



## INDEPENDENT BEEF ASSOCIATION OF NORTH DAKOTA

*Your state wide voice in the cattle industry!*

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### 2019 Annual Convention

November 15-16, 2019

**Plan to attend the 2019 Convention to be held at the Ramada in Bismarck, ND, this year! We have an excellent lineup of speakers. Come on out for a day to discuss the issues regarding our cattle industry. Grab your friends and neighbors and come help make a difference!**

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

**A block of rooms have been reserved.**

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**More details to come!**

**More information will be available on our webpage**

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Courage is being scared to death but saddling up anyway.

.....John Wayne & I-BAND

## A message from our president



**Greetings!**

It's Labor Day weekend and September has come and we are still three weeks behind this summer, so I guess things are about normal on our place. Well, not quite...there is one more not minor thing happening this month, we are also planning for a wedding at the end of the month when Tess (our youngest) and Thomas will be married on the ranch! Since the moisture has been good in many parts of the state, there will be good grass and some hay around this year which everyone needed. And , of course there are more weeds than usual, but we won't complain about that.

The I-BAND board is also planning for the **upcoming I-BAND convention scheduled for Saturday, November 16<sup>th</sup>**. The agenda will focus on discussions about the cattle markets. The fire at the Tyson plant in Holcomb, KS, will also be analyzed. The recent fire at the packing plant in Holcomb somehow caused the market to take a big dive. As a result in the market swing, USDA is finally conducting an investigation by the CME which we have been seeking, for a long time. It will be interesting to see if anything actually comes from this investigation....

The animal health update will include a summary on the TB investigations that required a number of herds to be tested for TB and there will also be information provided on the upcoming federal target dates for moving to EID tags by 2023. I attended a state and federal sponsored ID meeting in August where they went over the proposed timeline for the upcoming changes. The changes won't be without challenges, but the new tags do make reading ID easier and are supposed to help with animal ID traceability in the future. There are a lot of questions and concerns surrounding EID tags. I encourage you to bring them to the meeting.

Please mark your calendar for Saturday, November 16<sup>th</sup> for our convention which will be held at the Ramada Inn in Bismarck at 9:30 am CST (registration starts at 9:00 am). We have an excellent lineup of speakers!

We need your participation and input during this meeting. There will be time for discussion after each speaker's presentation and also at the end of the meeting so please make time to attend and let us know what your concerns are.

Look forward to visiting with you!

Dwight Keller

## Meeting Dates

I-BAND will help host general R-CALF USA informational meetings at three locations in September. Bill Bullard, R-CALF CEO will address the current state of the cattle industry.

Wednesday, September 11 - Lemmon, SD

-Lemmon Senior Center

- \* 5:00pm (mt) Meal
- \* 6:00pm (mt) Bill Bullard

Friday, September 12 - Mandan, ND

-Kist Livestock

- \*5:30pm (ct) Meal
- \*6:60pm (ct) Bill Bullard

Thursday, September 12 - Mobridge, SD

-Moose Lodge

\*6:30pm (ct)

\*Food may be ordered off the menu

## Raffle

\*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 16, 2019 at our annual meeting at the Ramada Inn in Bismarck, ND.



## INDEPENDENT BEEF ASSOCIATION OF NORTH DAKOTA (I-BAND)

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PER TICKET

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

## USDA, investigate pricing margins

By Rachel Gabel, for the Fence Post

Price manipulation, collusion, restrictions of competition, and other unfair practices are what investigators from the USDA's Packers and Stockyards Division are looking for evidence of following the fire at a Tyson beef plant earlier this month. Secretary Sonny Perdue announced his directive for the investigation Aug. 28, 2019.

Nebraska Farm Bureau is among the agriculture trade groups applauding Sec. Sonny Perdue's announcement of a Packers and Stockyards investigation to examine beef pricing margins following the fire at a Holcomb, Kansas, Tyson beef facility. On August 22, NEFB sent a letter to USDA Undersecretary of Agriculture for Marketing and Regulatory Programs Greg Ibach urging USDA to fully "investigate monitor and address concerns steaming from the fire." NEFB asked the agency to shift additional USDA regulatory staff to other plants as needed and to utilize the Packers and Stockyards Division to monitor any unfair, unjustly discriminatory, or deceptive practice in the procurement of livestock.

The Holcomb plant processes about 6 percent of the U.S. beef and since the fire closed operations indefinitely, cattle have been trucked to Tyson plants in Amarillo, Texas, and Lexington, Nebraska.

Dr. Jayson Lusk, a distinguished professor and Head of the Agricultural Economics Department at Purdue University, said the packers made more money after the price of cattle tumbled and the cost of beef increased following the fire but the "economic effects are exactly what one would expect even in a perfectly competitive market."

At this point, according to Colin Woodall, NCBA Senior Vice President of Government Affairs, the next steps hinge on the findings of the investigation.

"Our request has simply been to make sure they're using all resources available both internal and external sources so they get all the facts they can and, more importantly, to get this done as quickly as possible," Woodall said. "Markets don't like uncertainty, industries don't like uncertainty, so let's not let this drag out."

Slaughter reports indicated a 9,000 head increase the week following the fire and closure of the Holcomb plant, garnering the attention of producers. However, Woodall said tumbling prices were the bigger attention getter.

"Ultimately, folks want to know, why did cattle prices go down," he said.

The 9,000 head increase in slaughter numbers, Lusk said, could be a reflection of underutilized capacity in some plants that "ramped up given the change in economic incentives." He said it could also be counterfactual, with seasonal or economic issues that would have prompted increased slaughter numbers but still be less than expected.

According to the Aug. 23 Cattle Fax Update, the fed cattle slaughter has been largely unaffected since the fire with weekday slaughter averaging 91,000 head per day, 5,000 head below the prior May to July average even with a 16,000 head increase in Saturday slaughter numbers. With seasonally declining supplies, Lance Zimmerman said the pace has remained nearly identical to the monthly CattleFax forecast. He said margins for packers exceed \$500 per head, attracting plants to shift production away from weigh cattle to steers and heifers but it may not be sustainable. Labor Day, he said, will be the next post-fire test for the fed cattle market.

R-CALF filed a lawsuit in April alleging the four largest beef packers, Tyson, JBS, Cargill, and National

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Beef/Marfrig unlawfully depressed beef prices. The group is among the industry groups pleased with Perdue's announcement. In a release, CEO Bill Bullard said they "will continue to fight alongside producers to ensure a competitive American cattle market."

A statement from the North American Meat Institute said the fire "created market uncertainty and disrupted cattle slaughter capacity. No one, not producers, packers, processors, retailers or consumers could have anticipated the fire and its impact on the market. Our member companies rely on their suppliers, have operated in the marketplace with integrity and we are confident have acted appropriately."

<https://www.tsln.com/news/usda-to-investigate-pricing-margins-following-tyson-fire-2/>

## R-CALF USA Statement Regarding USDA Investigation of Tyson Fire Aftermath

**Billings, Mont.** - Today, R-CALF USA CEO Bill Bullard issued the following statement regarding Wednesday's announcement by the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) that it would investigate beef pricing margins in the aftermath of the August 9 fire that shut down the Tyson beef packing plant in Holcomb, Kansas.

"Like others in the industry, R-CALF USA has been very concerned by the packers' market activity following the fire at Tyson's Holcomb, Kan. plant, and the impact that activity has had on cattle producers across the country. It therefore welcomes the USDA's announcement that it is investigating the packers' conduct in the aftermath of the fire. While the industry awaits the outcome of that investigation, R-CALF USA will continue to fight alongside producers to ensure a competitive American cattle market.

"In April, R-CALF USA and four cattle-feeding ranchers from Iowa, Neb., Kan., and Wyo. filed a historic lawsuit alleging the four largest beef packers, Tyson, JBS, Cargill and National Beef/Marfrig violated U.S. antitrust laws, the Packers and Stockyards Act of 1921, and the Commodity Exchange Act to unlawfully depress prices paid to American cattle producers since January 2015.

"That case is pending before the federal district court in Minnesota."





## RECIPE

### Hash brown Hotdish

Shelly Z

1 lb ground beef	1 can corn - drained
1/4 c chopped onion	1-1/2 C water
1 pkg Mr Dell's hash browns	2 tsp beef bullion
1C cheddar cheese	
2 cans cream of chicken	

Brown hamburger. Add the rest of the ingredients. Cook for 45 minutes on stovetop on medium heat or bake for 1 hour at 350\*



If you have a beef recipe you'd like to share, please send them to

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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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- Associate Members do not own cattle and do not have voting rights. Annual dues \$50.00.

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