

Kansas Cattlemen's Association

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KCA Represented at Young Leaders Conference

KCA President Perry Owens spoke at the National Farmers Organization's Young Ag Leaders Conference in Kansas City earlier this month discussing the opportunities in feeding cattle. Owens addressed a couple dozen young farmers and ranchers.

Owens discussed the importance that health and condition has on cattle. "If you are going to retain ownership of your cattle, you need to have a sound mineral program, and you need a good vaccination program," Owens remarked.

Owens also discussed worming programs, challenges with high risk cattle, and marketing options. Providing insight into how different feed yards operate, Owens explained that his operation uses a modified live vaccine and prefers to sell cattle on the cash market.

Taking time to address a number of factors that play a role in production agriculture, Owens switched gears and moved into government regulations. "Stay on top of these things, they do affect your operation," he explained. He gave his opinion of regulations that have helped farmers and ranchers and regulations that hinder farmers and ranchers.

Owens wasn't the only KCA member at the conference. KCA founder Mike Schultz also spoke on behalf of R-CALF USA.

Schultz discussed parliamentary procedure and Roberts Rules of Order. Encouraging every young person to be involved in associations like National Farmers Organization, R-CALF USA, and KCA, Schultz emphasized, "We are all tied together....It takes time, commitment, money, and passion for cattle and rural communities."