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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.



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.



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.

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Resolution BRU 2009-1
Brucellosis Committee

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



Resolution TB 2009-1
Tuberculosis Funding

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



Resolution GIPSA 2010-1
Fair Marketing Rules for GIPSA

WHEREAS, A lack of a cash market hurts all prices including contract prices and Packers are using their concentration to destroy the cash “spot” market resulting in a steady decline in population of Rural America and family ranchers and farmers are exiting the business at an alarming rate and;
WHEREAS, Judges have continually misinterpreted the Packers and Stockyards Act.
THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, I-BAND strongly supports the proposed GIPSA Rule clarifications to the Packers and Stockyards Act of 1921 as presented by the U.S. Department of Agriculture through its Grain Inspection Packers and Stockyard Administration (GIPSA) and supports any efforts by USDA and GIPSA to reestablish a fair, transparent and open cash market.

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

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

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

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

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



Resolution ASFF 2011-1
Allocation of State and Federal Funds

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



Resolution ADT 2011-1
Animal Disease Traceability (ADT)

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

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

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

WHEREAS: Ear tags can be lost or easily removed

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

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

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

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

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



Resolution 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.

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Resolution HS 2011-1
Horse Slaughter

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



Resolution BAH 2011-1
ND Board of Animal Health

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



Resolution BR 2012-1
Brand Reform

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

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

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

WHEREAS all livestock producers are not members of the NDSA.

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



Resolution 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.

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Resolution BCA 2013-1
Beef Checkoff Accountability

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



Resolution CMA 2013-1
Constitutional Measures Act

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



Resolution CNT 2015-1
Cap and Trade

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



Resolution DTUSCI 2015-1
Distinguishing the US Cattle Industry

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

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



Resolution ER 2015-1
Estray Reform

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



Resolution ATE 2016-1
ANTI TRUST ENFORCEMENT

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

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Resolution FSF 2016-1
Food safety funding

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

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

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



Resolution 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 cannot be established.



Resolution GIPSA 2017-1
GIPSA

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

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

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



Resolution 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).

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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 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.

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Resolution USFRA 2018-1

U.S. Farm and Ranch Alliance

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



Resolution FBP 2019-1

Foreign Beef Packers

Whereas a disproportionate majority of the beef processing industry is currently owned by foreign corporations.
Whereas food security is a matter of national security.
Be it resolved; I-BAND urges Department of Justice & The US President apply a moratorium on any further acquisitions by foreign corporations.



Resolution FM 2019-1

Futures Markets

Whereas futures markets influence the daily price of live cattle.
Whereas futures markets should be a risk management tool.
Whereas futures markets exhibit undue volatility ignoring actual market fundamentals.
Be it resolved; IBAND work with all interested stakeholders towards solutions to level the playing field and bring integrity into the marketplace.



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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Resolution MRFID 2020-1

Against mandatory RFID

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

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

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



Resolution BCA 2020-1

Beef Checkoff Accountability

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

Whereas; the Beef Checkoff is a government program.

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

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



Resolution SMR 2020-1

Spot Market Resolution

Whereas; Antitrust laws have not been enforced.

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

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

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



Resolution SL 2020-1

State Land

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

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

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

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

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

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Resolution FRP 2021-1

Fund Research Protein

Whereas USDA represents the Ag industry of the US and cell cultured protein is not a product of agriculture. Therefore, be it resolved; I-BAND opposes the USDA funding research of cell culture protein.



Resolution MCOOL 2021-1

Mandatory Country of Origin Labeling

I-BAND supports Mandatory Country of Origin labeling.



Resolution FS 2021-1

Food Safety

WHEREAS, food safety is a top priority of the U.S. Beef industry and,

WHEREAS, the outbreak of Shiga Toxin-Producing 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 Shiga Toxin-Producing E.coli (STECs) in lots of imported beef processed or 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 Shiga Toxin-Producing E.coli (STECs) results are known.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that foreign meat that tested positive for Shiga Toxin-Producing E.coli (STECs) be returned to the country of origin.

Be it further resolved, I-BAND urges FSIS to strengthen inspection services in packing plants in the US.

Be it further resolved, I-BAND urges FSIS to end privatized inspection within US and all foreign packing plants that export beef into the US marketplace.



Resolution ARRA 2022-1

The Agriculture Right to Repair Act

Whereas: Manufactures of agriculture equipment are holding producer's hostage by controlling who repairs their machines.

And Whereas: these major corporations can control the price of parts and labor.

BE IT RESOLVED: I-BAND supports Senate Bill “The Agriculture Right to repair Act.” This bill would force farm equipment makers to provide parts, documentations, software and tools to third parties on reasonable terms.

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Resolution ESG 2022-1

Proposed ESG

Whereas CO₂ is beneficial to all plant life by photosynthesis, and

Whereas, CO₂ is not proven to drive global weather patterns,

Be It Resolved, I-BAND opposes carbon capture pipeline and storage of CO₂ below ground.

Be It Further Resolved, I-BAND opposes legislation or executive action, which could lead to implementation of the proposed ESG (Environmental, social governance) or Green New Deal.



Resolution LOR 2022-1

Land Ownership Resolution

Be it Resolved, the Independent Beef Association of North Dakota (I-BAND) supports the banning of foreign ownership of our land, food processing facilities, and agricultural industries which are hidden in layers of LLCs, and

Be It Resolved, that a new tax structure be implemented to discourage the ownership of private or foreign ownership of recreational lands, and

Be It Resolved, that I-BAND will support the family farmer, anti-corporation farming laws, and the rebuilding of rural North Dakota, and

Be It Resolved, that I-BAND will support other organizations in other states working to ban foreign ownership of our agriculture industry.



Resolution NDGF 2022-1

North Dakota Game & Fish

Whereas ND Farmers & Ranchers make their living off the land and

Whereas non-ag groups or individuals have purchased land at inflated prices to obtain a gratis deer license,

Whereas driving up ag land prices to the point producers cannot afford to compete due to lack of pay ability in agriculture.

Therefore, be it resolved, I-BAND supports a change in North Dakota Game and Fish (NDGF) gratis tag permitting. Stating that any landowner, in order to obtain a gratis deer license, must prove that they are actively engaged in production agriculture.

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Resolutions ROCFTJ 2022-1

Removal of Cattle from the J-List

WHEREAS: The J- List allows imported products to not be labeled as foreign,

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 SBO 2022-1

Sustainable Beef Opposition

Whereas the GRSB and the USRSB is an effort to control the US live cattle supplies.

Be it resolved, I-BAND opposes cattle organizations supporting the GRSB and the USRSB.



Resolution BCBM 2023-1

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 to all elected positions.

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Resolution EDR 2023-1
Eminent Domain Reform

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

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, I-BAND strongly opposes the exercise of eminent domain, especially allowing the government for use of eminent domain to support projects of private industry under the guise of public welfare.

Therefore, be it further resolved; I-BAND strongly urges the state legislature to reform state eminent domain law.



Resolution IM 2023-1
Initiative measures

Be it resolved, IBAND supports maintaining the current process related to the citizens' rights to bring forth initiated measures and recalls.



Resolution PC 2023-1
Predator control

WHEREAS predators cause economic damage to ranchers.

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

BE IT RESOLVED, to encourage the North Dakota Game & Fish (NDGF) and the North Dakota Department of Agriculture (NDDOA) to fund a bounty program for predators.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, to allow private enterprise for predator control.



Resolution AIDF 2024-1
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, ND State Vet and Board of Animal Health shall serve as administrator and allocator for any federally sponsored animal ID program which pertains to cattle, horses and mules.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED I-BAND recommends North Dakota state legislature shall direct funds for implementation of animal I.D. to the offices of North Dakota State Vet and the Board of Animal Health.

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Resolution COP-2024-1
Confidentiality of Producers

Whereas I-BAND respects the confidentiality of all producers of the state of North Dakota,
Therefore be it resolved I-BAND urges the state veterinarian to pass any confidential information pertaining to animal disease to the county's emergency manager.



Resolution OSA 2024-1
Oppose Sustains Act

Therefore, be it resolved, I-BAND opposes the Sustains Act and calls for its repeal.

(NOTE: The Sponsoring USDA Sustainability Targets in Agriculture to Incentivize Natural Solutions Act of 2021 (the SUSTAINS Act) was signed into law as part of the Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2023. The SUSTAINS Act expands USDA's authority to accept contributions of private funds to support existing conservation programs and provides additional guidelines for those contributions. Specifically, the SUSTAINS Act provides an opportunity for the private sector to partner with USDA in engaging farmers and ranchers in conservation initiatives, including expanding conservation practices to sequester carbon, improve wildlife habitat, protect sources of drinking water, and address other natural resource priorities.)



Resolution MRNA 2024-1
Ribonucleic Acid (RNA)

Use of multiple forms of Ribonucleic Acid (RNA) Gene Therapy Platform Technology, e.g., messenger RNA (mRNA), modified RNA (modRNA), self-replicating RNA (sRNA) and self-amplifying RNA (saRNA) with or without misnomer vaccine, in Livestock & Beef Cattle

WHEREAS U.S. cattle producers raise the safest and most desirable beef in the world; and

WHEREAS U.S. cattle producers institute science-based production practices to ensure the highest level of animal welfare and beef quality and safety; and

WHEREAS these protocols include best management practices in handling, feeding, and vaccinating (traditional definition of both preventive and curative) livestock; and

WHEREAS pharmaceutical companies are experimenting with the use of RNA Gene Therapy Platform Technology inoculations under the misnomer vaccine, e.g., messengerRNA (mRNA), modifiedRNA (modRNA), self-replicating RNA (sRNA) and self-amplifying RNA (saRNA), in animals intended for human consumption; and

WHEREAS U.S. cattle producers recognize mRNA, modRNA, sRNA and saRNA based technologies are Gene Therapy Platform Technology inoculations (not traditionally defined "Vaccines") with no history of disease treatment success; and

WHEREAS the synthetically modified RNA used in the Gene Therapy Platform inoculations, under misnomer vaccines, may potentially cause the inoculated animal to produce toxic pathologic antigenic proteins in great volume for an indeterminant amount of time; and

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WHEREAS there are no available impact studies on the short- or long-term health of mRNA, modRNA, sRNA and saRNA inoculated animals or humans after consumption of the resulting meat or milk products; and

WHEREAS there are no available impact studies on the short- or long-term effects on fertility of mRNA, modRNA, sRNA and saRNA inoculated animals or humans after consumption of the resulting meat or milk products; and

WHEREAS there is no mechanism by which the U.S. is able to track or discern imported meat or milk products that originated from mRNA, modRNA, sRNA and saRNA inoculated animals; and

WHEREAS the synthetically modified RNA used in the mRNA, modRNA, sRNA and saRNA inoculations may potentially cause the inoculated animal to produce toxic pathologic antigenic proteins in great volume for an indeterminant amount of time; and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Independent Beef Association of North Dakota opposes the use of Ribonucleic Acid (RNA) Gene Therapy Platform Technology inoculations, e.g., messengerRNA (mRNA), modifiedRNA (modRNA), self-replicating RNA (sRNA) and self-amplifying RNA (saRNA) with or without misnomer vaccine, in meat or milk producing animals, until scientifically sound raw data is available for open review by researchers with no conflicts of interest and publicly available research studies are published and peer-reviewed on the short- and long-term health, safety and fertility effects in mRNA, modRNA, sRNA and saRNA inoculated animals and humans consuming the resulting meat or milk products;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, I-BAND expects all Ribonucleic Acid (RNA) Gene Therapy Platform Technology inoculations, e.g., messengerRNA (mRNA), modifiedRNA (modRNA), self-replicating RNA (sRNA) and self-amplifying RNA (saRNA) with or without misnomer vaccine, be prominently labeled as mRNA, modRNA, sRNA or saRNA products, so the administrator clearly is aware, prior to administration; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, I-BAND expects any Ribonucleic Acid (RNA) Gene Therapy Platform technology used in any food source, plant or animal, be classified as a medical therapy requiring informed consent of the consumer.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, no liability protection be given to pharmaceutical companies for harms or adverse effects caused by Ribonucleic Acid (RNA) Gene Therapy Platform Technology products (with or without misnomer vaccine), e.g., mRNA, modRNA, sRNA and saRNA.