

## **Executive Committee Begins New Leadership Role**

As the next term of the Kansas Cattlemen's Board of Directors commences, the Board has elected Paul Acton from Blue Mound and Aaron Winter of Dodge City as President and Vice President respectively.

A graduate of Ohio State University, Acton runs a commercial cow/calf operation and also raises and sells show stock.

Acton has served on the Board for two years and been a KCA member since 2005. Believing that fair trade and more producer involvement in the Beef Checkoff is critical to the future of the cattle industry, Acton hopes that producers will take an active role in their industry and join KCA.

Winter has served one year on the Board and currently works as the yard manager for Winter Livestock, one of the oldest and largest privately owned auction markets in the country.

"We [all producers] need to come together and work toward the same goal, what is best for the industry," states Winter. "The industry has changed so much since I first became a part of things, from the way that we run our cow calf herds to the way that we market our fat cattle."

Ivan Reimer of Meade was re-elected for his second year as the Secretary/Treasurer.

Brandy Carter, KCA Executive Director explains, "The staff is very excited about this year's executive committee. Each gentleman brings new and fresh ideas to help the organization provide additional and better services for Kansas producers. That is what KCA is about, working for the producers and helping to keep rural communities thriving. Paul and Aaron are ambitious, think out of the box, and truly bring a new perspective to the association."