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## Last Chance for MCF License Plates!!!

**Foundation License Plates are available through July 1. Time is running out, so don't miss this deadline!**

In order to send in applications on this date, we must have 200 applications. Right now, we have 80. Without 120 more, we cannot order any at all. **This really is the last chance to order.** The money made from these license plates will go to youth scholarships.

For more details contact MCF office at (573) 499-9162.

## NCBA supports amendments to protect producers from federal over-regulation

*Released in NCBA's Cattlemen's Capitol Concerns 6/26/09*

The FY10 Interior-Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) spending bill passed by the House Appropriations Committees last week includes two key amendments supported by the National Cattlemen's Beef Association (NCBA) to protect America's farmers and ranchers from unnecessary and burdensome federal regulation.

An amendment by Rep. Latham (R-IA) would prohibit the EPA from requiring cattle operations to report greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions from manure management systems. An amendment by Rep. Tiahrt (KS-R) would prohibit EPA from regulating GHG emissions that result from livestock production under the Clean Air Act (CAA); in other words, it would ensure cattle operations are not subject to a "cow tax."

The Senate version of the bill--as passed by the Senate Appropriations Committee earlier today--includes an amendment by Senator Brownback (R-KS) that, like the Tiahrt amendment, would prohibit EPA from regulating GHG emissions from livestock under the CAA. Unfortunately, the Committee failed to pass another Brownback amendment, similar to the Latham amendment, that would have exempted cattle operations from reporting GHG emissions

## Meetings

### Benton County

June 29, 7:30 p.m.

Trinity Church Basement

Cole Camp, Mo.

### Texas County

July 7, 6 p.m.

Golden Hills Trail Ride/Resort

Raymondville, Mo.

### NCBA Summer Meeting

July 14-18

Denver, Colo.

### Missouri State Fair: Missouri Beef House

August 13-23

Missouri Beef House

Sedalia, Mo.

### MCF Charity Weekend

Sept. 25-27

Golden Hills Trail Ride/Resort

Raymondville, Mo.

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under an EPA registry.

Agriculture is a minor source of GHGs overall and should be considered a solution--rather than a contributor--to the climate change problem, by providing important sources of soil carbon sequestration and renewable energy sources and offsets.

## Time to fire up for the Beef House!

The State Fair (August 13-23) will be here before we know it. MCA is contacting county leaders to schedule each county's work shifts during those 10 days. MCA can use as many volunteer as a county can offer, so **please contact your county leader to sign up for your county's shift at the Beef House.**

## Dead Animal Disposal Issues

Please contact your MCA staff with any dead animal disposal issues you may be having as a result of the FDA's Enhanced Feedband Rule. MCA will take your information and pass it on to NCBA.

Call at (573)499-9162

Or email at [cattleinfo@mocattle.com](mailto:cattleinfo@mocattle.com)



## Members to receive discount with Mellor Trailers

Mellor Trailers in Booneville, Mo. is offering a discount to all Missouri Cattlemen's Association members (with proof of membership). Membership forms are available at the time of sale.

### Discounts include:

**10% discount** off parts and accessories

**\$100.00 off** trailer purchases **upto \$5000.00**

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**\$300.00 off** trailer purchases **from \$10,000.00 to \$15,000.00**

**\$400.00 off** trailer purchases **from \$15,000.00 to \$20,000.00**  
**\$500.00 off** trailer purchases **from \$20,000.00 and up**

Discounts may not apply to certain items already discounted or on promotions. Please call for details.

**PLUS!** The free use of a trailer for one year will be given at the Missouri Cattle Industry Convention and Trade show. This will serve as a reward for an MCA member's hard work throughout the year, including membership, Beef House and convention activities. More information on this giveaway will be available soon!

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**For more information, contact MCA at (573)499-9162 or at [cattleinfo@mocattle.com](mailto:cattleinfo@mocattle.com).**

## Register for Beef Check-Off Elections

**Be sure to register for the Beef Check-Off Elections before July 20, 2009.** This can be done at your county Farm Service Agency office.

This election determines the Missouri Beef Industry Council Board of Directors. This board allocates Missouri's check-off funds. This will be your chance to elect board members who represent your voice in the allocation of those funds.

## Cattle on Feed Report - June 2009

*Released by CattleNetwork 6/20/09*

<b>U.S. May Cattle on Feed</b>	10,822,000	Change
(+) Placements	1,638,000	38,000
(-) Marketings	1,952,000	81,000
(-) Other Disappearance	101,000	32,000
<b>(=) June Cattle on Feed</b>	10,407,000	-415,000
<b>U.S. Total Capacity</b>	16,700,000	
<b>Feedlot Occupancy</b>	62.32%	

**New: Did you know?**

**HSUS raises enough money to finance animal shelters in every single state, with money to spare, yet it doesn't operate a single one anywhere.**

Source: [ActivistCash.com](http://ActivistCash.com) on [HSUS](http://HSUS)

## Placements sharply lower

*Released by BEEFMagazine.com 6/23/09*

Cattle placed on feed in May were 13.8% lower than a year earlier - the lowest level in 13 years, according to Friday's monthly Cattle on Feed Report (COF). That was a full 1.5% lower than pre-report estimates.

"Even with slightly higher placements in recent months (just over 4% higher than in 2008 for both March and April), this probably signals some giving in to market conditions on the part of cattle feeders," said analysts with CME's Daily Livestock Report yesterday.

"Continued disappointments in the fed cattle market and continuing higher feed costs had to eventually impact decisions. That time certainly appears to have arrived."

The bullish COF and after-hours trading Friday that saw Southern Plains feedlots able to maintain steady money at \$82 has folks hoping to at least stabilize anemic calf and feeder markets.

According to analysts with the Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS), yearlings brought steady money to \$2 more last week; of course, the previous week they were \$1-\$3 lower. Calves and feeders held steady, but they were \$2-\$5 lower the previous week.

"...the slumping fed cattle market and persistent feed prices have offered little support to feeder cattle," say the AMS folks. "Just as yearling prices hinge on availability in the summer, grain markets seem to overreact to every change of weather pattern between the Rocky Mountains and the Ohio River Valley. The Corn Belt has been so wet this year that many areas may not see knee-high corn by the 4th of July, but heat is on the way and fields are expected to rebound."

In his weekly market commentary last week, Derrell Peel, Oklahoma State University livestock marketing specialist, noted, "The jury is in with the verdict for beef demand after Memorial Day. Choice boxed-beef prices have dropped to \$140/cwt., roughly the same level as mid-April. Boxed-beef prices peaked at over \$152/cwt. around May 1 but the market has not been able to sustain prices since the holiday weekend. Retail markets and exports both confirm weakness in consumer spending on beef in the face of any amount of supply pressure."

Between demand and supply realities the guessing game continues.

"Contracting of fall delivery feeder cattle has been very slow with buyers and sellers having differences of opinion on what to expect," say AMS analysts. "Markets would no doubt be higher if cattle feeders could take a rare trip into the black before contracts are written. Time is running out with Superior Video's Week in the Rockies set for the second week in July, with five full days of late summer and fall cattle up for sale."



## Checking in on the Checkoff



The Missouri Beef Council has partnered with Inside Columbia magazine and several Mid Missouri restaurants to showcase beef as the perfect partner with wine. The attendees fit the exact demographics of "Food and Health Involved"- the audience we know can make a difference to increase beef demand!

## JBS Swift recalls beef distributed to 13 states

*Released by NCBA 6/25/09*

The U.S. Department of Agriculture Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS) announced Wednesday that Colorado-based JBS Swift Beef Company is recalling approximately 41,280 pounds of beef products that may be contaminated with E. coli O157:H7. According to FSIS, the beef products subject to recall were produced on April 21 and 22, and were shipped to distributors and retail establishments in 13 states: Arizona, California, Colorado, Florida, Illinois, Michigan, Minnesota, Nebraska, Oregon, South Carolina, Tennessee, Utah and Wisconsin. This is the largest number of states involved in an E. coli-related beef recall yet this summer.

Media are reporting general facts about the recall. The Associated Press reported the recall is voluntary and no illnesses have been reported, citing JBS Swift spokesman Chandler Keys. The Greeley Tribune (Colorado) also cited Keys as saying all retail customers that may have been affected were notified - about 20 customers. Several media outlets, including the Denver Post and the Oregonian, pointed out that the recall involves beef sirloin products. Other national outlets reporting on the recall include Reuters, WebMD and MSNBC "News Live." Affiliate news stations in affected markets also have run brief stories about the recall.

Since the recall involves subprimal products, it is possible that the ongoing FSIS investigation may lead to the recall of additional products. As a reminder, E. coli communication materials, including messages and a template media statement, are available on the State Extranet resource. We encourage you to use these materials only in response to media inquiries. We are monitoring the recall and will keep you updated if any critical developments occur.

*Funded by The Beef Checkoff*

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## EPA should reevaluate science behind proposed Climate Change Endangered Finding

*Released in NCBA's Cattlemen's Capitol Concerns 6/26/09*

The National Cattlemen's Beef Association (NCBA) and an informal coalition of companies and trade associations representing U.S. energy and mining sectors submitted comments to the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) earlier this week regarding a recent EPA proposal to find that human-caused greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions are an endangerment to public health and welfare. The proposed finding, released by EPA in April, is the first step in a process that could require GHG regulation under the Clean Air Act (CAA)-a move that would be devastating to the agriculture sector, and the U.S. economy as a whole.

"With so much scientific uncertainty surrounding the question of whether human activity is responsible for climate change, it is inappropriate for the EPA to only consider one side of the debate-especially considering the devastating consequences that their actions could have on an already struggling U.S. economy," says Tamara Thies, NCBA chief environmental counsel. "Additionally, the Clean Air Act is ill-equipped to regulate greenhouse gases. Should EPA move forward, we could find ourselves in a mire of bureaucracy and red tape."

The EPA has said that manure management facilities associated with livestock production account for less than 1% of total U.S. GHG emissions. Regulation of these emissions would be inconsequential to the climate change equation. Rather than being unnecessarily regulated, agriculture should be considered an important solution to climate change.

The comments submitted to the EPA are based upon a number of extensive climate studies conducted by leading environmental scientists from across the world. The following is an excerpt:

"...We submit that there is neither a sound nor adequate basis to make a Finding of Endangerment to public health or welfare from anthropogenic greenhouse gases under Section 202(a) of the Clean Air Act. EPA's Proposed Finding fails to acknowledge the profound uncertainty that pervades the

current state of scientific knowledge related to human-caused climate change. Instead, the Administrator has touted a supposed 'scientific consensus' while unduly relying on speculative and uncertain data and models, resulting in a Proposed Finding that is nothing more than a tissue of assumptions, presumptions, and unsubstantiated science. Nor has EPA weighed or considered the powerful and substantive scientific evidence from many of the world's scientists calling into question whether climate change is within the range of natural variation or otherwise challenging many of the assumptions on which EPA's proposed finding is based. The Administrator has failed to conduct a balanced, scientifically-based evaluation of the net effects on public health and welfare - positive as well as negative - from warming temperatures. Moreover, regulation of greenhouse gases under the CAA will have severe economic consequences through a regulatory cascade, with no or de minimus net environmental benefit."

The groups are urging EPA to postpone regulation until climate science can address the profound uncertainty that currently exists in climate data and modeling.

"Before mandating drastic regulation on U.S. industry, EPA has a responsibility to conclusively demonstrate that altering human activities could mitigate climate change issues," Thies says.

For more information, visit:

<http://www.beefusa.org/NEWSRegulationofGreenhouseGasEmissionsUnderCleanAirActCouldbeDevastatingforUSAgriculture38311.aspx>

## **Time is running out!**

Are you 70 1/2 or older? Do you know someone who is 70 1/2 or older?  
Do you or they own an IRA or other tax qualified asset?  
Time is running out!

You only have until December 31, 2009 to make the most tax efficient donation to the Missouri Cattlemen Foundation that the IRS has probably ever allowed.

You will probably never have this chance again to help to children of Missouri with the help of the IRS. Yes, the IRS will help you contribute to the foundation.

Call your tax preparer and call our partners at APEX Financial LLC to find out if you qualify for this exciting opportunity. Call 800-843-9429 or 573-876-6011 and tell them you want to talk about a Missouri Cattlemen Foundation Contribution.

Remember time is running out! You have until December 31 to take advantage of this opportunity.

As always, MCA Membership is the key to the success of the organization. Without producers who back our association our voice is not as strong. Ask your friend, neighbor and fellow cattlemen to join the thousands of cattlemen in supporting the Missouri Cattlemen's Association.

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