

# **Kansas Cattlemen's Association**

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## **Cattlemen Ask Legislators to Support Budget that Allows Law to be Properly Implemented**

Earlier this week, Kansas Cattlemen's Association sent letters to Kansas' national Representatives to gain support for cattlemen in the state. With over 1,700 producer members, Kansas Cattlemen's Association is the only organization in Kansas that exclusively represents cattlemen, and KCA expressed deep support for the enforcement of the Packers and Stockyards Act.

"Producers deserve fair market access. Cattlemen should be able to compete in the market without fear of retribution, and the P & S Act, if properly enforced, would be a strong deterrent to the use of captive supplies as a way to depress live cattle prices," the letters stated.

The House Agriculture Appropriations Subcommittee approved a draft of the fiscal 2012 spending bill, including the provision that would essentially kill any opportunity to enforce the P & S Act, by prohibiting the GIPSA rule to be implemented.

"This is a law that has been in effect for 90 years and continues to be violated without any consequences," KCA added. "Fairness and transparency are essential to our industry."

KCA asked each of the Representatives, Rep. Huelskamp, Rep Jenkins, Rep. Yoder, and Rep. Pompeo to support a budget that will allow GIPSA to move forward with implementing regulations that would allow the enforcement of the P & S Act.