

Oklahoma Cattlemen's Association

Resolution: EXEC 18.01
Adopted: July 21, 2018

IN MEMORIAM

WHEREAS, since our last convention, valued friends and fellow members have passed 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 in annual convention 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 18.02
Adopted: July 21, 2018

SUPPORT OF THE BEEF INDUSTRY LONG RANGE PLAN

WHEREAS, The National Cattlemen’s Beef Association, working in cooperation with the OCA and other beef organization has completed its work on the Beef Industry Long Range Plan, and

WHEREAS, the plans vision is to create an industry united around a common goal of being the world’s most trusted and preferred source of beef and beef products, and

WHEREAS, the plan addresses the following six priorities: improving domestic consumer preference for beef, capitalizing on global growth opportunities, strengthening the image of beef and the beef industry, protecting and enhancing our freedom to operate, improving industry trust, openness and relationships and positioning the U.S. cow herd for growth, and

WHEREAS, the plan addresses critical success factors including the development of a resourcing plan to achieve desired outcomes of the long range plan and the adoption of a practical and effective industry-wide animal disease traceability program,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the OCA hereby endorses the Beef Industry Long Range Plan and commits itself to the mission of mobilizing producers and industry participants to prosper amid growing competition by solidifying U.S. beef’s position as the world’s most preferred protein.

Oklahoma Cattlemen's Association

Resolution: EXEC 18.03
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2017 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

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EXEC 19.02

Oklahoma Cattlemen's Association

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OCA HEADQUARTERS OFFICE

WHEREAS, the OCA 2016-2020 strategic plan prioritizes enhancing the association headquarters, and

BE IT RESOLVED, that it is the goal of the OCA to enhance the headquarters to provide educational opportunities and serve as a central meeting facility for beef cattle related entities, and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Executive Committee consider the development of additional information for the membership of the OCA including capitol campaign needs.

EXEC 19.03

Oklahoma Cattlemen's Association

Resolution: EXEC 19.03
Adopted: July 20, 2019

THEFT REWARD PROGRAM

WHEREAS cattle producers own and manage valuable assets including cattle; and

WHEREAS the OCA has offered a reward program for many years as a member benefit,

BE IT RESOLVED the OCA hereby continues the Reward Program at a maximum level of \$10,000 with the OCF Board retaining the authority to approve and issue rewards.

Oklahoma Cattlemen's Association

Resolution: EXEC 19.04
Adopted: July 20, 2019

AGRICULTURAL REGULATORY AUTHORITY WITHIN THE
OKLAHOMA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, FOOD & FORESTRY

BE IT RESOLVED, the OCA go on record as supporting the retention of all agricultural regulatory authority within the Oklahoma Department of Agriculture, Food and Forestry as to any renewed legislation that may arise in the Oklahoma legislature.

Oklahoma Cattlemen's Association

Resolution: EXEC 19.05
Adopted: July 20, 2019

OK BEEF PAC

WHEREAS, the OK BEEF PAC has been identified by many OCA members as having goals and strategies consistent with those of OCA members, and

WHEREAS, many OCA members have requested that OCA provide a convenient method of advising other members of the OK BEEF PAC,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the OCA allows OK BEEF PAC information to be included in the envelope with the OCA annual dues statement.

Oklahoma Cattlemen's Association

Resolution: EXEC 19.07
Adopted: July 20, 2019

2018 OFFICE ACTIONS

BE IT RESOLVED, the membership of the Oklahoma Cattlemen's Association approves all actions taken by the staff, executive committee, and board of directors during the past twelve months.

Oklahoma Cattlemen’s Association

Resolution: EXEC 20.01
Adopted: January 28, 2020

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Resolution: EXEC 20.02
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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 20.03
Adopted: January 28, 2020

2019 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.

MEM 18.01

Oklahoma Cattlemen's Association

Resolution: MEM 18.01
Adopted: January 25, 2018

UNIFICATION OF OCA AND COUNTY CATTLEMEN'S ASSOCIATIONS

WHEREAS, OCA has seen an increased demand by newly formed, as well as existing county associations located throughout the state choosing to become unified with the OCA, there is a need to formalize such unification,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the OCA recommends adopting policy to formalize unification by implementation of a contract between county associations and the OCA verifying that unification is 100 percent of county membership.

MEM 18.02

Oklahoma Cattlemen's Association

Resolution: MEM 18.02
Adopted: : January 25, 2018

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

WHEREAS, organization and scheduling are vital keys to successful associations relying on a volunteer network of dues-paying members,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the OCA agrees to provide to its membership at each annual convention, an approved calendar schedule of times and places of quarterly and annual board meetings, and such other meetings that may be appropriate, for the upcoming year.

Oklahoma Cattlemen's Association

Resolution: BP 18.01.01
Adopted: January 25, 2018

OKLAHOMA ANIMAL DISEASE DIAGNOSTIC LAB

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.

Oklahoma Cattlemen's Association

Resolution: BP 18.01.02
Adopted: January 25, 2018

IMPORTATION OF BRUCELLOSIS EXPOSED ANIMALS

WHEREAS, the OCA recognizes the tremendous effort and expense to obtain Brucellosis Class Free Status, and

WHEREAS, the OCA is aware that there continue to be areas of potentially exposed livestock,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the OCA in strongly opposes any action which would introduce any known exposed brucellosis animal into Oklahoma except by the existing Oklahoma rules and regulations that govern such.

Oklahoma Cattlemen's Association

Resolution: BP 18.01.03
Adopted: January 25, 2018

ANIMAL RIGHTS

WHEREAS, some animal rights and animal welfare organizations are intentionally misinforming the general public about animal husbandry practices, and

WHEREAS, these false pronouncements are detrimental to the health and welfare of our livestock industry,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the OCA work to promote and correct those misleading statements and work with our industry leaders in continuing the positive image of our healthful product,

BP 18.01.04

Oklahoma Cattlemen's Association

Resolution: BP 18.01.04
Adopted: January 25, 2018

OKLAHOMA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, FOOD AND FORESTRY TO
SUPPORT THE OKLAHOMA ANIMAL INDUSTRY SERVICES DIVISION

WHEREAS, the state of Oklahoma maintains good animal health and welfare, and

WHEREAS, the Animal Industry Services Division of the State Department of Agriculture, Food and Forestry is a critical component to Oklahoma’s livestock industry,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the OCA encourages the Oklahoma Department of Agriculture, Food and Forestry to support the Oklahoma Animal Industry Services Division with adequate personnel to carry on all of their programs.

Oklahoma Cattlemen's Association

Resolution: BP 18.01.05
Adopted: January 25, 2018

ANTIBIOTICS AND DRUGS FOR BEEF CATTLE

WHEREAS, the prudent and appropriate use of antibiotics and other modern compounds is an essential tool for beef producers to provide for the health and welfare of their animals,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the OCA supports actions based only on sound, peer-reviewed science and risk assessment relative to the use of antibiotics or other drugs.

Oklahoma Cattlemen's Association

Resolution: BP 18.01.06
Adopted: January 25, 2018

POLYETHER IONOPHORES

WHEREAS, the feeding of polyether ionophores (monensin, lasalocid, laidlomycin, etc) to cattle decreases the feed needed for growth, and increases feed efficiency, and

WHEREAS, polyether ionophores do not function as therapeutic or sub-therapeutic antibiotics when fed to cattle, are not used as therapeutic agents in human medicine, and are not a concern for antibiotic resistance in cattle or humans, and

WHEREAS, polyether ionophores are categorized as coccidiostats and function to reduce methane production in cattle,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, OCA should work with all appropriate entities, organizations and elected and appointed officials to ensure that cattle producers' access and ability to use polyether ionophores is retained.

Oklahoma Cattlemen's Association

Resolution: BP 18.01.07
Adopted: January 25, 2018

FOOT AND MOUTH DISEASE VACCINE

WHEREAS, Foot and Mouth Disease (FMD) in the United States would be devastating to the beef cattle industry, and

WHEREAS, depopulation is no longer considered a viable option for managing a large, regional outbreak of FMD, and

WHEREAS, the principal plan for a large, regional outbreak is vaccinate-to-slaughter and vaccinate-to-live strategies,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the OCA, along with NCBA, shall request immediate funding for FMD vaccine research, production and storage to assure adequate supplies for a large, regional outbreak.

BP 18.01.08

Oklahoma Cattlemen's Association

Resolution: BP 18.01.08
Adopted: January 25, 2018

ANIMAL DISEASE TRACEABILITY

WHEREAS, USDA continues to finalize rules for the U.S. Animal Disease Traceability system, and

WHEREAS, USDA has given states the responsibility of creating systems which enable animal disease traceability,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the OCA work closely with the Oklahoma Department of Agriculture, Food and Forestry State Veterinarian to develop a low-cost animal disease traceability program in Oklahoma which does not impede normal cattle movement to include but not limited to youth livestock programs.

BP 18.01.09

Oklahoma Cattlemen's Association

Resolution: BP 18.01.09
Adopted: January 25, 2018

SUPPORT FOR LARGE ANIMAL PRACTITIONERS

WHEREAS, Oklahoma's livestock and meat industries have one the world's best health and safety records, but that status may be threatened in the years ahead due to a severe projected shortage of food animal veterinarians, and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the OCA work with Oklahoma State University, the Oklahoma Department of Agriculture, the state and federal legislative and administrative bodies and other appropriate entities to develop strategies to encourage more students to pursue careers in food animal veterinary medicine.

Oklahoma Cattlemen's Association

Resolution: BP 18.01.10
Adopted: January 25, 2018

THE AMERICAN HORSE SLAUGHTER PREVENTION ACT

WHEREAS, the method of euthanasia employed by processing facilities that harvest horses is a humane end of life, and

WHEREAS, there is a continued need for the humane harvest of horses to prevent the inhumane treatment of horses that would suffer from neglect and abandonment, and

WHEREAS, there exists an extremely insufficient infrastructure and no funding mechanism to support the humane existence of unwanted horses, and

WHEREAS, unwanted horses are processed into products that are consumed by humans in overseas markets, and

WHEREAS, the value of unwanted horses as a food animal dictates they not be abused, lest this value be diminished, and

WHEREAS, the cattle industry depends upon an economically healthy horse industry and systems to offer a humane end of life for unwanted horses,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, OCA opposes any horse harvesting and/or processing prevention act and any such legislation or regulation that would prohibit the harvest of horses for human consumption.

BP 18.01.11

Oklahoma Cattlemen's Association

Resolution: BP 18.01.11
Adopted: January 25, 2018

BIOTECHNOLOGY

WHEREAS, the members of the OCA are committed to the production of beef that is safe, healthy and nutritious for the consumer, and

WHEREAS, the OCA supports a science based-regulatory system for the approval of products developed through biotechnology, and

WHEREAS, current regulations require USDA, FDA, EPA and other appropriate federal agencies to approve these products before they can be marked for human or animal consumption, and

WHEREAS, new products developed through biotechnology will benefit the environment and enhance the nutritional value and safety of food for humans and animals,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the OCA urges that any regulation of products developed through biotechnology be based on sound science.

Oklahoma Cattlemen’s Association

Resolution: BP 19.01.01
Adopted: January 23, 2019

MEXICAN TB BORDER STATE PROPOSAL

WHEREAS, Mexico has a national TB problem in its cow herd and the U.S. is one of Mexico's major markets for live cattle with exports of Mexican cattle increasing yearly, and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the OCA supports adequate regulations to ensure cattle imported from Mexico are TB-free.

Oklahoma Cattlemen's Association

Resolution: BP 19.01.02
Adopted: January 23, 2016

QUALITY ASSURANCE

WHEREAS, there is a continued effort by the National Cattlemen's Beef Association, the Oklahoma Beef Council and the Oklahoma Cattlemen’s Association to ensure consumer confidence in beef quality and wholesomeness through National Beef Quality Assurance guidelines, and

WHEREAS, there is a strong Beef Quality Assurance program with certification coordinated through the Oklahoma Beef Council,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the OCA continues to work with the Oklahoma Beef Council on beef quality assurance.

Oklahoma Cattlemen's Association

Resolution: BP 19.01.03
Adopted: January 23, 2019

SCREWWORM

WHEREAS, APHIS is to be commended for its cooperative efforts in successfully eradicating the screwworm fly from the United States,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the OCA applauds APHIS’ success and recommend and encourage their continued effort to eradicate the pest from Mexico, Central and South America, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, we recommend that Oklahoma cattlemen be continually aware of the possibility of the re-entry of the screwworm fly and to monitor and identify any suspicious-like organism, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, we recommend adequate funding for carrying out the project and the intent of this resolution to our Congressional delegation to completely prevent the re-entry of this costly pest.

Oklahoma Cattlemen's Association

Resolution: BP 19.01.04
Adopted: January 23, 2019

OKLAHOMA VETERINARY MEDICAL ASSOCIATION

WHEREAS, Oklahoma agriculture is represented by a small number of groups and individuals, and

WHEREAS, the future of agriculture is dependent upon our ability to create and maintain positive working relationships with organizations and individuals, and

WHEREAS, in the past the OCA has enjoyed a good relationship with the Oklahoma Veterinary Medical Association,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the OCA encourages continuation of fostering the good relationship with the Oklahoma Veterinary Medical Association because of our common goal of producing a quality product.

BP 19.01.05

Oklahoma Cattlemen's Association

Resolution: BP 19.01.05
Adopted: January 23, 2019

BOVINE VIRAL DIARRHEA VIRUS

BE IT RESOLVED, the OCA urges USDA-APHIS-VS to consider BVDV a significant risk to the state and national cattle herds of the United States and requests that resources and research efforts be directed to the control and possible eradication of BVDV from beef and dairy herds in the U.S. This should involve laboratory certification in current diagnostic methods and development of novel and improved techniques for the disclosure of persistently infected (PI) animals within beef and dairy herds as these animals offer the greatest risk for spread of acute respiratory and reproductive infections.

BE IT FURTHER RESOVLED, the OCA urges the Secretary of Agriculture to place BVDV as a high priority for significant levels of intramural (ARS) and extramural research funding through both the USDA-National Research Initiative Competitive Grant Program (NRICGP)-Animal Health Program and USDA-NRICGP Food Safety Program. This priority should be emphasized to members of grant review panels and panel administrators should be advised to insure that this high priority is realized in the final dispersal of funds.

BE IT FURTHER RESOVLED, the OCA seeks greater congressional awareness and support to adequately fund BVDV disease research needs.

Oklahoma Cattlemen’s Association

Resolution: BP 19.01.06
Adopted: January 23, 2019

PRESERVATION OF THE RIGHTS OF FARMERS AND RANCHERS

WHEREAS, OCA members provide the best possible care for their animals by utilizing sound management practices and adopting appropriate new technologies; and

WHEREAS, animal agriculture is under attack from extremists animal rights groups with agendas to eliminate animal agriculture; and

WHEREAS, the Oklahoma beef industry provides jobs, livelihood and most importantly, healthy food for consumers around the world.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the OCA supports legislation that would preserve the rights of ranchers and farmers to engage in modern agriculture production.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the OCA will oppose legislation that would erode and/or eliminate the rights of

BP 19.01.07

Oklahoma Cattlemen’s Association

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ANIMAL IDENTIFICATION TAGS

WHEREAS, the United State Department of Agriculture (USDA) has in place a disease traceability program that includes officially identifying breeding cattle that cross state lines; and

WHEREAS, USDA has indicated that metal tags will be phased out and electronic tags will be official identification; and

WHEREAS the Oklahoma Department of Agriculture, Food and Forestry (ODAFF) is considering a rule to require all breeding cattle be officially identified when they change ownership; and

WHEREAS, cattle producers would do well to transition to electronic tags now and not wait until USDA phases out the metal tags.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED OCA encourages cattle producers to begin utilizing official USDA electronic tags for identification,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED OCA encourages the ODAFF State Veterinarian to:

- purchase a stock of metal tags in order to ease the transition timeline for Oklahoma cattle producers
- educate Oklahoma cattle producers that USDA will be phasing out metal tags and the advantages of electronic tags in speeding up disease traceability, reducing errors and making documentation easier,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED OCA will seek:

- continuation of funding at USDA and ODAFF for official animal identification
- new means of funding and/or cost share strategies.

Oklahoma Cattlemen’s Association

Resolution: BP 19.01.8
Adopted: January 23, 2019

ANIMAL DISEASE TRACEABILITY AND ANIMAL IDENTIFICATION PILOT PROGRAM

WHEREAS, the threat of animal diseases, both cattle and other livestock, is very significant to the Oklahoma beef cattle industry; and

WHEREAS, the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) will order a ‘Stop Movement’ for all livestock species in the event of a major animal disease outbreak; and

WHEREAS, the ability to contain and eliminate major animal disease outbreaks is based heavily upon tracing livestock movement.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED OCA will work with neighboring states, the Oklahoma Department of Agriculture, Food and Forestry (ODAFF), USDA and other Oklahoma livestock organizations to explore participation in a pilot(s) program for animal disease traceability and individual identification.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the characteristics of any such program must:

- guarantee the integrity and privacy of all data, with the highest priority for individual producer data
- consider the ultimate objective of operating at the speed of commerce
- protect producers from liability for acts of others after the cattle have left the producer’s control.

BP 20.01.01

Oklahoma Cattlemen’s Association

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Adopted: January 28, 2020

BOVINE SPONGIFORM ENCEPHALOPATHY (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 bovine spongiform encephalopathy (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 17.01.02
Adopted: January 28, 2020

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 20.01.03
Adopted: January 28, 2020

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 20.01.04
Adopted: January 28, 2020

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 20.01.05
Adopted: January 28, 2020

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 20.01.06
Adopted: January 28, 2020

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.

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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 20.01.08
Adopted: July 25, 2020

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

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Adopted: January 28, 2020

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.

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Resolution: BP 20.01.10
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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.

BP 18.02.01

Oklahoma Cattlemen's Association

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**SUPPORT OF OKLAHOMA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE FOOD AND FORESTRY
THEFT INVESTIGATORS**

WHEREAS, the OCA recognizes the need for more Oklahoma Department of Agriculture Food and Forestry theft investigators to investigate rural crime and theft in an effort to lessen rural crime, and

WHEREAS, the OCA wishes to support the ODAFF theft investigators in receiving funding from legislature to work toward this end,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the OCA strongly supports additional funding for ODAFF theft investigators for the specific purpose of enhancing investigation of rural crime.

BP 18.02.02

Oklahoma Cattlemen's Association

Resolution: BP 18.02.02
Adopted: January 25, 2018

SUPPORT OF VOLUNTARY BRANDING

WHEREAS, the branding of cattle is a source of identification for the tracking of cattle, and

WHEREAS, the branding of cattle can be a deterrent to cattle theft,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the OCA supports efforts to assist in the voluntary branding and permanent identification of all cattle.

Oklahoma Cattlemen's Association

Resolution: BP 18.02.03
Adopted: January 25, 2018

THEFT PROTECTION

WHEREAS, there are a number of federal and state agencies who have responsibilities which place them in the rural areas of the State of Oklahoma, and

WHEREAS, these agencies can and should play an integral role in providing a consistent law enforcement in rural Oklahoma,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the OCA work with appropriate state and federal agencies working in rural areas and encourages them to increase their monitoring efforts and assistance in deterring rural theft.

BP 19.02.01

Oklahoma Cattlemen's Association

Resolution: BP 19.02.01
Adopted: January 23, 2019

ODAFF RURAL THEFT CRIME INVESTIGATION

WHEREAS, the Oklahoma Department of Agriculture Food and Forestry has committed to an aggressive rural theft crime investigation unit, and

WHEREAS, this unit has established a network of investigators across the state of Oklahoma, and

WHEREAS, the investigators are responsible for investigating rural crime including cattle theft, equipment theft, vandalism, arson and a host of other rural crimes, and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the OCA fully supports the ODAFF rural crime investigation unit and encourages the Oklahoma Legislature to continue to fund and increase this initiative within ODAFF.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the OCA will continue discussions with ODAFF regarding improved investigation of rural crime in the state and the participation of OCA and other agricultural organizations in such efforts including an appropriate level of private funding if needed.

BP 20.02.01

Oklahoma Cattlemen's Association

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Adopted: January 28, 2020

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.

BP 20.02.02

Oklahoma Cattlemen's Association

**Resolution: BP 20.02.02
Adopted: January 28, 2020**

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 18.05.01
Adopted: January 25, 2018

DISASTER RELIEF

WHEREAS, livestock producers are subject to losses caused by flooding, wildfire, blizzards and many other natural causes, and

WHEREAS, over the years livestock producers have suffered tremendous losses due to drought, floods and other natural disaster, and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, OCA takes the necessary steps to assure that livestock producers are included in every federal disaster relief program and that the criteria for disaster declarations for livestock producers be formulated based on standards applicable to regional situations, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, OCA supports cattlemen and their local and state organization in their efforts to receive timely and effective federal disaster assistance based upon the drought monitor in these situations, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Farm Services Agency (FSA) Livestock Indemnity Program (LIP) and Livestock Forage Program (LFP) be continued but amended to allow greater flexibility by the state FSA committees to determine specific state eligibility criteria and implementation of the LIP and LFP. Assistance should be available to agricultural producers who suffered losses to fires when starting of the fire was beyond the producer's control, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, OCA aggressively pursues adequate funding, including Federal Emergency Management Act funding, for livestock producers adversely impacted by disaster conditions, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, OCA works with USDA and Congress to ensure that eligibility criteria for all livestock assistance and compensation programs be based on livestock and/or forage production losses and funding distributed on actual county losses.

Oklahoma Cattlemen's Association

Resolution: BP 18.05.02
Adopted: January 25, 2018

RURAL CREDIT ACCESS

WHEREAS, agriculture remains a vital contributor to the U.S. economy and to the world’s supply of food and fiber, and rural America remains an important contributor to our nation’s culture, work ethic, and way of life, and

WHEREAS, agriculture and rural America are changing and, correspondingly, their needs for financial services and capital, new investment, and infrastructure are changing, and

WHEREAS, rural banks & credit systems have a mission to serve the financial needs of agriculture and rural America by providing capital, expert advice and competitive financial services and products, and

WHEREAS, agriculture and rural communities – including cattlemen – need greater, more dependable access to competitive, flexible, financial resources in order to compete in a changing global economy,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the OCA support policies that would provide agricultural producers, rural businesses, rural homeowners, and others in rural America with broader access to all financing.

BP 18.05.03

Oklahoma Cattlemen’s Association

Resolution: BP 18.05.03
Adopted: January 25, 2018

TRUCK AND TRAILER REGULATIONS

WHEREAS, cattle farmers and ranchers rely upon several types of truck and trailer vehicles to transport their cattle; and

WHEREAS, cattle farmers and ranchers prioritize proper handling of cattle during transportation that minimizes stress; and

WHEREAS, cattle are living animals that require greater care during transportation than non-perishable items.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, OCA supports the Oklahoma farm tag program for agriculture trucks.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, OCA will work with legislatures and transportation agencies to secure common sense rules for livestock hauling.

Oklahoma Cattlemen's Association

Resolution: BP 18.06.01
Adopted: January 25, 2018

ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP AWARDS

WHEREAS, the OCA encourages the proper use and maintenance by its members of Oklahoma's range, pasture and crop lands, and

WHEREAS, the association wishes to recognize those members who do outstanding jobs in this endeavor,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Oklahoma Cattlemen's Association continue the support of awards that recognize the importance of environmental stewardship.

Oklahoma Cattlemen's Association

Resolution: BP 18.06.02
Adopted: January 25, 2018

RANGELAND IMPROVEMENT

WHEREAS, native rangeland provides the most basic forage resource upon which the beef cattle industry depends, and

WHEREAS, maintenance of rangeland in good to excellent condition, or improving rangeland in poorer condition to these higher standards, are environmentally desirable goals that will also prove to be economically beneficial to cattle producers,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the OCA urges members to develop, for his or her own ranch, a grazing plan that includes at least proper stocking and, when possible, a period of rest during the growing season for each pasture unit.

Oklahoma Cattlemen's Association

Resolution: BP 18.06.03
Adopted: January 25, 2018

RIGHT TO SPRAY

WHEREAS, Oklahoma’s beef industry is the single largest agricultural enterprise in the state of Oklahoma, and

WHEREAS, the success of Oklahoma’s ranchers is dependent upon the quality of Oklahoma’s pasture and range land, and

WHEREAS, Oklahoma ranchers have spent a tremendous amount of time and money to control unwanted native and non-native plant species in their pasture and range lands, resulting in more overall forage production, and

WHEREAS, the ranchers ability to adequately manage their pasture and range lands is becoming more difficult as more and more acres of cotton, grapes and other specialty crops are introduced into the state, and

WHEREAS, ranchers are responsible stewards of the land who are subject to all federal rules regarding the application of herbicide products, now

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the OCA support policies that will enable pasture and range managers to utilize federally licensed herbicide products, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the OCA endorses policies which would provide much needed liability protection for ranchers who utilize pasture and range management practices.

Oklahoma Cattlemen's Association

Resolution: BP 18.06.04
Adopted: January 25, 2018

DESIGNATION OF NATURAL RESOURCES FOR HISTORICAL PURPOSES

WHEREAS, there are entities, organizations and individuals promoting adverse agendas that would seek to utilize government intervention such as laws, regulations and management plans by using historical designations to strip Oklahoma beef cattle ranchers from their property rights, and

WHEREAS, government intervention in the form of historical and other designations often distorts the values of the land and economic productivity, and

WHEREAS, many designations have requirements for management plans that are not in the best interest of the private land owners or the natural resources and are formulated without private land owner input, and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, OCA is opposed to government designations of lands, waters, trails and other natural resources for historical purposes, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, OCA supports dedicating historically important resources through voluntary grassroots strategies that are free from government and non-government requirements and/or compliance plans developed with no relevant local perspective of private land ownership.

Oklahoma Cattlemen's Association

Resolution: BP 19.06.01
Adopted: January 23, 2019

**PARTIAL DELEGATION OF NPDES GENERAL PERMITTING OF CAFO's
TO THE OKLAHOMA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE**

BE IT RESOLVED, the OCA continues to support delegation of NPDES General Permits of CAFO's to the Oklahoma Department of Agriculture, Food and Forestry,

BE IT FURHTER RESOLVED, that OCA urges the Oklahoma legislature fund this effort.

Oklahoma Cattlemen's Association

Resolution: BP 19.06.02
Adopted: January 23, 2019

CAFO REGULATIONS

WHEREAS, the cattle industry has acted in good faith and come to the table many times to take a common sense approach to regulations on the cattle feeding industry, and

WHEREAS, existing regulations of Concentrated Animal Feeding Operations have been scrutinized over the past several years, and

WHEREAS, additional CAFO regulations have been adopted that are clearly in excess of EPA standards on CAFO's, and

WHEREAS, organizations representing themselves as environmental groups continue to accelerate their efforts to diminish our property rights, and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the OCA does not endorse nor accede to any additional CAFO regulations that are not based on sound science and that are not economically feasible for the beef cattle industry.

Oklahoma Cattlemen's Association

Resolution: BP 19.06.03
Adopted: January 23, 2019

SUPPORT OF THE GRAZING LANDS CONSERVATION ASSOCIATION

WHEREAS, grazing lands encompass 642 million acres in the United States and provide enormous benefits to this country, and

WHEREAS, grazing lands have received limited attention from Federal conservation programs over the past ten years, and

WHEREAS, a Grazing Lands Conservation Initiative could focus and revitalize USDA's ability to support the conservation efforts of private landowners and users of this valuable resource, and

WHEREAS, the purpose of the Grazing Lands Conservation Initiative is to address the needs of private grazing lands by providing voluntary technical assistance only by trained grazing lands personnel and would respect property rights, and

WHEREAS, grazing lands comprise over one half of the land area of the state of Oklahoma and both urban and rural Oklahoma would benefit from the effect of a comprehensive resource management plan, and

WHEREAS, grazing lands provide the majority of habitat for many species of Oklahoma's wildlife,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the OCA continues support of the Oklahoma Grazing Lands Conservation Association.

BP 19.06.04

Oklahoma Cattlemen's Association

Resolution: BP 19.06.04
Adopted: January 23, 2019

OCA REPRESENTATION ON STATE BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

WHEREAS, the OCA's representation on many of the boards and commissions in our state is essential to voicing the opinions of our membership, and

WHEREAS, rules and regulations are promulgated through these boards and commissions that directly affect the rights of property owners in this state,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the OCA urges the necessity of continued OCA representation on the following boards and commissions: Oklahoma Water Resources Board, Oklahoma Conservation Commission, Oklahoma Department of Wildlife, Oklahoma Department of Environmental Quality and Oklahoma Board of Agriculture, Food and Forestry.

Oklahoma Cattlemen's Association

Resolution: BP 19.06.05
Adopted: January 23, 2019

WATERSHED REHABILITATION PROGRAM

WHEREAS, many dams were built with a 50 year life expectancy, and

WHEREAS, in many instances this timeframe has expired or is soon approaching this deadline; and,

WHEREAS, there has been much development surrounding these original structures; and

WHEREAS, the US Farm Bill authorized funding for the Watershed Rehabilitation Program,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the OCA urges Congress and the State Legislature to fully appropriate this level of funding and of State matching funds for the Watershed Rehabilitation Program,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the OCA expresses its sincere appreciation to Congressman Frank Lucas for his efforts in this important project and to continue this support.

BP 19.06.06

Oklahoma Cattlemen's Association

Resolution: BP 19.06.06
Adopted: January 23, 2019

NATURAL RESOURCE CONSERVATION SERVICE

BE IT RESOLVED, the OCA supports the USDA-NRCS in maintaining and increasing technical assistance to landowners regardless of participation and/or eligibility in US Farm Bill conservation programs,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the OCA supports Congress in appropriating funds to the conservation programs in the Farm Bill at levels authorized.

Oklahoma Cattlemen's Association

Resolution: BP 20.06.01
Adopted: January 28, 2020

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: BP 20.06.02
Adopted: January 28, 2020

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: BP 20.06.03
Adopted: January 28, 2020

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,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the OCA supports changes to broaden the list of noxious weeds addressed by state law, including the addition of Sericea Lespedeza,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the OCA supports state and federal financial incentives to encourage private landowners to control noxious weeds rather than punitive fines, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the OCA supports state and federal research on innovative and cost methods of controlling noxious weeds.

BP 20.06.04

Oklahoma Cattlemen's Association

Resolution: BP 20.06.04
Adopted: January 28, 2020

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: BP 20.06.05
Adopted: January 28, 2020

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 19.11.01
Adopted: January 23, 2019

TRIBAL SOVEREIGNTY

WHEREAS, Oklahoma has 39 federally recognized American Indian tribes with limited tribal sovereignty over tribal members and lands; and

WHEREAS, some tribes have recently attempted to assert tribal sovereignty and jurisdiction to regulate the natural resources including the air, land, and water—for all lands and for all people; and

WHEREAS, these sovereignty and jurisdictional claims can have serious implications for OCA members, including subjecting them to tribal government and courts in which they have no vote or representation; and

WHEREAS, this type of tribal sovereignty claim could potentially be made in any part of historic Indian Territory which encompasses all of Oklahoma except for the panhandle;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the OCA opposes any tribe’s efforts to extend their reservation status or sovereignty to non-tribal lands or people, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the OCA urges our elected state and federal representatives to safeguard the civil, legal, and property rights of all Oklahomans, and to ensure that these rights are protected under state and federal law by their duly elected government and courts.

Oklahoma Cattlemen's Association

Resolution: BB 19.11.02
Adopted: January 23, 2019

TRESPASS LAWS

WHEREAS, private landowners are entrusted with the stewardship of a vast majority of our state's natural resources and wildlife, and

WHEREAS, the OCA strongly supports responsible hunting and fishing as good conservation practices, and

WHEREAS, for responsible outdoorsmen to enjoy wildlife and the access to wildlife in years to come, it is imperative that we maintain trespassing and landowner permission laws to protect the rights of private landowners,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the OCA supports trespass laws that (1) protect the rights of private land ownership, (2) remove liabilities for landowners, and (3) provide only limited liability for those with permission, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the OCA support the efforts of the State Legislature and Agencies toward stronger private property rights and trespass laws, and applauds their work on management control of specific species of wildlife.

Oklahoma Cattlemen's Association

Resolution: BB 19.11.03
Adopted: January 23, 2019

OKLAHOMA DEER HUNTING SEASON

WHEREAS, the OCA strongly supports responsible hunting and wildlife recreation as an alternative revenue source to landowners, and

WHEREAS, a sustainable deer population can be an economic benefit to landowners, and

WHEREAS, the OCA supports the current annual statewide bag limit of deer or increasing the doe harvest, and believes that an attempt to reduce this limit would be a regressive step in controlling the deer population,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the OCA fully support producers' opportunities to enter into hunting agreements that will increase their income opportunities and more effectively manage deer.

BB 19.11.04

Oklahoma Cattlemen's Association

Resolution: BB 19.11.04
Adopted: January 23, 2019

OKLAHOMA PRESCRIBED BURN ASSOCIATION

BE IT RESOLVED, the OCA supports the Oklahoma Prescribed Burn Association with their endeavors to create and support local landowner led prescribed burn associations and to promote and protect the right of Oklahoma landowners to use prescribed fire as a safe, economical, and effective land management practice.

BB 20.11.01

Oklahoma Cattlemen's Association

Resolution: BB 20.11.01
Adopted: January 28, 2020

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 20.11.02
Adopted: January 28, 2020

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.

BB 20.11.03

Oklahoma Cattlemen’s Association

Resolution: BB 20.11.03
Adopted: January 28, 2020

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 18.12.01
 Adopted: January 25, 2018

FORMULA PRICING

WHEREAS, the OCA values the right of cattle producers to choose how they market their own cattle, and

WHEREAS, the starting price for most pricing formulas are in some way being tied to the cash or negotiated prices paid for the week, and

WHEREAS, the decreasing number of residual cattle sold on a cash or negotiated grid market are concerning for price discovery.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the OCA encourages the use and reporting of packer, producer negotiated starting prices for those cattle sold on value based formulas, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, OCA supports efforts to accurately track and report the current "value" of the various classes of cattle from their respective after slaughter components.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, OCA supports additional marketing platforms intended to increase the volume of negotiated sales and price discovery.

BB 18.12.02

Oklahoma Cattlemen's Association

Resolution: 18.12.02
 Adopted: January 25, 2018

BEEF SUSTAINABILITY

WHEREAS, there are several entities and organizations attempting to define beef sustainability and evaluate beef suppliers using metrics that were developed with limited input from the beef supply chain, and

WHEREAS, some major food service and retail customers have committed to sourcing beef that is sustainably produced, and

WHEREAS, beef sustainability programs should be voluntary, market-driven, and science-based, and

WHEREAS, the U.S. beef industry has completed a U.S. beef sustainability assessment, certified by a third party (NSF), to benchmark the beef supply chain, and provide a means to periodically assess progress in the beef value chain over time,

WHEREAS, the National Cattlemen's Beef Association (NCBA) successfully led the development of the U.S. Roundtable for Sustainable Beef, inclusive of the beef value chain and stakeholders, that addresses continued advancement in areas such as economic viability, production efficiencies, animal care and handling, environmental conservation, human resources, and community support.

WHEREAS, it is critical for cattle producers to lead the sustainability discussion so that beef sustainability programs are developed by cattlemen for cattlemen.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, OCA shall join the U.S. Roundtable for Sustainable Beef as a member and cooperate with NCBA to lead and expand sustainability research, education and policy initiatives to protect the interests of Oklahoma cattle producers.

Oklahoma Cattlemen’s Association

Resolution: BB 18.12.03
Adopted: January 25, 2018

MANDATORY PROGRAMS

WHEREAS government mandated programs tend to increase costs of production that do not benefit the producers of the commodity; and

WHEREAS there are many innovative marketing opportunities for cattle and beef; and

WHEREAS OCA as an organization was founded on protecting cattle producer property rights including their rights to manage and market their cattle that best serves their family business.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED OCA opposes mandatory marketing programs that:

- add unnecessary costs to the production of cattle and beef
- eliminate premium marketing opportunities
- remove cattle producers’ freedom to manage and market their cattle and/or beef as they see fit.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, OCA would support a mandatory disease surveillance program if one was needed to protect the health and well-being of our industry.

BB 19.12.01

Oklahoma Cattlemen’s Association

Resolution: BB 19.12.01
Adopted: January 23, 2019

VALUE BASED MARKETING

WHEREAS, there has been substantial interest in moving towards a value-based marketing system and strategic alliances,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOVLED, the OCA opposes any regulations, legislation or policies that limit methods of marketing cattle.

Oklahoma Cattlemen’s Association

Resolution: BB 19.12.02
Adopted: January 23, 2019

PACKER OWNERSHIP/CONTROL

WHEREAS, the beef industry has made progress in producing a more consistent product, and

WHEREAS, value based pricing procedures link the flow of information between beef packers and processors to cattle producers regarding product quality, and

WHEREAS, the packer’s ability to purchase or manage their supply more than 14 days prior to delivery sustains an adequate supply of a consistent, quality product, and

WHEREAS, it is important to have numerous risk management tools available to beef producers,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the OCA opposes federal legislation which would eliminate packer ownership/control of livestock because the legislation would eliminate value based pricing, reduce risk management options and/or eliminate a significant number of buyers of cattle in the United States.

Oklahoma Cattlemen's Association

Resolution: BB 19.12.03
Adopted: January 23, 2019

BEEF CHECKOFF PROGRAM

WHEREAS, in December 1985, with beef producer support the '85 United States Farm Bill created the Federal Beef Promotion and Research Act and Order that gave beef producers the authority to assess themselves \$1 per head each time a bovine was sold, and

WHEREAS, in May of 1988, a national referendum was held and 79 percent of beef producers, nationwide voted to continue the \$1 per head beef checkoff program, and

WHEREAS, the purpose of the beef checkoff program is to strengthen the beef industry’s position in the market place by increasing the demand for beef and to maximize beef producers profits through promotion, research, education, and consumer information, and

WHEREAS, the beef checkoff program generates approximately \$70 million a year, nationwide, and state beef councils collect the \$1 per head checkoff and automatically remit 50 cents from every dollar to the Cattlemen’s Beef Research and Promotion Board to support national beef promotion, research, and education, across the United States, and

WHEREAS, state beef councils retain control of 50 cents of every dollar to conduct and implement programs in each state that are consistent with the Federal Beef Promotion and Research Act,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the OCA continues its support of the beef checkoff program,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the OCA rigorously oppose any legislative or judicial reconsideration of the beef checkoff program.

Oklahoma Cattlemen’s Association

Resolution: BB 20.12.01
Adopted: January 28, 2020

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.

BB 20.12.02

Oklahoma Cattlemen’s Association

Resolution: BB 20.12.02
Adopted: January 28, 2020

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.

BB 20.12.03

Oklahoma Cattlemen’s Association

Resolution: BB 20.12.03
Adopted: January 28, 2020

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 20.12.04
Adopted: January 28, 2020

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 20.12.05
Adopted: January 28, 2020

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 20.12.06
Adopted: January 28, 2020

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 supports creating a state beef checkoff program to supplement the federal beef checkoff.

Oklahoma Cattlemen's Association

Resolution: BB 18.13.01
Adopted: January 25, 2018

**SUPPORT OF OKLAHOMA COOPERATIVE EXTENSION SERVICE
AND OKLAHOMA AGRICULTURE EXPERIMENT STATION**

WHEREAS, the Oklahoma Cooperative Extension Service (OCES) and Oklahoma Agriculture Experiment Station (OAES) plays a critical role in discovering, developing and extending research based information appropriate for Agriculture industries in Oklahoma, and

WHEREAS, it is in the best long-term interest of commercial production agriculture and the state economy to continue providing these services across the state,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the OCA hereby expresses its support for OCES & OAES. Further, the staff is directed to work with OCES and OAES and the legislature and regents for higher education as they develop budgets and plans to address the budgetary needs of the OCES & OAES.

Oklahoma Cattlemen's Association

Resolution: BB 19.13.01
Adopted: January 23, 2019

BEEF CATTLE POSITIONS AT OKLAHOMA STATE UNIVERSITY

WHEREAS, the beef cattle industry in Oklahoma represents the state's largest renewable natural resource that has a great positive impact on the state's economy, and

WHEREAS, research and education to develop and deliver new technology is absolutely vital to the continuing vigor of Oklahoma's beef cattle industry, and

WHEREAS, adequate staffing of positions in beef cattle research and education is critical to the success of the beef cattle industry, and

WHEREAS, the economic importance of beef cattle in Oklahoma justifies the allocation of increased funding for beef cattle research and education positions,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the OCA strongly supports the efforts of Oklahoma State University, including its agricultural administration, to staff positions adequately in beef cattle research and education, and to work in good faith to allocate resources, as budgetary limitations permits, to high priority areas including beef cattle research and education in support of the Oklahoma beef cattle industry.

Oklahoma Cattlemen's Association

Resolution: BB 1913.02
Adopted: January 23, 2019

**INCREASED FUNDING FOR THE OKLAHOMA EXPERIMENT STATION AND THE OKLAHOMA COOPERATIVE
EXTENSION SERVICE**

WHEREAS, the OCA represents the beef cattle industry of Oklahoma which contributes more than 1.5 billion dollars annually to the State's economy, and

WHEREAS, the continuing viable future of the Oklahoma beef cattle industry depends on effective research and education programs, and

WHEREAS, the Division of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources, Oklahoma State University, through its constituent agencies, the Oklahoma Agricultural Experiment station and Oklahoma Cooperative Extension Service, are the source of the necessary research information and education programs to support the continued viable economic development of the beef cattle industry, and

WHEREAS, neither of these agencies receive any funds from tuition increases,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the OCA vigorously supports increasing the funding appropriated for research to the Oklahoma Experiment Station, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the OCA vigorously supports increasing the funding appropriated for education programs to the Oklahoma Cooperative Extension Service, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the OCA work with the appropriate entities to ensure proper revenue stream for those two agencies.

Oklahoma Cattlemen's Association

Resolution: BB 19.13.03
Adopted: January 23, 2019

WILLARD SPARKS BEEF CATTLE RESEARCH CENTER

WHEREAS, over two million stocker and feeder calves are received into Oklahoma cattle operations each year, and

WHEREAS, losses from death and sickness in newly received cattle cause serious economic losses to Oklahoma cattlemen, and

WHEREAS, research and education programs that reduce risks from sickness and stress are of vital importance to the Oklahoma Cattle Industry, and

WHEREAS, funds have been raised from state, federal and private sources for the development of a Beef Cattle Stress Research facility,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the OCA encourages the Oklahoma Agricultural Experiment Station and Oklahoma State University continue to staff and support research at the Willard Sparks Beef Cattle Research Center.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the OCA encourages the OSU administration to continue funding for this important project.

Oklahoma Cattlemen's Association

Resolution: BB 19.13.04
Adopted: January 23, 2019

ENTRY OF YOUNG PEOPLE INTO CATTLE BUSINESS

WHEREAS, young men and women have difficulty entering the beef cattle industry, and

WHEREAS, the future of the industry depends upon the opportunities available to and the efforts expended by young producers,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the OCA continues to recognize this problem and actively provide assistance and information to young men and women seeking to enter the beef cattle industry.

Oklahoma Cattlemen’s Association

Resolution: BB 20.13.01
Adopted: January 28, 2020

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.

BB 18.14.01

Oklahoma Cattlemen's Association

Resolution: BB 18.14.021
Adopted: January 25, 2018

MILLAGE CAPS

WHEREAS, that even though assessed valuations are limited to no more than a 5 percent increase in any year and assessment ratios are capped at no more than 13 percent, the possibility still exists that millage rates can dramatically increase through legislative action,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the OCA strongly resists legislative removal of the millage cap and consequent loss of the constitutional cap on millages.

BB 18.14.02

Oklahoma Cattlemen's Association

Resolution: BB 18.14.02
Adopted: January 25, 2018

OKLAHOMA TAX CODES

WHEREAS, the Oklahoma tax codes do not always mirror the federal tax codes, and

WHEREAS, these exceptions in many cases makes it difficult to execute and prepare tax returns,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the OCA supports the Oklahoma tax code following the federal methods of their tax structure.

Oklahoma Cattlemen's Association

Resolution: BB 18.14.03
Adopted: January 25, 2018

TAX RELIEF BILL

WHEREAS, there is much needed reform in a timely manner of estate tax, capital gains and income averaging,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the OCA supports immediate implementation and indexing with inflation rates of the above mentioned taxes, in order to keep family farms, ranches and small businesses functioning.

Oklahoma Cattlemen's Association

Resolution: BB 18.14.04
Adopted: January 25, 2018

TRIBAL, SOVEREIGN NATION AND OTHER TAX EXEMPT ORGANIZATIONS STUDY

WHEREAS, Indian Tribes are issuing vehicle tags to tribal members, and

WHEREAS, It is unclear how much revenue is being diverted from the State of Oklahoma because of these sales, and

WHEREAS, Tribal citizens utilize Oklahoma's roads, bridges and highways,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the OCA supports a full study of the cost associated with the Tribal tag sales, the Indian Sovereign Nation situation and any other tax exempt organizations and their attempt not to pay ad valorem taxes.

Oklahoma Cattlemen's Association

Resolution: BB 18.14.05
Adopted: January 25, 2018

AD VALOREM TAXATION

BE IT RESOLVED, the OCA work to aid the state with innovative ways to generate other sources of revenue for financing schools and functions of county government.

Oklahoma Cattlemen's Association

Resolution: BB 18.14.06
Adopted: January 25, 2018

PROPERTY TAX ASSESSMENT PROCESS

WHEREAS, many in the Oklahoma legislature are discussing a system whereby real property assessments would be made by the Oklahoma Tax Commission rather than the locally elected County Assessor,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the OCA supports the local county assessor system of property tax assessment.

Oklahoma Cattlemen's Association

Resolution: BB 18.14.07
Adopted: January 25, 2018

ELIMINATING THE STATE INCOME TAX

WHEREAS, eliminating the state income tax will cause a burden shift to other revenue sources, specifically property taxes which will put a disproportionate share of the tax burden on farmers and ranchers; and

WHEREAS, eliminating the state income tax will necessitate new revenue sources to be created such as service fees; and

WHEREAS, a broad base of revenue sources, such as income, property, sales, corporate, etc is a fair way to ensure that all citizens and entities pay taxes and to avoid burdening one group more than another.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, OCA opposes elimination of the state income tax.

Oklahoma Cattlemen's Association

Directive: BB 18.14.08
Adopted: January 25, 2018

EMERGENCY SERVICES

WHEREAS it is important for OCA members to have fast and efficient access to emergency services, and

WHEREAS current emergency services are based upon county lines rather than the closest available.

THEREFORE BE IT DIRECTED, OCA will work with emergency management officials to facilitate 9-1-1 calls and rural emergency services be improved to dispatch based on location sites, not county lines.

Oklahoma Cattlemen’s Association

Resolution: BB 19.14.01
Adopted: January 23, 2019

DEATH TAX

WHEREAS, federal estate and gift taxes continue to be a major burden on family farms, ranches, and small businesses.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the OCA:

- Supports, first and foremost, full and permanent repeal of the Death Tax, to make permanent the temporary relief provided for in the *Tax Relief Bill of 2001*.
- Opposes any proposal to increase the income tax liability or estate tax liability of farmers and ranchers.
- Opposes any proposal to repeal the stepped-up basis provisions not tied to repeal of the estate tax.
- Supports passage of estate and gift tax legislation which will eliminate or significantly reduces the burden of estate and gift taxes on family farms, ranches and small businesses.

Oklahoma Cattlemen's Association

Resolution: BB 19.14.02
Adopted: January 23, 2019

AD VALOREM TAXES
60% SUPER MAJORITY

WHEREAS, Ad Valorem Taxes are extremely unfair, and

WHEREAS, Ad Valorem taxes do not take into account ability to pay, and

WHEREAS, individuals who do not pay Ad Valorem taxes may vote on Ad Valorem tax elections and place a tax on landowners,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the OCA opposes any efforts to reduce the current 60 percent electoral majority necessary to pass bond issues to 50 percent.

Oklahoma Cattlemen's Association

Resolution: BB 19.14.03
Adopted: January 23, 2019

LOWERING OF PROPERTY TAXES

WHEREAS, Oklahoma is becoming a more service oriented state, and

WHEREAS, production agriculture is deteriorating in importance to the overall state economy,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the OCA encourages all efforts to lower Oklahoma’s property tax structure if rural Oklahoma is to remain a viable part of our economy.

Oklahoma Cattlemen's Association

Resolution: BB 19.14.04
Adopted: Januarys 23, 2019

PROPOSAL OF NEW OKLAHOMA TAX STRUCTURE

WHEREAS, The Oklahoma Legislature is considering a variety of options as a solution to boost our State economy, and

WHEREAS, a gross receipts tax on sales and higher ad valorem taxes would be highly punitive to Oklahoma farmers and ranchers,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the OCA opposes any adoption of an Oklahoma tax structure that would increase Oklahoma property taxes or production costs.

Oklahoma Cattlemen's Association

Resolution: BB 20.14.01
Adopted: January 28, 2020

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.