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15th Annual Convention

November 20-21, 2020

Plan to attend the 2020 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.

Zoom links will be posted online and on Facebook for the Resolutions meeting on Friday night as well as our speakers on Saturday if you wish to attend virtually.

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A block of rooms have been reserved.

Call 701-258-7000 for reservations.

ZOOM

Zoom links will be posted on our Facebook page as well as our website

<https://i-band.org/upcoming-events>



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A message from our president



Greetings Cattlemen and Women

It looks like winter may be here to stay! We are still dealing with the 'China virus' or know someone who has been affected by it in some way or another. Let's hope we can put that in the rear view mirror someday soon. We may need a vaccine and herd immunity both in order to get that accomplished.

It does make me think about how important the health of our individual herds and our national cow herd is to all of us. Despite what we have learned during this pandemic, we continue to allow products to come into our country from places that have FMD and other Foreign Animal Diseases that would devastate our livestock industries. We need to continue to work together

with others to stop ongoing risky trade practices and raise the food products we need right here in the USA as a matter of food security and national security.

The convention will be held on November 21st at the Ramada in Bismarck, unless the city officials change their rules on gatherings. We do have a great line up of speakers who will be covering most of the major livestock industry issues we face today. Please come join us and offer your input to the discussions. We all face the same challenges and want to achieve similar goals. It's important we hear your suggestions on how to reach those goals.

We will be serving 'US steaks' for supper and enjoy time to fellowship which is much needed at this time.

We look forward to visiting with all of you on November 21st!

Dwight Keller



Raffle Tickets

*Tickets are \$20 each

*Must be 18 & older to purchase ticket

*Limited number of tickets sold

*Contact your local board member for tickets

Drawing to be held on November 21, 2020 at our annual meeting at the Ramada Inn in

Bismarck, ND.



INDEPENDENT BEEF ASSOCIATION OF NORTH DAKOTA (I-BAND)

\$20
PER TICKET

Drawing to be held on November 21, 2020 at Ramada by Wyndham • 1400 E Interchange Ave, Bismarck, ND

PRIZES

TICKET PURCHASE IS NOT A CHARITABLE DONATION.	Henry Silver Boy 22LR	\$630
	Mossberg Patriot 6.5 Creedmore Wood Stock	\$553
BISMARCK PERMIT # 2020-088	\$500 Cash - I-BAND	\$500
	\$500 Cash - I-BAND	\$500
	\$500 Cash - Heaton Ranch	\$500

MUST BE 18/OVER TO PURCHASE TICKET. NEED NOT BE PRESENT TO WIN.

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Convention Speakers



Susan Keller DVM, North Dakota

State Veterinarian

Susan Keller graduated from Kansas State University in 1981 with a B.S. in Animal Science, Doctor of Veterinary Medicine from K-State in 1985. She first practiced in Bowman and Mandan, ND, before opening the Countryside Animal Clinic located on the family ranch south of Mandan from 1987 to 1997. Keller is a career long member of the ND Medical Association and served on the ND Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners from 1990 to 1993. Keller was appointed the ND Deputy State Veterinarian in 1997 and in 2004 was appointed the ND State Veterinarian. Dr. Keller is a Foreign Animal Disease Diagnostician, a TB and Brucellosis epidemiologist and a member of the Assembly of Animal Health Officials. Susan and her husband, Dwight, their children, Luke & Katy, Jake and Tess & Thomas, work together on the Keller Broken Heart Ranch.

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Bill Bullard

R-CALF USA CEO

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.

Bullard is a former owner/operator of a South Dakota cow/calf ranching operation. He gained government experience by serving over five years as the Executive Director of the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission, a state agency that regulates grain elevators, electricity, natural gas and telecommunications. He has a B.S. in Political Science from Black Hills State University in South Dakota and completed a year of graduate studies at the University of South Dakota.

Bullard resides in Billings, Montana, and has three children: Cameron, Candace, and Callie and five grandchildren: Sienna, Zoey, Chase, Eliza and Josephine.

Convention Speakers



Doug Goehring

ND Ag Commissioner

Doug Goehring has been North Dakota Agriculture Commissioner since 2009.

A third-generation farmer, Commissioner Goehring, along with his son, Dustin, operates a 2,600-acre, no-till farm near Menoken in south central North Dakota, where they raise corn, soybeans, spring wheat, winter wheat, sunflowers, and barley. In the past, the Goehring's have also produced durum, canola, mustard, millet, safflower, alfalfa, lentils and field peas, and have had a feeder cattle operation.

Commissioner Goehring is the former president and chairman of the board of Nodak Mutual Insurance Co. and a former director of American Agricultural Insurance Co.

Long active in farm organizations, Commissioner Goehring has served as vice president of the North Dakota Farm Bureau and is a member of the North Dakota Stockmen's Association, the North Dakota Grain Growers, the North Dakota Soybean Association, the North Dakota Corn Growers Association and the National Association of Corporate Directors. An early supporter of agriculture-based, renewable fuels, he is an investor in the Red Trail Energy Ethanol Plant at Richardton.

Commissioner Goehring is past president of the Midwestern Association of State Departments of Agriculture. He is a former director of the United Soybean Board where he served as chairman of the sustainability committee, domestic research committee, industrial uses and international marketing committee. He was a former director of the North Dakota Soybean Council, a former secretary/treasurer of the North Dakota Grain Growers Association and a member of USDA's Area 4 Research Farm Steering Committee. He is the former president of the Menoken School Board and past chairman of the Bismarck Mandan Chamber Agriculture Committee.

He is current president of the Food Export Association of the Midwest, a non-profit organization composed of 13 Midwestern state agricultural promotion agencies that use federal, state, and industry resources to help U.S. suppliers increase product sales overseas. He is also current vice-president of the National Association of State Departments of Agriculture (NASDA), a nonpartisan, nonprofit association which represents the elected and appointed commissioners, secretaries, and directors of the departments of agriculture in all fifty states and four U.S. territories.

Beyond his responsibilities to North Dakota's agriculture industry and research, his portfolio as commissioner includes oil and gas, water, trade, business development, tax equalization, and infrastructure.

Commissioner Goehring attended Bismarck State College and is a licensed medical laboratory technician.

Commissioner Goehring and wife Annette have six children and eight grandchildren. They attend Evangel Assembly of God in Bismarck.

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David Wright

I was born December 9, 1962 in Neligh, NE. I grew up on the family ranch five miles west of Ewing, NE. I am the fourth generation to live on the ranch. I graduated from Ewing High School in 1981. After one year of college at UNL, Chancellor Massengale decided I should continue my education back at the ranch. I must say I learned a lot that year, but very little in the field of academics. In 1985 I married Joan, we have three children, Issac (1988) Katie (1990) and Hannah (1993) all of them have earned post-secondary degrees. Katie is teaching and coaching volleyball at Norfolk High. She has a son, Josiah (2019). Hannah is the marketing department at Charles Drew Health Center in Omaha. Issac is running the ranch. He has two sons, John (2017) and James(2019), they

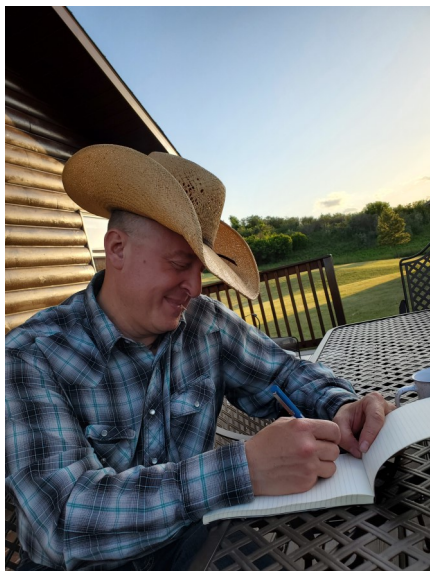
are the sixth generation to live on the ranch. Joan also returned to college and earned her RN degree in 1992 and her BS in business management in 1997. In 2003 we bought the Neligh News and Leader along with the Creighton News, Ewing News and Clearwater Record. We print five other community newspapers as well. In 2019 we sold the newspapers.

In 1996 corn hit \$5 per bushel and the cattle market fell. It was a very difficult time to be ranching. I was complaining in the feed store about the cattle markets when one of my dad's friends told me, "Stop bitching and get involved". Needless to say that is not what I wanted to hear, but he was right. So I threw my name in the hat for parish council at St. Francis church. I was elected to a three year term, the third year I was elected chairman. Then I joined the Knights of Columbus and became a third degree knight. In 2002 I ran for the 41st Legislative District but lost by four hundreds votes in the primary. After the primary that same year I was asked to run for the Nebraska Beef Council (NBC). In November I was elected to NBC and served two, four year terms (2002-2010). That same year I was elected to serve on Congressman Osborne's Ag Advisory committee, I served three years (2002-2004). After we bought the newspaper I was elected to the Neligh Chamber of Commerce Board for a three years term. In 2005 I helped to form the Independent Cattlemen of Nebraska (ICON) where I served as vice-president (2005-2009) and as president (2009-2019). In 2010 I was appointed by U.S. Secretary of Agriculture Tom Vilsack to serve on the Cattlemen's Beef Board, I served two, three year terms (2010-2016).

In 2014 the Neligh-Oakdale School was trying to pass a \$7 million bond, it became very contentious, dividing the citizens of the school district. We had three incumbents and one write in candidate. I tried to get others to run but no one wanted any part of it. So ten days before the election I filed as a write in candidate. The bond failed 9-1, the school board president and secretary lost, and both write in candidates won along with one incumbent. The superintendent resigned along with one board member. The division was so bad no one would serve as president of the school board. I was the third choice for president and served as Neligh-Oakdale Schools president from 2014-2018.

In 2019 I was elected by the members to serve on the board of the Organization of Competitive Markets (OCM).

Convention Speakers



Jeff 'Tigger' Erhardt

Speaker, Trainer, Entertainer

The Independent Beef Association of North Dakota is pleased to welcome a man that has made it his life's mission to promote the ranching and cowboy way of life, entertain and bring smiles and simply tell the story. Jeff Erhardt or "Tigger" as he is more commonly known has been stimulating audiences from North Dakota to Texas and from Coast to Coast as a Professional Rodeo Announcer, Speaker, Trainer and Entertainer. Many know him as the voice of the Working Ranch Radio Show, which can be heard across the country. I will let him tell...as they say...the rest of the story.....

Background/Career Progression:

Grew up on commercial cow/calf operation in New Salem, ND

Bachelor of Science, North Dakota State University, Fargo ND, Animal Science

Livestock and Sale Barn Auctioneer

Farm Director & News Anchor for NBC North Dakota News and KFJR 550 AM Radio

Owner/Operator of Purple Haven Enterprises, a livestock and industry production and marketing company

Co-Owner/Operator West River Ranch

Owner/Operator of Jeff "Tigger" Erhardt, The Voice to Be Heard

Co-Owner/Operator West River Productions

Current Position:

Voice, Host and Producer of "The Working Ranch Radio Show"

Voice, Host and Producer of "Ranch It Up"

Producer of "The Bend"

Communications Consultant

Voice Actor and Voice Over Talent

Professional Keynote and Motivational Speaker

Professional Rodeo Announcer, Music Director & Premiere Rodeo Entertainment

Active Rancher, Stockman, and Horseman

Achievements and Awards:

Winner of the People's Choice Award for News Anchor of the Year, twice

Emmy Award winner of Best Morning News Cast

Appearances on RFD TV's "The Market Day Report"

First person to sell purebred bulls entirely by video

ADDY Award winner for cross promotion in multimedia

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Jeff Cont... Sale Manager of the National Gelbvieh Sale at the National Western Stock Show in Denver, Colorado for three years.

Development DVD and video promotion of production sales along with the video sale concept.

Master of Beef Advocacy – National Cattlemen’s Beef Association

Personal:

Ranches in South Central, KS and Western North Dakota

Avid outdoorsman, backpacker, fishing and firearms

Leather worker and braider

Stock dog training and obedience dog training

Guitar and music and cowboy poetry



Eugene Graner

Heartland Investor Services

Eugene Graner is President of Heartland Investor Services, a commodity brokerage firm with branch offices in North Dakota and Minnesota. He established Heartland 25 years ago in 1995 in preparation for the Freedom to Farm Act.

To date, he brings 36 years of trading experience, starting the early years working for EF Hutton and AG Edwards. With his experience in economics, he combines the technical aspects of market movements with

fundamentals to create an easy to understand price outlook in the commodity markets.

Eugene became a registered Commodity Trading Advisor with the NFA in

2007, establishing Heartland Investor Capital Management, Inc. when he

started publishing marketing advice for traders and hedgers and managing

money in the markets. He is featured daily on several radio stations throughout North Dakota and on multiple TV networks every week. He has been featured in Bloomberg News, Reuters, CNN, and other financial news sources. His programs are followed widely for his unique perspective of making the complicated seem simple.



Pre - Registration for Banquet Meals

The 15th annual I-BAND meeting is fast approaching.

Our Annual Meeting is November 21st at the Ramada by Wyndham, 1400 E Interchange Ave Bismarck ND.

We need a head count for meals, either fill out the bottom portion and mail back in, call Kari @ 701-214-0639 or send an email to independent.beef.assoc.nd@gmail.com by November 9th. Online registration is also available!

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Child care will be provided from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm.

Please refer to the "child care" section for more information.

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Thanks and hope to see you all there.

mail to I-BAND Po Box 123 Menoken, ND 58558

By November 9, 2020

Name _____

_____ Number attending noon meal (On us!)

_____ Number attending banquet (Adult) \$25 Steak Supper

_____ Number attending banquet (Children) \$10/Chicken strip Plate

Total \$ _____

Child Care

Child care will be provided from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm.

Lunch will be provided.

Please call Kari at @ 701-214-0639 or email
Independent.beef.assoc.nd@gmail.com
if you are interested in dropping your children
off while attending our meetings.



A waiver must be signed.

Send us your photos!

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

Agenda



November 20~

4:30 pm ~ Resolutions (printed in the back of this newsletter; Members are welcome to join!)

November 21 ~

8:00 am to 9:00 am CST- Registration

9:00- 10:30 President's Welcome and Introductions- Dwight Keller

Annual Meeting: Minutes – Resolutions- Nomination of Directors

10:30 - 11:00- Break -

11:00 - 12:00 - ND State Animal Health Update- Dr. Susan Keller

12:00 - 1:00 - Lunch- Sponsor Recognition

1:00- 1:50 - ND Ag Commissioner, Doug Goehring

2:00 - 2:50 - Gene Graner, Heartland Investor Services

3:00 - 3:50- Dave Wright

4:00 - 5:00 - Bill Bullard, R-CALF CEO

5:30 – 6:30 – Social Hour

6:30 – 7:40– Banquet - Speaker Jeff Erhardt

7:40 - 8:00 – Awards

8:00 – 9:00 – Gun Raffle, Silent and Live Auctions

Child care will be provided from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm.

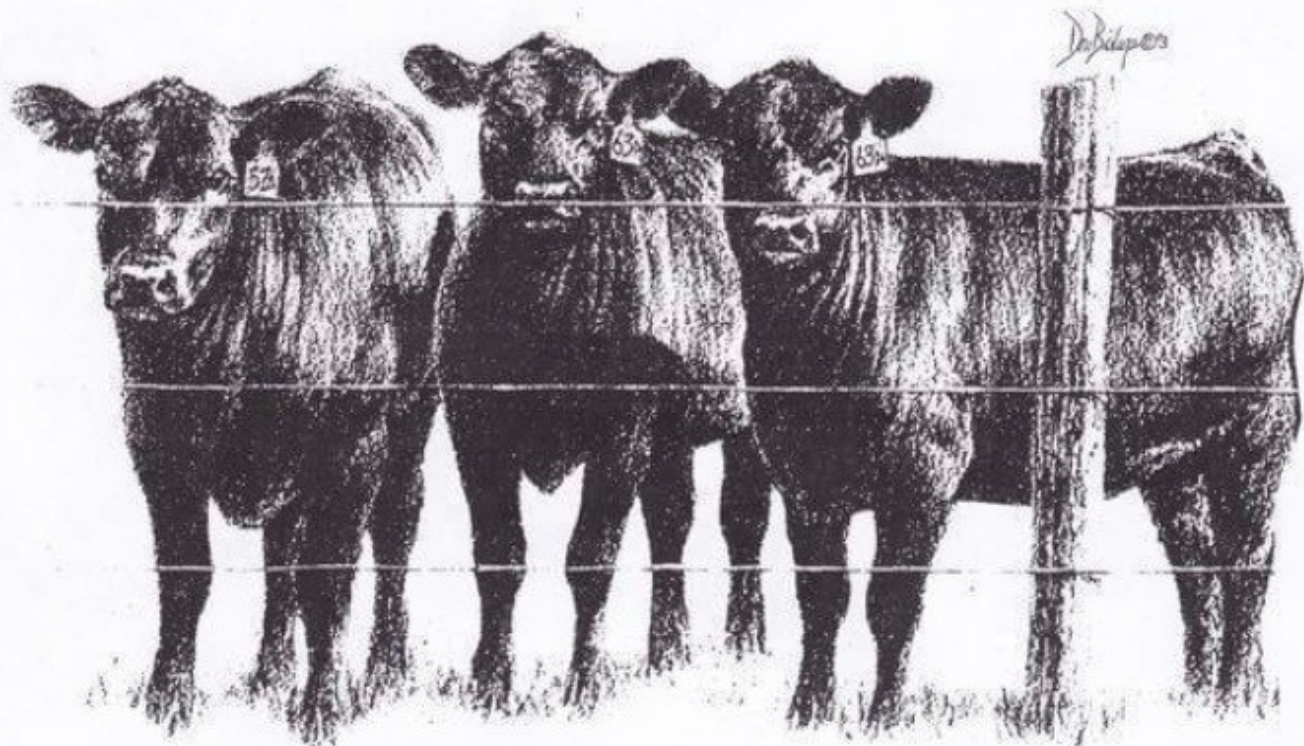
Please see the “Child Care” section for more information.

THE TRADITION

Some folks just don't get it.
They think owning cattle makes no sense.
It takes too much time, too much equipment,
not to mention the expense.

But the fondest memories of my life
- they might think sound funny -
were made possible by Mom and Dad,
'cause they spent the time and spent the money.

You see, the most important lessons
helping values grow so strong,
come from loving cattle
and passing that tradition on.



Recipe

Easy Slow Cooker Pot Roast

Ingredients

- 4 pounds chuck roast
- salt and pepper to taste
- 1 packet dry onion soup mix
- 1 cup water
- 3 medium carrots, chopped
- 1 onion, chopped
- 3 medium potatoes, peeled and cubed
- 1 stalk celery, chopped

Prep:

40 mins

Cook:

9 hrs

Total:

9 hrs 40 mins

Servings:

8

Yield:

6 to 8 servings

Directions

- **Step 1** Season the roast with salt and pepper to taste. Brown on all sides in a large skillet over high heat, about 4 minutes per side.
- **Step 2** Place the roast in the slow cooker and add the soup mix, water, carrots, onion, potatoes, and celery.
- **Step 3** Cover and cook on Low setting for 8 to 10 hours.



Resolutions

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 nation's 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.

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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.

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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 infor-

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mation 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.

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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 en-

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forcement 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 Traceability 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.

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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.

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Resolution FSF 2016-1

Food safety funding

WHERAS 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

WHERAS 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.

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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.

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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 CCPPIB 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

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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.

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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.

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I-BAND has been going strong for 15 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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