

# EXPIRING RESOLUTIONS

The Oklahoma Cattlemen's Association is guided and directed by the policies which are developed and approved by our members. To keep our policies up to date, our committees and membership review and take action on policies that are three-years-old. Below you can find a full list of the expiring policies of the OCA. OCA will review these policies at the annual meeting on January 21, 2026.

## Resolution: EXEC 23.01

### IN MEMORIAM

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the OCA pledges to support the principles which these men and women who have gone before us have firmly instilled in our Association and we express sorrow in our loss.

## Resolution: EXEC 23.02

### NATIONAL CATTLEMEN'S BEEF ASSOCIATION AFFILIATION

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the OCA continues its exclusive affiliation with NCBA, and BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the OCA officers and staff are encouraged to work closely with NCBA officers and staff, and BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the OCA stands firmly behind the directors and activities of the OCA and NCBA, and BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the OCA staff may enter into a membership marketing agreement with NCBA to streamline the membership application process, encourage membership in OCA and NCBA and strengthen the ability of OCA and NCBA to carry out the objectives as set by the members.

## Resolution: EXEC 23.03

### 2025 OFFICE ACTIONS

BE IT RESOLVED, the OCA approves all actions taken by the staff, executive committee and board of directors during the past twelve months.

## Resolution: BP 23.01.01

### BOVINE SPONGIFORM ENCEPHALOPATHY (BSE) TESTING PROTOCOL

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, OCA work with the NCBA and the USDA to maintain a science based testing

protocol for BSE to be utilized for any and all future tests conducted for this disease.

## Resolution: BP 23.01.02

### FOREIGN ANIMAL DISEASES

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the OCA supports efforts to increase the state's regulatory ability to gather information and work trace backs to detect, control and eradicate any sus-

pect foreign animal diseases.

## Resolution: BP 23.01.03

### EDUCATION AND JUDICIOUS USE OF ANTIMICROBIALS

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the OCA supports the education of producers and veterinarians regarding the judicious use of antimicrobials.

 

## OCA POLICY PROPOSAL FORM

*This form is designed as an aid for OCA members to submit policy proposals at the 2026 OCA Winter Policy Meeting. OCA Members must be in attendance at the meeting to present the policy proposal to the appropriate committee for consideration. For more information please contact Michael Kelsey at 405-235-4391.*

Topic: (Example - water, animal health, etc.)

Submitted by: \_\_\_\_\_  
Contact Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Proposed Language:  
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\* WHEREAS statements are not required but help provide context for the main RESOLVED language.

Example: WHEREAS, the OCA recognizes the importance of the Oklahoma Animal Disease Diagnostic Lab (OADDL) to the Oklahoma cattle industry, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the OCA encourages the legislature to adequately fund the OADDL.

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**Resolution: BP 23.01.04****INDEMNITY**

BE IT RESOLVED, that the OCA work in concert with NCBA to urge USDA and Congress to provide full and timely funding for purposes of indemnification for tuberculosis, foot and mouth disease and other emergency diseases.

**Resolution: BP 23.01.05****FOOT AND MOUTH DISEASE CONTROL**

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the OCA places a high priority on the development and storage of improved and validated FMD vaccines, including funding for production and storage of the vaccines.

**Resolution: BP 23.01.06****CHRONIC WASTING DISEASE ERADICATION AND TUBERCULOSIS**

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the OCA strongly supports USDA-ARS and University research on CWD and TB, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the OCA requests expanded efforts to stop the spread of CWD and TB in cervidae by depopulation of free roaming and farmed cervidae in areas with involved and threatened herds, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the OCA supports and encourages the control of transport of live deer and elk or carcasses from areas having CWD and TB, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the OCA supports uniform and effective monitoring of interstate and intrastate movement of wild and farmed cervidae, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the OCA recommends intensive monitoring of all captive and wild cervidae herds in CWD and TB endemic areas as well as the monitoring of wild cervidae in areas adjacent to facilities of captive cervidae, which have had a diagnosis of CWD or TB, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the OCA, in cooperation with NCBA, requests USDA-ARS develop and maintain a current fact sheet on scientific facts about CWD and TB and that this information be widely disseminated to affected parties, i.e., all state veterinarians, USAHA, OCA, state cattle producer associations, state wildlife agencies and the Department of the Interior.

**Resolution: BP 23.01.07****RISK/BENEFIT ANALYSIS**

BE IT RESOLVED, the OCA supports thorough benefit and risk analysis of all proposed rules and laws.

**Resolution: BP 23.01.08****FEDERAL REINSURANCE FOR PRIVATE SECTOR CATASTROPHIC LIVESTOCK RISK INSURANCE**

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the OCA encourages the federal government to provide the same reinsurance and funding as provided to the FCIC (Federal Crop Insurance) Program.

**Resolution: BP 23.01.09****DRUG RESIDUE FREE PRODUCTS**

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the OCA recommends that the Department of Animal Science and the College of Veterinary Medicine of Oklahoma State University be urged to continue extension programs and district meetings to educate the producers and 4-H and FFA leaders of the problems and penalties involved, and that the OCA utilize its programs and publications to assist in this endeavor.

**Resolution: BP 23.01.10****BEEF QUALITY ASSURANCE PROGRAM**

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the OCA continue to support this important endeavor and continue to encourage producer participation in the Oklahoma Beef Quality Assurance program.

**Resolution: BP 23.02.01****USDA/APHIS HOT IRON BRANDING**

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that OCA strongly supports the continued use of hot iron brands for livestock identification including official identification in any government disease regulatory program.

**Resolution: BP 23.02.02****SPECIALIZED INVESTIGATIVE TRAINING**

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the OCA supports specialized training to all applicable parties including private investigators and public agencies.

**Resolution: BP 23.06.01****IMPACT OF SOME PLANTS ON RANGELAND**

BE IT RESOLVED, the OCA requests government agencies avoid using species listed as invasive and/or noxious and that they work to eradicate invasive species on all existing easements and rights of way.

**Resolution: BP 23.06.02****NOISE AND AIR QUALITY**

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the OCA opposes any new regulations that pertains to agricultural odors, noise, or air that will hinder in any way the production, preparation, and harvesting of crops and the production of livestock, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the OCA oppose any new regulations that pertain to changing the class and quality of air on pastures, grasslands, and desert ranges that inhibits current practices of beef production on these lands.

**Resolution: BP 23.06.03****INVASIVE AND/OR NOXIOUS WEEDS**

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, OCA supports conservation funds to be used for noxious weed eradication efforts, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, OCA supports changes to broaden the list of noxious weeds addressed by state law, including the addition of Sericea Lespedeza, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, OCA supports state and federal financial incentives to encourage private landowners to control noxious weeds rather than punitive fines, and BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, OCA supports state and federal research on innovative and cost methods of controlling noxious weeds, and BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, OCA requests government agencies avoid using species listed as invasive and/or noxious and that they work to eradicate invasive species on all existing easements and rights of way.

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**Resolution: BP 23.06.04****STATE FUNDING FOR NPDES  
PARTIAL DELEGATION**

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the OCA calls on the Oklahoma Legislature and Administration to continue providing appropriations from the general revenue fund to finance this program.

**Resolution: BP 23.06.05****OKLAHOMA PHOSPHORUS ISSUE**

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that OCA supports the recognition of regional differences in phosphorus source and transparent characteristics for land application fields, and BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Phosphorus Index, developed by NRCS should be available to CAFO operators as a tool to conduct a site specific assessment for phosphorus based on source and transport characteristics. Pre-defined limits should not be established that would arbitrarily cap phosphorus application on any field, whether located within a nutrient limited watershed or not.

**Resolution: BB 23.11.01****PROPERTY OWNERS  
PROTECTION**

BE IT RESOLVED, OCA supports legislative action and/or administrative orders that would enhance property owners protection against federal or state agencies encumbering property owners assets, unless the respective agency proves guilt on the part of the property owners.

**Resolution: BB 23.11.02****PRIVATE WATER RIGHTS**

BE IT RESOLVED, the OCA supports the use and enjoyment of water impounded or controlled by property owners free of government regulation.

**Resolution: BB 23.11.03****EMINENT DOMAIN**

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the OCA opposes governments using eminent domain to facilitate the transfer of private property from one private entity to another private entity, and BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the OCA will monitor all proposed legislation regarding state power of eminent domain to insure that agriculture

property and landowner rights are protected. The OCA will also consider and evaluate the necessity for new legislation that specifically protects agricultural property from eminent domain when the taking is merely for "economic development," and BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that when exercising eminent domain, agencies must limit the scope of the acquisition to the actual needs of the project and excess property must be returned to the original landowner at the original price paid to said landowner.

**Resolution: BB 23.11.04****PROMPT PAYMENT**

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED Oklahoma Cattlemen's Association supports the continued use of checks, wire transfers, Automated Clearing House (A.C.H), and other expeditious methods as approved for the Secretary, for the purchase of cattle as regulated by the Packers and Stockyards Act.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED Oklahoma Cattlemen's Association supports efforts to offer options for electronic payment for livestock that would speed up receipt of funds compared to checks in the mail.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED Oklahoma Cattlemen's Association supports the option to use private couriers, such as FedEx and UPS, as alternatives to the U.S. Postal Service, for the delivery of checks.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED Oklahoma Cattlemen's Association supports the rights of sellers and buyers to choose their method of payment for sales or purchases from approved payment methods.

**Resolution: BB 23.12.02****U.S. TRADE EFFORTS**

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, trade should be determined on sound science and the OCA encourages the administration to continue working to expand market opportunities.

**Resolution: BB 23.12.03****QUALITY STANDARDS FOR IMPORTED BEEF**

BE IT RESOLVED, the OCA supports the same safety inspection standards for imported meat as applied to United States meat, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that beef imported into

the United States, not be granted a USDA quality grade.

**Resolution: BB 23.12.04****MEAT EXPORTATION FEDERATION FUNDING**

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the OCA strongly supports U.S. Meat Export Federation funding from Beef Promotion Operating Committee and qualified state beef councils at the present budget level or above.

**Resolution: BB 23.12.05****LONG TERM PROFITABILITY OPPORTUNITIES**

BE IT RESOLVED, the OCA in conjunction with NCBA continue its efforts to identify opportunities for improving profitability, price discovery, and the cattle marketing system as a whole, and that those efforts be part of an industry-led, rational and deliberative process of finding solutions to the challenges facing the beef industry that do not jeopardize free-enterprise and cattle producers' right to conduct their business as they see fit.

**Resolution: BB 23.13.01****SUPPORT OF USDA/ARS RESEARCH FACILITIES**

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the OCA hereby opposes any action which would result in these or any other existing USDA—ARS research facilities becoming classed as excess property.

**Resolution: BB 23.14.01****AD VALOREM TAXATION FOR EDUCATION FUNDING**

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the OCA supports legislation which provides landowners with the opportunity to vote on property tax issues involving property they own, regardless of whether the landowner resides in the school district in which the election is taking place, and BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the OCA oppose any decrease of the 60% requirement to pass property tax increases, and BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the OCA supports alternative funding sources for education.

