Turkey Federation and North American Meat Institute. They believe USDA is better suited to regulate lab-grown meat than FDA.

"USDA is uniquely equipped to ensure both elements: inspectors are on-site daily, and USDA approves all product labels to ensure products are what they claim to be and to prevent consumers from being misled. Meat and poultry processing companies have been meeting the challenge of USDA inspection for decades. Cell-cultured meat and poultry companies can and should meet the same requirements," the Barnyard coalition's letter says.

In a statement about the letter, NCBA President Kevin Kester says President Trump was elected to level the playing field for American products globally.

"Now, the President has the chance to demonstrate his support for free and fair markets right here at home. By supporting USDA oversight of lab-grown fake meat, the President will protect American consumers and ensure that America's farmers and ranchers are not disadvantaged in the marketplace," Kester says.

In response to the letter sent by the Barnyard group, a statement by USCA supported discussion on regulations but questioned if USDA is better suited than FDA.

"USCA has called on Congress and the Administration to engage on this pivotal issue and implement policies that will get out ahead of consumer confusion in the marketplace by enforcing truth in labeling and facilitating inter-agency dialogue. Cell-cultured protein needs to be labeled for what it is – an alternative food product that is not beef or meat as consumers currently know it. As new technologies continue to emerge, a one-sized fits all governmental approach will simply not work," says Kenny Graner, USCA president.

USCA sent a letter petitioning USDA's Food Safety and Inspection Service requesting that cell-cultured, lab-grown products not be allowed to be labeled "meat" or "beef." Graner adds that USDA will need "to continue to engage on this issue by remaining a part of the greater dialogue and issuing a response to that petition."

The debate on what to call alternative-protein products like lab-grown meat could be all for naught as the Trump Administration has proposed a government reorganization plan that would move federal food safety functions into a single agency housed within the USDA.

Currently, the food safety inspection for products is split between the agencies depending on how the product is made. For instance, pepperoni pizza is enforced by USDA because it contains meat and goes through three separate USDA inspections. A cheese pizza would only need to be inspected once by FDA.

<http://www.micausa.org/cattlemens-debate-call-fake-meat-regulate/>

Defining and Labeling Beef vs. Lab Grown Meat; I-BAND Supports Petition Request

The Independent Beef Association of North Dakota (I-BAND) supports the petition request made by U.S. cattle producers to the Department of Agriculture's Food Safety and Inspection Service (USDA-FSIS) seeking the exclusion of products not derived directly from animals from the federal definition of "beef" and "meat." A petition was filed with the agency by the U.S. Cattlemen's Association (USCA) on February 9, urging FSIS to establish certain beef labeling requirements as well as establishing policy indicating that products labeled as "beef" be limited to products from cattle that have been born, raised and harvested in the traditional manner.

The following comments should be attributed to I-BAND President Dwight Keller.

"This issue of defining what beef is and what it isn't and making that information clearly available to consumers at the point of sale should concern every cattle rancher in the nation. Venture capitalists and some major beef processors are investing heavily in synthetic products grown in laboratories that are designed to resemble in appearance and taste like traditional beef products. These products are expected to be commercially sold by 2020. Such products are not derived from living animals. We believe firmly that product derived from alternative proteins like plants and insects or from cultured cells should not be permitted to be labeled as 'beef,' which has been widely understood for hundreds of years as the flesh of a bovine animal.

"FSIS has primary responsibility for the regulation of food labeling for meat products under the Federal Meat Inspection Act (FMIA), which states that products shall be deemed 'misbranded' if the 'labeling is false or misleading'. We urge FSIS to limit the definition of 'beef' and 'meat' to the tissue or flesh of animals that have been raised and harvested in the traditional manner regardless of country of origin. This definition should be added to the FSIS Food Standards and Labeling Policy Book which is intended to provide guidance for manufacturers when they prepare product labels.

"U.S. cattle producers raise the most nutritious food in the world: beef. We should not stand idly by while synthetic products emerge in retail markets and are, most likely, going to appear in meat cases alongside traditional beef and meat. These fake meat products will attempt to imitate beef's nutritionally complete reputation and exploit the consumer trust our product has earned.

"Now is the time for the national Beef Checkoff Program to become engaged in campaigns that educate consumers about the differences between fake meat and traditional beef and perhaps engage in the associated research. The industry must address this issue proactively and the beef checkoff is the best tool we have to do so. Now is also the time for beef producers to engage in the process."

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From Tatum Lee, R-CALF USA Development Director

To sponsor or not to sponsor? To attend or not attend? Those are the questions. The 19th Annual R-CALF Convention and Trade Show is coming up quickly and we are so excited for what this year's event will bring! Why is this convention important to attend? Why should you go to the hassle of finding someone to do chores?

...Because the fight to stay independent and fight for our family ranching legacies is important. And it's critical. And the time is now.

There are so many factors working against us. But there are also a few things working for us. R-CALF is one of the silver linings of our industry. I came to R-CALF not for a paycheck or accolades. Because trust me, in a non-profit, the behind the scenes can sometimes be messy.

I came to R-CALF because coming from a family operation that's been producing since 1885....it means something. Legacy means something. Fighting for what you believe in means something. To be "sustainable" for 133 years means we've had to dig in our heels when we're tired and when it's hard.

I support R-CALF because the American cowboy is on the verge of becoming extinct. And if I can do something about it, I think wisdom and integrity says...do it. Producers from over 43 states will gather together for 2 days to learn the state of our industry. This only happens once a year. The speakers are first class. The food will be local USA-born, raised and produced beef. The fellowship with other producers will be memory-making, and the money and time invested will return hefty dividends.

For too long, it's been easy for all of us to "send someone else" because "I'm too busy" to go and do our bidding. And I get it. We ARE busy. But busy hasn't gotten us very far when a few puppeteers pulling the strings in Washington, D.C. were making decisions for us that affect us at the market gate.

We can no longer sit back and do "business as usual."

We must take an active role in every part of our businesses. And if that means getting the neighbor to feed for 2 days, then please invest in the longevity of your ranch enough...to do just that.

If you're reading this and you're a business that makes money off of beef agriculture, you owe your customers a big "thank you" for helping to keep you in business. Because here's the deal...if the ranchers in your communities go out of business....so do you. It's a marriage covenant that is dependent on the other.

From Tatum Lee, R-CALF USA Development Director cont.

I'm asking you to support every customer you have, by investing in a convention that is standing on the line for you. Become a convention sponsor or buy a trade show booth and partner with us!

R-CALF continues to be the maverick of the cattle business. Not because it's the easy thing to do...but because it's the right thing to do.

R-CALF is membership supported and it's up to all of us to support an association that is supporting us. What did COOL cost you in 2015? Would a \$1,000 donation to R-CALF to keep fighting for your right to label your product even compare to the tens of thousands of dollars you lost on your calves? It's a cheap investment when you think about it that way!

Please call the R-CALF office or myself to register your business or ranch as a sponsor. Or go online at www.RCALFConvention.com and fill out the paperwork there. If you're old school and you don't like computers, you can call 406-839-7590 and we'll fix you up right there.

In the meantime, go call the Ramkota at 1-605-343-8550, ask for the R-CALF rate, and get your room reserved. Get registered to spend some time with other folks that understand what you do and who you are.... you're an American rancher. You raise the best beef in the world under the best of conditions. And it's time to make the U.S. cattle industry profitable again.

What's at stake? Your Steak.

WHAT'S AT STAKE? YOUR STEAK. SAVE THE DATE FOR SEPT. 5th & 6th!

Plant-based protein alternatives are being placed right next to real beef in grocery stores across America. The cattle industry is fighting the same powerful food lobby that won the false claim to label products like soy milk and almond milk as dairy products. They're coming after beef now by claiming their plant-based and laboratory-grown "meat" product should be labeled as BEEF and marketed in the same meat case as your product in the grocery store.

So, how do we combat the rising trend of plant-based and lab-grown protein alternatives? Simple. By coming together as an industry and pledging to do better and be better. The Cattle Producer's Forum gives producers the chance to sit down and discuss in real time the challenges and opportunities that the U.S. cattle industry faces in the years ahead. And we don't mean what will happen tomorrow - we're talking about five, ten, fifteen years down the road. We've brought in industry leaders and thought-influencers from across the country to discuss one thing: what sort of industry will we leave our children?

Don't sit on the sidelines and risk losing valuable insights and advocacy opportunities. We've saved you a seat at the 2018 Cattle Producer's Forum - register TODAY to be a part of the conversation on September 5th & 6th.

Wednesday, September 5th will serve as the USCA Annual Meeting in which Board of Directors & Officers nominations will take place and all other official USCA business will occur. (Not a member? Join NOW to become a part of only national cattlemen's' organization that represents independent cattle producers and independent feeders.)

On Thursday, September 6th, we welcome all producers and members of the public to attend the 2016 Cattle Producer's Forum. The Forum will feature panel discussions and special speakers on global trade, the state of the cattle industry, and ushering in the next generation of cattle producers. Following the day's events, we will honor industry VIP's and friends of the industry, and then end with a "Producer's Night-Out" social event.

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE VISIT www.cattlemensmeeting.com.

FOR QUESTIONS, PLEASE CALL: Lia Biondo at (202) 870-1552 or lia@wssdc.com

Photos



4th of July float in the Mandan parade

Above: Friends of I-BAND

Below: (L to R) Mike Heaton, Mary Graner, Corrine Heaton, Kenny Graner



I-BAND Young Producer Meeting attendees



Larry, Dwight and
Kenny in DC



IBAND SPONSORS STATE 4H YOUTH

The Independent Beef Association of ND knows the future of our industry is in the hands of our youth. That is why IBAND is proud to support ND 4H. In 2018, IBAND has sponsored \$500 to the ND 4H state champion senior livestock judging team from Golden Valley County. The team consists of 4 young adults; Emma Flemming, Ethan Flemming, McKenzie Volk and Kaden Volk, along with their coaches Donnie and Trish Feiring and Ashley Ueckert. The money will go to help with travel expenses as they make their way to the national competition in Louisville, KY in November. Congratulations and best of luck at nationals!

IBAND is also proud to sponsor buckles for the 4H beef show at the ND state fair. Supreme champion cow-calf pair went to Bridget Kuntz from Morton County. Supreme champion Heifer went to Kendra Myers from Ransom County. Supreme champion market beef went to Anisten Petersen and her steer "Ricky Bobby" from Dickey County. Congratulations on a job well done!

These young men and women have put forth hours of hard work and dedication and are great examples of the bright future our beef industry has to come. IBAND is honored to help support them.



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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 13 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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