



Thanksgiving Edition

November 25, 2008

### CALL TO ACTION: Urge EPA to NOT Regulate Greenhouse Gases

Currently, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is collecting comments on an Advanced Notice of Proposed Rulemaking regarding regulating Greenhouse Gases (GHGs) under the Clean Air Act.

WE NEED YOUR HELP to tell the EPA NOT to regulate Greenhouse Gases under the Clean Air Act since such regulation would be economically devastating to the entire U.S. economy, including the cattle industry.

Below is a letter form of the comments that you can submit to the EPA against this rule. This letter is the same as the one posted on CAPWIZ. If you would like to just directly submit your comments from CAPWIZ please visit: <http://capwiz.com/beefusa/issues/alert/?alertid=12240106> (submitting them through CAPWIZ will ensure it goes to the right email address and with the correct subject line - you can edit these comments in CAPWIZ before sending).

You can also submit your comments via email. Just send them to: [a-and-rDocket@epa.gov](mailto:a-and-rDocket@epa.gov) and be sure to reference Docket ID# EPA-HQ-OAR-2008-0318 in the subject line.

**PLEASE help us fight against regulation of greenhouse gases under the Clean Air Act by sending a letter TODAY!**

**Deadline for letters is Friday, November 28th.**

If you have any questions or need any additional information, please contact MCA at (573) 499-9162.

### Benefit Chili and Vegetable Soup Dinner for JCBP President

A benefit chili and vegetable soup dinner will be held Saturday, December 6, 2008 for Waylon 'Bub' Miller to offset expenses incurred from Colon Cancer surgery. Bub is the president of Jasper County Beef Producers and an active member of the association.

The benefit dinner will be held from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at Grace Pointe Assembly of God in Carthage, Missouri. The dinner is \$5 for adults and \$3 for children 5-12 (under 4 free). The meal includes chili or vegetable soup, dessert and tea, coffee or water.

There will be an auction held during the dinner for a number of donated items including: tools, feed, vet supplies, gift cards/certificates and other items. There will also be tickets available for a half-side of beef (approximately 300 pounds) plus the cost of processing. The drawing for the beef will be held January 14, 2009.

For more information call Oak Street Assembly of God at (417) 358-1464 or visit oakstag.org.

### **Kingsville Livestock Market to hold Regional Auctioneer Contest**

#### Kingsville Livestock Auction

Kingsville Livestock Auction will be held in conjunction with the World Livestock Auctioneer Semi Quarter Finals and the Annual Customer Appreciation Day on Tuesday, December 2, 2008 at 10:00 a.m.

For eight professional livestock auctioneers, the contest in Kingsville, Missouri, December 2 will be their ticket to the "Super Bowl" of their profession - the 2009 World Livestock Auctioneer Championship (WLAC).

The Kingsville Livestock Auction is hosting eighteen contestants in the last quarterfinal qualifying contest for the 2009 WLAC. The 46th annual world championship will be held June 13, 2009 at the Fergus Falls Livestock Auction Market in Fergus Falls, Minnesota. Three winners - champion, reserve, and runner-up champions - will be named after the Kingsville contest. These three, and the next five highest scores then qualify for the Minnesota WLAC.

The WLAC was created and is conducted by the Livestock Marketing Association, the national trade association for progressive marketing businesses live Kingsville Livestock. The Auctioneer competition at Kingsville Livestock will begin at 10:00 am with opening ceremonies.

The Kingsville contestants, followed by their hometowns, are Chris Arnaman, Cameron, Mo.; Ted Baum, O'Neill, Neb.; Nick Caspers, Heela, SD.; Jake Cheechov, Eugene, Ore.; John Cline, Onaga, Kan.; Justin Dodson, Welch, Okla.; Dustin Focht, Stillwater, Okla.; Larry Gilmore, Belle Plaine, Kan.; Jim Hertzog, Greenwood, Mo.; Kent Korte, Metropolis, Ill.; Andrew McDowell, Vandalia, Ill.; Ted Odle, Brush, Colo.; Lonnie Peterson, Fulton, Mo.; Jay Romine, Mt. Washington, Ky.; Duane Rus, Rock Valley, Ia.; Preston Smith, Lexington, Neb.; Garren Walrod, Randolph, Kan.; and Jerry Welschmeyer, Vienna, Mo. Eight contestants from the three previous qualifying contests are also going to the June WLAC. These contests were held earlier this year in Miles City, Mont., Texhoma, Okla. and Zanesville, Ohio.

Contest judges are market owners/operators and professional livestock dealers.

Contestants are judged on vocal clarity and quality, talent at keeping the sale moving and bid-catching ability.

Kingsville Livestock Market owner, Rick Anstine said, "We're expecting 2,500 head of top-quality calves, from customers within a one-hundred mile radius of the market. There will be source and age-verified calves and a good run of stock cows and cow-calf pairs."

The market is not only hosting a qualifying contest for WLAC, it will also be their annual Customer Appreciation Day, with free lunch beginning at 10:00 a.m. A large tent for seating with video of the auction will be set up for the overflow of people. Lunch will be served in the cafeteria and tent and free trolley rides by Steve Haller will be available.

The Master of Ceremonies will be 2008-09 World Champion Auctioneer, Matt Lowery of Burwell, Nebraska.

The auction will also be available live at [www.lmauctions.com](http://www.lmauctions.com) and will be broadcast on KMZU 100.7 FM "Live Remote."

Kingsville Livestock Auction sponsors are: F & C Bank, Holden, Mo.; Heiman's True Value, Holden, Mo.; Tax Favor Benefits Inc., Overland Park, Ks.-Bill Stapp; Farmers Elevator, Clinton, Mo.; West Central & MFA, Centerview, Mo.; Missouri Livestock Marketing Association, Kansas City, Mo.; Troutt Beeman & Company, Harrisonville, Mo.-Butch Beeman; Kingsville Livestock Employees; and Kingsville Livestock Trailer Sales- EBY Trailers

For more information contact Kingsville Livestock Auction, Rick and Jeremy Anstine, at (816) 597-3331.

### Short Letter: CALL TO ACTION- Urge EPA to NOT Regulate Greenhouse Gases

November 28, 2008

Air and Radiation Docket and Information Center  
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency  
Mail Code 2822T  
1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW  
Washington, DC 20460  
[a-and-rDocket@epa.gov](mailto:a-and-rDocket@epa.gov)

Re: Regulating Greenhouse Gases Under the Clean Air Act; Proposed Rule  
Docket ID No. EPA-HQ-OAR-2008-0318

Thank you for providing **INSERT YOUR NAME/AFFILIATE HERE** with the opportunity to comment on the Environmental Protection Agency's July 11, 2008 Advanced Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (ANPR) on Regulating Greenhouse Gases (GHGs) under the Clean Air Act (CAA). **NAME/AFFILIATE** strongly opposes any effort to regulate greenhouse gases under current programs of the CAA.

It is clear from the ANPR and Agency comments that the potential regulation of GHGs under the Clean Air Act would be economically devastating to American businesses, including farmers, and families. As the Department of Energy stated in its comments, the regulation of stationary sources under the Clean Air Act "would likely dramatically increase the price of energy in this country" and would increase costs of energy use by sources such as "schools, hospitals, apartment buildings and residential homes." The Department of Commerce pointed out that for the first time many small commercial establishments like churches, hotels, and hospitals would be regulated by the EPA. Our Nation's food supply would also be affected negatively by high energy and transportation costs, placing significant economic hardship on agricultural producers and everyday consumers. For example, the production methods and equipment used by the

agricultural sector to grow the food that feeds ourselves and the rest of the world involves complex technology dependent on the consumption of all forms of energy. In addition to increased energy costs, the ANPR points out that many agricultural producers would be required to get individual CAA permits for the first time. The USDA estimates that cattle producers with 50 head of cattle or more would be required to get such permits. Some of the increased costs associated with the proposed regulation would be passed on to everyday consumers further increasing the cost of food, but much of it would have to be borne by agricultural producers themselves. The costs of permitting alone would put many producers out of business. Simply put, costs associated with GHG regulation under the CAA cannot be afforded by our agricultural producers or everyday consumers.

In addition, regulation of GHGs under the CAA must be rejected because the CAA is fundamentally ill-suited for GHG regulation. Indeed, Congress never intended to regulate GHGs under the CAA. The CAA was originally intended to regulate traditional air pollutants from major emitters on a state or regional level. While it has done a good job of cleaning up criteria and other pollutants, it is not adequately equipped to address global climate change. The CAA imposes a command and control regulatory program that would impose untenable burdens, expenses and restrictions on industry, families, and our Nation as a whole if used to attempt to control GHG emissions. In addition, such a decision would provide the EPA with unprecedented control over every sector of the U.S. economy. According to the U.S. Chamber of Commerce, regulation of GHGs under the CAA would require the issuance of Prevention of Significant Deterioration (PSD) permits for over one million commercial sector sources, nearly 200,000 industrial-manufacturing sources, and more than 17,000 agricultural sector sources. As President Bush observed in April 2008: "Decisions with such far reaching impact should not be left to unelected regulators and judges. Such decisions should be debated openly [and] made by elected representatives of the people they affect." **NAME/AFFILIATE** agrees wholeheartedly with this sentiment. If GHGs are to be regulated in the United States, such regulation must be thoughtfully considered and voted on by Congress. Allowing the EPA to regulate GHGs under the CAA when it was never intended to regulate such emissions would be irresponsible and economically devastating. **NAME/AFFILIATE** urges the Administrator to reject this approach.

Again, thank you for this opportunity to comment.

Sincerely,



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### **Major Korean Retailers to Resume U.S. Beef Sales**

South Korea's three major discount retailers, E-Mart, Home Plus and Lotte Mart, will resume sales of U.S. beef on Thanksgiving Day in Seoul. The retail chains have issued a joint press release announcing the decision and explaining that it is due in part to the slow economy and daily financial difficulties facing Koreans. The companies stated that their sales of U.S. beef will provide value and convenience, as well as help stabilize consumer prices. They added that there is no longer any reason for them not to carry price-competitive U.S. beef.

The U.S. Meat Export Federation (USMEF) is providing promotional support to all the chains and believes initial sales at these three major retailers will prompt sales at other retail outlets. As of late fall, E-Mart, Home Plus and Lotte Mart had 119, 113 and 63 stores, respectively.

"USMEF has been actively urging all of the big chains to resume U.S. beef sales since mid-summer", said USMEF President and CEO Philip Seng. "We are very pleased that E-Mart, Home Plus and Lotte Mart have made the decision to re-enter the market with U.S. beef.

Seng noted that although U.S. beef export numbers have been strong since shipments commenced in late July, sales in Korea have been limited to small outlets due to reluctance by major retailers and foodservice operations to sell U.S. beef because

of lingering consumer anxiety and weak economic conditions. USMEF has been actively promoting U.S. beef sales with Korean butcher shops and neighborhood restaurants since early September, but participation by large retailers is critical to jump-starting larger volume sales across all market sectors. The timing of this week's large retailer re-launch is expected to lead other retail and restaurant chains to feature U.S. beef before the lunar New Year peak consumption period in late January. USMEF estimates that 40,000 metric tons (88.2 million pounds) of U.S. beef is currently stockpiled in Korea. This is! 60;equivalent to approximately two months of supply at the consumption rates that prevailed prior to the market closing to U.S. beef in December 2003.

USMEF emphasizes that this announcement by the major retailers, though extremely positive, still leaves many challenges in the marketplace.

"Although the decision by these stores to re-stock U.S. beef is very encouraging, we will be watching the consumer response very closely," said Seoul-based USMEF Director Jihae Yang. "The current economic crunch, together with the fact that the Korean won has depreciated almost 50 percent since the market reopened this past summer, will make price will be the key factor in terms of how U.S. beef is received."

Once the third-largest market for U.S. beef, Korea imported about \$816 million in beef and beef variety meats in 2003 - the last year the market was fully open. At the time, this represented about 21 percent of the worldwide value of all U.S. beef exports.  
*Released by U.S. Meat Export Federation on 11/25/08.*

## **2008 Missouri Cattle Industry Convention & Trade Show**

**December 12 & 13**

University Plaza Hotel/Springfield Expo Center - Springfield, MO  
**"Succeeding During Challenging Times"**

**National Cattlemen's Beef Association President, Andy Groseta**

will be at Convention both Friday and Saturday!!!

**REGISTER TODAY!!!**

**Register by November 28th and automatically be entered to win a 1-year membership to Missouri Cattlemen's Association. The membership will be good for 2009.**

***ATTENTION COUNTY AFFILIATES: Be sure to complete the new and improved Awards for Excellence Application. The application is due December 1st.***

If your county has not received the application please contact the MCA Office.

**The winner of the Award for Excellence will receive the choice of Portable Scales (Donated by MFA Inc. and True Test) or MCA Engraved Lever Action Rifle.**

**Be sure to save your Ralgro Wheels & Magnum Strips**

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For every 10 used Ralgro wheels, and every 5 used Magnum Strips, Schering-Plough will donate 1 full Ralgro wheel to be auctioned off during the Foundation Auction on the evening of December 12th at the Missouri Cattle Industry Convention.

Please encourage your veterinarian, neighbors, and friends to save Ralgro wheels and Magnum strips and bring them to the MCA Office or to the Convention prior to noon on Friday, December 12.

**For more registration or convention information please contact Lesley at the MCA Office (573) 499-9162 or by email at [lesley@mocattle.com](mailto:lesley@mocattle.com).**

### **Beef Idol Competition**

During the 2008 Missouri Cattle Industry Convention and Trade Show in Springfield, Missouri, the Missouri CattleWomen will host their 2nd Annual Beef Idol Competition.

The competition is open to all ages and types of performances. Although each contestant does not have to be a MCA member they must be sponsored by a county affiliate of the Missouri Cattlemen's Association.

The grand prize for the competition will be 50% of the entry fees. 2nd place will receive 25% and 3rd will receive 15%.

For more information on Missouri CattleWomen's Beef Idol Competition please call (573) 499-9162.

### **Upcoming Cattlemen's Events & Meetings**

**Polk County Board Meeting-** December 1, 7:00 p.m.  
Smith's Restaurant, Bolivar

**Southwest Cattlemen-** December 2, 7:00 p.m.  
Round Grove Baptist Church, Miller

**Boone County-** December 2, 6:30 p.m.  
MCA Building, Columbia

**Polk County Christmas Party-** December 4, 7:00 p.m.  
Smith's Restaurant, Bolivar

**Missouri Livestock Symposium-** December 5 & 6  
Kirksville, MO  
For details visit: [www.missourilivestock.com](http://www.missourilivestock.com)

**Greene County-** December 11, 7:00 p.m.  
Golden Corral, Springfield

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