



**Resolution USDA-GS 2005-1
USDA Grade Stamp**

I-BAND supports restricting the USDA grade stamp to be used only on cattle born, raised and processed in the United States.



**Resolution CS 2006-1
Captive Supplies**

I-BAND supports legislation that would strictly limit meat processors from owning any cattle more than fourteen days prior to slaughter.



**Resolutions ROCFTJ 2006-1
Removal of Cattle from the J-List**

WHEREAS: Removal of cattle from the J-List would require all foreign cattle to be permanently marked with a mark of origin, thereby allowing animal health authorities to identify imported cattle which is critical due to the potential importation of animals previously and unknowingly exposed to potential new and emerging diseases, or diseases with long incubation periods, such as BSE and tuberculosis, where the need to locate these animals may not be realized until many years after the date of importation and,

WHEREAS: Once all imported cattle are marked with a mark of origin, the separate identity of the U.S. cattle herd can be maintained and country of origin labeling can be more easily implemented at no cost to U.S. producers,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: I-BAND supports the removal of cattle from the Department of Treasury's J-List.



**Resolution SFNCBA 2006-1
Separation from NCBA**

WHEREAS: The National Cattlemen's Beef Association (NCBA) continues to work for the interests of the major packers and retailers of this nation over the best interests of this nations cattle producers; and

WHEREAS: I-BAND recognizes that one group cannot adequately represent the U.S. beef industry as a whole; and

WHEREAS: the NCBA continues to promote itself as the organization that represents the entire beef industry of the United States.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: I-BAND wishes to clarify in official policy that NCBA does not represent the views of our membership, and that NCBA does not speak for the Independent Beef Association of North Dakota.



**Resolution R 2007-1
Regionalization**

WHEREAS the health of the U.S. cattle herd is vital to the profitability of independent cattle producers; and
WHEREAS the US policy was built on protecting US producers of food and fiber, and not managing a disease once it gets here,
BE IT RESOLVED, IBAND opposes efforts by the government of the United States to allow regionalization of foreign countries with animal disease problems if such regionalization weakens animal health or food safety standards concerning importation of cattle or beef into the United States.



**Resolution BRU 2009-1
Brucellosis Committee**

WHEREAS, USDA-APHIS has implied there is a lack of federal funding to continue the national Bovine Brucellosis eradication program in its current and most scientifically-based form and,
WHEREAS, the continued prevalence of bovine brucellosis in the United States in wildlife poses a significant risk to public and animal health.
THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that I-BAND recommends USDA-APHIS continue to prioritize funding for an eradication and indemnification program for Brucellosis.
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that industry and state animal health officials fully participate in any restructuring efforts to the current program before such changes are implemented by APHIS, and that any program changes allow states to retain the authority to implement additional testing requirements to protect their livestock and wildlife populations.



**Resolution TB 2009-1
Tuberculosis Funding**

WHEREAS, USDA-APHIS has implied there is a lack of federal funding to continue the national Bovine Tuberculosis eradication program in its current and most scientifically-based form and,
WHEREAS, the continued prevalence of bovine tuberculosis in the United States in both domestic livestock and wildlife may pose a significant risk to public and animal health.
THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that I-BAND recommends USDA-APHIS continue to prioritize funding for an eradication and indemnification program for bovine tuberculosis.
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that industry and state animal health officials be allowed to participate in any restructuring efforts to the current program before such changes are implemented by APHIS, and that any program changes allow

states to retain the authority to implement additional testing requirements to protect their livestock and wildlife populations.



**Resolution GIPSA 2010-1
Fair Marketing Rules for GIPSA**

WHEREAS, A lack of a cash market hurts all prices including contract prices and Packers are using their concentration to destroy the cash “spot” market resulting in a steady decline in population of Rural America and family ranchers and farmers are exiting the business at an alarming rate and;

WHEREAS, Judges have continually misinterpreted the Packers and Stockyards Act.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, I-BAND strongly supports the proposed GIPSA Rule clarifications to the Packers and Stockyards Act of 1921 as presented by the U.S. Department of Agriculture through its Grain Inspection Packers and Stockyard Administration (GIPSA) and supports any efforts by USDA and GIPSA to reestablish a fair, transparent and open cash market.



**Resolution BC 2010-1
Funding Restrictions for Federation of State Beef Councils**

WHEREAS, A recent audit found that Beef Checkoff funds had been used to promote activities of the NCBA and;

WHEREAS, The perceived firewall between the Checkoff and the policy entities of the NCBA is obviously inadequate.

WHEREAS, Not all North Dakota producers want to support the activities of the NCBA.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, I-BAND calls for the North Dakota Beef Commission to restrict the amount of revenue being sent to the Federation of State Beef Councils.



**Resolution ASFF 2011-1
Allocation of State and Federal Funds**

I-BAND opposes private organizations managing state and nationally-collected funds.



**Resolution ADT 2011-1
Animal Disease Traceability (ADT)**

WHEREAS: I-BAND does realize there is a need for some type of identification

WHEREAS: I-BAND is concerned who and how this information will be kept

WHEREAS: Feeder steers will need to be identified individually instead of in group lots

WHEREAS: Ear tags can be lost or easily removed

WHEREAS: Brands are not recognized as an official form of identification, which sets a precedence for Canada and Mexico to no longer have to hot-iron brand their cattle imported to the United States.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: The Animal Identification proposed rules state that information be kept within the individual states and tribal nations and this information cannot be contracted out to any organization only controlled by the State Veterinarian or Board of Animal Health

THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That all imported cattle be required to have a hot-iron brand

THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: The hot-iron brand shall be listed as an official form of I.D. between consenting states and tribal nations.

THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: Feeders steers can be identified in group lots.



**Resolution EDR 2011-1
Eminent Domain Reform**

WHEREAS, many landowners are affected by fraudulent and coercive practice lack full understanding of their rights under the law; and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, I-BAND call upon the state legislature to reform state eminent domain law.



**Resolution FAD- 2011-1
Foreign Animal Disease**

Foreign countries continue to pressure the USDA to allow regionalized imports of foreign beef despite documented problems with Foot and Mouth Disease (FMD).

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that I-BAND calls on the administration and Congress to pass the necessary laws to protect the domestic herd from FMD from any foreign country with documented problems with FMD.



**Resolution HS 2011-1
Horse Slaughter**

BE IT RESOLVED, I-BAND urges USDA reallocate funds for the inspection of the humane harvest of equines.



**Resolution BAH 2011-1
ND Board of Animal Health**

**BE IT RESOLVED I-BAND as an organization representing independent beef producers of North Dakota and,
THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, I-BAND be allowed participation in the nomination process for members of the North Dakota board of animal health.**



**Resolution USFRA 2011-1
U.S. Farm and Ranch Alliance**

**WHEREAS: I-BAND has determined that membership in, or support in any way for, the U.S. Farm and Ranch Alliance (USFRA) would not be in the best interest of the cattle producers of the United States,
BE IT RESOLVED that I-BAND request the Secretary of Agriculture to institute a rule prohibiting the CBB and/or the Federation of Qualified State Beef Councils from expending Checkoff funds for that purpose.**



**Resolution BCR 2012-1
Beef Checkoff Reform**

I-BAND feels that any changes to the Beef Checkoff should be made by a referendum of the producers that pay into the system and not by self-appointed special interest groups, and furthermore, as beef producers and participants of the Checkoff, we shall support the efforts to utilize Checkoff promotional dollars collected from U.S. beef to promote only USA born, raised and processed beef to help increase demand domestically and internationally while at the same time, the importers may also use their share of the Checkoff to promote imported beef.

WHEREAS I-BAND feels that the present National Beef Checkoff mechanism has created a framework that is far too complicated and excludes a large portion of U.S. beef producers; and WHEREAS two segments—the Cattlemen’s Beef Board (CBB) and the Federation of State Beef Councils (Federation)- are mandated by the Beef Promotion Act and Order, and the third segment- the National Cattlemen’s Beef Association (NCBA)- is a policy-driven organization that also is the main contractor for Beef Checkoff;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED I-BAND recommends that NCBA, the CBB, and the Federation each become individually independent and autonomous in order to alleviate the impression that they are operating as one entity.

THEREFORE BE IT BE FURTHER RESOLVED I-BAND supports the producer’s right to vote on the Beef Checkoff on a periodic basis.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED in order for a producer to vote on the Beef Checkoff in ND, the producer must be of legal voting age.



**Resolution BR 2012-1
Brand Reform**

WHEREAS the North Dakota Stockmen’s Association (NDSA) is the contractor for the livestock brand program.

WHEREAS the entire brand is paid by all producers that sell or transport cattle across state lines are required to pay brand inspection fees.

WHEREAS the chief brand inspector and East and West field inspectors are trained law enforcement officers.

WHEREAS all livestock producers are not members of the NDSA.

THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED I-BAND supports moving the entire brand program back to ND Department of Agriculture.



**Resolution AIDF 2013-1
Animal I.D. Funding**

WHEREAS the Animal Tracability Program is a federal program.
And WHEREAS: animal disease traceability is an animal health issue.
BE IT RESOLVED I-BAND recommends North Dakota state legislature shall direct funds for implementation of animal I.D. thru offices of North Dakota State Vet and the Board of Animal Health.



**Resolution BCA 2013-1
Beef Checkoff Accountability**

I-BAND adamantly opposes any increase to the Beef Check Off.



**Resolution CMA 2013-1
Constitutional Measures Act**

BE IT RESOLVED; IBAND opposes any initiated constitutional measures ear marking oil extraction taxes going to special interest groups.



**Resolution CNT 2015-1
Cap and Trade**

WHEREAS the cap and trade bill has a high probability of adversely affecting the viability profitability of the agriculture industry as currently written.
THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED I-BAND opposes all cap and trade bills.



**Resolution DTUSCI 2015-1
Distinguishing the US Cattle Industry**

I-BAND encourages the USDA and Congress to support and maintain the identity of the United States cattle Industry and, therefore, the United States cattle industry shall not be referred to as the “North American cattle Industry,” which includes the United States, Canada and Mexico.

Therefore be it resolved: Congress shall maintain the integrity of the “A” label for cattle born, raised, and processed in the United States.



**Resolution ER 2015-1
Estray Reform**

WHEREAS; the estray money belongs to the livestock producers of ND.
THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED I-BAND believes the money not returned to owners of estray livestock within a period of 7 years should be submitted to North Dakota land trust fund.



**Resolution ATE 2016-1
ANTI TRUST ENFORCEMENT**

BE IT RESOLVED: I-band urges Department of Justice to enforce antitrust laws relevant to concentration in the meat packing industry.



**Resolution FB 2016-1
Farm Bill**

WHEREAS: In the Farm Bill as it stands now, it has a Livestock Title.
WHEREAS: The Livestock Title, contains the GIPSA and COOL Rules
WHEREAS: We cannot allow the Livestock Title to be taken out of the Farm Bill
WHEREAS: It is very important to the cattle producer, that GIPSA Rule is implemented and funded.
WHEREAS: COOL took many years to get in the Farm Bill
THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED: That I-BAND supports the Livestock Title to remain in the Farm Bill.



**Resolution FS 2016-1
Food Safety**

WHEREAS, food safety is a top priority of the U.S. Beef industry and,
WHEREAS, the outbreak of E.coli STECs correlates with beef imports.
BE IT RESOLVED, that I BAND urges congress to appropriate more money for the Food Safety Inspection Service (FSIS) so they can increase testing for E.coli STECs in lots of imported beef destined for fabrication in the U.S.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that all lots of foreign beef destined for fabrication or sale in U.S. markets be held until E.coli STECs results are known.
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that foreign meat tested positive for E.coli STECs be returned to the country of origin.



Resolution FSF 2016-1
Food safety funding

WHEREAS state or federal funds that may be appropriated for animal health or food safety issues are for the benefit of all ND livestock producers.

BE IT RESOLVED: I-BAND recommends that any state or federal funds pertaining to and appropriated for animal health or food safety issues, be directed to the ND Agriculture Department and implemented by the ND State veterinarian through the board of animal health

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: these funds should never be contracted out.



Resolution PC 2016-1
Predator control

WHEREAS predators cause economic damage to ranchers.

BE IT RESOLVED: I-BAND opposes the protection or limit reductions of any predatory animal that is a threat to any livestock used in production agriculture, without sound scientific evidence and producer input.

Resolution Trade 2016-1
Trade

BE IT RESOLVED I-BAND opposes the use of fast track to pass any trade agreement.

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED: The Independent Beef Association of North Dakota opposes any Free Trade Agreement that has a detrimental effect on the U.S. live cattle industry and the overall viability and sustainability of the U.S. economy or the sovereignty of the United States of America.



Resolution ELD 2017-1
ELECTRONIC LOGGING DEVICE

Whereas, the Department of Transportation has proposed ELD rules to be implemented December 18, 2017, those rules will seriously hamper the wellbeing of livestock being transported.

Be it resolved, I-BAND supports using the 1-year exemption to work toward a solution to assure timely delivery of all livestock and to secure the safety and

welfare of livestock in transit and to support a full livestock exemption if a workable rule can not be established.



**Resolution GIPSA 2017-1
GIPSA**

Whereas I-BAND strongly supports the Packers and Stockyards Act of 1921, also known as GIPSA.

Be it resolved, I-BAND supports removing GIPSA from Fair Trade Practices program and reestablishing it as a stand alone agency.

Be it further resolved, I-BAND urges congress to provide funding for Farmer Fair Practices rules through the GIPSA agency.



**Resolution AIDP 2018-1
Animal ID Policy**

The cattle industry and animal health veterinarians face significant challenges in the development and implementation of animal identification and disease traceability policies and the regulatory requirements. I-BAND recognizes the need to have systems in place both for animal health and market protection for the U.S. livestock industries and the protection of the producers' ownership rights in data that are created. To those ends, I-BAND will work with appropriate industry groups as approved by the Board of Directors and with the agencies of United States Department of Agriculture and federal and state animal health officials, to advance the marketing of beef cattle and to protect the ownership interests of the producers in their data to provide practical and useful guidance on Animal ID/ Disease Traceability issues.

Therefore be it resolved that only unique official USDA approved 840 tag (which can only be used in US born and raised cattle) should be allowed for official identification for interstate and international movements and for first time movements, if they are required to be officially identified and especially when change of ownership occurs.

Therefore be it resolved that Identification and premises info is held by state animal officials who need to access ID information daily and in real time (RT) in disease emergencies to meet their disease traceability needs, and to be shared with federal veterinarians when appropriate for disease investigations.

Therefore be it resolved that I-BAND will only support required EID (electronic identification) technology that allows the movement of livestock at the speed of commerce.

Therefore be it resolved that I-BAND will support that all imported live cattle must carry a national/country brand and EID tag, with 3 digit country code on EID tag.

Therefore be it resolved that I-BAND supports required disease traceability efforts only if producers choose to use their official identification tags and information regarding their livestock voluntarily and privately, they can enter into value added marketing programs as they can currently do.



Resolution PCE 2018-1 Easements

IBAND does not support permanent or perpetual conservation easements or any conservation easement that last longer than 20 years (one generation).



Resolution CCPIB 2018-1 Cell Cultured Proteins, Plant & Insect Based

Definition of Beef & Meat

WHEREAS, plant-based proteins are being marketed using the terms “meat” and “beef”, and

WHEREAS, major companies are investing in technology to create cell culture-based proteins

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, I-BAND supports the use of the term beef and/or its product names or nomenclature (such as steaks, roasts, hamburger, ground beef) in a food label to be exclusively for beef from cattle raised and harvested from live animals in the traditional manner.

Plant based and cell cultured proteins

WHEREAS, cell cultured technology continues to be developed, and
WHEREAS, I-BAND supports the use of USDA inspection stamps be used on beef and meat.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, If a stamp is used on cell cultured proteins, I-BAND asks USDA to create a separate USDA stamp or marking for cell cultured proteins that are inspected by the USDA and by states, using a different format and color ink on the stamp. Neither the Federal or State meat inspection stamps shall appear on the cell culture protein products, retail packaging or wholesale containers or shall the USDA grade shield appear on any cell cultured product or packaging. While we believe these products should be required to pass the same strict standards of food inspection as meat products that come from animals

raised in the traditional manner, we do not believe they are the same category of food and therefore should not bear a USDA meat inspection stamp.

THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that I-BAND supports that a new category of food be developed and used for cell cultured proteins and that while we understand that the product is protein we ask that it not be included as meat or dairy or eggs in the Dietary guide lines but as its own class of protein.

Promotion and Research of Beef

WHEREAS I-BAND recognizes that cell cultured proteins are destined to be in international trade deals we believe that they should require separate negotiations than beef, pork or poultry as the process of production, packaging and inspection will be different than that of real meat products. And,

WHEREAS countries such as France have recently created labeling laws that do not allow alternative proteins to use meat related terms. Each country will need to define how cell cultured product will be inspected and standards for trade acceptance for these products separate from beef, pork or poultry. And,

WHEREAS the Beef Check Off helps to fund the US Meat Export Federation and

WHEREAS The U.S. Meat Export Federations website defines themselves as *“The U.S. Meat Export Federation (www.usmef.org) is the trade association responsible for developing international markets for the U.S. red meat industry. It is funded by USDA; the beef, pork, lamb, corn and soybean checkoff programs, as well as its members representing nine industry sectors: beef/veal producing & feeding, pork producing & feeding, lamb producing & feeding, packing & processing, purveying & trading, oilseeds producing, feed-grains producing, farm organizations and supply & service organizations.”*

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED I-BAND does not support that alternative proteins, plant based proteins, or cell cultured proteins be allowed to be included in the BEEF CHECK OFF ACT & ORDER.



**Resolution USFRA 2018-1
U.S. Farm and Ranch Alliance**

WHEREAS I-BAND has determined that membership in, or support in any way for, the U.S. Farm and Ranch Alliance (USFRA) would not be in the best interest of the cattle producers of the United States,

BE IT RESOLVED that I-BAND request the Secretary of Agriculture to institute a rule prohibiting the CBB and/or the Federation of Qualified State Beef Councils from expending Checkoff funds for that purpose.

Be it further resolved I-BAND opposes ND Beef Checkoff dollars be invested in the ND Livestock Alliance.



**Resolution FBP 2019-1
Foreign Beef Packers**

Whereas a disproportionate majority of the beef processing industry is currently owned by foreign corporations.

Whereas food security is a matter of national security.

Be it resolved; I-BAND urges Department of Justice & The US President apply a moratorium on any further acquisitions by foreign corporations.



**Resolution FM 2019-1
Futures Markets**

Whereas futures markets influence the daily price of live cattle.

Whereas futures markets should be a risk management tool.

Whereas futures markets exhibit undue volatility ignoring actual market fundamentals.

Be it resolved; IBAND work with all interested stakeholders towards solutions to level the playing field and bring integrity into the marketplace.



**Resolution BCBM 2019-1
North Dakota Beef Commission Board Member Positions**

WHEREAS, presently only select organizations can recommend persons to serve on the North Dakota Beef Commission Board of Directors, subsequently appointed by the Governor.

BE IT RESOLVED, I-BAND requests the North Dakota Legislature change the process of obtaining a voting member on the North Dakota Beef Commission Board of Directors.



**Resolutions PC 2019-1
Packer Concentration**

WHEREAS: The US meat packing industry is concentrated in the hands of four major corporations thereby creating monopsony powers over their suppliers; and

WHEREAS: The Packers and Stockyards act contains provisions to regulate the packing industry.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED: I-BAND calls on the Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyard Administration (GIPSA) a division of USDA to enforce the current regulations.

Therefore be it further resolved, I-BAND calls on the President of the United States to address packer concentration.



**Resolution GRSB 2019-1
Roundtable**

WHEREAS, the Global Roundtable for Sustainable Beef (GRSB) & the United States Roundtable for Sustainable Beef (USRSB) is an effort to control the U.S. live cattle supply chain;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED: The Independent Beef Association of North Dakota opposes the GRSB & USRSB.

Therefore, be it further resolved: I-BAND opposes investment of checkoff funds to both GRSB & USRSB.



Resolution MRFID 2020-1

Against mandatory RFID

Whereas; The USDA/FSIS continues to push for a mandatory Radio Frequency Identification (RFID) on U.S. cattle and

Whereas; mandatory RFID would put more financial burdens on US cattle producers.

Therefore, be it resolved; that I-BAND opposes any MANDATORY RFID on U.S. cattle.



Resolution BCA 2020-1

Beef Checkoff Accountability

Whereas; The Beef Checkoff has been in existence for 35 years and most producers have not had the opportunity to vote on said program.

Whereas; the Beef Checkoff is a government program.

Therefore, be it resolved; that I-BAND supports the checkoff referendum petition that would provide producers who fund it the right to vote on the beef checkoff.

Be it further resolved; I-BAND urges that the program should either: A. become voluntary or B. sunset unless affirmed by producer vote every 5 years to ensure that the producers who pay, feel satisfied and well represented, by said program.



Resolution SMR 2020-1

Spot Market Resolution

Whereas; Antitrust laws have not been enforced.

And whereas; packer concentration has eliminated competition in the cash cattle market.

Therefore, be it resolved; I-BAND supports a minimum of 50% of the packer's daily volume per facility, be purchased through spot market sales from non-affiliated producers.

Be it further resolved; I-BAND supports that the livestock are to be slaughtered no more than 14 days from the purchase agreement.



**Resolution SL 2020-1
State Land**

Whereas, the State Land Rental has always been determined in person at a specified location and this procedure has worked well in the past.

Whereas, I-BAND supports continuing a one day, in person live auction at a specified location, and

Whereas, surface leases are primarily for agricultural use and the agricultural community has no direct representation on the State Land Board.

Be it resolved, I-BAND supports the North Dakota Agriculture Commissioner or his appointee be added to the Land Board.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Land Board absorb auction costs as it always has and not be allowed to charge the lessees a buyer's premium.