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Ohio voters strongly support industry-backed Livestock Care Standards Board

Released by Livestock Marketing Association 11/4/09

Ohio voters Tuesday overwhelmingly passed Issue 2, a constitutional amendment setting up a 13-member Livestock Care Standards Board. With some 90 percent of the votes counted, unofficial results early this morning showed about 64 percent of voters "agree with Ohio's farm community and our diverse base of supporters - decisions about food and farming should be made in Ohio, by Ohioans," said John Lumpe, president of Ohioans for Livestock Care.

The Standards Board will develop and oversee guidelines, enforced by the state Department of Agriculture, for the care of livestock and poultry. The Board will include three family farmers, two veterinarians, a food safety expert, a representative of a local humane society, two members from state farm organizations, the dean of an Ohio agriculture college and two members representing Ohio consumers.

The development of the amendment was a successful, pro-active move by state farm and livestock organizations to prevent activist groups, like the Humane Society of the U.S.(HSUS), from dictating livestock and poultry housing and care standards. Earlier this year, HSUS called on Ohio farm groups to "compromise" on potential animal welfare legislation. Seeing how "compromises" in other states gave HSUS essentially everything they want, the groups decided to put the issue to the voters in the form of an amendment to the state constitution. Issue 2 attracted the support of the Governor and numerous farm groups.

At the time Issue 2 was announced, Tim White, editor of Ohio Farmer, wrote that getting it on the ballot "served notice (to HSUS) that Ohio agriculture is not willing to compromise on an issue" that HSUS hopes "will eventually drive consumers to a vegetarian diet and dismantle American agribusiness."

In a statement issued late Tuesday night, HSUS President Wayne Pacelle indicated the battle in Ohio isn't over. He said Issue 2 was "cooked up" by agribusiness groups to try and "block real reform." He added that HSUS still plans to "get on with...real reform, a measure to phase out" confinement housing for sows, veal calves and egg-laying hens.

Upcoming Events & Meetings

Benton County

Nov. 7, 4 p.m.

Lutheran School Gym

Cole Camp, Mo.

Stockmanship and Stewardship Tour

Nov. 9, 6 p.m.

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St. Joseph, Mo.

Moniteau County

Nov. 10, 6:30 p.m.

Moniteau County Fairgrounds

Bates County

Nov. 10, 7 p.m.

Midwest Lumber and Supply

Butler, Mo.

MCA Executive Meeting

Nov. 12, 10 a.m.

Cattle Industry Headquarters

Columbia, Mo.

Warren County

Nov. 12, 6 p.m.

Infield Bar & Grill

Marthasville, Mo.

Polk County

Nov. 12, 7 p.m.

Smith's Restaurant

2009 Convention Info

42nd Missouri Cattle Industry Convention and Trade Show

Dec. 11 & 12

University Plaza Hotel/Springfield Expo Center - Springfield, Mo.

For a schedule of events, visit www.mocattle.com.

See below for information on the Mellor Trailer partnership information.

We are now accepting recommendations for award recipients-

- Cattlemen of the Year
- Pioneer Award
- Beef Industry Award.
- Candidates for officers and Regional VP's for 1,3,5, and 7.
 - Regional VP's for 1 (Steve Kreuger), 5 (Gary Copenhaver) and 7 (Ben Fizette) are eligible for re-election to finish out their two year terms.
- 2nd Vice President

All nominees should be turned into the office by Nov. 17.

FINAL CALL: Any resolutions need to be submitted to the office **prior to Nov. 20th.**

Foundation/PAC Bull Auction

- The first-ever Foundation/PAC Bull Auction will be at 3 p.m. Saturday.
- Donors have given a live animal, buyer's choice or credit in their respective production sales.
- Proceeds of this auction will benefit Missouri's Cattlemen Foundation, MCA's Political Action Committee, and Missouri's Junior Cattlemen.

We are now accepting donations for the MCF live auction on Friday evening and the PAC silent auction during the trade show on Saturday.

2009 Awards for Excellence Program

Grand Prize: Portable Scales

Donated by MFA Inc. and Tru-Test.

The grand prize will be awarded to 2009's most outstanding county organization from the Missouri Cattlemen's Association during the Missouri Cattlemen's Association Annual Convention & Trade Show in Springfield on December 12th.

Contact the MCA office for more details at (573)499-9162.

Attention 2009 Top Hand Recruiters!

MFA is giving away a Mira Fount Waterer to one top hand recruiter! The drawing will take place during Convention and the prize will be awarded during the Awards Banquet on Saturday night.

Missouri Cattlemen's Association would like to thank MFA Inc. and Tru-Test, two long-time supporters of MCA. Your continued support is greatly appreciated.

Pettis County
Nov. 14, 6 p.m.

Vernon County

Nov. 19, 7 p.m.

Vernon County Fairgrounds

**MCA Convention and
Trade Show**

Dec. 11 & 12

**University Plaza
Hotel/Springfield Expo
Center
Springfield, Mo.**

**Young Cattlemen's
Conference**

Feb. 23 & 24

**MCA Headquarters
Columbia, Mo.**

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Thank you MFA & Tru-Test!

County affiliates may go online to print off Awards for Excellence forms. These forms are due by Dec. 1.

Pre-Registration Brochures are also available online. These forms are due by Nov. 17.

Remember that members must be pre-registered to be eligible to win the one-year use of an Elite Trailer from Mellor Trailers in Boonville. See below for more information.



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! In conjunction with Elite Trailers and Mellor Trailers, MCA is rewarding one member with the free use of an Elite trailer (as shown above) for one year, which will be given at the Missouri Cattle Industry Convention and Trade show. To be eligible for this reward, an MCA member must pre-register for the MCA Convention and Trade Show. Furthermore, the member must be present at the convention awards banquet to win.

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For more information, contact MCA at (573)499-9162 or at cattleinfo@mocattle.com.

NCBA continues to call for death tax reform

Released by NCBA 10/27/09

The National Cattlemen's Beef Association (NCBA) is continuing to urge Congress to pass legislation providing additional relief and permanency in the tax code for America's farmers, ranchers and other small business owners. As part of these ongoing efforts, NCBA is supporting H.R. 3905, the Estate Tax Relief Act of 2009, introduced last week by Congresswoman Shelley Berkley (D-Nev.), along with Representatives Kevin Brady (D-Texas), Devin Nunes (R-Calif), and Artur Davis (D-Ala.). Over a 10-year period, H.R. 3906 would increase the estate tax ("death tax") exemption to \$5 million while decreasing the rate to a level of 35%.

Currently, the death tax is set at 45% for estates worth more than \$3.5 million (or \$7 million for a couple). The President's budget proposed freezing the estate tax at this level so it could be dealt with at a later date. If Congress does nothing, in 2011, it would revert to pre-2001 tax levels, and estates worth more than \$1 million would be taxed at a 55% rate.

"This bipartisan bill is a step in the right direction towards a permanent solution that will allow farmers and ranchers to better plan for the future of their operations," said Jill Davidsaver, manager, legislative affairs. "If Congress doesn't act soon, it will be too late. Allowing the estate tax to revert to pre-2001 levels will be a death warrant for small-to-medium sized family businesses."

H.R. 3905 would raise the estate-tax exemption through a phased approach, starting at \$3.5 million in 2009, and increasing by \$150,000 each year until 2019 when the exemption would permanently level off at \$5 million. The phase-out of the tax would work the same way: decreasing from 45% to 35% by 1% increments from 2009 to 2019. The bill is indexed for inflation after 2019.

The death tax is considered one of the leading causes of the breakup of multi-generation family farms and ranches. According to the U.S. Department of Agriculture's (USDA) Economic Research Service (ERS), farm estates are 5-20 times more likely to incur estate taxes than other estates. In fact, according to ERS estimates, one in ten farm estates (farms with sales of \$250,000 or more annually) are likely to owe estate taxes in 2009. Most of the time, these assets have already faced taxes two or three times over the course of a lifetime.

"We recognize full repeal is not an option, but a simple one-year extension is unacceptable for our members," said Davidsaver. "NCBA is continuing to fight for meaningful and long-term relief for producers so they can keep their operations intact and hand them down to future generations."

NCBA continues to support H.R. 3524, the Family Farm and Conservation Preservation Act, sponsored by Congressmen Thompson (D-CA) and Salazar (D-CO), as well as additional estate tax relief for agriculture operations in tax extender legislation. NCBA also supported an amendment by Senators Lincoln (D-Ark.) and Kyl (R-Ariz.)-which passed earlier this year as part of the Senate budget resolution-to raise the death tax exemption to \$5 million per individual and \$10 million per couple, indexed for inflation. While the amendment wasn't included in the final bill passed in conference, its passage

in the Senate demonstrated strong bipartisan support for death tax reform. For more information: <http://www.beefusa.org/uDocs/deathtaxleavebehind.pdf>

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Kerry/Boxer Climate Change Bill clears committee

Released in NCBA's Cattlemen's Capitol Concerns 11/05/09

Earlier today, the Environment and Public Works Committee reported without amendment S. 1733, the Clean Energy Jobs and American Power Act (Kerry/Boxer Climate Change Bill) by a vote of 10-1. No Republicans were present at the vote. The National Cattlemen's Beef Association (NCBA) is extremely concerned about the stifling economic impacts this legislation would have on agriculture. The Kerry/Boxer bill, as reported, would raise costs of fuel, electricity, feed, fertilizer, equipment, and other inputs necessary to maintain a cattle operation—severely impeding our ability to produce high-quality, affordable food for our growing population.

Senator Max Baucus (D-Mont.) was the lone Democrat to vote against the bill. NCBA sent a letter to Senator Baucus in appreciation for his vote, as well as his intention to offer amendments to the bill during markup that would have helped protect agriculture from regulation. Unfortunately, he was not able to offer them since no votes were allowed on amendments.

"Cattle producers will continue to work every day to protect and improve the environment so that we and future generations will be able to continue to live off the land and feed our nation and the rest of the world," sated Voogt in a letter to Senator Baucus. "We thank you for your recognition of our beneficial impact, and we look forward to working with you and the rest of the Senate to protect agriculture and show that we are part of the solution and not part of the problem."

Separately, NCBA wrote a letter of thanks and support to Senator Debbie Stabenow (D-Mich.) for her efforts in developing an agricultural offsets and allowances package that may be considered in the Agriculture Committee.

"NCBA supports your package as it will go far towards making offset participation a reality for many agriculture producers, as well as providing other benefits and protection," stated NCBA President Gary Voogt in a letter to Senator Stabenow. "Nevertheless, despite these improvements, we continue to have significant concerns with the overall climate change legislation."

Save your Ralgro Wheels

Wheels for Bucks: Turn those empty wheels into cash!

For every 10 empty wheels (or every 5 empty Magnum Strips) received, Schering Plough will donate a full wheel of Ralgro! These full wheels will be auctioned off Friday evening, Dec. 12 during the Cattlemen's Foundation Fund-Raising Auction.

The proceeds will be split equally between the MCF Scholarship Fund to assist young people achieve a higher education and leadership and youth development activities supported by the Missouri Cattlemen's Association.

So get with your neighbors and start saving those wheels NOW!!!
Get them to the Cattle Industry Headquarters or bring them with you to the Convention! Just don't forget to turn them in!

Stockmanship and Stewardship Program at Soaring Hope Equestrian Center

Released by Colin Foster of Soaring Hope Equestrian Center

On November 9th, at 6:00PM two great programs are working together for an evening of education and the lending of a helping hand. The NCBA's Stockmanship and Stewardship program is coming to the Soaring Hope Equestrian Center in St. Joseph, MO.

A fun-filled evening with educational demonstrations, a dinner for all in attendance, door prizes, and an auction to help support the Soaring Hope Equestrian Center is planned. The Stockmanship and Stewardship program will feature Curt Pate and Ron Gill using live cattle demonstrations to teach effective stockmanship skills and provide the latest information regarding livestock handling and performance. For more information see the attached flyer or visit www.effectivelivestockmanship.com.

Soaring Hope Equestrian Center is a faith based not-for-profit organization that uses horses to help physically, emotionally, and mental challenged children and to assist with their rehabilitation. All the cost of funding this program comes from private and corporate donations.

As a leader in the agriculture industry, we are asking for a donation from you for the auction benefiting Soaring Hope Equestrian Center to be held in conjunction with the evening's events. We also need small items that will help promote your business for door prizes. All of these items go to help us continue the work we have started with these special kids. All of your donations are tax deductible and are going to help share the way of life we enjoy in the agriculture industry. Please visit www.soaringhope.net for more

details on this great charity and therapeutic rehabilitation program.

To donate, please contact Colin Foster at 816-253-9164 or email at cfooster@ytex.com or Jeff Anslinger at 816-244-7340 or email at jacross@centurytel.net. Donations may be sent to Soaring Hope Equestrian Center, 9380 SE Hillyard Road, Easton, MO 64443.

We welcome your attendance at the event. Directions: Take Highway 169 South (toward Gower) from I-29 exit 44 approximately 5 miles. Turn north (left) on SE Hillyard Road just after you cross the Platte River bridge; go approximately ¼ mile to the first driveway on the right which is Soaring Hope. Signs will be in place to assist you.

Thank you for your support and we look forward to hearing from you.

Colin Foster



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FSIS hold U.S. beef exports until Taiwan clarifies new protocol

Released by the MeatingPlace.com 11/5/09

USDA's Food Safety and Inspection Service said Thursday it will not certify U.S. beef for shipment to Taiwan until that country clarifies what products it will accept under a new protocol that took effect Nov. 2.

In an update to its export requirements, FSIS said it would certify boneless beef derived from cattle slaughtered on or before Nov. 1; under the old protocol, Taiwan accepted only boneless beef from cattle younger than 30 months of age. However, FSIS said it will not certify the same product from cattle slaughtered on or after Nov. 2.

"More information about the eligibility of beef will be provided as it becomes available," the FSIS notice said. USDA and U.S. Trade Representative officials could not be reached for comment.

The new protocol both sides agreed to late last month provided an initial, 180-day transitional phase in which Taiwan would accept, in addition to boneless beef, bone-in and beef variety meats from cattle younger than 30 months of age. Then, the countries were to discuss the possibility of full market access in Taiwan.

Confusion

But in officially implementing the new protocol, Taiwan issued import regulations that caused some confusion as to what types of U.S. beef products it would actually accept.

"It's a situation where we want some questions answered before [FSIS certifies] any product and then have exporters taking a chance on whether product gains entry into Taiwan or not," U.S. Meat Export Federation spokesman Joe Schuele told Meatingplace. "We're working on the situation. I just can't say with any certainty when it will be resolved."

Schuele said USMEF has heard of no cases in which a U.S. beef exporter had sent product other than boneless beef to Taiwan.

"Product that's in the pipeline, as long as it was slaughtered prior to Nov. 2, qualifies under the old protocol and should not run into any problems," he said.

Central Missouri Feed and Supply offers members discount

Central Missouri Feed and Supply is partnering with Missouri Cattlemen's Association to offer a 5 percent discount to all MCA members when they purchase electronic fence supplies. Plus, every time that 5 percent discount is used, another 5 percent goes to MCA.

For more information, contact Brian Lease, owner of Central Missouri Feed and Supply.

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Columbia FFA members participate in 2009 FFA Livestock Career Development Event

Released by the National FFA Organization 11/4/09

Members of the Columbia FFA Chapter were one of 42 teams participating in the 2009 National FFA Livestock Career Development Event (CDE). The competition was held Oct.21-24, during the 82nd National FFA Convention.

Team members pictured are:

Brianne Abramovitz, Zac Kerley, Cooper Martin, Andrew Perry along with their FFA Advisor, Chuck Miller.

Participants in the event were asked to demonstrate their ability to grade market class steers and hogs according to U.S. market grading standards. Competitors evaluated classes of breeding and market beef, sheep and swine. They gave oral reasons for the selections they made.

The National FFA Livestock Evaluation CDE is sponsored by Bayer Animal Health and Boehringer Ingelheim Vetmedica and Merial and National FFA Foundation. It is one of 23 different national events that use the fun of competition to connect classroom learning and careers.

The National FFA Organization, formerly known as the Future Farmers of America, is a national youth organization of 506,199 student members - all preparing for leadership and careers in the science, business and technology of agriculture - as part of 7,429 local FFA chapters in all 50 states, Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands. The National FFA Organization changed to its present name in 1988, in recognition of the growth and diversity of agriculture and agricultural education. The FFA mission is to make a positive difference in the lives of students by developing their potential for premier leadership, personal growth and career success through agricultural education. The National FFA Organization operates under a Federal Charter granted by the 81st Congress of the United States, and is an integral part of public instruction in agriculture. The U.S. Department of Education provides leadership and helps set direction for FFA as a service to state and local agricultural education programs. Visit www.ffa.org for more information.

Click here for team photo: www.ffa.org/images/2009CDE/1825.jpg

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.

For more industry news visit:

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[Missouri Beef Industry Council Website](#)

[National Cattlemen's Beef Association Website](#)

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