

**KANSAS CATTLEMEN'S ASSOCIATION  
ORGANIZATION RESOLUTIONS  
EFFECTIVE: January 1, 2023**

**1. LEGISLATIVE**

**Be it resolved**, Kansas Cattlemen's Association supports continued vigorous involvement in State and Federal Legislative issues.

**(Expires Dec 31, 2023)**

**2. VALUE ADDED PROGRAMS**

**Be it resolved**, Kansas Cattlemen's Association supports producer and consumer driven Value-Added Beef Programs and processing facilities whereby producers, feeders, and processors as well as other segments involved in the cattle industry can, in a fair and competitive market, create the opportunity for profits to be returned back through the supply chain at a fair level for cost of production.

**(Expires Dec 31, 2024)**

**3. MANDATORY PRICE REPORTING**

**Whereas** the Kansas Cattlemen's Association supports full price disclosure,

**Be it resolved** that the Kansas Cattlemen's Association supports totally transparent Mandatory Price Reporting regulations that are enforced and that best represent the needs of the industry as a whole.

**Be it further resolved** that Kansas Cattlemen's Association recommends that United States Department of Agriculture modify the current committed and delivery reporting requirements so that packers are required to report priced formula and un-priced formula cattle.

**Be it further resolved** that Kansas Cattlemen's Association recommends that United States Department of Agriculture require packers to report daily the number of head they have scheduled for each of the next 14 days, similar to the swine price reporting requirements.

**Furthermore**, Kansas Cattlemen's Association supports regulations that require the packer to provide the number of head that are committed, country of origin, type of commitment, report the commitment as priced or un-priced, and acknowledge the price.

**(Expires Dec 31, 2023)**

**4. COUNTRY OF ORIGIN LABELING**

**Be it resolved** that the Kansas Cattlemen's Association supports Mandatory Country of Origin Labeling on all imported and mixed origin cattle and beef, where the importer will bear the burden of proof and cost.

**Be it further resolved** that United States Department of Agriculture, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS), Veterinary Services immediately remove livestock from the U.S. Department of the Treasury 304(a)(3)(J) "J-List", thereby requiring all imported cattle to be marked with a permanent, visible mark of origin as a condition of entry into the United States.

**Be it further resolved** that the Kansas Cattlemen's Association and the Kansas Animal Health Department makes every effort to implement permanent, mandatory visual identification of all imported cattle.

**Be it further resolved** that the Kansas Cattlemen's Association supports legislation and/or regulation which requires beef promoted as "USA Beef" be born, raised, and harvested in the USA.

**(Expires Dec 31, 2024)**

**5. TRADE**

**Be it resolved** that the Kansas Cattlemen's Association supports keeping trade quotas and tariffs in negotiations of the trade talks, so the cattle industry is represented fairly;

**Be it resolved**, Kansas Cattlemen's Association supports disease prevention protocols that are equal to or above United States Department of Agriculture standards;

**Furthermore, be it resolved**, these protocols should be enforced and incorporated into fair trade negotiations.  
(Expires Dec 31, 2023)

## **6. BIO-SECURITY**

**Whereas** the Department of Homeland Security has chosen Manhattan, Kansas as the site of the National Bio and Agro Defense Facility,

**And whereas** the livestock population of the United States is susceptible to numerous foreign diseases and an outbreak can have severe consequences for producers and consumers.

**Be it resolved**, Kansas Cattlemen's Association expects to be informed by Homeland Security and will work with Homeland Security and/or United States Department of Agriculture to protect producers from the potential release of hazardous materials and/or contaminations demands inspection by USDA inspectors before entering the US.

**Be it further resolved**, Kansas Cattlemen's Association strongly promotes extensive biosecurity measures to prevent the release of animal disease agents into the environment;

**Be it resolved**, the Kansas Cattlemen's Association supports maintaining and implementing a workable emergency management plan;

**Furthermore, be it resolved**, the Kansas Cattlemen's Association supports the ban of all livestock and beef imports from infected countries and or trading partners entering the U.S.A. until the Bovine Spongiform Encephalopathy (BSE) or Foot and Mouth Disease as well as any and all other emerging infectious disease countries' cattle and beef are proven safe.

(Expires Dec 31, 2024)

## **7. CAPTIVE SUPPLIES**

**Whereas**, the Packers and Stockyards Act of 1921: Section 202, if properly enforced, would be a strong deterrent to the use of captive supplies to depress live cattle prices as shown by supporting data.

**Be it resolved**, Kansas Cattlemen's Association supports the elimination of non-negotiated base price captive supplies.

**Be it further resolved**, Kansas Cattlemen's Association defines captive supply as any cattle owned or controlled by a packer for more than 14 days prior to slaughter.

**Bet if further resolved**, Kansas Cattlemen's Association demands that congress fund the Packers and Stockyards Act of 1921: Section 202.

(Expires Dec 31, 2023)

## **8. PACKER BAN**

**Be it resolved**, Kansas Cattlemen's Association supports the ban of packer ownership or control of cattle for more than 14 days prior to slaughter, with exemption for actively owned producer cooperatives, startup processors and those slaughtering not more than 125,000 head per year.

**Be it further resolved**, the amount on ownership of 125,000 is amendable if we (Kansas Cattlemen's Association) succeed in getting more competition into the marketplace over time.

(Expires Dec 31, 2024)

## **9. FIELD POSITIONS**

**Be it resolved** that the Kansas Cattlemen's Association supports a full-time Kansas Cattlemen's Association Field Representative position, as funds are available.

(Expires Dec 31, 2023)

## **10. BEEF CHECKOFF**

**Whereas**, the Beef Checkoff is a mandated producer funded program,

**And whereas**, the Beef Promotion and Research Act of 1985, statute 7 states that The Beef Checkoff is formed to enable cattle producers to establish, finance, and carry out a coordinated program of research, producer and consumer information, and promotion to improve, maintain, and develop markets for cattle, beef, and beef products.

**Be it resolved**, Kansas Cattlemen's Association supports the promotion to improve, maintain, and develop markets for USA cattle;

**Be it resolved**, Kansas Cattlemen's Association encourages United States Department of Agriculture to mandate that each state beef council develop a process in which members of the state beef councils be directly elected by Checkoff paying producers themselves;

**Be it further resolved**, Kansas Cattlemen's Association seeks involvement in all Checkoff issues, state and national, and seeks representation on the Kansas Beef Council.

**Be it further resolved**, Kansas Cattlemen's Association supports a mandatory/refundable producer-controlled beef Checkoff which will provide funding for efforts having the effect of increasing profit per head to the producer, such as research, promotion and funding for other efforts including the preservation and maintenance of competitive markets,

**Be it further resolved**; Kansas Cattlemen's Association supports using Checkoff dollars to promote USA beef.

**Be it further resolved**, Kansas Cattlemen's Association supports immediate separation of the Federation of State Beef Councils from the National Cattlemen's Beef Association and including Cattlemen's Beef Board funding for active political lobbying groups that are recipients of funding tied to the Cattlemen's Beef Board under the guise of research, development, and promotion which call for a complete audit of Federation monies to determine if serious co-mingling of funds have occurred.

**Be it further Resolved**, Kansas Cattlemen's Association supports the immediate removal of the voting rights of the federation of state beef councils, and the concerning of business be totally controlled by the cattlemen's beef board only, a 100% appointed board.

(Expires Dec 31, 2023)

## **11. DEAD ANIMAL REMOVAL**

**Be it resolved**, the Kansas Cattlemen's Association supports dead animal removal and encourages private industry to open new rendering plants in all areas of the state.

(Expires Dec 31, 2023)

## **12. NATIONAL ID PLAN**

**Whereas**, Kansas Cattlemen's Association supports animal health and disease prevention.

**Be it resolved**, Kansas Cattlemen's Association will sit at the table to address animal health and animal disease prevention.

**Furthermore**, Kansas Cattlemen's Association supports identifying cattle through visual tags and brands and supports a voluntary producer initiative rather than a federal mandatory animal identification system.

**Furthermore, be it resolved**, Kansas Cattlemen's Association encourages the United States Department of Agriculture and Congress to support and maintain the identity of the United States cattle industry and, therefore, the United States cattle industry shall not be referred to as the "North American cattle industry," which includes the United States, Canada and Mexico.

(Expires Dec 31, 2024)

### **13. PACKERS & STOCKYARDS ACT OF 1921**

**Whereas**, according to the Drake Journal of Ag Law, the Grain Inspection Packers and Stockyards Administration lacks the resources and talent to effectively litigate competition cases,

**Whereas**, Kansas Cattlemen's Association supports the strict enforcement of the current Packers and Stockyards Act of 1921,

**Be it resolved**, Kansas Cattlemen's Association encourages the Packers and Stockyards Act be amended to allow for treble damages to the injured party and recovery of attorney's fees in private actions.

(Expires Dec 31, 2023)

### **14. KANSAS ANTITRUST LAWS**

**Be it resolved**, Kansas Cattlemen's Association supports to amend the Kansas antitrust laws to cover monopsony (one buyer) specifically, in that: Any merger, combination, contract or practice that reduces competition, price, or market access for producers of food and fiber products in this state shall be prohibited unless it is shown, by clear and convincing evidence, that the pro-competitive effects outweigh the anticompetitive effects and are: (a) directly related to the challenged practice; (b) not achievable by alternative means; and (c) are, or are highly likely to be, passed on to consumers or producers.

(Expires Dec 31, 2024)

### **15. STUDENT LOANS**

**Be it resolved**, Kansas Cattlemen's Association supports that in order to get some immediate financial help to young farmers and ranchers, State and Federal Student Loans of graduates that return to full time production agriculture, be forgiven or paid from federal funds on a basis of one year on the farm or ranch equals one year of loans forgiven. This would apply to all loans that are currently active to encourage and help bring young people back to the rural communities, much like the Doctors to rural Communities Program. This should include not only 4-year degrees, but trade schools as well.

(Expires Dec 31, 2023)

### **16. KANSAS BRAND LAW**

**Whereas**, livestock can be transported or sold in the state of Kansas without proof of ownership,

**Be it resolved**, Kansas Cattlemen's Association supports a brand inspection law and enforcement of said law.

(Expires Dec 31, 2024)

### **17. DISASTER ASSISTANCE**

**Be it resolved**, Kansas Cattlemen's Association supports the United States Department of Agriculture continued immediate support for farmers and ranchers who were severely affected by disasters and/or trade disputes and until it is deemed unnecessary by county Farm Services Agency.

(Expires Dec 31, 2024)

### **18. CATTLE RUSTLING**

**Whereas**, it was once a high crime to rustle cattle, modern laws have been lax when a person is convicted of cattle theft.

**Be it resolved**, Kansas Cattlemen's Association supports stricter laws regarding cases where a person is found guilty of cattle theft.

**Be it further resolved**, Kansas Cattlemen's Association advocates and works with legislators to stiffen the penalty of cattle rustling and livestock theft.

(Expires Dec 31, 2023)

## **19. ENERGY**

**Whereas**, Kansas Cattlemen's Association's mission states that we are dedicated to restoring profits to the farms, ranches and rural communities across Kansas,

**Be it resolved**, Kansas Cattlemen's Association supports a diversified energy grid that benefits rural communities and producers.

(Expires Dec 31, 2023)

## **20. RESOLUTIONS**

**Be it resolved**, all Kansas Cattlemen's Association Resolutions will have a 2-year life span unless returned by a vote by the members.

(Expires Dec 31, 2023)

## **21. HUMANE HORSE HANDLING**

**Be it resolved**, the Kansas Cattlemen's Association supports the humane movement and slaughter of horses within the boundaries of the USA.

(Expires Dec 31, 2024)

## **22. INVESTIGATIONS OF MERGERS**

**Whereas**, Kansas Cattlemen's Association supports fair market competition in the livestock industry,

**Be it Resolved**, Kansas Cattlemen's Association strongly encourages the Department of Justice to review, investigate, and enforce past and current mergers, both foreign and domestic, in relation to existing antitrust laws.

(Expires Dec 31, 2023)

## **23. ANIMAL WELFARE AND OWNERSHIP**

**Whereas**, a minority of extremist under the guise animal rights groups are trying to force their agenda on the current mainstream livestock industry which results in political action increasing costs of production and unreasonable expectations that have no actual benefit to animals,

**Therefore, be it Resolved**, Kansas Cattlemen's Association expects all government entities to promote animal welfare and good stewardship (such as Beef Quality Assurance guidelines) and recognize owners' rights in order to keep undue economic burden from being incurred by animal owners.

(Expires Dec 31, 2024)

## **24. CATTLE EMISSIONS**

**Whereas**, Environmental Protection Agency is trying to regulate cattle emissions currently under the Clean Air Act or under any other instruments that may come in the future,

**Be it resolved**, Kansas Cattlemen's Association supports immunity from emissions regulations for livestock producers.

(Expires Dec 31, 2023)

## **25. WATER RIGHTS**

**Whereas**, a minority of extremists under the guise of environmental activist(s) have as an agenda to eliminate animal agriculture within the United States by using the Clean Water Restoration Act of 2009 or some other act yet to be named to impose undue burden on cattle producers that have no actual benefit to the environment.

**Be it resolved**, Kansas Cattlemen's Association requires that all government entities promote good environmental stewardship based on sound science in order to keep undue economic burden and hardship from being incurred by cattle producers.

(Expires Dec 31, 2024)

## **26. WILD AND FERAL HORSES**

**Whereas**, the population of wild/feral horses and burros in the western United States continues to outpace natural death loss and adoption rates, leading to rapid over-population, and

**Whereas**, over-population greatly contributes to range degradation, reducing bio diversity and productivity of wildlife and livestock,

**Whereas**, moving these animals from their native range to other regions of the United States only transfers the problems instead of solving them,

**And whereas**, the expanding wild/feral horse herd, at the cost of our nation's tax payers, unfairly competes for valuable feed resources with our food producing, domesticated livestock.

**Therefore, be it resolved**, Kansas Cattlemen's Association favors the use of euthanasia, fertility control, and other humane means of reduction and management of the population of wild/feral horses and burros in lieu of translocation of these animals to other regions of the United States.

**(Expires Dec 31, 2024)**

## **27. CONCENTRATION OF THE PACKING INDUSTRY**

**Be it resolved**, Kansas Cattlemen's Association highly disapproves of any further concentration of the big four packers.

**(Expires Dec 31, 2023)**

## **28. PROPERTY RIGHTS**

**Whereas**, we are independent cattlemen,

**Be it resolved**, Kansas Cattlemen's Association supports all private property rights.

**(Expires Dec 31, 2024)**

## **29. KANSAS CORPORATE FARMING LAWS**

**As an organization of independent producers**, Kansas Cattlemen's Association supports the current Kansas anti-corporate ag laws.

**(Expires Dec 31, 2024)**

## **30. BEEF CHECKOFF FOIA REQUESTS**

**Whereas**, USDA actively regulates and provides oversight to the Beef Promotion and Research Board,

**And whereas**, producers are required by the Beef Act and Beef Order to remit assessments to the Beef Promotion and Research Board,

**Be it resolved**, Kansas Cattlemen's Association Supports continued enforcement of Freedom of Information Act requests to United States Department of Agriculture for the Beef Board.

**(Expires Dec 31, 2024)**

### **31. RE-ENACT GLASS STEAGALL LAW FOR SOUND BANKING AND CREDIT TO REBUILD THE NATION**

**Whereas**, there is imminent danger or another financial blow-out, bigger than 2009, because nothing was done to fix the underlying dynamic of uncontrolled mega-bank speculation; our nation won't survive more bail-outs and consolidation; and

**Whereas**, we need sound banking to extend credit to re-build infrastructure and productivity – modern rail systems, new water supplies, nuclear power, rural hospitals, upgraded waterways, etc. with millions of new jobs and a secure farm sector, and

**Whereas**, the 1933 Glass Steagall Act worked for 66 years (until repeal in 1999), to keep separate useful community banking from speculative financial entities; therefore,

**Be it resolved**, Kansas Cattlemen's Association calls on the Kansas Congressional delegation and all of Congress, to re-enact the Glass Steagall Act.

(Expires Dec 31, 2024)

### **32. CELLULAR BASED MEAT**

**Whereas**, animal-based proteins and meat products are developed and grown in a laboratory for mass production and human consumption.

**And whereas**, livestock producers raise livestock in a manner which meets or exceeds all government regulations and industry accepted standards, harvests and processes livestock under inspection by the United States Department of Agriculture, and is for all purposes deemed a "wholesome" product,

**Be it resolved**, Kansas Cattlemen's Association supports the definition of beef to only include products derived from actual livestock traditionally born, raised, and harvested.

**Be it further resolved**, Kansas Cattlemen's Association strongly opposes any critique, definition, label or reference for any food product traditionally raised and inspected as anything other than "clean" as it is a fallacy of composition and misleading advertisement. Kansas Cattlemen's Association supports any and all restrictions for alternatives and/or laboratory harvests from defining a product as "clean meat" for the purposes of alluding that traditionally raised protein as something other than clean, wholesome, healthy, and/or safe.

**Be it further resolved**, Kansas Cattlemen's Association strongly opposes the research and development for the promotion of these products at taxpayer funded educational institutions.

(Expires Dec 31, 2024)

### **33. ALTERNATIVE PROTEINS**

**Whereas**, alternative sources of protein, other than beef, are being labeled and promoted as comparable for and to beef,

**Whereas**, the use of traditional beef terminology such as "hamburger," "cheeseburger," "ground beef," etc. on alternative products is misleading to consumers and weakens the value of products derived from actual livestock production,

**Be It Resolved**, Kansas Cattlemen's Association supports preventing alternative protein from being permitted to associate alternative protein, (both plant-based and those derived from livestock) products as "beef," a "beef" substitute, nor a "beef" equivalent in a way that is misleading or intends to deceive the consumer.

(Expires Dec 31, 2024)

### **34. BEEF CHECKOFF REFORMATION**

**Be it resolved**, Kansas Cattlemen's Association supports the checkoff referendum to allow the independent producer to vote on the Beef Promotion and Research Act of 1985.

**Further be it resolved**, in the non-renewal of the Beef Promotion and Research Act of 1985, we as Kansas Cattlemen's Association, being in favor of a Beef Checkoff supports the implementation of a reformed checkoff according to resolution "Beef Checkoff" guidelines.

(Expires Dec 31, 2024)

**35. LEVEL THE PLAYING FIELD FOR KANSAS LIVESTOCK AG #1**

**Whereas** environmental rules at the local, state, and federal level should not be allowed to put Kansas livestock producers at a competitive disadvantage.

**Be it resolved**, Kansas Cattlemen's Association will seek out legislative financial support enlisting Kansas State University Bio and Ag Engineering research and development of modern tools for siting, design, and permitting of Animal Feeding Operation (AFO) in lieu of the outdated and inflexible habitable structure separation distance rules.

(Expires Dec 31, 2023)

**36. LEVEL THE PLAYING FIELD FOR KANSAS LIVESTOCK AG #2**

Kansas Department of Health and Environment should be restricted from requiring non-discharging Concentrated Animal Feeding Operations to apply for other than the historic simple and non-punitive state Concentrated Animal Feeding Operation permit.

(Expires Dec 31, 2023)

**37. LEVEL THE PLAYING FIELD FOR KANSAS LIVESTOCK AG #3**

Kansas Department of Health and Environment should be restricted from requiring "industrial lagoon design standards" on "non-discharging" small meat packing plant lagoons in rural areas.

(Expires Dec 31, 2023)

**38. ALTERNATIVE MARKETING AGREEMENTS**

**Be it resolved**, Kansas Cattlemen's Association supports all Alternative Marketing Agreement base prices to be negotiated and agreed upon by both the seller and the packers upfront before an Alternative Marketing Agreement can become a contract.

**Be it further resolved**, all details of the Alternative Marketing Agreement be totally transparent and available for anyone to access.

(Expires Dec 31, 2023)

**38. GOVERNMENT REQUIREMENTS**

**Whereas**, certain requirements are set forth by government agencies as qualifiers for program participation.

**Be it resolved**, that KCA opposes RFID for producer participation.

(Expires Dec 31, 2024)

**EFFECTIVE: January 1, 2023**