

## **09/24/2002 Entry: "A Legal Review and Economics of the Beef and Cattle Markets"**

The Kansas Cattlemen's Association will host A Legal Review and Economics of the Beef and Cattle Markets, October 12, 2002 at the Airport Red Coach Inn, in Wichita, Kansas beginning at 8:00 a.m. to discuss agricultural economics and legal and legislative interpretations of concentration and consolidation in the marketplace. The conference is open to all cattlemen, agricultural producers, agri-businesses, banks and anyone who has an interest in agriculture.

Presenters will include Dr. C. Robert Taylor of Auburn University, Dr. Neil E. Harl of Iowa State University and Dr. Roger A. McEowen of Kansas State University.

Dr. Taylor, is an Alfa Eminent Scholar (Distinguished University Professor) of Agricultural Economics and Public Policy at Auburn University, as well as a Co-Coordinator of the AgroEcology Program at Auburn University. He has also authored several books and publications. He will address "Market Power in the Meat Industry: Problems and Potential Solutions"

Dr. Harl, is a Charles F. Curtiss Distinguished Professor in Agriculture and Professor of Economics at Iowa State University, a member of the Iowa Bar and Director of the Center for International Agricultural Finance. His primary areas of emphasis at Iowa State University have been agricultural law, agricultural finance and resource economics. Dr. Harl's presentation is entitled "Farmers in the 21st Century: Independent Entrepreneurs or Serfs?"

Dr. McEowen is Associate Professor of Agricultural Economics and Extension Specialist, Agricultural Law and Policy, at Kansas State University where he teaches agricultural law and is a member of the graduate faculty. Before joining Kansas State in 1993, he practiced law in North Platte, Nebraska, specializing in farm and ranch estate and business planning. Dr. McEowen will discuss "The Packer Ownership Ban-Specifics of the Legislation"

Following the presentations, a question and answer session will be held as well as an open meeting with representatives of the Kansas Cattlemen's Association and R-CALF USA discussing industry direction.

To assure ample seating and refreshments, pre-registration is recommended. The registration fee is \$15.00 in advance or \$20.00 at the door. To pre-register, contact the Kansas Cattlemen's association at 877-694-2906 by October 7th.