

**2011 CURRENT KCA RESOLUTIONS**  
**(AS VOTED ON BY THE NOV 2010 MAIL-IN BALLOT)**

**1. LEGISLATIVE**

**Be it resolved** that the Kansas Cattlemen's Association supports continued involvement in State and Federal Legislative issues.

(Originally voted January 2002 – Renewed Nov 2010)

**2. VALUE ADDED PROGRAMS**

**Be it resolved** that the Kansas Cattlemen's Association supports producer and consumer driven Value-Added Beef Programs. and processing facilities whereby producers, feeders and processors as well as other segments involved in the cattle industry can in a fair and competitive market, create the opportunity for profits to be returned back through the supply chain at a fair level for cost of production.

(Originally voted January 2002 – Renewed Nov. 2010)

**3. MANDATORY PRICE REPORTING**

**Whereas** the Kansas Cattlemen's Association supports full price disclosure,

**Be it resolved** that the Kansas Cattlemen's Association supports Mandatory Price Reporting regulations that are enforced and that best represent the needs of the industry as a whole;

**And be it further resolved** that Kansas Cattlemen's Association recommends that USDA modify the current committed and delivery reporting requirements so that packers are required to report priced formula and un-priced formula cattle;

**And be it further resolved** that KCA recommends that USDA require packers to report daily the number of head they have scheduled for each of the next 14 days, similar to the swine price reporting requirements;

**Furthermore**, Kansas Cattlemen's Association supports regulations that require the packer to provide the number of head that are committed, country of origin, type of commitment, report the commitment as priced or un-priced, and acknowledge the price if applicable. (Originally voted January 2002 – Modified Nov 2010)

**4. COUNTRY OF ORIGIN LABELING**

**Be it resolved** that the Kansas Cattlemen's Association supports Mandatory Country of Origin Labeling on all imported and mixed origin cattle and beef, where the importer will bear the burden of proof and cost.

**And be it further resolved** that USDA, APHIS, Veterinary Services immediately remove livestock from the U.S. Department of the Treasury "J-List", thereby requiring all imported cattle to be marked with a permanent, visible mark of origin as a condition of entry into the United States.

**And be it further resolved** that the Kansas Cattlemen's Association and the Kansas Animal Health Department makes every effort to implement permanent, mandatory visual identification of all imported cattle.

(Originally voted January 2002 – Change voted March 2003 – Renewed 2010)

## **5. TRADE**

**Be it resolved** that the Kansas Cattlemen's Association supports R-CALF USA keeping trade quotas and tariffs in negotiations of the trade talks, so the cattle industry is represented fairly;

Be it resolved, Kansas Cattlemen's Association supports disease prevention protocols that are equal to or above USDA standards;

Furthermore be it resolved, these protocols should be enforced and incorporated into fair trade negotiations. (Originally voted January 2002 – Modified Nov. 2010)

## **6. BIO-SECURITY**

**Whereas** the Department of Homeland Security has chosen Manhattan, Kansas as the site of the National Bio and Agro Defense Facility,

**And whereas** the livestock population of the United States is susceptible to numerous foreign diseases and an outbreak can have severe consequences for producers and consumers,

**Therefore be it resolved**, Kansas Cattlemen's Association expects to be informed by Homeland Security and will work with Homeland Security to protect producers from the potential release of hazardous materials and/or contaminations;

**Be it further resolved**, in the event of an unintended release or occurrence, the Kansas Cattlemen's Association expects that producers will be compensated at the Kansas regional average of the cash market of the last twelve months based on classification of livestock;

**Be it further resolved**, the Kansas Cattlemen's Association strongly promotes extensive bio-security measures to prevent the release of animal disease agents into the environment;

**Be it resolved**, the Kansas Cattlemen's Association supports maintaining and implementing a workable emergency management plan;

**Furthermore, be it resolved**, the Kansas Cattlemen's Association supports the ban of all livestock and beef imports from infected countries and or trading partners entering the U.S.A. until the BSE or Foot and Mouth Disease countries cattle and beef are proven safe. (Originally voted January 2002 – Amended 2010)

## **7. CAPTIVE SUPPLIES**

**Whereas** the Packers and Stockyards Act of 1921 Section 202 if properly enforced, would be a strong deterrent to the use of captive supplies as a way to depress live cattle prices as shown by supporting data.

**Be it resolved** that the Kansas Cattlemen's Association supports the elimination of non-negotiated base price captive supplies.

**Be it further resolved** that the Kansas Cattlemen's Association defines captive supply as any cattle owned or controlled by a packer for more than 14 days prior to slaughter. (Originally voted January 2002 – Renewed 2010)

## **8. PACKER BAN**

**Be it resolved** that the Kansas Cattlemen's Association supports the ban of packer ownership or control of cattle for more than 14 days prior to slaughter, with exemption for

actively owned producer cooperatives, startup processors and those slaughtering not more than 125,000 head per year.

**Be it further resolved** the amount on ownership of 125,000 is amendable if we succeed in getting more competition into the market place over time.

(Originally voted January 2002 – Renewed 2010)

### **9. FIELD POSITIONS**

**Be it resolved** that the Kansas Cattlemen's Association supports a full-time KCA Field Representative position, as funds are available. (Originally voted January 2002 – Renewed Nov 2010)

### **10. BEEF CHECKOFF**

**Whereas** the Beef Checkoff is a mandated producer funded program

**Be it resolved**, KCA encourages USDA to mandate that each state beef council develop a process in which members of the state beef councils be directly elected by checkoff paying producers themselves;

**Be it further resolved**, Kansas Cattlemen's Association seeks involvement in all checkoff issues, state and national, and seeks representation on the Kansas Beef Council.

**Be it further resolved**, KCA supports a mandatory/refundable producer controlled beef checkoff which will provide funding for efforts having the effect of increasing profit per head to the producer, such as research, promotion and funding for other efforts including the preservation and maintenance of competitive markets,

**Be it further resolved**, Kansas Cattlemen's Association supports using checkoff dollars to promote USA beef in the USA.

**Be it further resolved** that KCA supports immediate separation of the Federation of State Beef Councils from the National Cattlemen's Beef Association and calls for a complete audit of Federation monies to determine if serious co-mingling of funds have occurred. (Originally voted January 2002 – Amended Nov 2010)

### **11. DEAD ANIMAL REMOVAL**

**Be it resolved** that the Kansas Cattlemen's Association call on the state of Kansas to invest "Economic Development" funds into opening new rendering plants in areas of the state which are being under-served by existing rendering firms. (Originally voted January 2002 – Renewed Nov 2010)

### **12. NATIONAL ID PLAN**

**Whereas**, that the Kansas Cattlemen's Association supports animal health and disease prevention;

**Be it resolved**, the Kansas Cattlemen's Association will sit at the table to address animal health and animal disease prevention;

**Furthermore**, Kansas Cattlemen's Association supports identifying cattle through visual tags and brands and supports a voluntary producer initiative rather than a federal mandatory animal ID system.

**Furthermore be it resolved**, that the Kansas Cattlemen's Association 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.

(Originally voted January 2002 – Modified Nov 2010)

### **13. PACKERS & STOCKYARDS ACT OF 1921**

**Whereas** according to the Drake Journal of Ag Law, the Grain Inspection Packers and Stockyards Administration lacks the resources and talent to effectively litigate competition cases,

**Whereas** the Kansas Cattlemen's Association supports the strict enforcement of the current Packers and Stockyards Act of 1921,

**Be it resolved** that Kansas Cattlemen's Association encourages the Packers and Stockyards Act be amended to allow for treble damages to the injured party and recovery of attorney's fees in private actions. (Originally voted January 2002 – Renewed Nov 2010)

### **14. KANSAS ANTITRUST LAWS**

**Be it resolved** that the Kansas Cattlemen's Association supports to amend the Kansas antitrust laws to cover monopsony specifically, in that: Any merger, combination, contract or practice that reduces competition, price, or market access for producers of food and fiber products in this state shall be prohibited unless it is shown, by clear and convincing evidence, that the pro-competitive effects outweigh the anticompetitive effects and are: (a) directly related to the challenged practice; (b) not achievable by alternative means; and (c) are, or are highly likely to be, passed on to consumers or producers. (Originally voted January 2002 – Renewed Nov 2010)

### **15. STUDENT LOANS**

**Be it resolved** that Kansas Cattlemen's Association supports that in order to get some immediate financial help to young farmers and ranchers, State and Federal Student Loans of graduates that return to full time production agriculture, be forgiven or paid from federal funds on a basis of one year on the farm or ranch equals one year of loans forgiven. This would apply to all loans that are currently active to encourage and help bring young people back to the rural communities, much like the Drs. to rural communities program. This should include not only 4-year degrees, but trade schools as well. (Originally voted January 2002 – Renewed Nov 2010)

### **16. KANSAS BRAND LAW**

**Whereas** livestock can be transported or sold in the state of Kansas without proof of ownership.

**Be it resolved** that the Kansas Cattlemen's Association supports a brand inspection law and enforcement of said law. (Originally voted January 2002 – Change voted 2009, Renewed Nov 2010)

### **17. DISASTER ASSISTANCE**

**Be it resolved** that the Kansas Cattlemen's Association supports the USDA continued immediate support for farmers and ranchers who were severely affected by disasters and until it is deemed unnecessary by county Farm Services Agency. (Originally voted January 2002 – Renewed Nov 2010)

### **18. Cattle Market Reform**

**Be it resolved**, KCA supports R-CALF's Market Reform Act for the investigation of the derivatives market and the effects that it has on the cash market. (Originally voted January 2002 – Amended 2009m, Renewed Nov 2010)

### **19. CATTLE RUSTLING**

**Whereas**, it was once a high crime to rustle cattle, modern laws have been lax when a person is convicted of cattle theft.

**Be it resolved**, Kansas Cattlemen's Association supports stricter laws regarding cases where a person is found guilty of cattle theft.

**Be it resolved**, Kansas Cattlemen's Association advocates and works with legislators to stiffen the penalty of cattle rustling and livestock theft. (Voted on March 2007-Renewed Nov 2010)

### **20. ENERGY**

**Whereas**, the Kansas Cattlemen's Association mission states that we are dedicated to restoring profits to the farms, ranches and rural communities across Kansas

**Therefore be it resolved**, Kansas Cattlemen's Association supports all energy production that benefits rural communities and producers. (Voted on March 2008, Renewed 2010)

### **21. Resolutions**

**Be it resolved**, all KCA Resolutions will have a 2 year life span unless returned by a vote by the members. (Voted on March 2008, Renewed 2010)

### **22. Humane Horse Handling**

**Be it resolved**, the Kansas Cattlemen's Association supports the humane movement and slaughter of horses within the boundaries of the USA. (Voted on March 2009, Renewed Nov 2010)

### **23. Jurisdiction of Animal Health and Soil Conservation**

**Be it resolved**, Kansas Cattlemen's Association supports consolidating the Kansas Conservation Commission and Kansas Animal Health Department under the Kansas Department of Agriculture. (Voted on 2010)

### **24. INVESTIGATIONS OF MERGERS**

**Whereas** the KCA supports fair market competition in the livestock industry,

**Be it Resolved**, KCA encourages the Department of Justice to review, investigate, and enforce past and current mergers in relation to antitrust laws in place. (Voted on 2010)

### **25. ANIMAL WELFARE AND OWNERSHIP**

**Whereas** a minority of extremist under the guise animal rights groups are trying to force their agenda on the current mainstream livestock industry which results in political action increasing costs of production and unreasonable expectations that have no actual benefit to animals,

**Therefore Be it Resolved**, KCA expects all government entities to promote animal welfare and good stewardship (such as BQA guidelines) and recognize owners' rights in order to keep undue economic burden from being incurred by animal owners. (Voted on 2010)

### **26. CATTLE EMISSIONS**

**Whereas** the EPA is trying to regulate cattle emissions currently under the Clean Air Act or under any other instruments that may come in the future,

**Whereas** there is no approved test to accurately measure for livestock emissions,

**Furthermore**, there is data to show that cattle emissions are not a detriment to the environment,

**Be it resolved**, KCA supports immunity from emissions regulations for livestock producers. (Voted on 2010)

## **27.WATER RIGHTS**

**Whereas** a minority of extremists under the guise of environmental activist(s) have as an agenda to eliminate animal agriculture within the United States by using the Clean Water Restoration Act of 2009 or some other act yet to be named to impose undue burden on cattle producers that have no actual benefit to the environment

**Be it resolved**, KCA requires that all government entities promote good environmental stewardship based on sound science in order to keep undue economic burden and hardship from being incurred by cattle producers. (Voted on 2010)