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A message from our president



Is North Dakota For Sale?

As we have all heard about the buying of North Dakota Land by Bill Gates from Campbell Farms (a potato operation), we first think, well, that's in the NE part of N.D. and has little to do with the livestock industry.

The more one learns about this "Land Deal" the more the red flags start waving. I have learned that Bill Gates or whoever is involved, unofficially owns +648,000 acres of land throughout the U.S. I ask myself "what is his agenda" "what type of land is he buying" "who is he buying it from?"

First off, I-BAND has no policy or position on "outside" investors buying land in N.D. I strongly encourage we discuss this at our annual convention to adopt a policy on where we want to stand and how we as producers in N.D. feel about this issue. And so, I hope you as members and producers start the conversations with your neighbors and fellow members and come forward with some proposals in the form of resolutions at our resolutions meeting so we as a board can act and establish some direction.

Back to the buying of This land, and this is just my opinion and not the Board of I-BAND. But anytime something like this happens, it is usually not in the best interest of our small communities. If this is legitimate, I ask what Bill Gates or any other outside investors' agenda is, what are they going to do in supporting our small schools, our 4-H clubs, etc., etc. which are so vital in forming our next generation of producers or more importantly allowing some young producers to add some or all of the +2000 acres to his or her operation to make it profitable. and in turn, help support their respective community.

Again, I stress this is just my opinion. I question the legality of this land sale; I believe this violates our Anti-Corporate Farming Law. I understand that this sale is being disguised as a trust, Red River Trust, which I am told is in charge or involved with many of Gates's corporations.

My fear is Bill Gates is known as a Globalist, and I see this as being one step closer to "Vertical Integration" and capturing control of the "Food Chain". Gates is also

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known for being against livestock production and is a major proponent of Lab-Grown Meat. Enough said before I get myself in trouble, but I think this all "Stinks" to high heaven.

On another note, are the Chinese want to buy land next to the Grand Forks Air Base for a Corn Processing Facility, (National Security).? A plant that is projected to return millions of profits to the Chinese, again my opinion, but N.D. already has the State Mill and Elevator in Grand Forks. If this is to be that profitable, then why isn't our State wanting to add on to that existing facility and keep the profit in N.D. where it could very possibly advance our livestock feeding industry?

I apologize for sounding like such a "Downer", but I believe we as producers of the best products and commodities in the world need to start being vocal and speak up and defend our lifestyles or they are going to be diminished by greater forces right before our eyes.

In our neighboring State of Montana. The Bureau of Land Management has opened or in other words taken six grazing allotments from ranchers that depended on these allotments for their livestock and opened them up to grazing of Bison. Again, my point is what is this going to do in maintaining or as we often hear the word "sustain" these ranches and their respective communities?

Members of I-BAND, what I am trying to say is that now is the time we need to become vocal, get involved, and speak up on these issues. We no longer can sit back and think that our Leadership, no matter at what level will take care of us. We as a board need your input to develop policy which in turn gives us the direction, we want this organization to go. I am a firm believer that an organization like I-BAND needs to be driven from the membership up, so please become involved, and share your thoughts.

I must comment on an important topic and that is last spring after the string of blizzards that we had; it was I-Band that formed a committee & got on conference calls with our legislators. We sent letters to the State and National FSA Directors encouraging them to push to change the LIP Program rates covering the death losses. We had a conversation with NDFU, knowing were on board & did the same. As you all know by now, these rates were modified to cover more of the losses.

I am PROUD to tell you it was I-Band that was very instrumental in making this happen. We didn't get all the credit for it, but we were looking out for the best interest of our members and the producers of the State and not the publicity.

Until Next time, your President,

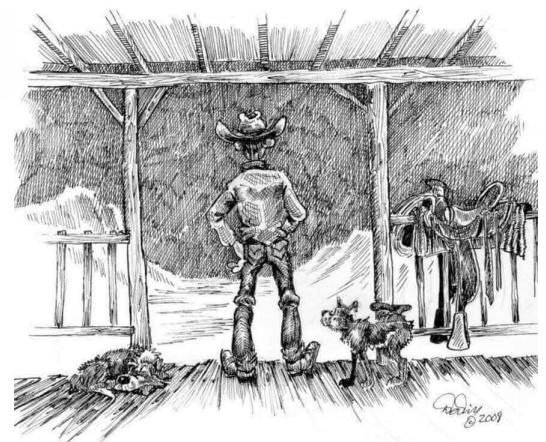
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If you can't pee off the porch,
your neighbors are too close.

Press Release

JULY 20, 2022

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Menoken, ND – Recently, I-BAND was instrumental in urging the Farm Service Agency (FSA), State and National offices, to re-evaluate the Livestock Indemnity Program (LIP) payment rate and normal mortality rate for beef cattle that are under 250 lbs. Prior to 2020, there was one weight class for non-adult beef cattle under 400lbs that provided a fair indemnity for younger calves lost to a natural disaster. Today, the Livestock Indemnity Program (LIP) has two weight classes for calves under 400 lbs., the lowest being under 250 lbs.

The April winter storms that rolled through North Dakota one after another left our cattlemen and cattlemen with extreme losses, most occurring in the under 250 lbs. weight class. Each calf they were unable to raise to weaning will reduce their annual income by \$1000-\$1200. Many ranchers have already paid the expenses to raise those lost calves until weaning. The financial outlook caused by these storms were catastrophic.

The payment rate according to LIP policy is set at 75% of the fair market value. Previously, the rate for this program for calves under 250 lbs. was \$175. That puts the estimated average market price at \$233. As of July 18, 2022, the payments rates for beef have been updated to use the same price as the 251-to 399 lb livestock. The rate is now set at \$474.38 per head for the cattle weighing less than 250 lbs.

LIP payments previously paid for the livestock types of beef, beefalo, buffalo/bison, and dairy under 250 pounds and 250 to 399 pounds will be recalculated to pay the updated amount once the updated amounts are loaded into the LIP software. If no update to the application was made, no further action is required.

Information gathered for this release were taken from an I-BAND committee and [FSA](#)

Save the Date!

17th Annual Meeting
November 18-19, 2022
Ramada Inn
Bismarck, ND



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available soon!



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and on our Facebook page.

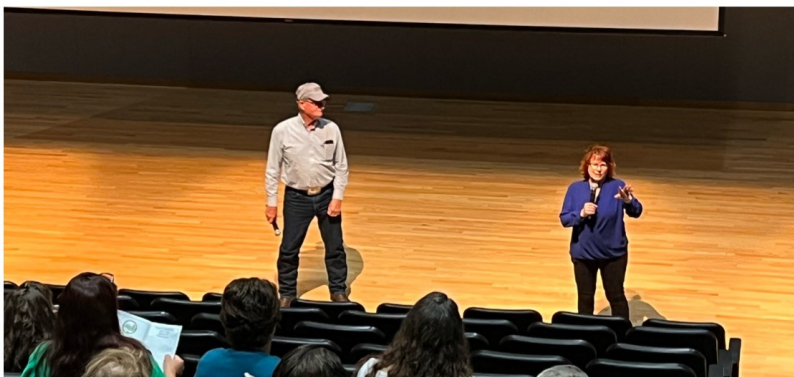
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BEEFING UP YOUR LUNCH TRAY WITH ND BEEF

Menoken, ND - On August 11, 2022, the Independent Beef Association of North Dakota (I-BAND) along with the North Dakota Department of Public Instruction (NDDPI), North Dakota Department of Agriculture (NDDA), North Dakota Beef Commission (NDBC), North Dakota Farmers Union (NDFU) and Cenex Harvest States (CHS) held an educational class for North Dakota school cooks in Bismarck. This class had roughly 50 cooks and support staff, I-BAND board members, and the ND Beef Commission in attendance. All attendees received a goody bag sponsored by the North Dakota Beef Commission and I-BAND. The bag included a from-scratch cookbook, pens, lip balm, a notepad from I-Band, a food code book provided by the North Dakota Department of Health, and kitchen items from NDBC. This class also had many guest speakers; Rebecca Polson, a certified chef from Minneapolis, Jason McKenney with NDFU as the Cooperative and Transportation Director, John Roswech, the owner of the South 40 Beef Processing Plant, Corey Hart with Bowdon Meat Processing, Rhonda Amundson with NDDPI and Kayla Hart with ND FFA. Each guest speaker had a topic pertaining to beefing up your lunch tray for all the North Dakota Public schools. A big thank you to NDDPI Assistant Director, Deborah Egeland who helped make this class possible.

For more information, please visit our webpage. <https://i-band.org/nd-farm-to-school>



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

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

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



Congratulations, Kerry!



Kerry Dockter-R-CALF 2022 Top Hand award recipient .

‘The R-CALF USA Top Hand Award goes to a person who has selflessly served our organization and the cattle industry to achieve the reforms that will benefit everyone. Whether they are leading the pack or riding drag behind the herd, they have the foresight to see what needs done and the selfless ambition to whatever is required. ‘

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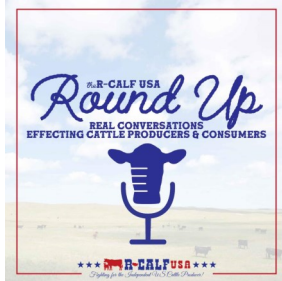
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North Dakota approves Bill Gates' major farmland purchase

North Dakota's state attorney general's office approved Bill Gates' recent purchase of 2,100 acres of farmland. The attorney general's office scrutinized the initial investment based on the state's barring of corporations and limited liability companies from purchasing farmland.

In the state's original letter to Gates, North Dakota Attorney General Drew Wrigley wrote, "Our office needs to confirm how your company uses this land and whether it meets any of the statutory exceptions, such as the business purposes exception."

U.S. land prices have been soaring, but an aging demographic of farmers may spell opportunity for young and would-be farmers. However, a select few have been able to meet new prices without hesitation. Among these select few is Bill Gates' Red River Trust, which now owns nearly 270,000 acres of land across the country. Almost 90 percent of this land is farmland, with smaller transitional and recreational area holdings. In total, the trust owns \$13.5 million in farm acres.

Although more than 97 percent of American farms are owned by families, the remaining is owned by corporations. Gates is not only the **fourth richest man on the planet**; he is now the largest private owner of American farmland, according to *The Land Report*, leaping ahead of Ted Turner by about 70,000 acres. The farmland that Gates owns is located in 19 states. However, the land held only amasses 1 percent of the total acres of farmland in the United States. Gates is also number 49 on a list of individuals, families, and businesses who own farmland in the states.

What does a technology pioneer want with agriculture? The future is in agri-tech, and Gates believes that he is too. The billionaire launched Gates Ag One through the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation. The non-profit organization will help to provide access to technologies that will maximize yields and fight climate change in developing countries.

However, since the 2021 report showing how large of a landowner Gates is, many farmers have spoken up in blog posts and on social media uneasy — and in some cases, upset — about Gates' growing role in the industry. *The Land Report's* **research** insinuates the land is held directly by Gates and also by third party entities, such as Cascade Investments and Red River Trust, that is run by Gates' investors.

Gates responded to an Ask Me Anything session on Reddit by saying, "The agriculture sector is important. With more productive seeds, we can avoid deforestation and help Africa deal with the climate difficulty they already face. It is unclear how cheap biofuels can be, but if they are cheap, it can solve aviation and truck emissions."



North Dakota Dept of Agriculture

NORTH DAKOTA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE RECEIVES FEDERAL GRANT TO IMPROVE ACCESS TO LOCAL FOODS IN SCHOOLS

Thursday, September 1, 2022

BISMARCK – The North Dakota Department of Agriculture (NDDA) received a \$100,000 grant from the U.S. Department of Agriculture to improve access to local foods in schools by developing a stronger and more sustainable Farm to School program in the state.



“The enhanced Farm to School program will increase the amount of locally produced foods served through child nutrition programs,” Agriculture Commissioner Doug Goehring said. “Serving North Dakota food products grown by our farmers and ranchers and processed by local businesses will also help children learn how their food is raised and produced.”

As part of the grant, NDDA will conduct comprehensive Farm to School programming, including local procurement and agricultural education efforts.

<https://www.nd.gov/ndda/news/north-dakota-department-agriculture-receives-federal-grant-improve-access->

Walmart Announces Equity Investment in Sustainable Beef LLC, Grand Island, Nebraska

BENTONVILLE, Ark., and NORTH PLATTE, Neb., Aug 31, 2022 — Walmart and Sustainable Beef LLC announced today that Walmart signed an agreement to acquire a minority stake in Sustainable Beef LLC, a rancher-owned company based in North Platte, Nebraska. Walmart’s equity investment is part of a broader strategic partnership to source top-quality Angus beef from Sustainable Beef LLC’s new beef processing facility. This partnership helps supplement the current beef industry and provides additional opportunities for ranchers to increase their business. As part of the investment, Walmart will also have representation on Sustainable Beef’s board.

Walmart’s investment will help Sustainable Beef LLC open their beef processing facility in North Platte, Neb. The facility is expected to break ground next month and open by late 2024, creating more than 800 new jobs. Walmart’s work with Sustainable Beef LLC will create more capacity for the beef industry.

“At Walmart, we are dedicated to providing high-quality, affordable beef to our customers, and an investment in Sustainable Beef LLC will give us even more access to these products,” said Tyler Lehr, senior vice president of merchandising for deli services, meat, and seafood, Walmart U.S. “We know Sustainable Beef LLC has a responsible approach to beef processing, one that includes creating long-term growth for cattle ranchers and family farmers. This investment provides greater visibility into the beef supply chain and complements Walmart’s regeneration commitment to improve grazing management.”

Sustainable Beef LLC will work with cattle feeders and ranchers to understand critical elements of the supply chain cycle, such as grain sourcing and grazing management. Animal care will follow the Five Freedoms, and there will be a consistent approach to antibiotic use and reporting across herds in line with Walmart’s Position on Antibiotics in Animals, which asks suppliers to adopt and implement American Veterinary Medical Association Judicious Use Principles of Antimicrobials. All of these components will help Sustainable Beef LLC to improve and refine the beef supply chain to provide quality beef for our customers.

“We set out on a journey two years ago to create a new beef processing plant to add some capacity to the industry and provide an opportunity for producers to integrate their business of raising quality cattle with the beef processing portion of the industry and do it in a sustainable manner, said David Briggs, CEO of Sustainable Beef LLC. “During this journey we found that Sustainable Beef and Walmart aligned on continuing to improve how we care for our animals and crops and provide consumers the positive experience of enjoying quality beef.”

Walmart’s investment in Sustainable Beef LLC is the latest step in the retailer’s commitment to increasing access to high-quality beef at an affordable price for its customers, while boosting capacity for the beef industry and ensuring long-term economic viability for cattle ranchers.

–Walmart

<https://www.tsln.com/news/walmart-announces-equity-investment-in-sustainable-beef-llc-grand-island-nebraska/>

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

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Membership

The Independent Beef Association of North Dakota is North Dakota's statewide voice in the cattle industry for the cattle producer. Our membership is primarily made up of cow calf operations in North Dakota. We're a non-profit organization that works in conjunction with other organizations as your statewide and national voice in the cattle industry. We have represented our membership on issues including the Farm Bill, COOL, Waters of the US, HSUS bills, Horse Slaughter, the National Animal Identification System, EPA, Foot and Mouth disease in South America, and the Beef Checkoff. There are numerous issues of importance to cattle producers in the coming year. Strength comes in numbers and I-BAND needs a strong membership to carry out your voice within and outside of North Dakota. We're a grassroots cattle-men's organization, addressing the market interests of North Dakota cattle producers.

I-BAND has been going strong for 17 years now. If you are a new member, a past member or an existing member, we would like you to let us know what you like about this organization and the direction you would like to see this organization take in the future. We take pride in having a membership association where every member's voice is heard through a one member one vote policy. Without the backing of membership, I-BAND would not be in existence. We wish to thank each and every one of you for your support. Any comments can be directed to any I-BAND board member or drop us a line at: I-BAND, Box 123, Menoken, ND 58558.

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