

# INDEPENDENT BEEF ASSOCIATION OF NORTH DAKOTA

*Your state wide voice in the cattle industry!*

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## A message from our president



By the time most of you read this message, you will probably have decided what you are going to do with this years calf crop. Some of you will wean and feed for awhile if feed sources are available. Some will sell off the cow because of limited feed sources. Some will send their calf crop else where to be fed for a period of time or to be finished. And some will utilize fall grazing and crop aftermath as long as possible and leave on the cow to buy some time.

Regardless what your choice maybe, it won't take any of us long to realize we are dealing with market options similar to last year. If maybe a little better, the price will quickly be offset by the increase in costs associated with the costs we all went thru to put together some sort of feed.

However; my message is to encourage each and everyone of you to Roundup a neighbor or two and come to our annual convention on November 20th at the Ramada Inn in Bismarck.

We will have a full lineup of speakers throughout the day followed by a great banquet to follow in the evening. There will be ample time for everyone to share their concerns and give ideas and direction to I-Band and its directors and see if we can all work together to turn this great industry around.

See you all on the 20th of November.

Kerry Dockter



# 16th Annual Convention

November 19-20, 2021

Plan to attend the 2021 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.

Call 1-701-258-7000 for reservations.

More information will be available on our webpage

[WWW.i-band.org](http://WWW.i-band.org)



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# Pre - Registration for Banquet Meal

## I-BAND's 16th Annual Meeting

Friday & Saturday—November 19 & 20, 2021

Ramada Inn

1400 Interchange Avenue East—Bismarck, ND

### Friday, November 19, 2021

4:00—Policy and Resolutions Meeting



### Saturday, November 20, 2021

8:00-9:00 ~ Registration; Trade Show Opens

9:00-10:00 ~ Business Meeting & Director Elections

Break

10:15 ~ Dr. Ethan Andress, DVM, North Dakota State Veterinarian

12:00 ~ Lunch - Hamburger Bar

1:00-2:00 ~ Kevin Sedivec, Extension Rangeland Specialist and Range Science Professor

Break

2:15- 3:15 ~ Karl Hoppe , Livestock Systems Specialist

3:15 - 4:15 ~ Justin Tupper, USCA V. President

Break

4:30 ~ Panel Discussion - South 40 Beef , Bowdon Meat Processing, JC Farms

5:30 ~ Social

6:00 ~ Presidents Message & Wheel Award

6:30 –Prime Rib Supper -

50/50 Raffle, Live & Silent Auction

We need a head count for meals, either fill out the bottom portion and mail back in or call Kari @ 701-214-0639 or send an email to independent.beef.assoc.nd@gmail.com by November 16th.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

### NO REGISTRATION FEE!

Saturday Lunch \_\_\_\_\_ Number attending—Free

Saturday Banquet **Prime Rib** \_\_\_\_\_ Number Attending—\$25.00 each

Total Enclosed: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Chicken (Kids)** \_\_\_\_\_ Number Attending - \$10 each

## Convention Speakers



### **Dr. Ethan Address, ND State Veterinarian**

Dr. Address graduated from South Dakota State University in Brookings in 1994 with a bachelor's degree in biology. He earned his Doctor of Veterinary Medicine degree from Iowa State University in 1997. Following graduation, he was the associate veterinarian at an animal health center

in Redfield, SD. Since 2000, he has been an owner and partner of West River Veterinary Clinic in Hettinger, ND and has served his community as a mixed animal practitioner for 24 years.

Dr. Address is a past president and a current member of the South Dakota Veterinary Medical Association, a member of the American Veterinary Medical Association, a member of the North Dakota Veterinary Medical Association, a member of the American Association of Bovine Practitioners and has served in various other veterinary and community organizations and associations.



### **Karl Hoppe, Livestock Systems Specialist**

Karl Hoppe is the Extension Livestock Specialist at the NDSU Carrington Research Extension Center. Born and raised on a 3<sup>rd</sup> generation farm in western Iowa, he completed his education – Bachelors, Masters and Doctoral degrees at South Dakota State University before coming to North Dakota over 31 years ago.

Karl works with both feedlot and cow calf producers. His area of expertise is cattle nutrition. He has conducted many programs on cattle feeding, cow calf management, and feedlot management. One of the program areas that he enjoys the most are the cattle feedout projects where producers consign calves for feeding to slaughter and -- then provides carcass data, feedlot data and profitability for individual calves.

In keeping with his family's farming heritage, Karl also owns a 90 head cow herd.

## Convention Speakers



### **Kevin Sedivec, Extension Rangeland Specialist and Range Science Professor**

Started working for NDSU in 1989

Took over as Interim Director of Central Grasslands Research and Extension Center in October 2016

Located on the Main Campus in Fargo in the School of Natural Resource Sciences and Research Extension Center near Streeter

#### Education

B.S in Zoology – Wildlife Management

M.S. in Animal and Range Sciences

Ph.D. in Animal and Range Sciences from North Dakota State University in 1994

Published over 500 articles and conducted over 840 scientific and extension presentations to local, state, regional, national and international audiences. Area of interest include: 1) managing Kentucky bluegrass invaded rangelands, 2) managed grazing strategies, 3) range nutrition, 4) late-season grazing options, 5) cover crops, and 6) reclamation associated to the energy sector.



### **Justin Tupper, St. Onge, SD. USCA Vice President**

Region X: North Dakota, South Dakota, and Minnesota.

For countless U.S. industries, the past year packed a powerful gut punch, and the livestock trade was no exception. But at St. Onge Livestock, Justin Tupper and his family kept moving cattle through the ring just like every other year, doing their best to keep ranchers in the black and the rest of America in burger. It was this commitment to customer service and steadfast support of the ag industry that earned them the Black Hills Stock Show's 2021 award for Agribusiness of the Year.

According to BHSS general manager, Ron Jeffries, "St. Onge Livestock and Justin and Brooke Tupper have been long-time supporters of the livestock industry. They volunteer to help with many activities, and sponsor teams for ranch rodeos and calcuttas. They've just been a pillar in the ag community in Western South Dakota and the livestock community. Justin also serves on a national livestock advocacy board, donating his time and energy to improve the livestock industry."

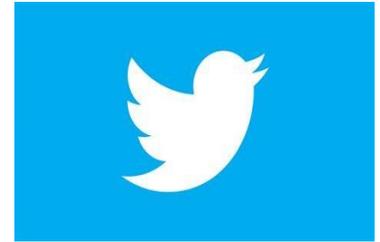
As vice president of the U.S. Cattlemen's Association, Justin Tupper moonlights as a vocal campaigner for ag in Washington, going to bat for the producer.

## Twitter & Facebook



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## 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](http://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](mailto:ndbeef@ndbeef.org)

## 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](mailto:independent.Beef.assoc.nd@gmail.com)



## ZOOM



If you're not able to make the meetings, but would like to listen in, we will be putting the speakers on ZOOM again this year!

The links will be posted on our webpage under the upcoming events tab as well as sent out in email a few days before the meeting.

## **R-CALF USA Participates in Circulating Joint M-COOL Letter; Three U.S. Senators Explain Its Importance**

Billings, Mont. – A letter seeking signatures from a wide-range of organizations supporting the recently introduced American Beef Labeling Act of 2021 (S.2716) is now being circulated among organizations representing farm, ranch, rural, faith, environmental, farm/food worker, manufacturing, and cattle/farm industry support businesses. R-CALF USA is among the participating groups circulating the letter in an effort to secure swift passage of S.2716.

Senate Bill 2716 would reinstate mandatory country-of-origin labeling (M-COOL) for beef within 12 months of enactment. The bill was introduced on September 13 and is gaining bipartisan support in the U.S. Senate. Senators John Thune (R-S.D.), Jon Tester (D-Mont.), Mike Rounds (R-S.D.) and Cory Booker (D-N.J.) are the bill's original cosponsors and Senators John Hoeven (R-N.Dak.) and Ben Ray Lujan (D-N.Mex.) joined as cosponsors last week.

“South Dakota cattle producers work tirelessly to produce some of the highest quality beef in the world,” said Thune. “The pandemic has only highlighted their important role in our domestic food supply and the urgent need to strengthen it. To ensure the viability of cattle ranching in this country, the system in which producers operate must be fair and transparent. Unfortunately, the current beef labeling system in this country allows imported beef that is neither born nor raised in the United States, but simply finished here, to be labeled as a product of the USA. This process is unfair to cattle producers and misleading for consumers. As a long-time supporter of M-COOL, I'm proud to see such a strong bipartisan push to ensure consumers know where their beef comes from.”

“Montana ranchers raise the best cattle in the world, and it's time American families are guaranteed the right to know whether their beef is from Broadus or Brazil,” said Tester. “With health questions being raised about foreign beef, it's more important than ever that consumers know when they're buying American beef at the supermarket. This bipartisan legislation will level the playing field for Montana's family farmers and ranchers and protect the health and safety of American families.”

“The COVID-19 pandemic proved how important it is to have a strong, reliable, local food supply, and consumers deserve to know where their food comes from,” said Lujan, a member of the Senate Agriculture Committee. “That is why I am a proud cosponsor of The American Beef Labeling Act, which would support New Mexico farmers and ranchers and allow consumers to know with certainty where their food comes from.”

To demonstrate the widespread support S.2716 enjoys among diverse economic sectors, national groups representing cattle, farm, consumer, labor, and manufacturing penned a supportive M-COOL sign-on letter for other organizations to sign that will be delivered to the U.S. Senate before December. The letter can be read and signed at [www.labelourbeef.com](http://www.labelourbeef.com).

The sign-on letter itself explains why such a diverse cross-section of the U.S. economy supports M-COOL. It states S.2716 “would promote a safe and affordable supply of wholesome beef for America's consumers; a fairer, more competitive market for America's cattle farmers and ranchers; and quality family-sustaining jobs for meat processing workers.”

The letter further explains that many consumer goods, including many food items, are already subject to mandatory country-of-origin labeling requirements and that there is no reason to exclude beef. It also states that “current rules, which allow meatpackers to label as “Product of the USA” beef that is imported and repackaged at a U.S. processing facility, are indefensible.”

The letter concludes: “American consumers deserve the right to choose, American cattle farmers and ranchers deserve the right to compete for the consumers' favor in their domestic market, and meat processing workers deserve quality jobs.”

## Sponsors

We want to thank all our sponsors for supporting I-BAND. When you are out shopping for supplies, equipment or repairs, please support our sponsors!

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## Our Affiliates



# 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 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.

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.



\_\_\_ One Year Voting \$50    \_\_\_ One Year Associate \$50

Do you own cattle?    \_\_\_yes    \_\_\_no

Name\_\_\_\_\_

Address\_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip\_\_\_\_\_

County\_\_\_\_\_

Phone\_\_\_\_\_

Fax\_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail\_\_\_\_\_

Signature\_\_\_\_\_

District One (1) will be west of the Missouri River from the South Dakota border north to Interstate 94 and west of US Hwy 83 from Interstate 94 north to the Canadian border. District Two (2) will be on the east side of said boundaries.

## District Residing In:

District One \_\_\_\_\_    District Two \_\_\_\_\_

- Voting Members must own cattle. Annual dues are \$50.00 per year per member (one member/one vote).
- Associate Members do not own cattle and do not have voting rights. Annual dues \$50.00.

Please mail application and dues (cash, check or money order) to the address below. Contributions or gifts to I-BAND are not tax deductible as charitable contributions. However, they may be tax deductible as ordinary and necessary business expenses.

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