

Kansas Cattlemen's Association

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Cattlemen Set Policies for Association

As a result of mail-in ballots, producer members of the Kansas Cattlemen's Association voted to adopt a number of policies that directly affect them as producers.

One of the top issues in Kansas is the proposed National Bio & Agro-Defense Facility (NBAF). As the Department of Homeland Security has determined Manhattan, Kansas as the site for the proposed NBAF, Kansas Cattlemen producers voted in favor of working with the Homeland Security to protect producers from the potential release of hazardous materials and/or contaminations. Kansas Cattlemen's Association will work to establish a system for producers to be financially and fairly compensated in the event of an unintended release or occurrence at the NBAF, and KCA will work towards a solution to implement and maintain a workable emergency management system.

The Beef Checkoff is another issue producers chose to address. Since its establishment, KCA has made the promotion of USA beef a priority. For a number of years, KCA has worked to increase profitability for U.S. producers by supporting a producer controlled beef checkoff. Now, not only have producers spoken in favor of using checkoff dollars to promote USA beef in the USA, but producers have directed KCA to seek involvement in all state and national checkoff issues.

Three other issues that producers voted on were to support R-CALF's Market Reform Act for the investigation of the derivatives market, support the humane movement and slaughter of horses within the boundaries of the USA, and maintaining the Kansas Soil Conservation and Kansas Animal Health programs under separate jurisdictions and not consolidated under the Kansas Secretary of Agriculture.

Kansas Cattlemen's Association is a one member one vote producer organization. Non-producer members are always welcome to join the association. However, only producers vote on the policies that are adopted by the association.

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