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ODAFF to Hold Public Hearing on June 14 to Consider State Beef Checkoff Proposal

OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLA., May 31, 2017 – The Oklahoma Department of Agriculture, Food and Forestry (ODAFF) has scheduled a public hearing on Wednesday, June 14 to consider the petition delivered to the Agency by the Oklahoma Cattlemen's Association. The petition is asking for the right to hold a referendum to establish a beef checkoff at the state level. The state beef checkoff will be in addition to the current federally mandated beef checkoff dollar that has been collected since the late 1980s.

According to the notice released by the ODAFF:

"The Oklahoma Cattlemen's Association filed a petition with the Commissioner of Agriculture on May 15, 2017 for approval to conduct a state assessment referendum pursuant to the Oklahoma Commodity Research Enhancement Act, 2 O.S. §§ 5-63.1 et seq.

"A public hearing is scheduled for June 14, 2017, 2:00 PM, at the Oklahoma Department of Agriculture, Food, and Forestry Boardroom for the purpose of receiving testimony on the petition. If, on the basis of testimony, the Commissioner determines that the petitioning nonprofit commodity organization is representative of the producers of cattle in Oklahoma and that the petition conforms to the purposes and provisions of the Oklahoma Commodity Research Enhancement Act, the Commissioner shall designate the nonprofit commodity organization as representative of the producers of the commodity and authorized to conduct the state assessment referendum."

The OCA represents more than 5,500 Oklahoma ranching families and is the trusted voice of the Oklahoma Cattle Industry. The OCA officers, board of directors and membership encourages you to join us in our advocacy efforts to ensure less government intervention, lower taxes and a better bottom line. For more information about OCA membership, the theft reward program or activities call 405-235-4391 or visit www.okcattlemen.org.

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