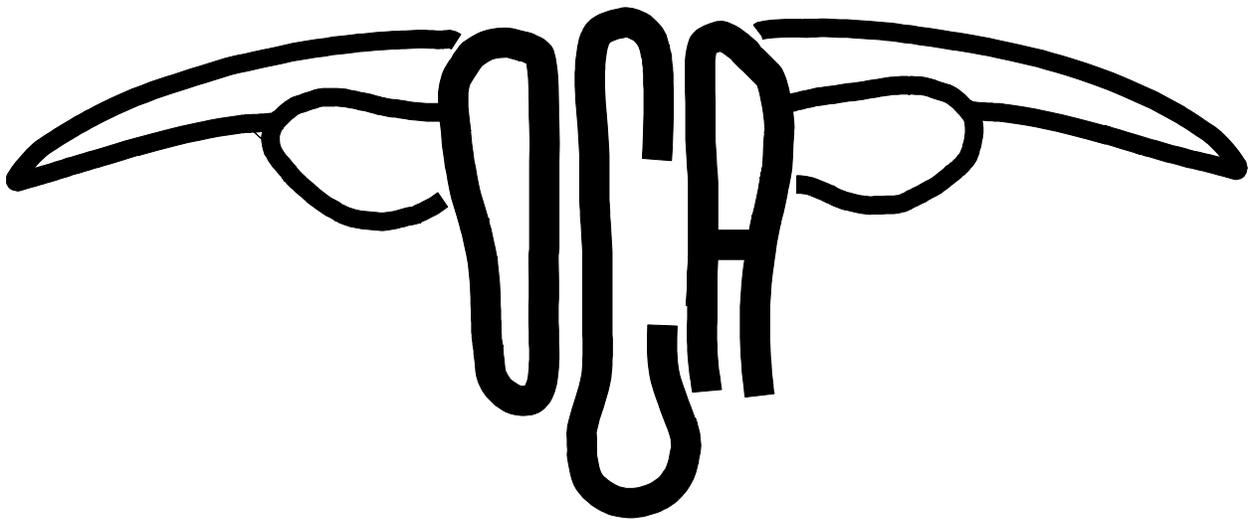


Oklahoma Cattlemen's Association

62nd Annual Convention and Trade Show

Proposed Resolutions



Oklahoma Cattlemen's Association

**Resolution: EXEC 14.01
Adopted: July 26, 2014**

IN MEMORIAM

WHEREAS, since our last Convention, valued friends and fellow members have passed on to their final rewards, and

WHEREAS, we who remain have enjoyed and benefited from their association and we are saddened by their absence,

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.

Oklahoma Cattlemen's Association

Resolution: EXEC 14.02

Adopted: July 26, 2014

NATIONAL CATTLEMEN'S BEEF ASSOCIATION AFFILIATION

WHEREAS, the OCA is the State of Oklahoma affiliate of the National Cattlemen's Beef Association, and

WHEREAS, our affiliation with NCBA provides Oklahoma beef producers with the opportunity to be actively engaged in the public policy process at the national level, and

WHEREAS, our affiliation provides us with the opportunity to impact Federal regulations, regional and national issues, public and consumer attitudes and a myriad of other issues, and

WHEREAS, our affiliation provides the opportunity to impact the policies of NCBA, and

WHEREAS, as in all things and organizations there are differences of opinion and the decisive factor which determines success or failure for an organization is its ability to understand these differences, address the differences and reach a consensus that is well thought out and in concert with the goals and purposes of the organization, and

WHEREAS, NCBA has a governance process in place which provides for ample opportunities for Oklahoma cattlemen to impact the policies of our national organization giving us a voice in the activities of NCBA,

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.

Oklahoma Cattlemen's Association

**Resolution: EXEC 14.03
Adopted: July 26, 2014**

2014 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.

Oklahoma Cattlemen's Association

Resolution: BB 14.10.01

Adopted: July 26, 2014

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.

Oklahoma Cattlemen's Association

Resolution: BB 14.10.02
Adopted: July 26, 2014

NOISE AND AIR QUALITY

WHEREAS, air quality, noise, dust, and odor are becoming an issue because of expanding non-agricultural development,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the OCA adopt policy that any move on the part of the state or federal government to control odors, noise, and dust from livestock facilities must be coordinated with the development of air control technology and appropriate scientific evidence and justification,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the owners' rights of pre-existing facilities be given due and fair consideration when surrounding land is developed for use other than agricultural production,

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.

Oklahoma Cattlemen's Association

**Resolution: BB 14.10.03
Adopted: July 26, 2014**

NOXIOUS WEEDS

WHEREAS, noxious weeds continue to be a concern on our Public and Private lands, and

**WHEREAS, continual encroachment of those plants present a serious threat to our environmental,
and**

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the OCA supports conservation funds to be used for noxious
weed eradication efforts.**

Oklahoma Cattlemen's Association

Resolution: BB 14.10.04
Adopted: July 26, 2014

STATE FUNDING FOR NPDES PARTIAL DELEGATION

WHEREAS, the ODAFF is responsible for National Pollution Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permitting for agricultural enterprises,

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.

Oklahoma Cattlemen's Association

Resolution: BB 14.10.05
Adopted: July 26, 2014

OKLAHOMA PHOSPHORUS ISSUE

WHEREAS, any source of phosphorus when properly managed, will not negatively impact surface water quality in the State of Oklahoma, and

WHEREAS, the development of Nutrient Management Plans for concentrated animal feeding operations should be based on current research and sound science available to nutrient management planners and CAFO operators, and

WHEREAS, Nutrient Management Plans should include considerations for both nitrogen and phosphorus when animal manure is beneficially used on farmland and rangeland,

WHEREAS, the climatic conditions, topography and soil characteristics vary significantly across the state of Oklahoma from west to east and north to south,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the OCA believes additional science is needed within the state of Oklahoma to recognize regional differences in phosphorus source and transport 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.

Oklahoma Cattlemen's Association

Resolution: BB 14.11.01

Adopted: July 26, 2014

PROPERTY OWNERS PROTECTION

BE IT RESOLVED, that the 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.

Oklahoma Cattlemen's Association

Resolution: BB 14.11.02

Adopted: July 26, 2014

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 provided no public health hazard exists.

Oklahoma Cattlemen's Association

Resolution: BB 14.11.03

Adopted: July 26, 2014

EMINENT DOMAIN

WHEREAS, cattlemen have long held that the right of an individual to own property is protected by federal and various state constitutions together with the rights of life and liberty, and

WHEREAS, private property owners are subject to eminent domain by local, state, and federal government agencies, and

WHEREAS, the Supreme Court of the United States expanded the use of eminent domain in the case Kelo v. New London,

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 land owner.

Oklahoma Cattlemen's Association

Resolution: BB 14.12.01
Adopted: July 26, 2014

FARM BILL POLICY

BE IT RESOLVED that the OCA work to secure policy which:

1. Achieves a reduction in federal spending and the deficit;
2. Minimizes direct federal involvement in agriculture;
3. Preserves the right of individual choice in the management of land, water and other resources. Livestock contracts should provide for the use of arbitration to settle any controversy only if, after the controversy arises, both parties consent in writing to use arbitration to settle the controversy;
4. Provides an opportunity to compete in foreign markets; and
5. Farm Policy which favors one product or commodity over the other will be opposed.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the OCA strongly opposes direct cash payments to any segment of the livestock industry for the purpose of offsetting low market prices.

Oklahoma Cattlemen's Association

Resolution: BB 14.12.02

Adopted: July 26, 2014

U.S. TRADE EFFORTS

WHEREAS, demand for beef continues to grow in the foreign market place,

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

Oklahoma Cattlemen's Association

**Resolution: BB 14.12.03
Adopted: July 26, 2014**

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.

Oklahoma Cattlemen's Association

Resolution: BB 14.12.04
Adopted: July 26, 2014

MEAT EXPORTATION FEDERATION FUNDING

WHEREAS, the United States is the world's largest supplier of high quality fed beef, and

WHEREAS, export markets are very important to the stability and viability of the domestic beef market,

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.

Oklahoma Cattlemen's Association

Resolution: BB 14.12.05

Adopted: July 26, 2014

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.

Oklahoma Cattlemen's Association

Resolution: BB 14.12.06

Adopted: July 26, 2014

STATE BEEF CHECKOFF

WHEREAS, the federal beef checkoff program has been and is successful in promoting beef to domestic and foreign consumers, and

WHEREAS, the current federal beef checkoff assessment is set at \$1 per head by the Federal Beef Promotion and Research Act, and

WHEREAS, due to inflation, the erosion of the value of the dollar and the increase in anti-beef messages to consumers, there is a need for additional funds to supplement the beef demand building strategies of the beef checkoff program.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, OCA will begin the process of creating a state beef checkoff program to supplement the federal beef checkoff.

Oklahoma Cattlemen's Association

Resolution: BB 14.13.01

Adopted: July 26, 2014

SUPPORT OF USDA/ARS RESEARCH FACILITIES

WHEREAS, the facilities are specialized in the research they conduct and each of these facilities is needed to reflect the needs of our climatically diverse state and

WHEREAS, there has been limited action to declare the USDA—ARS facility at Fort Reno, near El Reno, Oklahoma, as excess property thereby converting it from a research facility to tribal lands, and

WHEREAS, there have been tremendous investments in these facilities by the local, state and federal government as well as private organization and foundations; and

WHEREAS, any declaration which conveys these properties to the excess property inventory of the Department of Interior would destroy these investments and the valuable research conducted at these 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.

Oklahoma Cattlemen's Association

Resolution: BB 14.14.01
Adopted: July 26, 2014

AD VALOREM TAXATION FOR EDUCATION FUNDING

WHEREAS, OCA members support quality education, and

WHEREAS, Ad Valorem Taxation is a primary source of education funding, and

WHEREAS, farming and ranching operations are land dependent, therefore requiring that producers make investments in Oklahoma real estate, and

WHEREAS, the majority of Oklahoma's lands are utilized for production agriculture and it is in the best financial interest of the State that these practices continue, and

WHEREAS, many producers own property in school districts in which they do not reside, and

WHEREAS, these producers are not eligible to vote on tax issues that directly impact their operations,

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.

Oklahoma Cattlemen's Association

**Resolution: BP 14.01.01
Adopted: July 26, 2014**

BSE TESTING PROTOCOL

WHEREAS, Oklahoma and U.S. beef producers have steadfastly worked to produce the highest quality product and maintain the health of the U.S. cattle herd, and

WHEREAS, producers and consumers alike have placed considerable trust in the BSE testing protocol adopted by USDA,

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.

Oklahoma Cattlemen's Association

Resolution: BP 14.01.02

Adopted: July 26, 2014

FOREIGN ANIMAL DISEASES

WHEREAS, the OCA recognize the potential risk of foreign animal diseases, and

WHEREAS, the USDA is charged with the responsibility of protecting our borders, and

WHEREAS, cooperative efforts between the USDA and the State of Oklahoma are vital to achieve this protection,

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 suspect foreign animal diseases.

Oklahoma Cattlemen's Association

Resolution: BP 14.01.03

Adopted: July 26, 2014

EDUCATION AND JUDICIOUS USE OF ANTIMICROBIALS

WHEREAS, there is an increased concern over antibiotic resistance,

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

Oklahoma Cattlemen's Association

Resolution: BP 14.01.04

Adopted: July 26, 2014

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.

Oklahoma Cattlemen's Association

Resolution: BP 14.01.05

Adopted: July 26, 2014

FOOT AND MOUTH DISEASE CONTROL

WHEREAS, Foot and Mouth Disease outbreaks would devastate the beef cattle industry in the U.S., the largest agricultural industry in the U.S., and

WHEREAS, the control and prevention of FMD will require a multi-faceted approach,

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.

Oklahoma Cattlemen's Association

Resolution: BP 14.01.06
Adopted: July 26, 2014

CHRONIC WASTING DISEASE ERADICATION AND TUBERCULOSIS

WHEREAS, incidences of Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD) and Tuberculosis (TB) appear to be increasing in frequency and distribution, and

WHEREAS, there is a marked increase in the population of wild and farmed cervidae over most of the United States, and

WHEREAS, there are documented cases of beef cattle contracting TB from cervidae, and

WHEREAS, CWD and TB have become a very serious disease in farmed cervidae (elk, mule deer and white tailed deer, etc)

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 and supports research efforts to develop more accurate rapid antemortem and postmortem diagnostics; determine route(s) of transmission, including the role of environmental contamination and methods to control CWD and TB, such as genetic resistance,

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.

Oklahoma Cattlemen's Association

**Resolution: BP 14.01.07
Adopted: July 26, 2014**

RISK/BENEFIT ANALYSIS

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

Oklahoma Cattlemen's Association

Resolution: BP 14.01.08

Adopted: July 26, 2014

**FEDERAL REINSURANCE FOR PRIVATE SECTOR CATASTROPHIC LIVESTOCK RISK
INSURANCE**

WHEREAS, US cattle are extremely susceptible to a host of diseases such as Foot and Mouth, BSE, foreign and emerging animal health diseases and others that could be released inadvertently or as an act of terrorism, and

WHEREAS, adequate state and federal funding of existing indemnity programs, in the event of widespread catastrophic occurrences, is uncertain and unrealistic to depend on, and

WHEREAS, there is no readily available or affordable private sector or governmental financial capacity to fund response to catastrophic events, and

WHEREAS, in the absence of a comprehensive catastrophic livestock risk insurance for such catastrophic risks,

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.

Oklahoma Cattlemen's Association

Resolution: BP 14.01.09

Adopted: July 26, 2014

DRUG RESIDUE FREE PRODUCTS

WHEREAS, the restrictions and penalties for selling livestock prior to the required withdrawal period for administered medications, spray residues, medicated feed additives, etc., are becoming more complicated and severe, and

WHEREAS, the OCA strongly supports a wholesome and safe product,

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.

Oklahoma Cattlemen's Association

Resolution: BP 14.01.10

Adopted: July 26, 2014

BEEF QUALITY ASSURANCE PROGRAM

WHEREAS, Beef Quality Assurance is a national program that provides guidelines for beef cattle production, and

WHEREAS, the Beef Quality Assurance Program plays a part in raising consumer confidence through offering best management practices for beef quality and safety within every segment of the beef industry, and

WHEREAS, the Oklahoma Beef Council provides leadership of the Oklahoma Beef Quality Assurance education and a certification 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.

Oklahoma Cattlemen's Association

Resolution: BP 14.02.01

Adopted: July 26, 2014

USDA/APHIS HOT IRON BRANDING

WHEREAS, animal rights groups have attempted to get the Animal Plant Health Inspection Service to discontinue the hot iron branding requirement on jaws of animals under APHIS regulatory control such as Brucellosis and Tuberculosis, and

WHEREAS, the OCA supports any effort to create a new, innovative way to permanently identify livestock, one that would be simple, effective and economical, and

WHEREAS, the hot iron brand has demonstrated its effectiveness, permanency and one that is not easily altered,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the OCA convey our position of support for hot iron branding to USDA-APHIS and our Congressional delegation.

Oklahoma Cattlemen's Association

Resolution: BP 14.02.02

Adopted: July 26, 2014

SPECIALIZED INVESTIGATIVE TRAINING

WHEREAS, beef producers face threats of arson, vandalism and theft of cattle and equipment, and

WHEREAS, there appears to be a lack of proper training for law enforcement in this extremely specialized field of theft detection reporting and prevention, and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of Oklahoma beef producers that the OCA support specialized training to all applicable parties including private investigators, and public agencies,

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

Oklahoma Cattlemen's Association

Resolution: BP 14.05.01

Adopted: July 26, 2014

ETHANOL TAX SUBSIDIES

WHEREAS, feed grain prices directly affect cost of gain to beef producers and depress prices for cow-calf producers, and

WHEREAS, USDA studies show ethanol tax subsidies have artificially increased feed grain prices,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the OCA urges NCBA to strongly oppose ethanol tax subsidies and work with other groups to permanently eliminate these subsidies.

Oklahoma Cattlemen's Association

Resolution: BP 14.05.02

Adopted: July 26, 2014

SMALL GRAIN PRODUCERS ASSISTANCE

BE IT RESOLVED, that the OCA requests that the Secretary of Agriculture be directed to give small grain, haying, grazing and silage producers the same program benefits as given small grain producers through substitution, recourse loans and loan deficiency payments to allow livestock producers to establish equitable crop yields and bases.