

Iowa Cattlemen's Association  
**2013 Policy**

# Iowa Cattlemen's Association Mission

*ICA's mission is to "Grow Iowa's beef business through advocacy, leadership and education."*

## Strategic Priorities & Goals

The strategic priorities and the goals of each are:

### **Represent ICA Members**

Goal: Be the definitive voice of the Iowa beef industry.

### **Have a Legislative and Regulatory Presence**

Goal: Influence the outcome of government actions to the most positive outcome for cattle producers.

### **Support Leadership Development of Members**

Goal: Strengthen the leadership capacity of ICA members with a special emphasis on developing young leaders.

### **Provide Staff Support to County Affiliates**

Goal: Develop tools and training for county affiliates to effectively implement local activities.

### **Review Governance Structure**

Goal: Assure association governance is representative of members while maintaining effective and efficient operations.

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# ICA PRIORITY SETTING PROCESS

The ICA Annual Meeting is held during ICA's Annual Convention. Policy Directives and Resolutions are drafted and voted on at the Policy Committee Meetings and then taken to the Annual Meeting for final consideration/vote by all members present.

Policy Committee Meetings are held during ICA's Annual Convention. All ICA members can participate in policy discussion and vote at the Policy Committee Meetings and at Annual Meeting.

The Board of Directors has authority to adopt interim policy when needed to fill voids. Interim policy is then brought forth for review and voted on at the appropriate Policy Committee Meeting, then to the Annual Meeting.

Policies adopted by the Association give the ICA Board of Directors, ICA Executive Committee and Staff direction for the coming year, and all these groups work to enforce, improve or change legislation to support our policies through the year.

ICA presently has three standing policy committees, they are:

- Beef Product Committee
- Business Issues Committee
- Cattle Production Committee

Below is the contact information for Policy Committee Chairs.

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**Business Issues Committee**

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**Cattle Production Committee**

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All Policies (Resolutions) shall remain in effect for five years. (Policies requiring review, either need to be deleted or reinstated as a new Resolution.)

- Policies not expiring can be pulled for review during the ICA Annual Meeting.

All Directives shall remain in effect for only one year. (Directives requiring review, either need to be deleted or reinstated as a new Directive.)

- Directives contain the letter "D" in their title. (Example: XX-XXX-D-X)

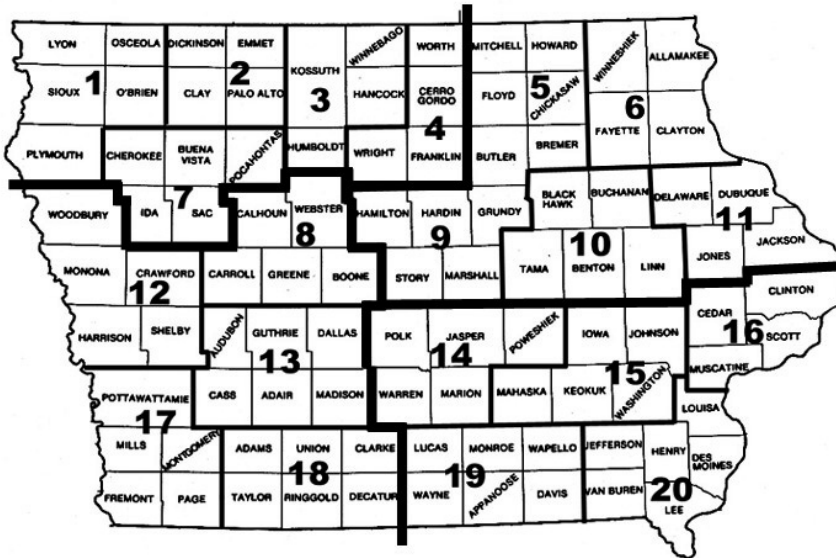
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Producers have a voice in setting priorities and developing policy to support Iowa's cattle industry. ICA policies are developed at the ICA Annual Meeting and the policies are taken before the Iowa Legislature or the National Cattlemen's Beef Association Annual Convention. These policies result in new programs, laws or regulations that improve the state and national business climate for

the beef industry. The ICA monitors many issues and programs and has been instrumental in developing programs.

The ICA Board of Directors is made up of an Executive Committee, 20 District Directors and 11 Directors at Large. Feel free to contact them at anytime.

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## ASSOCIATION SERVICES

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#### Membership

#### 2012

WHEREAS, the Iowa Cattlemen's Association has approximately 9,500 members; and

WHEREAS, it is imperative that the Iowa beef industry have maximum representation in a national organization.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Membership Committee of the Iowa Cattlemen's Association encourage regular members of the Iowa Cattlemen's Association to become dues-paying members of the National Cattlemen's Beef Association and urge the Officers and Directors of the Iowa Cattlemen's Association to work toward that end.

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**BEEF SAFETY**

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**BP-BS-1                      Research  
2009**

WHEREAS, the Iowa Cattlemen’s Association supports and actively promotes Beef Quality Assurance; and

WHEREAS, the Iowa Cattlemen’s Association recognizes that Beef Quality Assurance has a significant influence on beef demand; and

WHEREAS, foodborne pathogens that cause human illness are known to exist in cattle populations.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Iowa Cattlemen’s Association support research to identify:

1. Critical control points in cattle production systems that have the potential to reduce foodborne pathogens; and
2. Preventative management interventions that may reduce the prevalence of foodborne pathogens in cattle. These controls and/or interventions should make statistical, meaningful reductions of foodborne pathogens in a cost-effective manner.

**BP-BS-2                      Beef Quality Assurance  
2011**

WHEREAS, cattlemen are dedicated to the production of safe, wholesome and healthful beef; and

WHEREAS, injectable animal health products, vaccines, biologics, antibiotics, anthelmintics and other pharmaceuticals are essential to maintaining animal health and performance; and

WHEREAS, the prevention of injection site scars in valuable beef cuts is the goal of the beef cattle industry; and

WHEREAS, incidence of tissue damage can be reduced through individual management and health procedures performed in the cow/calf and feedlot enterprises.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, manufacturers of veterinary biologics and pharmaceuticals give careful consideration to the effects any product may have on tissue when given by injection. This shall include development and selection of adjuvants, carrier vehicles and other products, which are both effective and non-irritating to tissue.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, biological and pharmaceutical products be clearly labeled to be given by routes other than intramuscular injection whenever possible.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, producers, veterinarians, and others giving injections to cattle be encouraged to carefully follow label directions and develop cervical (neck) injection protocol.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, all animal health product manufacturers assist the Iowa and National Cattlemen’s Beef Quality Assurance efforts to minimize injection site tissue damage.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, management and health procedures, encompassing all facets of production, will address and increase awareness of animal

comfort zones including least invasive techniques and cervical injection sites which are subcutaneous whenever possible.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Iowa Cattlemen’s Association continue to support the current Beef Checkoff-funded Beef Quality Assurance Program (BQA).

**BP-BS-6                      Foodborne Pathogens  
2010**

WHEREAS, the beef industry is dedicated to providing safe and wholesome beef products; and

WHEREAS, the beef industry has supported and encouraged a more science based meat inspection system; and

WHEREAS, the beef industry supports the goal of reducing foodborne pathogenic bacteria in beef products using proven scientific methods; and

WHEREAS, efforts are underway to develop an extensive on-farm pathogen reduction (pre-harvest) program.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Iowa Cattlemen’s Association support meaningful research directed toward the identification and reduction of foodborne pathogens in beef animals.

**BP-BS-10                      Understanding the Food Chain & Quality Assurance Training  
2011**

WHEREAS, consumer acceptance of beef and beef products depends on consumer confidence in the safety and wholesomeness of beef products and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Iowa Cattlemen’s Association work to provide support for the programs of the Beef Quality Assurance Technical Advisory Committee in their efforts to educate producers as to proper management techniques to assure continued production of safe and wholesome beef products.

**BP-BS-13                      Safe Food Handling Labels  
2010**

WHEREAS, the public needs to be aware that some food products and not just meat products, may contain bacteria that could cause illness if those food products are mishandled or improperly cooked.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Iowa Cattlemen’s Association support food labeling and educational programs which inform consumers of the proper method of handling foods to avoid foodborne illness.

**BP-BS-14                      Gold Tag Program Weaning Period  
2010**

WHEREAS, a 45-day weaning program has been documented to produce healthier calves than a 30-day weaning program.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Iowa Cattlemen’s Association support a 45-day weaning requirement on the Gold Tag program.

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### **BP-BS-15 Non-Ambulatory Cattle 2011**

WHEREAS, the United States Department of Agriculture blanket policy of not allowing non-ambulatory cattle into the food supply may not be based on the most current scientific knowledge; and

WHEREAS, cattle with recent injuries may provide a safe beef product for personal use, without an option for retail sale.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Iowa Cattlemen's Association request the USDA revisit the issue of classifying ALL non-ambulatory disabled cattle as adulterated under the federal act.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the USDA should establish scientific criteria for a veterinarian to allow them to distinguish between recently injured cattle and diseased cattle.

### **BP-BS-16 Irradiation 2009**

WHEREAS, cattlemen are dedicated to the production of safe, wholesome and healthful beef; and

WHEREAS, irradiation has now been approved as a method to reduce pathogens in beef products.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Iowa Cattlemen's Association encourage the use of irradiation throughout the beef industry.

### **BP-BS-17 Preconditioned Cattle Sales 2011**

WHEREAS, the Iowa Cattlemen's Association endorses preconditioned feeder calf sales.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Iowa Cattlemen's Association adopt the following changes in procedure to be recommended for all Iowa Cattlemen's Association endorsed preconditioned cattle sales.

Procedure:

1. All cattle marketed will be accompanied by an official Iowa preconditioning certificate and identified by an official green and/or gold preconditioning ear tag.
2. No trader cattle allowed at sale. All cattle must be in the owner's possession at least 60 days prior to the sale. Further, no cattle shall have been in a market less than 60 days prior to sale.
3. Minimum of 500 head is recommended for a sale with the maximum number determined by auction facilities.
4. Preliminary commitment to sell should be given to the auction coordinator.
5. All cattle will be inspected by members of the Preconditioned Feeder Calf Committee and a veterinarian. Any cattle deemed non-conforming will be sold at end of sale.
6. Cattle should be unloaded between 6:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. on the day of the sale. Consignors unable to deliver all their cattle between 6:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. will have the option of delivery the night before. Hay

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and water will be removed by 8:00 a.m. on sale day.

7. Calves will be weighed immediately prior to entering sale ring and sold in order determined by sale coordinator. In the case of co-mingled or sorted sales, weighing conditions will be specified prior to sale.
8. The Preconditioned Feeder Calf Committee and the sale coordinator will be responsible for sorting according to size and sex.
9. Sales will be advertised to indicate approximate number of cattle and will be announced from the block if any optional vaccinations have been given.
10. The offering will be designated as an Iowa Cattlemen's Association endorsed endeavor. All sellers must be members of the Iowa Cattlemen's Association.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, these minimum requirements of preconditioning of 30 days (45 days for gold tag) weaning and bunk adjustment will be mandatory for cattle to be sold at an Iowa Cattlemen's Association endorsed sale.

Be it further resolved, that the Iowa Cattlemen's Association work with the Iowa Veterinary Medical Association and Iowa Livestock Marketing Association to encourage their members to up hold all aspects of Iowa preconditioned calf sales.

### **BP-BS-18 Beef Products Production Transparency 2013**

WHEREAS, Consumers often have a lack of exposure and understanding of how beef products are produced; and

WHEREAS, this knowledge void can lead to doubts or even worse, a sense that beef producers and processors are hiding something.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, The Iowa Cattlemen's Association supports transparency in beef production and processing intended to provide objective, honest, and factual information about modern beef production practices to influencers and consumers in general. Beef and Transparency Equals Trust.

## **GLOBAL CONSUMER MARKETING**

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### **BP-GCM-1 World Trade 2010**

WHEREAS, increased world trade of beef and beef by-products is probable.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Iowa Cattlemen's Association support and encourage the activities and efforts of the Meat Export Federation (MEF) to research markets.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Iowa Cattlemen's Association encourage the National Cattlemen's Beef Association and the Cattlemen's Beef Board to support these efforts.

### **BP-GCM-7 U.S. Meat Export Federation 2012**

WHEREAS, the U.S. Meat Export Federation program has been successful in increasing beef exports.

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THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Iowa Cattlemen's Association and the Iowa Beef Industry Council continue to support the efforts of the U.S. Meat Export Federation.

### **BP-GCM-10            Small Processor, Differentiated Consumer & Local Foods Systems Markets**

**2009**

WHEREAS, the cattle industry supports the need and strengths of the local processing industry to serve producers and consumers locally processed and raised beef that is available, safe and healthy, and promotes the good economic growth our communities desire; and

WHEREAS, the consuming public perceives extra value in relationships with locally raised and processed beef which grows a new market segment for the Iowa beef industry and its differentiated beef producers.

WHEREAS, the economic development of these market segments and consumer trends are important to the Iowa beef industry and the producers in the industry.

WHEREAS, the local food system providing these products and services is important in community food capacity.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Iowa Cattlemen's Association support further research, development and engagement by the beef industry as local food systems and local processing grow to larger markets for our future.

### **BP-GCM-11            International Markets**

**2009**

WHEREAS, international markets for beef can have a positive impact on U.S. beef production; and

WHEREAS, import quotas and non-tariff trade barriers restrict access of U.S. beef products into many foreign markets.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Iowa Cattlemen's Association continue its efforts to encourage government officials in negotiating for expanded international markets for beef and beef products and for the elimination of non-tariff trade barriers including the elimination of over 21 month age restrictions.

### **BP-GCM-27            Export Assistance Funding**

**2012**

WHEREAS, the U.S. Meat Export Federation (USMEF) has received substantial financial assistance per year in export assistance; and

WHEREAS, the Market Access Program and its predecessor programs dating back to 1987 have provided the U.S. Meat Export Federation a source of additional funding to expand U.S. beef exports to over 80 nations and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Iowa Cattlemen's Association support export assistance programs such as MAP and is in favor of making a high percentage of all export assistance funds available for the export of value-added products such as beef.

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### **BP-GCM-32            Beef Check-Off**

**2011**

WHEREAS, the dollar per head beef check-off has had many benefits for the beef industry; and

WHEREAS, twenty years of inflation has eroded the purchasing power of the check-off dollar and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Iowa Cattlemen's Association support changes in the Act and Order that allows beef producers an organized way to vote on check-off increases.

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### **BP-NHI-4              Beef Team**

**2012**

WHEREAS, continued efforts of anti-beef campaigns directed at children and young people are being witnessed; and

WHEREAS, many young people with an interest in beef production say they need to address such issues as environmental stewardship, diet/health, food safety, and animal care when conversing with their peers and others.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the Iowa Cattlemen's Foundation commit to message development and spokesperson training of Iowa's youth, ages 12 to 18, who are willing to put their training to use on behalf of the cattle industry.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the Iowa Cattlemen's Association recommends that once each year the Iowa Cattlemen's Foundation select from the trainees up to three (3) "Outstanding Communicators", and recognize their achievements with a scholarship to the college or university of their choice.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED all County Beef Queens would be eligible to apply for these scholarship awards along with Youth Beef Team trainees as defined above.

### **BP-NHI-10            Check-Off Program**

**2011**

WHEREAS, a strong working relationship between state beef industry councils and state cattlemen associations are necessary; and

WHEREAS, state cattlemen's associations take a very active role in promoting the passage of the Federal Beef Check-Off Program; and

WHEREAS, the Beef Promotion and Research Board has passed guidelines intended to clarify the Federal Act and Order, but interpreted by some individuals and councils that they actually limit or further restrict usage of funds at both state and national levels; and

WHEREAS, caution needs to be exercised by the Beef Promotion and Research Board to further define the use of the Federal Beef Check-Off program.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Iowa Cattlemen's Association oppose any action by the Beef Promotion and Research Board, the Secretary of Agriculture, or any other entity that would pursue action to take away the rights of the state beef councils given them in the Beef Promotion and Research Act.



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### **BP-NHI-11 Food Safety**

**2010**

WHEREAS, there is increasing incidence of foodborne pathogens reaching consumers through a variety of foods they eat including such foods as fruits, vegetables, juices, meat and poultry, water, eggs, cereal; and

WHEREAS, the cause of foodborne illness can be traced to all levels of the food chain, from farm to processing to manufacturing to distribution to foodservice to retail to home preparation; and

WHEREAS, consumers have a responsibility for understanding how to handle food safely, yet have a lower level of food handling and preparation skills.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the beef industry support and take part in a State Food Safety Task Force that brings all segments of Iowa's food system together to share expertise, and information within member organizations and with consumers to help insure that Iowans have a safe food supply and know how to properly handle food. This Task Force could also develop an information system to deal with foodborne illness incidents as they happen in our state, as well as coordinate public information programs about food safety and handling. The Task Force could also make recommendations to the Iowa Legislature and Congress about appropriate action to improve food safety in the state.

### **BP-NHI-12 Public Education**

**2010**

WHEREAS, information regarding the effects of the cattle industry on the environment and other pertinent information concerning food safety, hormone use, etc. is often misstated through the electronic and print media, and has a negative impact on the cattle industry; and

WHEREAS, working with the above entities, as well as conservation and wildlife organizations, would enhance our communication efforts.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Iowa Cattlemen's Association utilize all materials and publications available and applicable to increase the public awareness of the benefits the cattle industry has concerning the environment, the wholesomeness and availability of our food supply and further new materials and projects to aid in this endeavor.

### **BP-NHI-13 Lean Beef in Nutritional Programs**

**2009**

WHEREAS, as dietary guidelines for school lunches and other public nutrition programs are being reevaluated by public agencies.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Iowa Cattlemen's Association, the National Cattlemen's Beef Association and the Beef Industry leaders encourage these agencies to include nutritious beef in their programs.

### **BP-NHI-14 Public News Releases**

**2010**

WHEREAS, some public news releases, stories, documentaries, and other news programs give only one side of the story or otherwise project incorrect infor-

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mation and impressions on the public with respect to food and its production and distribution.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Iowa Cattlemen's Association encourage all media to present factual and complete information including photographs and visual footage on food and its production and distribution, pledge the assistance of the Association toward this end, and encourage the National Cattlemen's Beef Association to do the same.

### **BP-NHI-15 Health/Obesity**

**2010**

WHEREAS, the prevalence of American obesity has grown to the point it threatens the health of both adults and children; and

WHEREAS, the State of Iowa has received a federal grant from the Centers for Disease Control to develop programs to address the obesity issue in Iowa; and

WHEREAS, the beef industry, through beef checkoff-funded programs, has been proactive in communicating the nutritional benefits of beef to consumers, health professionals, the media and educators.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the beef industry continue efforts with government agencies, health organizations and the media, to make naturally nutrient-rich foods, including beef, a part of the solution to our state's/nation's obesity problem.

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**AGRICULTURE POLICY**

**BI-AP-D-1 CRP/EQIP  
2013**

WHEREAS, USDA is considering changes in rules for Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) contract extensions and the rules which govern Environmental Quality Incentives Program.

THEREFORE, BE IT DIRECTED, that the Iowa Cattlemen's Association support the following criteria for rule development:

1. Include the conservation practices of: field borders with an Erodibility Index greater than 15 and agricultural drainage wells to be eligible for inclusion as conservation practices in the continuous sign-up of land in the CRP;
2. Support a proposed rule to allow managed haying and grazing and allow emergency haying and grazing provisions with a payment reduction at fair and reasonable rates to be determined by the Secretary of Agriculture on not only CRP but CRP buffers to improve water holding and filtering capacities;
3. That a minimum of 60% of the Environmental Quality Incentives Program funds be spent on livestock conservation and incentive production projects on a federal basis;
4. Allow managed grazing on land that is enrolled in continuous sign-up of CRP under the provisions outlined in the Conservation Reserve Program.

BE IT FURTHER DIRECTED, that the Iowa Cattlemen's Association work with the Natural Resource Conservation Service (NRCS) to formulate procedures and rules to allow for managed haying and grazing of CRP buffers in an effort to restore them to their best possible intended use.

**BI-AP-D-2 Buffer Strip Initiative  
2013**

WHEREAS, the Governor's office and Iowa DNR are planning an expansion of the buffer strip initiative and CREP acres in Iowa; and

WHEREAS, cattle have shown to be beneficial in controlled grazing of riparian areas.

THEREFORE BE IT DIRECTED, that the Iowa Cattlemen's Association representatives make special efforts to have cattle grazing be included in these new programs and that such initiatives continue to be on a voluntary basis.

**BI-AP-D-4 ISU Support  
2013**

WHEREAS, the Iowa State University College of Agriculture and Life Sciences and the College of Veterinarian Medicine recognize the importance of the future science and technology needs for animal agriculture; and

WHEREAS, the Animal Science Department and College of Agriculture and Life Sciences and the College of Veterinary Medicine have asked for industry partners to develop strategies for identifying and funding these critical technologies;

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THEREFORE BE IT DIRECTED, the Iowa Cattlemen's Association support and encourage efforts to secure sufficient funding at Iowa State University to help strengthen sustainability for Iowa's beef cattle industry.

### **BI-AP-1 Support Forage Experiments 2013**

WHEREAS, the Iowa Cattlemen's Association recognizes the importance of establishment of grasses and forages to the cattle industry.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Iowa Cattlemen's Association recognize and support ongoing forage research and experiments conducted by all entities in the State of Iowa.

### **BI-AP-2 Dairy Policy 2013**

WHEREAS, Congress has spent considerable time and resources on dairy policy and a satisfactory solution has not been forthcoming; and

WHEREAS, the solution may have significant economic impact on both the dairy and beef industry.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Iowa Cattlemen's Association urge the National Cattlemen's Beef Association to continue to work with the dairy industry in finding a long range solution to dairy policy that will be beneficial and acceptable to both the dairy and beef industry.

### **BI-AP-7 Compulsory Union Membership 2009**

WHEREAS, compulsory union membership is contrary to the basic principles of individual freedom upon which this nation was founded.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Iowa Cattlemen's Association will defend the provisions of state and federal law which assures enactment of "Right-To-Work" laws, and insists the law be enforced against secondary boycotts.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the Iowa Cattlemen's Association oppose any existing legislation or legislation which may be proposed, that would extend the authorization of compulsory unionism to all related agricultural employees or to any other employees not now covered by such provision.

### **BI-AP-9 Federal Grazing Fees 2011**

WHEREAS, the Iowa Cattlemen's Association supports economic equality in all regions of the country; and

WHEREAS, public awareness and competition for public lands may cause re-assessment of grazing fee formulas.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Iowa Cattlemen's Association favor establishment of federal grazing fees at fair rates.

### **BI-AP-10 Disaster Assistance 2012**

WHEREAS, in the event of any future disaster assistance programs gross in-

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come may be used as a criteria of eligibility.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, replacement feeder cattle and other purchased inputs be deducted when determining disaster assistance eligibility.

### **BI-AP-11 Loss of Market Competition 2009**

WHEREAS, the trend of mergers and mega mergers within the economic structure of world business continues at an unprecedented pace; and

WHEREAS, the result of these mergers results in fewer and fewer choices in the fields of finance, supply and product processing, thereby reducing competition in all areas.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Iowa Cattlemen's Association seek to create a unified group of all commodity producing organizations to monitor such mergers and ensure governmental regulatory agencies preserve a competitive business climate for all producers.

### **BI-AP-12 Liability of Volunteer Boards 2012**

WHEREAS, the Iowa Cattlemen's Association is governed by volunteer leadership and a volunteer Board of Directors which are responsible for establishing policy within the Iowa Cattlemen's Association; and

WHEREAS, the Iowa Cattlemen's Association is considered a non-profit commodity organization; and

WHEREAS, there is growing concern of legal liability in this type of volunteer leadership.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Iowa Cattlemen's Association support legislation absolving liability of volunteer board members.

### **BI-AP-13 Hunting Access 2009**

WHEREAS, Iowa cattle producers are private property landowners; and

WHEREAS, many Iowa cattlemen voluntarily allow people to hunt, or lease hunting rights.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Iowa Cattlemen's Association work to ensure that cattle producers are not forced to give unrestricted public access to private land which has received federal funding related to conservation assistance and farm programs.

### **BI-AP-14 Grazing Land Availability 2009**

WHEREAS, Iowa's cow herds are competing for pasture ground with government programs; and

WHEREAS, the problem will continue to get worse if something isn't done.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Iowa Cattlemen's Association Board of Directors continuously monitor the implementation of the new Farm Bill and make interim policy as necessary to encourage the continuation of Iowa's beef industry.

**BI-AP-15 Definition of Crop  
2009**

WHEREAS, the harvested crop is the grain and the residue including corn stalks, corn cobs, bean straw, oat straw, wheat straw, etc.; and

WHEREAS, corn stalk and soybean straw are important bedding materials, feed stuffs and material for cellulosic ethanol plants; and

WHEREAS, confusion may exist as to what constitutes a crop for farm lease purposes.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Iowa Cattlemen's Association support the adoption of the definition of crops to include the harvested residue in Chapter 562 of the Iowa Code.

**BI-AP-23 Line Item for CDI Budget  
2010**

WHEREAS, the Conservation Districts of Iowa (CDI) Board understands it is important to stabilize the necessary funds for staff support to carry out Iowa's Soil and Water Quality objectives; and

WHEREAS, with the current administrative system the DSC budget remains an unknown; and

WHEREAS, the District operation funds (1M) also needs appropriate and stable funds to continue SWCD programs.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Iowa Cattlemen's Association support that the CDI will seek the re-creation of a separate and distinct budget line item for the Division of Soil Conservation within the annual budget of the Iowa Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship (until 2002 this is the way it was).

**BI-AP-24 CFSA Committee  
2012**

WHEREAS, involvement in farm program administration is important.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Iowa Cattlemen's Association Board of Directors encourage members to gain County Farm Service Agency Committee positions, District Soil and Water Commission seats, Township Trustees and Zoning Commissioners, and local conservation work groups.

**BI-AP-26 Right-of-Way Fencing  
2013**

WHEREAS, federal interstate highways and railroads are all bordered by fences originally constructed by the right-of-way holder; and

WHEREAS, those fences have fallen into disrepair.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Iowa Cattlemen's Association work to encourage these entities to repair and maintain these fences.

**BI-AP-27 Farm Programs  
2010**

WHEREAS, the Iowa Cattlemen's Association believes that the federal government's involvement in agriculture through feed grain programs are often detrimental to the cattle industry; and

WHEREAS, government programs of the past have benefitted one segment of agriculture without considering the impact on another; and

WHEREAS, government programs will have an impact on the cattle industry.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Iowa Cattlemen's Association recommend that Congress and USDA in formulating and administering future farm policy observe the following:

1. Eliminate from all farm programs discrimination against the cattle industry in the area of base acreage and normal crop acres, base yields, loan privileges, including hay and silage loans, and soil conservation;
2. Farm policies should be developed having both long and short range objectives;
3. The intent of American farm policy should be profitable markets with emphasis on producing and exporting value added products;
4. Farm programs should be market oriented though providing a price safety net somewhere below the variable cost of production which could be adjusted seasonally;
5. Strategic reserves should be maintained as hedges against disaster and to assure the world that the United States is a reliable supplier. Reserves should NOT be used to control or influence prices;
6. Farm policy must promote soil conservation and the best use of resources;
7. Policies should not be formulated so as to favor one segment of agriculture over another;
8. If Federal Crop Insurance is to continue and be considered as part of future farm programs, it must become more cost efficient and coverage should be expanded to cover the commonly produced pasture and hay crops. Yield coverages must be raised and should be calculated on a field-by-field and farm-by-farm basis;
9. Fiscal responsibility is a concern of Iowa cattlemen. We recognize that all segments of our economy will have to respond by decreased spending to facilitate balancing the budget;
10. Balancing the federal budget with proportionate cuts in spending should not be accomplished at the expense of the cattle industry and agriculture;
11. We endorse efforts to reduce the real interest rates for agriculture;
12. Future farm legislation should be announced in accordance with the September 15 statutory deadline;
13. The importance of local governance and oversight at Farm Services Agency offices increases with the complexity of current farm programs (e.g. LDP payments). Iowa Cattlemen's Association strongly urges that local boards be empowered to make decisions regarding strictly local issues and/or entities; and
14. CREP and CRP rental rates should reflect private sector pasture rental rates and should not be on the leading edge of these rates.

**BI-AP-28 National Cattlemen's Beef Association  
2011**

WHEREAS, national issues before Congress and federal regulatory agencies

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have the potential to greatly impact Iowa and U.S. cattle operations; and

WHEREAS, it is more important than ever for the cattle industry to have strong representation at the federal level; and

WHEREAS, the National Cattlemen's Beef Association is attempting to get its financial house in order by restructuring its governance structure and membership model.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, if NCBA successfully develops a structure allowing for equitable grassroots input and fair representation for all affiliates and appears willing to make the necessary budgetary adjustments, Iowa Cattlemen's Association will encourage all Iowa cattlemen to individually support NCBA as they see fit.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the Iowa Cattlemen's Association Board will not support an annual affiliation fee that has the potential to negatively impact Iowa Cattlemen's Association member numbers as a result of a dues increase, or by creating the impression that all Iowa Cattlemen's Association members must be NCBA members.

Be it further resolved, that the Iowa Cattlemen's Association support and encourage grassroots involvement in developing NCBA policy and action through active committee responsibility.

### **BI-AP-29                      Regents Funding 2010**

WHEREAS, state appropriations to the Iowa Board of Regents to support Iowa's state universities have been declining over the years, and

WHEREAS, tuition has been increasing to offset the declining appropriations; and

WHEREAS, Iowa agriculture depends on Iowa State University to educate our young people interested in careers in agriculture, to conduct agricultural research, and to deliver information to the citizens of Iowa, and

WHEREAS, the state appropriations to the Iowa Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship (IDALS) have been declining over several years, and

WHEREAS, Iowa citizens depend on IDALS for a wide variety of protection programs including meat processing, commercial feed and fertilizer, pesticide application, weights and measures and animal health.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Iowa Cattlemen's Association encourages the State of Iowa to prioritize funding to the Board of Regents and IDALS to address these critical agricultural issues.

### **BI-AP-30                      Prosecution of Deceptive Employment Practices 2011**

WHEREAS, Iowa Cattlemen's Association supports the humane treatment of animals and adhering to Beef Quality Assurance standards; and

WHEREAS, there are individuals and/or organizations that falsely claim to promote animal welfare and rights when in fact they are opposed to animal agriculture; and

WHEREAS, these entities have members who trespass or gain employment in animal production operations to collect information taken out of context or is simply

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false.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Iowa Cattlemen's Association support legislation to prosecute these individuals or organizations.

### **BI-AP-31                      Iowa Fence Law 2012**

WHEREAS, the Iowa Cattlemen's Association supports the current Iowa fence law.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that owners at the time of sale or transfer of land, should be encouraged to reach a written agreement regarding their border fences and file them with the county recorder, chapter 359A, 2011.

### **BI-AP-32                      Nutrient Plan Exemption For Solid Cattle Manure 2013**

WHEREAS livestock confinements with dry manure have an exemption under code 200A and can sell their manure to a licensed fertilizer dealer.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Iowa Cattlemen's Association work toward a similar exemption for open feedlot cattle manure. Moved from a directive to a resolution.

## **PUBLIC/PRIVATE LANDS & ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT**

### **BI-PPLEM-D-2              Clean Air 2013**

WHEREAS, the Iowa Cattlemen's Association supports working with commodity and farm associations/groups to assure that sound science is utilized in developing regulations that are transparent, workable and practical for future air quality standards.

THEREFORE, BE IT DIRECTED that the Iowa Cattlemen's Association support and encourage national and state committees and farm groups work together to achieve such standards based on sound science.

### **BI-PPLEM-D-3              Hypoxic Zone 2013**

WHEREAS, the hypoxic zone in the Gulf of Mexico is a concern of many Americans; and

WHEREAS, part of the cause of the hypoxic zone may be nutrient escape from crop and livestock production systems in Iowa; and

WHEREAS, a strategy to reduce nutrient escape has been developed for the state of Iowa.

THEREFORE BE IT DIRECTED, that the Iowa Cattlemen's Association support and encourage efforts to reduce nutrient escape in order to maintain and improve water quality in the state of Iowa and Gulf of Mexico.

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### **BI-PPLEM-1      Noxious Weeds 2010**

WHEREAS, federal, state, and county-owned lands are susceptible to noxious weed growth; and

WHEREAS, the control of noxious weeds and fencing of lands is of a genuine concern to cattlemen as well as row-crop farmers.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, said lands be subject to the same laws, rules and regulations as privately-owned lands.

### **BI-PPLEM-3      Taking Private Property 2009**

WHEREAS, sound environmental policy must balance protection of the environment with other equally important state interests like economic growth of the Iowa cattle industry, availability of food and affordable housing.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, all regulations which affect the use or value of property should be reviewed to insure that they do not restrict an owner's use of that property.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the taking of a person's property shall be justly compensated.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED government agencies should exercise that power responsibly and should never act arbitrarily and are aware of the true cost of regulations.

### **BI-PPLEM-4      Criminal Trespass Law 2013**

WHEREAS, prior written permission to enter property would provide an evidentiary basis for enforcement of the trespass law as well as providing a potential legal basis for reduced personal liability.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Iowa Cattlemen's Association recommend any further change of trespass law to require written permission to enter any property.

### **BI-PPLEM-5      Underground Water Supplies 2009**

WHEREAS, the cattle industry in Iowa depends heavily on underground water supplies; and

WHEREAS, the potability of such underground water is important to Iowa's beef cattle producers.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Iowa Cattlemen's Association urge its members to take whatever steps they can to prevent the pollution of underground water supplies by building properly constructed wells, plugging abandoned wells, using best environmental management practices for organic nutrient utilization and nitrogen management and proper surface water drainage systems.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the goal of non-degradation of groundwater is supported by the Iowa Cattlemen's Association, but until adequate research is completed upon which to base decisions, we urge restraint in developing rules to achieve this goal.

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Iowa Cattlemen's Association support funding for costs incurred from additional regulations or guidelines applied by state or local agencies concerning the correct plugging of abandoned water wells.

### **BI-PPLEM-6      Separation Distances 2009**

WHEREAS, current laws require that new livestock facilities are required to maintain a separation distance from existing dwellings and public use areas.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, new residences, subdivisions and public use areas in rural areas be required to meet the maximum separation distances from existing livestock operations that new livestock facilities must meet from existing residences. Residential and subdivision owners may obtain a recorded waiver from the separation distance from the neighboring livestock operation.

### **BI-PPLEM-9      Endangered Species 2010**

WHEREAS, the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) endangered species protection program places unwarranted and potentially devastating restrictions on the cattle industry and all agriculture.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Iowa Cattlemen's Association support a complete delay on listings until:

1. A Federal Register Notice is issued soliciting public comment on each new listing;
2. A complete public review of all U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service Jeopardy Opinions for any species being listed;
3. An Economic Assessment of the impacts to agriculture;
4. An Environmental Impact Study has been prepared;
5. National, state and local hearings are conducted for each new listing;
6. All endangered species ranges are updated, justified and verified;
7. Clear goals for recovery and criteria for de-listing of a species are developed prior to listing of that species; and
8. Alternate programs are explored.

### **BI-PPLEM-11      Land Use 2011**

WHEREAS, the issue of land use in Iowa becomes increasingly important as Iowa population grows and the use of its land becomes more intensified; and

WHEREAS, the cattlemen of Iowa have distinctive problems and interests in the use of land for production of beef cattle; and

WHEREAS, the complexities of the many issues and interests involved are substantial, not the least of which are the preservation of private property rights and the location of control over land-use decisions.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, land suitable for the grazing of livestock be deemed agricultural land worthy of preservation and that grazing be given preference over recreational and/or urban uses.

**BI-PPLEM-13 Environment and Property Rights Representation**

**2012**

WHEREAS, the Iowa Cattlemen’s Association’s diverse membership includes producers with experience and expertise in all facets of cattle production; and

WHEREAS, the Iowa Cattlemen’s Association employs a professional staff capable of communicating the importance and interests of the cattle industry to elected officials, agencies and the general public; and

WHEREAS, the Iowa Cattlemen’s Association has historically been active in preserving and promoting the cattle industry in Iowa.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, if new environmental or property rights legislation or regulation is proposed which would impact the cattle industry, the Iowa Cattlemen’s Association will represent cattle producers’ interests to the fullest extent possible.

**BI-PPLEM-14 Soil Conservation**  
**2012**

WHEREAS, the preservation of Iowa’s productive topsoil is of concern to all segments of society; and

WHEREAS, we have learned a great deal about effective soil conservation practices; and

WHEREAS, Iowa still has a considerable number of marginal acres that are of too high a degree of slope to have acceptable levels of soil loss regardless of conservation practice when intensively row-cropped.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Iowa Cattlemen’s Association develop promotional and educational programs to call attention to this problem and promote the conversion and maintenance of these acres, subject to severe erosion, to grass and forage production, which can only be utilized by ruminant animals and Iowa Cattlemen’s Association support that funding of soil conservation cost share be maintained at current funding levels or above.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Iowa Cattlemen’s Association work with state and federal government to insure that programs addressing soil conservation recognize the role that the beef industry can play in addressing this problem and that these programs do not discriminate against the beef industry.

**BI-PPLEM-18 Land Acquisition**  
**2009**

WHEREAS, the State of Iowa is primarily comprised of agricultural land consisting of row crop, pasture and timberland; and

WHEREAS, much of the state-owned land including state parks, recreational areas and preserves need to be improved and repaired; and

WHEREAS, ownership of ground by the state relinquishes it from the tax rolls which inevitability raises taxes.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Iowa Cattlemen’s Association discourage the purchases of agricultural land by the federal, state, county, and or local governments and encourage use of acquisition funds for improving existing properties as suggested in the “Private Property Enhancement Alternatives” and listed below:

- I. Alternatives should be implemented on a voluntary basis only, as individual

- management systems vary
- II. Private Alternatives for Wildlife Habitat
  - A. Encourage owners to set aside plots for wildlife habitat, i.e. existing building sites, existing ditches
  - B. Food plots on CRP acres
  - C. Protecting nesting areas on grassland
    1. Short-term rental by groups; i.e. Pheasants Forever
    2. Rotational grazing
    3. Warm season grasses
  - D. Establish leasing program on grassland currently enrolled in CRP
  - E. Incentive for owner to leave CRP in grassland at maturity of contract
- III. Alternative for Preventing Soil Erosion
  - A. Establish permanent vegetation on D & E slopes
  - B. Establish living snow fence and shelterbelts
  - C. Conservation tillage
  - D. Trees on CRP acres
- IV. Water Quality
  - A. Improvement of existing lakes to enhance fish habitat
  - B. Construction of farm ponds and dugouts for runoff control
  - C. Grassland on watersheds
- V. Areas of Prairie Ecosystems
  - A. Establish native prairie grass and flowers on operating railroad right-of-ways
  - B. Plots previously mentioned under wildlife habitat
- VI. Education and Communication
  - A. Utilize expertise of DNR, ISU Extension, NRCS, FSA, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and wildlife and conservation groups to develop projects and programs funded by state and federal revenue. These projects and programs will utilize the management and labor resources of the private sector and thus guarantee success due to the “pride in a job well done” philosophy instilled in rural Iowa landowners.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Iowa Cattlemen’s Association would support acquisition of private land for public use only to preserve special or unique natural areas, provided endowed management, maintenance, and tax funds be included as part of those purchases or gifts.

**BI-PPLEM-19 Deep-Bedded Facilities**  
**2009**

WHEREAS, deep-bedded cattle barns are becoming more popular for beef production; and

WHEREAS, dry manure produced from deep-bedded barns is different than liquid manure and poultry manure.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Iowa Cattlemen’s Association continue to work with the Iowa Department of Natural Resources and the Iowa Legislature to see that dry manure from deep-bedded barns be classified and regulated differently.



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### **BI-PPEM-22 REAP Congress 2012**

WHEREAS, the cattle industry in the State of Iowa is comprised of private land consisting of row crop, grazing land and timberland; and

WHEREAS, the actions taken by the Resource Enhancement and Protection (REAP) Congress have a direct impact on existing and future livestock operations through management practices and tax rates.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, only delegates selected by the county Resource Enhancement and Protection (REAP) Committee to the regional REAP meeting be eligible to be selected as delegates to the REAP Congress and that federal, state and county employees and their spouses are not eligible to be delegates to the REAP Congress.

### **BI-PPEM-28 Zoning Exemption for Agricultural Facilities 2010**

WHEREAS, counties may attempt to circumvent the Iowa Code by zoning agricultural facilities; and

WHEREAS, controversies regarding concentrated livestock facilities have escalated.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Iowa Cattlemen's Association support the continuation of the zoning exemption for agricultural purposes as contained in Chapter 335 of the Iowa Code.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, agricultural purposes be determined by definition contained in Chapter 71.1(3) of the Iowa Administrative Rules.

### **BI-PPEM-29 Rhodes Research Farm 2012**

WHEREAS, the Iowa State University Research and Demonstration Farms conduct research applicable to all agricultural interests in Iowa; and

WHEREAS, the Iowa cattle industry depends on research and development of new technologies, and

WHEREAS, the Rhodes Research Farm is one of the few public research farms that is oriented heavily toward beef cattle; and

WHEREAS, the Iowa Department of Natural Resources has proposed a new lake site that may eliminate the Rhodes Research Farm.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Iowa Cattlemen's Association oppose the taking of the Rhodes Research Farm for the purposes of building a lake or other activity other than the present use.

### **BI-PPEM-31 Iowa Slough Bill 2012**

WHEREAS, the Iowa Slough Bill provides property tax relief for particular uses of land including: open prairies, forest cover, river and stream banks, and wildlife habitat; and

WHEREAS, the Iowa Slough Bill does not require restoration of such land to a native condition; and

WHEREAS, public assistance for restoration of native habitat is available

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through various agencies.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, restoration of land to a condition such that a majority of the vegetation is consistent with a native habitat be required, and certified by a government naturalist, prior to being granted property tax relief.

### **BI-PPEM-33 Pilot Projects/Public Grazing 2011**

WHEREAS, managed grazing on public or private lands can both enhance the wildlife carrying potential of the land and allow for expansion of the cattle industry.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Iowa Cattlemen's Association support the implementation of managed grazing projects between the public agencies and private cattle producers.

### **BI-PPEM-35 State Appropriations for Soil & Water 2011**

WHEREAS, soil and water conservation is important to all Iowa citizens; and  
WHEREAS, funding for this purpose has not met the needs.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Iowa Cattlemen's Association undertake efforts to increase state and federal appropriations for cost share financing of on-farm soil conservation and water quality protection projects.

### **BI-PPEM-36 Livestock Feeding Regulations 2011**

WHEREAS, Iowa's current environmental regulations are comparable to other major livestock producing states. In order to expand our livestock base, environmental concerns must be balanced with economic reality. New restrictions will drive the industry away from Iowa; and

WHEREAS, Iowa has a substantial portion of our nation's prime farmland and the ability to add value to the crops produced on that land through a thriving cattle industry which is vital to Iowa's economic success; and

WHEREAS, unreasonable environmental regulations will only impose more costs on our cattle producers.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Iowa Cattlemen's Association oppose any changes to current state and federal regulations which would be adverse to the cattle industry, unless the changes are based on sound scientific and economic data.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Iowa Cattlemen's Association encourage environmental research by Iowa State University and other entities that will provide viable economic solutions.

### **BI-PPEM-37 Environmental Planning 2013**

WHEREAS, cooperation and attitudes are important to good working relationships; and

WHEREAS, environmental concerns and the regulations relating to them are becoming increasingly important and sometimes controversial.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Iowa Cattlemen's Association continue

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the policy of proactive participation with other organizations and governmental entities in environmental planning.

### **BI-PPLEM-39      Accidental Spills Penalties 2013**

WHEREAS, clean water is important to everyone including Iowa's Beef Industry; and

WHEREAS, civil and criminal penalties are necessary to help ensure compliance. THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Iowa Cattlemen's Association work with the Iowa Legislature, EPA, and DNR to identify and deter intentional and repetitive violators

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that accidental manure spills be no more than a civil penalty.

### **BI-PPLEM-40      Wetland Definition 2009**

WHEREAS, the cattle industry is directly impacted by pastureland vs. cropland that may be designated wetlands; and

WHEREAS, there is considerable confusion in determining the wetland definition.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Iowa Cattlemen's Association support the definition of wetlands by simultaneous actual presence of three naturally occurring criteria: hydric soils, hydrophilic vegetation and surface inundation for a significant portion of the growing season of every year under normal precipitation.

### **BI-PPLEM-41      Wildlife Control 2009**

WHEREAS, wildlife has the potential to cause damage to real and/or personal property in both the private and public sectors and may threaten human health and safety on occasion; and

WHEREAS, prevention and/or control of wildlife damage is an essential and responsible part of wildlife management.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Iowa Cattlemen's Association encourage the State of Iowa provide an effective wildlife management program in Iowa that includes controlled hunting, trapping, and educational and research projects.

### **BI-PPLEM-42      Predators 2012**

WHEREAS, the cattle industry is vital to Iowa's economy; and

WHEREAS, the cattle industry and our human population are being threatened by predators and other species.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Iowa Cattlemen's Association will oppose all attempts to give any type of legal protection to mountain lions, wolves and bears.

### **BI-PPLEM-43      Alternative Technologies 2011**

WHEREAS, the EPA and DNR have been open to the use of alternative tech-

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nologies.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Iowa Cattlemen's Association shall work closely with the DNR to further develop alternative technologies to enhance, and improve water quality at livestock operations.

### **BI-PPLEM-46      Non-Point Source Pollution 2013**

WHEREAS, it is generally recognized that the use of best management practices reduce non-point source pollution; and

WHEREAS, control of non-point source pollution is dependent on scientifically based, site-specific application of best management practices; and

WHEREAS, research data is inadequate to scientifically outline what criteria should be established in developing mandatory regulations.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Iowa Cattlemen's Association favor the voluntary use of best management practices for non-point pollution control and encourages its members and all segments of society to implement these practices whenever and wherever possible.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Iowa Cattlemen's Association oppose the implementation of mandatory regulations for non-point sources of agricultural pollution.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, if mandatory non-point source regulations are imposed over the Iowa Cattlemen's Association's objection, it is necessary that regulations be funded and be developed at the state level based on sound science where such decisions can best be made.

### **BI-PPLEM-47      Environmental Quality/Local Control 2013**

WHEREAS, clean water and air are essential to the health and welfare of all producers in the cattle industry; and

WHEREAS, water and air are precious resources that we manage to the benefit of social environmental and economic values that are important to the stability of our industry and with the understanding of our unique needs.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the appropriate agencies recognize the state's abilities to best manage the resources within their jurisdictions and that environmental laws shall not be interpreted to be more restrictive than statute.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED Iowa environmental quality protection standards and regulations be established at the state level.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the Iowa Cattlemen's Association oppose local control of environmental standards and regulations.

### **BI-PPLEM-48      Nuisance Lawsuits 2012**

WHEREAS, the steady increase of nuisance lawsuits in the state of Iowa against cattle producers has closed existing facilities; and

WHEREAS, the threat of nuisance lawsuits has discouraged many cattle producers from expanding facilities; and

WHEREAS, Iowa's Right to Farm Act does not protect Iowa cattle producers

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from nuisance lawsuits; and

WHEREAS, neighboring states have Right to Farm Acts that do protect their cattle producers from nuisance lawsuits.

WHEREAS, anonymous reporting of feedlots alleged violations occur without any accountability to the reporter and causes considerable inconvenience and cost to feedlot operators, many times without justification to the reported event.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Iowa Cattlemen's Association support changes to the Iowa Code to provide better protection for Iowa cattle producers from nuisance lawsuits.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the ICA support changes to the Iowa Code to provide protection for the Iowa Cattle Producers from anonymous reporting of alleged violations.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Iowa Cattlemen's Association work with the other agriculture organizations in the state of Iowa to achieve this change to the Iowa Code.

### **BI-PPLEM-49 Wildlife Carcass Disposal 2013**

WHEREAS, improper disposal, removal and cleanup of wildlife carcasses and remains has potential to cause human and cattle health problems by threatening and contaminating our water sources, proper disposal must be an essential part of Wildlife Management.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Iowa Cattlemen's Association encourage the Iowa Department of Natural Resources and Iowa Department of Transportation to enforce and carry out proper disposal of wildlife carcasses.

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### **BI-TF-D-2 Utility Vehicle Licenses 2012**

WHEREAS, ATVs used for farming purposes are not subject to sales tax or licensing requirements and are allowed to be driven on roads for qualified uses; and

WHEREAS, utility vehicles have become popular for farming use and are not classified in the same way as ATVs.

THEREFORE BE IT DIRECTED, that the Iowa Cattlemen's Association work to have utility vehicles classified for sales tax, licensing and road use in the same way as ATVs.

### **BI-TF-3 Balanced Budget 2012**

BE IT RESOLVED the Iowa Cattlemen's Association support the approach to a balanced budget and more fiscal responsibility in state and national government with any burden being placed on all segments of society equally.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED as Iowa moves to be more fiscally responsible with our tax dollars, the Iowa Cattlemen's Association support a 60% majority necessary to pass any tax increase in the Iowa Legislature.

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### **BI-TF-7 Job Creation 2009**

WHEREAS, the creation of jobs is a top priority in the State of Iowa; and

WHEREAS, further processing of farm commodities would increase jobs in Iowa up to seven times.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Iowa Cattlemen's Association support further processing of farm products and that this be encouraged by tax incentives.

### **BI-TF-8 Lift Program 2010**

WHEREAS, the opportunity is present for a new harvesting facility and refurbished facility; and

WHEREAS, the cattle industry adds value to the grain and forages produced in Iowa.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Iowa Cattlemen's Association encourage the State Treasurer's Office to utilize funding from the state revolving fund for the expansion of cattle facilities in Iowa.

### **BI-TF-9 School and Bond Issues 2013**

WHEREAS, it has been proposed that current Iowa law requiring a 60 percent approval to pass a bond issue be reduced to a simple majority.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Iowa Cattlemen's Association support retention of the current 60 percent approval requirement.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Iowa Cattlemen's Association support allowing local school districts, upon a favorable vote, to retire future school bond indebtedness 50 percent on income tax and 50 percent on property tax.

### **BI-TF-13 Property Tax Exemption/Pollution Control 2009**

WHEREAS, there is currently a property tax exemption on land holding pollution control systems.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, we work to retain the existing property tax exemption on pollution control containment systems.

### **BI-TF-14 Feedlot Tax Credit 2012**

WHEREAS, the State of Iowa is trying to expand ethanol production and other value added grain processing with the resulting increase in co-products which are extensively used by Iowa's cattle industry; and

WHEREAS, new AFO/CAFO regulations will make it increasingly difficult for Iowa feedlots to compete with other major feeding states due to higher average rainfall.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, new Iowa cattle feedlots, feedlots which expand, and those that build pollution control structures shall receive an income tax credit for their contributions to value added agriculture.

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### **BI-TF-15 FMD Indemnity Fund 2012**

WHEREAS, the federal government has an indemnity fund to pay producers for their livestock in the event of an FMD outbreak in the U.S..

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the income from the FMD indemnity fund should be handled the same as an involuntary conversion and qualify for two year deferral or replacement.

### **BI-TF-18 Road Use Tax Fund 2013**

WHEREAS, the Road Use Tax Fund is constitutionally protected to repair and maintain Iowa's roads and bridges; and

WHEREAS, the Road Use Tax Funds are distributed according to a state mandated formula.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Iowa Cattlemen's Association oppose any changes to the formula that would jeopardize funding for use on rural Iowa road and bridge infrastructure.

### **BI-TF-20 Incentives for Livestock Facilities 2009**

WHEREAS, recent studies completed by various groups and organizations report "the best way to generate economic activity and revitalize rural and small town Iowa is to expand the livestock industry"; and

WHEREAS, studies done by the Leopold Center for Sustainable Agriculture show the greatest financial return to management is through a livestock operation; and

WHEREAS, modern livestock production systems can benefit the environment as well.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, in order to furnish an incentive for modernizing existing livestock facilities and to encourage building new livestock facilities, the Iowa Cattlemen's Association work with the Legislature to create incentives to encourage modernization and construction of improved pollution control and livestock production systems.

### **BI-TF-21 Biodiesel Feedstock Tax Equity 2009**

WHEREAS, the byproduct value per 1,000-lb. Steer for inedible tallow and meat scraps - the primary animal byproducts used in biodiesel refining - is approximately \$9 per animal; and

WHEREAS, the environmental benefits of using animal byproducts for renewable fuel generation include reduced diesel emissions and improved air quality; reduced landfill disposal for dead and diseased animals; reduced dependence on foreign energy sources - the ultimate recycling of traditional byproducts of animal husbandry for a high-benefit alternative fuel source that is totally renewable; and

WHEREAS, biodiesel plant construction and related investment/hiring can potentially help improve rural economies.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Iowa Cattlemen's Association support

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tax incentives for biodiesel as an alternative renewable fuel.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, animal byproducts are not discriminated against in any way as compared to vegetable based fats.

### **BI-TF-23 Unemployment Compensation 2011**

WHEREAS, the quarterly unemployment compensation exemption of \$20,000 is no longer practical in the present inflated economy.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the quarterly exemption be increased to \$60,000 and hereafter be adjusted by the Consumer Price Index.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, all officers of a family corporation and its family members be exempt from state and federal unemployment compensation tax.

### **BI-TF-30 Livestock Production Incentive Refund 2009**

WHEREAS, animal agriculture is essential to Iowa's economy and provides about \$9 billion in cash receipts; and

WHEREAS, taxes on these receipts are not equitably returned to county governments; and

WHEREAS, the beef cow herd provides environmental and economic benefits to the state by adding value to our fragile lands.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Iowa Cattlemen's Association support the continuation of the individual livestock incentive refund where the individual receives a payment from the state general fund which reflects the number of cows, bulls and bred heifers in inventory.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Iowa Legislature move toward fully funding the Iowa Production Credit without regard to individual or business structure income or net worth factors.

### **BI-TF-31 Ag Tax Credit 2011**

WHEREAS, our present system of property tax in Iowa is not operating fairly and adequately.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Iowa Cattlemen's Association support improvements in the productivity formula to initiate county-by-county calculations using productivity values to more accurately reflect actual farming expenses.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Iowa Cattlemen's Association favor continuation of the limit on increases in assessed value of agriculture property.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Iowa Cattlemen's Association favor continuation of the homestead tax credit and agricultural tax credit full payment each year unless it could be replaced with a fully funded livestock value-added tax credit, or similar legislation which encourages cattle and other livestock production which includes pasture and forage production and protection of the environment.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the present fixed seven percent capitalization rate be changed to a flexible rate to better reflect the actual situation.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Iowa Cattlemen's Association favor continuation of the Family Farm Tax Credit.

**BI-TF-32 SS Exemption on Cooperative Dividends  
2011**

WHEREAS, corporate entities which are members of cooperatives are not subject to social security tax on income they receive from earnings distributed to them by a cooperative, but individual farmer-members are subject to the tax; and

WHEREAS, it is longstanding federal policy to encourage farmers to band together in cooperatives, particularly now in "valued-added" cooperatives.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, as a matter of fairness to active farmers and to non-corporate farmers, and as a matter of increased effectiveness in achieving widely supported federal farm policy goals, the Iowa Cattlemen's Association request Congress to grant a complete exemption from social security taxes on income received by farmers from income received from earnings distributed to them by cooperatives.

**BI-TF-33 Property Tax Levies  
2010**

WHEREAS, county property tax levies are rising in part due to exemption of some private property from taxation; and

WHEREAS, exempt lands still require roads, fire and police protection; and

WHEREAS, exempt lands are generally assessed at relatively low valuations such that the tax that would be collected would unlikely cause undue economic hardship on the owners.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Iowa Cattlemen's Association support legislation that would alter the property tax exemption on Forest Reserve, Wetlands Reserve, Native Prairie and Iowa Slough Bill lands, such that a more equitable treatment of these lands with respect to Iowa's cattle industry be achieved.

**BI-TF-34 Federal Estate Tax  
2012**

WHEREAS, the family farm is and should continue to be the backbone of agriculture in Iowa; and

WHEREAS, a family livestock operation cannot attain economic success without a substantial land base for growing feed grains; and

WHEREAS, amendments to the federal estate tax laws have not kept pace with inflation.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Iowa Cattlemen's Association favor a higher exemption level of \$10 million per person, 35% maximum rate, portability between spouses. and maintaining the stepped-up basis.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that such exemption level be indexed to inflation going forward.

**BI-TF-35 Gift Exemption  
2013**

WHEREAS, it has become increasingly difficult to own and operate a small business or family farm in this country; and

WHEREAS, the transfer of ownership of these vital businesses has been restricted for years.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Iowa Cattlemen's Association support and encourage the National Cattlemen's Beef Association to support raising the annual gift exemption and once raised, that the increase be indexed to inflation for the future.

**BI-TF-36 Renewable Fuels/Co-Products  
2013**

WHEREAS, the production of renewable fuels and their co-products in the state of Iowa is beneficial to the Iowa cattle industry.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Iowa Cattlemen's Association support renewable fuels production; and legislation that promotes growth in renewable energy and supports initiatives that maximize access to co-products for Iowa's cattle industry.

**BI-TF-37 Capital Gains  
2013**

WHEREAS, the average age of farmers and landowners is increasing and most livestock is raised by younger farmers; and

WHEREAS, a reduction in capital gains taxes on farmland and livestock would enhance the transfer of these assets thereby increasing livestock numbers.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Iowa Cattlemen's Association support the reduction of federal and state capital gains taxes on farmland and livestock.

**BI-TF-38 Fuel Taxes and Pickup License Fees  
2013**

WHEREAS, the Iowa State Legislature is looking for ways to improve Iowa transportation infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, the Iowa Cattlemen's Association recognizes that rural Iowa road infrastructure is in need of repair and maintenance; and

WHEREAS, the Iowa Cattlemen's Association recognizes additional resources are necessary to complete such repairs and maintenance.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Iowa Cattlemen's Association supports efforts that increase funding for rural road infrastructure and state and county funds collected be used for their intended purpose.

**BI-TF-39 Ag Property Tax Adjustment  
2012**

WHEREAS, within the State of Iowa there has developed an unfair disparity in the calculation and adjustment process in the establishing of agricultural property assessed values which are the foundation for property taxes.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Iowa Cattlemen's Association supports a revision of the current property assessed value calculation that includes the use of the property in the formula and assesses all agriculture property on a uniform and equitable level playing field across the State of Iowa.

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#### **CP-CHWB-D-6 I.L.H.A.C. Priorities 2013**

WHEREAS, beef representatives on the Livestock Health Advisory Council have requested priorities for bovine research.

THEREFORE BE IT DIRECTED, that the following are recommendations of priority:

BRD/MYCOPLASMA BOVIS  
ANIMAL WELFARE ISSUES  
TRICHOMONIASIS  
DIGITAL DERMATITIS (hairy heel wart)

#### **CP-CHWB-D-15 Verified Iowa Preconditioned Program 2013**

WHEREAS, we now have harvest facilities that are currently offering a premium for cattle enrolled in a USDA Process Verified Program (PVP); and

WHEREAS, the Verified Iowa Preconditioned Program (VIPP) is a combination of Iowa Cattlemen's Green or Gold Tag preconditioned programs and any USDA Process Verified Program (PVP) that verifies age and source for export markets.

THEREFORE BE IT DIRECTED, that the Iowa Cattlemen's Association in cooperation with IVMA promote the Verified Iowa Preconditioned Program (VIPP) and work to educate cattle industry stakeholders, with a letter, about the proper use of the program.

#### **CP-CHWB-2 Brucellosis Vaccination 2009**

WHEREAS, brucellosis is an infectious and contagious disease which can cause economic hardship to the Iowa cattle industry; and

WHEREAS, some states bordering Iowa have not achieved brucellosis free status; and

WHEREAS, the threat of reintroduction into herds continues to exist; and  
WHEREAS, loss of Iowa's brucellosis free status would impede sale of Iowa cattle within and across state lines.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Iowa Cattlemen's Association support continued brucellosis calf hood vaccination and accompanying state funding.

#### **CP-CHWB-5 Support Healthy Livestock 2009**

WHEREAS, healthy livestock are important to the future of the Iowa cattle industry; and

WHEREAS, adequate funding is essential to the mission and purpose of the Iowa State University College of Veterinary Medicine.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Iowa Cattlemen's Association continue to seek support for the Healthy Livestock Initiative from the Iowa Legislature.

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#### **CP-CHWB-7 Iowa Livestock Health Advisory Council 2009**

WHEREAS, the Iowa Livestock Health Advisory Council was formed to monitor disease research of food-producing animals at Iowa State University.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Iowa Cattlemen's Association support the current definition of the term livestock utilized in Section 267.1, Subsection 1, Code 1985, and further, that the Iowa Cattlemen's Association support the current composition of membership of the Iowa Livestock Health Advisory Council, specifically excluding the canine, equine, ratite, bison, cervids, camels and llamas.

#### **CP-CHWB-9 Ultrasound, Bovine Fetal Aging, Carcass Measurement and Embryo Transfer Technicians 2010**

WHEREAS, the beef cow-calf and registered seedstock industry segments are an important and significant part of the Iowa's cattle industry and economy; and

WHEREAS, there is a current and projected shortage of livestock Veterinarians available to specialize in providing ultrasound, bovine fetal aging, carcass-trait measurement, and embryo transfer services to the cattle industry; and

WHEREAS, expectations and competition for Veterinarian and Technician services continue to rise from all animal owners and limit most Veterinarians' ability to specialize and therefore become more accurate with bovine ultrasound; and

WHEREAS, there is a projected need for more qualified, competent, and experienced ultrasound Technicians or Veterinarians to meet the increasing cattle industry demand for these affordable, cost-saving, and value-adding services, within a time-sensitive period in Iowa.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Iowa Cattlemen's Association Ultrasound Task Force continue their efforts to reach agreement providing for a practical solution to this issue with the Iowa Board of Veterinarian Medicine and Iowa Veterinary Medical Association that will allow certified, competent technicians and Veterinarians to offer ultrasound services in Iowa, including those required for fetal aging, carcass measurement, and embryo transfer.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Iowa Cattlemen's Association work with the IBVM, IVMA, the ISU Dept. of Animal Science, ISU Veterinary College, and IDALS to develop a reasonable and effective Iowa Reproductive Ultrasound Training and Certification Course for Technicians and Veterinarians to validate skill and accuracy levels of all those individuals providing ultrasounds services to cattlemen, for a fee.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Iowa Cattlemen's Association fully and completely supports the continuance of ultrasound fetal aging, carcass trait measurement, and embryo transfer by certified, competent, and experienced Technicians and Veterinarians, within the previously established Iowa regulations for the use of prescription-only drugs.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, if any proposed regulation changes to any Iowa rules, pertaining to bovine ultrasound use and embryo transfer, fail to allow the legal offering of these services, for a fee, by qualified, certified, competent, and experienced technicians, then the Iowa Cattlemen's Association will initiate legislation to allow these services by competent, certified Technicians as a legal Iowa service business and seek the support of other farm and livestock groups with similar policy.

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### **CP-CHWB-11 Humane Animal Practices 2012**

BE IT RESOLVED the members of the Iowa Cattlemen's Association make the health and well-being of their livestock the number one priority.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the Iowa Cattlemen's Association pursue every opportunity to educate the citizens of Iowa regarding the many humane practices which Iowa cattlemen use to insure the welfare, safety, and good health of their cattle.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, if, for any reason, an Iowa farmer finds he is unable to provide adequate care for his cattle, the Iowa Cattlemen's Association will assist in providing for the sale or harvest of said cattle.

### **CP-CHWB-16 Beef Center 2011**

WHEREAS, the Iowa Legislature has provided funds for the establishment of the Iowa Beef Center.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Iowa Beef Center has the support of the Iowa Cattlemen's Association in its effort to help improve the beef industry in the State of Iowa.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Iowa Cattlemen's Association support increased appropriations for the Iowa Beef Center.

### **CP-CHWB-18 Foreign Animal Disease Response 2013**

WHEREAS, bioterrorism and agroterrorism could result in a devastating problem for the livestock industry in Iowa through such diseases as FMD and BSE.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Iowa Cattlemen's Association fully support and encourage state agencies and involved institutions to maintain an aggressive and coordinated response.

### **CP-CHWB-20 Judicious Antimicrobial Use 2013**

WHEREAS, the use of antimicrobial agents is necessary at times to preserve life and prevent suffering in the face of disease in cattle; and

WHEREAS, indiscriminant use of antimicrobials may select for bacterial resistance; and

WHEREAS, the Iowa Cattlemen's Association recognizes that cattle producers have an obligation to protect animal health; and

WHEREAS, the Iowa Cattlemen's Association further recognizes the obligation to protect human health by promoting food safety.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Iowa Cattlemen's Association advocate the judicious use of antimicrobials and issues involving the use of antimicrobials in animals and humans, which must be resolved using sound science without influence of emotion or political agendas.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, cattle producers should strive to limit the need for antimicrobial use through sound husbandry and preventative practices.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Iowa Cattlemen's Association call for on-

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going continuing education for both producers and veterinarians in the area of judicious antimicrobial use.

### **CP-CHWB-24 Nationwide Cattle Identification 2011**

WHEREAS, national animal identification is important to insure beef safety and traceability of the nation's beef; and

WHEREAS, the Iowa Cattlemen's Association has been an industry leader in animal identification.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Iowa Cattlemen's Association support a standardized and voluntary national cattle ID system but through mandates handed down by USDA, Iowa Cattlemen's Association needs to work in partnership with other stakeholders towards meeting these mandates.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, any amendments to the Code of Iowa pertaining to animal movement and identification be monitored by the Iowa Cattlemen's Association to ensure such changes remain acceptable to the Iowa cattle industry.

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### **CP- LCM-D-1 Cattle Payment 2012**

WHEREAS, the capital needs to feed cattle has increased dramatically, and WHEREAS, cattle feeders wish to buy replacement feeders in a timely manner, and

WHEREAS, feeder cattle and feedstuffs are paid for automatically or overnight, and

WHEREAS, the U.S. Postal Service has recently announced that first class mail will get even slower, and

WHEREAS, the packing companies use first class mail to send cattle payments,

THEREFORE BE IT DIRECTED, that the ICA work with NCBA and the packers to develop a more expeditious payment system on fed cattle.

### **CP-LCM-3 Mandatory Reporting/Captive Supplies 2011**

WHEREAS, the Iowa Cattlemen's Association has always supported a competitive, free and open market system; and

WHEREAS, many fed cattle prices are based on USDA reported boxed beef and live cattle prices.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Iowa Cattlemen's Association support mandatory packer reporting of all transactions, including all conditions of the sale.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED packers report all supplies acquired through captive supply arrangements.



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### **CP-LCM-4 Instrument Evaluation 2013**

WHEREAS, much effort is being devoted to perfect instrument recording of beef carcass grading; and

WHEREAS, equipment is now available which can accurately record and augment human grading which could permanently accumulate data for present and future reference.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Iowa Cattlemen's Association support the implementation of an instrument recording system and assure producer access to the data.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the Iowa Cattlemen's Association exert its influence to cause pilot programs to be installed in plants that harvest Iowa fed cattle by acquiring the necessary funding from public and private sources to successfully implement this proven technology.

### **CP-LCM-6 Seafood, Meat and Poultry Inspection 2011**

WHEREAS, the federal meat inspection program was mandated by Congress for the safety of the public; and

WHEREAS, there is a need to have consistent inspection and labeling of all meat products; and

WHEREAS, fish, seafood and shellfish are being considered for federally mandated inspection programs; and

WHEREAS, there is a need to avoid duplication of any regulatory and administrative services at the federal level.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Iowa Cattlemen's Association encourage the National Cattlemen's Beef Association and other commodity organizations to initiate legislation to have fish, seafood, and shellfish subject to the same types of inspection as are included in the Meat Inspection and Poultry Inspection Acts.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED all meat inspection and labeling programs should be under the authority and jurisdiction of the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

### **CP-LCM-7 Humane Harvest Practices 2011**

WHEREAS, Iowa cattlemen are active proponents of animal care and well-being, and

WHEREAS, the humane harvest of all animals entering the food chain is important to all consumers; and

WHEREAS, the Humane Slaughter Act provides for accepted practices and guidelines for live animal harvesting and disposal.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Iowa Cattlemen's Association encourage the National Cattlemen's Beef Association to monitor and support the humane harvest of all livestock.

### **CP-LCM-18 Railroad Improvement 2013**

WHEREAS, our secondary highway system is a vital part of our food production

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in Iowa; and

WHEREAS, railroads are an efficient means of transporting freight and are often more efficient in the use of energy; and

WHEREAS, our present highway system is already deteriorating faster than it is being replaced.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, railroad abandonment not be continued to the point that our highway system be burdened further.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the Iowa Cattlemen's Association support and encourage efforts to improve our rail systems.

### **CP-LCM-23 Concentration/Consolidation 2012**

WHEREAS, the Iowa cattlemen are very concerned about pending and future mergers, acquisitions and consolidation of agri-businesses, we encourage a close scrutinization of any merger.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Iowa Cattlemen's Association endorse the National Cattlemen's Beef Association's request that the Federal Government more closely monitor mergers and acquisitions in the packing, processing and retailing industries because of increased potential for anti-trust violations.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Packers & Stockyards Administration be requested to continue to closely monitor price movements and sector margins to assure that price changes are the result of market signals and not the exercise of market power. USDA and U.S. Department of Justice assure that:

1. No merger be allowed that would decrease competition for cattle or other commodity or reduce access; and
2. Determination that the financial condition of the proposed merger be such that the new entity would be sound and reliable.

### **CP-LCM-24 Interstate Highway Weight Limits 2012**

WHEREAS, other states in the union allow interstate travel of triple and spread axle trucks with weight limits over 80,000 lbs.; and

WHEREAS, in Iowa it is legal to travel on state roads with triple and spread axle trucks over 80,000 lbs. gross; and

WHEREAS, any livestock trucks weighing over 80,000 lbs. have no feasible way to travel through Des Moines.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,, should the opportunity arise, that the Iowa Cattlemen's Association work towards instituting the travel of triple and spread axle trucks grossing over 80,000 lbs. on interstate highways.

### **CP-LCM-30 Abandoned Railroad Right-of-Ways 2013**

WHEREAS, Iowa agriculture is dependent on rail transportation, yet railroad companies continue to request that lines be abandoned.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, abandoned railroad right of ways acquired by lease arrangement or easement is the rightful property of adjoining property owners. The Iowa Cattlemen's Association favor giving adjoining property owners

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the first option to purchase said rights of way.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the Iowa Cattlemen's Association favor enactment of legislation to require that any public agencies, individuals, or organizations which do take title to abandoned railroad right of ways be responsible for maintaining fences, drainage systems, crossings and weed and brush controls of any such acquired railroad right of ways.

### **CP-LCM-31 CME Futures Contracts 2013**

WHEREAS, fed cattle future's provide an important risk management tool for Iowa cattlemen; and

WHEREAS, cattle feeding in Iowa continues to enjoy a resurgence because of ethanol co-products and feed availability

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,:

1. That ICA continue to monitor closely any changes by the CME that would adversely affect Iowa Cattle feeders ability to deliver on CME contracts;
2. That the CME allow heifers to be delivered to meet futures market obligations;
3. That the CME set the weight specs consistent with carcass and live delivery and applicable to current industry weights.

### **CP-LCM-36 American Horse Slaughter Prevention Act 2011**

WHEREAS, the method of euthanasia employed by processing facilities that harvest horses is a humane procedure; and

WHEREAS, there is a continued need for the humane harvest of horses to prevent the inhumane treatment of horses that would suffer from neglect and abandonment; and

WHEREAS, there exists an extremely insufficient infrastructure and no funding mechanism to support the humane existence of unwanted horses; and

WHEREAS, unwanted horses are processed into products that are consumed by humans in overseas markets; and

WHEREAS, the value of unwanted horses as a food animal dictates they not be abused, lest this value be diminished; and

WHEREAS, this market establishes a baseline value for the industry which would collapse without such market; and

WHEREAS, the cattle industry depends upon an economically healthy horse industry and systems to offer a humane end of life for unwanted horses.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, Iowa Cattlemen's Association support the right of horse owners to ethically and humanely dispose of horses.

THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Iowa Cattlemen's Association shall oppose legislation that could potentially hinder future efforts to dispose of horses.

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### **CP-LCM-37 Value Markets 2013**

WHEREAS, producers in Iowa have taken advantage of value based programs; and

WHEREAS, value based programs allow all producers to capture more value for their cattle.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Iowa Cattlemen's Association strongly encourage a complete and competitive value based marketing program consisting of, but not limited to, total seedstock evaluation, individual carcass data collection with industry pass through, age and source verification, development and promotion of new and existing beef programs.

### **CP-LCM-38 Harmony in Beef Promotion 2013**

WHEREAS, the Iowa Cattlemen's Association has supported and does support alternative beef markets such as all natural, implant free, humanely treated, antibiotic free, etc.

WHEREAS, the non-use of health enhancing & performance improving technologies such as implants, beta agonists, antimicrobials does not improve beef safety and wholesomeness.

And WHEREAS, certain niche beef marketing programs have promoted their products as safer or more healthful than conventional produced beef.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Iowa Cattlemen's Association work cooperatively with all beef marketers to eliminate beef advertising which promotes niche beef products favorably, while also implying that conventionally fed beef is less safe or wholesome for consumers.

### **CP-LCM-40 Packer/Retailer Control 2009**

WHEREAS, the beef industry has made progress in producing a more consistent product; and

WHEREAS, the Iowa Cattlemen's Association supports value based marketing; and

WHEREAS, it is important to have numerous risk management tools available to beef producers.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Iowa Cattlemen's Association support federal legislation which very closely monitors packer and retailer control of live-stock thereby preventing these entities from manipulating and controlling prices.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the Iowa Cattlemen's Association support allowances including, but not limited to, basis contracts and process verification.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the Iowa Cattlemen's Association opposes direct packer ownership of cattle, but strives to preserve the rights of producers/feeders to participate in value added programs.

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**CP-ST-D-1            Modernizing Iowa Check-Off  
2013**

WHEREAS, the national \$1 per head beef check-off is a mandatory producer self-help program that has been working to build beef demand for over 20 years; and

WHEREAS, efforts to unify the industry to make improvements to the national mandatory beef check-off have not come together, and the future of this effort is highly uncertain.

THEREFORE BE IT DIRECTED the Iowa Cattlemen’s Association initiate a petition drive to reinstate a 50 cent per head voluntary state check-off whose funds would be directed by the Iowa Beef Industry Council for the benefit of the beef industry.

BE IT FURTHER DIRECTED that a task force be appointed by the ICA Exec board to develop a plan on how ICA will educate stakeholders related to a future referendum and report back to the Iowa Cattlemen’s Association Executive Committee by July 1st of 2013.

**CP-ST-3                Beef Quality Assurance  
2010**

WHEREAS, consumer acceptance of beef and beef products depends on consumer confidence in the safety and wholesomeness of beef products; and

WHEREAS, consumer confidence depends on the knowledge that producers are following all guidelines for proper management techniques.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Iowa Cattlemen’s Association supports the recommendations of the Beef Quality Assurance Committee and Programs in their continuing efforts to educate producers as to proper management techniques to assure continued production of safe and wholesome beef products.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the Iowa Cattlemen’s Association urge its members to adopt the proper BQA practices to assure consumers that beef is a safe product.

**CP-ST-6                Iowa State University Beef Research  
and Extension**

**2010**

WHEREAS, nearly 30,000 farms in Iowa have cattle, and cattle marketings generated \$2.9 billion in farm receipts in 2008; and

WHEREAS, virtually all of these cattle farms are family owned and operated; and

WHEREAS, climate and soil conditions are integral in developing and evaluating crop and cattle production systems, and

WHEREAS, Iowa is a diverse agricultural state and needs to maintain scientific research in the industry.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Iowa Cattlemen’s Association strongly encourage Iowa State University to support the beef cattle research and extension program at Iowa State University.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED Iowa State University shall maintain a network of outlying research farms to conduct applied research that reflects soil and climate conditions across the state.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Iowa Beef Center at Iowa State University continue to be responsible for extension education and delivery of research based information for Iowa cattle producers.

**CP-ST-8                ISU Extension  
2012**

WHEREAS, agriculture is a high technology business and the largest industry in Iowa; and

WHEREAS, technology is constantly developing and changing; and

WHEREAS, Iowa State University Extension Service plays an important role in the adoption of developing technology from an unbiased position.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Iowa Cattlemen’s Association support the continuation of the Iowa State University Extension Specialists to disseminate the adopted technology on a timely basis.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the Iowa Cattlemen’s Association urge that agriculture be given the highest priority possible in applied research and education efforts of Iowa State University.

**CP-ST-11              Environmental Management Education  
2010**

WHEREAS, cattlemen need access to current environmental regulations and compliance requirements that are critical to alleviating pressures and concerns of special interest groups; and

WHEREAS, action of the Attorney General’s office to prosecute violators under the criminal rather than civil section of the Iowa Code places these producers in jeopardy.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Iowa Cattlemen’s Association continue to inform cattlemen on the regulations, resources and technology available to environmentally manage their cattle operations.

**CP-ST-14              Tenderness Research  
2010**

WHEREAS, the beef cattle industry nationwide and the Iowa cattle industry specifically have long recognized that the inability to identify tenderness in our end product has been a major factor in loss of market share.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Iowa Cattlemen’s Association support increased, expanded and continued tenderness research in production and post-harvest practices.

**CP-ST-18              Feedlot Regulations  
2011**

WHEREAS, EPA is making increased efforts to inspect feedlots and enforce regulations in Iowa and the surrounding states; and

WHEREAS, new proposals are being issued by EPA concerning regulations

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that affect the beef industry in Iowa; and

WHEREAS, these regulations directly affect the economics of feeding cattle in Iowa.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Iowa Cattlemen's Association work to insure that these regulations are based on sound scientific data.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the Iowa Cattlemen's Association encourage environmental research by Iowa State University and other entities that may provide viable, economic solutions, to enhance producer compliance.

### **CP-ST-21 ISU Facilities 2013**

WHEREAS, facility quality is critical to continued animal science and veterinary medicine activities at Iowa State University.

WHEREAS, a recent external peer review by the accreditation committee of the American Association of the Veterinary Laboratory Diagnosticians identified potentially serious concerns related to biosafety, biocontainment and adequacy of the amount of space to meet current and future need in diagnostic medicine at the Iowa State University Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Iowa Cattlemen's Association strongly encourage the Governor of Iowa, Iowa Legislature and Board of Regents to give adequate funding to maintain and improve the Animal Science and Veterinary Medicine facilities at ISU.

BET IT RESOLVED, the Iowa Cattlemen's Association strongly encourages the Governor of Iowa, Iowa Legislature and Board of Regents to appropriately assess the current and future facility need of the Iowa State University Diagnostic Laboratory.

### **CP-ST-28 ISU Veterinary Diagnostic Lab Funding 2012**

WHEREAS, the Iowa State University College of Veterinary Medicine is one of the crucial links in evaluating and controlling livestock diseases in Iowa and education of food supply veterinarians and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Iowa Cattlemen's Association support increased funding for the Iowa State University Veterinary Diagnostic Lab to \$4 million.

### **CP-ST-29 ISU Air Quality Study 2009**

WHEREAS, air quality and odor is a major limit in growing animal agriculture in Iowa; and

WHEREAS, there are technologies and management practices shown to be effective in reducing emissions from facilities and new ones are being developed.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Iowa Cattlemen's Association aggressively encourage ISU to continue scientific studies, held to accepted standards of agricultural research, of airborne emissions of all livestock and how they relate to public health.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the Iowa Cattlemen's Association support legis-

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lation to fund on farm application and monitoring of proven and emerging technologies to improve air quality near livestock and poultry operations.

### **CP-ST-30 Co-Product Livestock Diets 2009**

WHEREAS, the cattle industry is an important segment of the Iowa economy; and

WHEREAS, the ethanol industry provides an abundant feed co-product for the cattle industry; and

WHEREAS, additional research is needed to improve utilization, safety, impact on product quality and rapid test technology on feed characteristics of co-product for the cattle industry.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Iowa Cattlemen's Association support the continued research funding for utilizing co-products in the cattle industry.

### **CP-ST-31 ISU Ag Experiment Station Funding 2009**

WHEREAS, the ISU Ag Experiment Station and ISU Extension have during the last few years received budget cuts; and

WHEREAS, the Iowa Legislature has during this time period mandated salary increases for staff in these areas without providing additional funding; and

WHEREAS, these budget shortfalls and constraints have forced the College of Agriculture at ISU to take drastic measures including closing research stations, discontinuing research projects and eliminating staff positions; and

WHEREAS, these funding shortfalls hinder ISU's position as a leading agricultural research institution.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Iowa Cattlemen's Association work aggressively with the Iowa Legislature to adequately restore funding for the ISU Experiment Station and ISU Extension for fiscal year 2010 and beyond.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the Iowa Cattlemen's Association encourage the Iowa Legislature to discontinue its practice of mandating salary increases without supplying appropriate funding.

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Their job is defined as:

### Lawmaking

- Proposing, studying, discussing and voting on legislation
- Appropriating money to state agencies and programs
- Creating, eliminating and modifying Iowa laws and programs

### Representing

- Serving constituents living in each district
- Functioning as a liaison between citizens and Iowa government

### Evaluating

- Overseeing the work of departments and agencies funded by the Legislature
- Ensuring that laws are being carried out according to legislative intent
- Confirming the Governor's appointments and responding to vetoes

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