

2023 NCBA POLICY PRIORITIES

NCBA'S POLICY FOCUS FOR 2023 IS TO CONTINUE STRENGTHENING THE U.S. CATTLE INDUSTRY'S PROFITABILITY, ANIMAL DISEASE PREPAREDNESS, THE ROLE OF PRODUCERS AS AMERICA'S ORIGINAL CONSERVATIONISTS, AND PUSHING BACK ON REGULATORY OVERREACH.

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 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.

DEFEND AGAINST POLICIES THAT HURT CATTLE PRODUCERS

- Preserve critical tax code provisions that promote a viable business climate and support future generations of family operations.
- Combat overly restrictive Packers & Stockyards (GIPSA) rules.
- Implement our wins and push for further hours-of-service/ELD flexibility for livestock haulers.
- Protect working lands and guard against federal overreach that limits grazing rights.
- Protect the cattle industry from regulatory attacks under WOTUS, ESA, emissions reporting, and more.
- Engage in legal action to protect producers' rights.

DELIVER MORE WINS AND OPPORTUNITIES FOR CATTLE PRODUCERS

- Secure full reauthorization for Livestock Mandatory Reporting (LMR).
- 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, rules-based trade standards, and ensure equivalent animal health and food safety standards for imported beef.
- Work with USDA to implement reforms to the "Product of the USA" label that promote voluntary, verified, and trade-compliant labeling that returns more value to producers.
- Advance animal health practices and innovations that are critical to the beef industry's viability.
- Support the congressional reauthorization of the Animal Drug User Fee Act at FDA (ADUFA 5) with no post-market amendments.
- Advocate for Dietary Guidelines for Americans that keep beef at the center of the plate.
- Promote the vital role of working lands in conservation efforts and keep grazers grazing on open, healthy public lands.
- Promote cattle grazing's science-backed role as a climate solution.

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