

2024 NCBA POLICY PRIORITIES

NCBA'S POLICY FOCUS FOR 2024 IS TO CONTINUE NAVIGATING THE INTENSE LEGISLATIVE GRIDLOCK IN WASHINGTON, D.C. AND HOLD THE LINE AGAINST ALL FEDERAL POLICIES THAT COULD DAMAGE THE OPERATIONS OF U.S. CATTLE PRODUCERS.

ADVANCE NCBA'S FARM BILL PRIORITIES

- Secure reauthorization of the animal health provisions in the 2018 Farm Bill and advocate for expanded funding of the National Animal Vaccine and Veterinary Countermeasures Bank (NAVVCB) to protect against Foot and Mouth Disease (FMD).
- Expand access to risk management and disaster relief programs within the Farm Bill, to support financial stability for producers.
- Protect and fund EQIP, CSP, and other voluntary conservation programs that incentivize sciencebased, active management of our natural resources.
- Defend against the addition of a livestock title.

DEFEND AGAINST POLICIES THAT HURT CATTLE PRODUCERS

- Defend the U.S. cattle industry against radical animal activist groups that want to end cattle production, including the Beef Checkoff.
- Preserve family farms and ranches for future generations by advocating for essential tax relief for cattle producers.
- Ensure that all labeling requirements for fake meat products are fair and accurate.
- Protect producers from burdensome emissions reporting requirements.
- Preserve existing permitting standards for beef producers under the Clean Water Act.
- Combat overly restrictive Packers & Stockyards rules to ensure producers have the freedom to market their cattle however they want without the fear of frivolous litigation.

- Fight against misguided Endangered Species Act rules and any expansion of bureaucratic red tape under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA).
- Push for further hours-of-service flexibility and continue delaying ELD requirements for livestock haulers.
- Work with USDA to implement reforms to the "Product of the USA" label that promotes voluntary, verified, and trade-compliant labeling that returns more value to producers.
- Push to expand market access for U.S. beef exports and fight for equivalent animal health and food safety standards for imported beef.