



2022 Policy Priorities

NCBA's policy focus for 2022 is to protect and promote the economic, environmental, and social sustainability of the U.S. cattle industry.

Improve Market Leverage & Opportunities

- Improve upon the risk management tools available to producers.
- Secure full reauthorization and funding for Livestock Mandatory Reporting (LMR).
- Increase producers' access to market data and improve transparency into market transactions.

Secure the Future of the Beef Industry

- Preserve critical tax code provisions that protect a viable business climate for today's producers and support the next generation of family farms and ranches.
- Ensure electronic identification (EID) requirements for traceability are implemented efficiently, and without costly burdens to producers.
- Level the playing field and fight for fair, accurate labels on fake meat products.
- Build on record-breaking export sales by expanding market access through science-based, fact-based trade standards.
- Advance reforms to the "Product of the USA" label that promote voluntary, verified, and trade-compliant labeling that returns more value to producers.
- Defend and advance animal health practices and innovations that are critical to the beef industry's viability.
- Combat overly restrictive Packers & Stockyards (GIPSA) rules.
- Protect private property rights against potential overreach or restrictions under the 30x30 initiative.
- Defend public and private grazing against attacks under WOTUS, ESA, EPCRA, NEPA, and GHG emission reporting regulations.

Boost the Resiliency of the Beef Supply Chain

- Advocate for bipartisan reforms to the H2-A visa program and other measures to address the shortage of skilled workers.
- Continue pushing for resources to expand hook space among small, independent, and regional processing facilities.
- Implement our wins and push for further hours-of-service/ELD flexibility for livestock haulers.
- Secure continued investment to strengthen the rural broadband network.

Support Commonsense 2023 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 accessibility and fund risk management programs 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 science-based, active management of our natural resources.
- Defend against the addition of a livestock title.