The Nevada Cattlemen’s Association (NCA) supports the United States Fish and Wildlife Services (USFWS) recent designation of the Greater Sage Grouse (GRSG) as “not warranted” under the endangered species act of 1973. NCA feels this was the correct designation for the benefit of the Greater Sage Grouse, rural communities and the environment. The designation will hopefully result in the continued trend of positive habitat restoration on more than 17 million acres of habitat in Nevada. The recovery rate of species listed as endangered by USFWS under the ESA to date is poor, to say the least, with less than 1% actually recovering.

With its designation as “not warranted” the USFWS resolves that further changes in management of GRSG habitats remain to be carried out if we are to avoid the continued decline of populations on Nevada lands which are managed by the BLM, USFS and private land owners. NCA recognizes the declining conditions of some rangelands primarily due to the burn cycle of the last twenty plus years followed by invasion of some burned rangelands to cheat grass and other flammable and less desirable plant species including significant encroachment by pinyon-juniper woodlands into the sagebrush steppe ecosystem. A not warranted designation carries considerably less red tape in the form of habitat rehabilitation and development restrictions than an “endangered” or “threatened” listing would have. A not warranted designation along with the availability of federal, state and local cooperative part-

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Free One-Day Convention Registration for Young Cattlemen & CattleWomen

For all First-Time Attendees to the Event held at the convention center in Winnemucca, Nov. 12-14

Ron Torell, President of the Nevada Cattlemen’s Association cordially invites all interested Young Cattlemen and CattleWomen, including spouses, who have not yet attended an NCA Convention to participate in the 2015 event at the Winnemucca Convention Center, November 12-14, 2015.

All first time Young Cattlemen Convention participants between the ages of 18-45, with an interest in Nevada’s livestock industry, are invited to be

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Nevada Cattlemen’s Association Seeking 2015 “Teacher of the Year” Nominations

The Nevada Cattlemen’s Association has started their thirteenth annual quest for “Teacher of the Year” candidates. We are asking for your help in soliciting nominations from school principals and fellow teachers. Nominees may include teachers considered in previous years but who were not selected for the award. The deadline for submitting nominations is October 16, 2015.

The winner of this award will receive a $1000 school supply stipend, donated by Nevada Agriculture Foundation. The award recipient will also be recognized during the Nevada Cattlemen’s Association’s annual awards banquet on November 14th in Winnemucca, Nevada.

The nominations must be an elementary, junior high, or high school teacher, who incorporates agriculture into their regular curriculum. For example, a teacher who teaches a one week segment on agriculture and its importance to Nevada.

Anyone may submit a nomination form which is available at www.nevadacattlemen.org, or by sending an e-mail request to nca@nevadabeef.org, or by calling (775) 738-9214.

Nominations may be submitted by email to nca@nevadabeef.org with “2015 Teacher of the Year Nomination” in the subject line; forms may be faxed to 775-738-5208; or sent by mail to, “Teacher of the Year Nomination”, C/O Nevada Cattlemen’s Association, P.O. Box 310, Elko, NV 89803.

Nevada Cattlemen’s Association believes that the future of our industry lies in the education of the generations to come, as we explore new and innovative methods of sustainability. Please help us in our efforts to recognize and support our teachers and their vital efforts in educating our youth.

Thank you in advance for nominating a deserving teacher.

Membership Update

We would like to thank the following people for joining or renewing their membership with Nevada Cattlemen’s Association between August 21, and September 20, 2015. (New members are in bold.)

- 3 J Red Angus, Jamie Nowdesha
- Intermountain Waffle-Crete, Gary Christley
- Kirby Mfg. Inc., Steven Freitas
- U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service, Susan Abele
- Tim Draper
- Amanda Draper
- Danyelle Draper
- Kelly Draper
- Cody W. Barkdull

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October 19, 2015
Pre- NCA Convention Meetings
American AgCredit Conference Room, Elko
Meetings begin at 9:00 a.m. with the Animal Issues Committee, followed by Private Lands, then Legislative Affairs Committees. (See page 3)

October 20, 2015
Pre- NCA Convention Meeting
Winnemucca Extension Office, Winnemucca, 9:00 a.m.
Public Lands Committee. (See page 3)

October 29-Nov. 1, 2015
Western States Ranch Rodeo Association National Finals Rodeo
Winnemucca, Nevada.
www.wsrra.org/events/wsrra-national-finals-2015

November 12-14, 2015
NCA 80th Annual Convention & Trade Show
Winnemucca Convention Center, Winnemucca, Nevada
(See pages 1, 3-5)

December 6-9, 2015
Farm Bureau Annual Meeting
Peppermill Resort Spa Casino, Reno, Nevada
For more information, contact Jessica Fagundes, 775-674-4000, or jfagundes@nvfb.org

January 4-11, 2016
Cattlemen’s Update
For more information, contact Staci Emm, 775-945-3444 or emms@unce.unr.edu

January 27-30, 2016
NCBA 2016 Cattle Industry Convention & NCBA Trade Show
San Diego, CA

February 19-20, 2016
50th Anniversary NCA Fallon Bull Sale
Fallon Livestock Exchange, Fallon, NV
For more information, contact NCA office, 775-738-9214, or nca@nevadabeef.org
The month of September continued to be a productive one for the Nevada Cattlemen’s Association. As we are getting ready for the 80th Annual Convention and Trade Show! Committees are busy preparing for the pre-convention meetings to be held in mid-October. The committee process is an important one, letting the voices of the members guide the association. Setting new policy and renewing strong past resolutions allows our association to be strong, current, and influential.

This year’s convention will be held in Winnemucca, NV November 12-14, 2015. The association is excited to return to the Winnemucca Convention Center this year to hold our annual event. The convention and event center are great locations to hold such an event, allowing members to learn from educational programs such as Cattlemen’s College and set policy that will shape the association.

This year cattlemen and agencies from across the state will join together to celebrate a shared vision. Our convention theme is “Habitat Restoration”. It is important to the NCA that we choose a topic that supports so much of what we strive to do in Nevada. Please join us at the Habitat Restoration Success Stories Session on Friday November 13th, along with many other great presentations throughout the three day convention.

Along with the Habitat Restoration Success session and committee meetings, we have a Cattlemen’s College Beef Quality Assurance by Zoetis Animal Health, a Western Fun Night, and an Awards Banquet. Committee meetings take place every year at convention to discuss renewing policy, and the addition of new policy that will guide the association throughout the next year.

Wrap up your time in Winnemucca with our Annual Awards Banquet. Enjoy good Basque food catered by the Martin Hotel and time with good friends. It is sure to be entertaining as always. We will reflect on those who have served our industry well in the past year and present the Cattleman of the Year Award, Allied Industries Award, and the 100,000-Mile Club Award!

The NCA works with the Nevada Agricultural Foundation to select a teacher of the year. This is another award that is presented during the Awards Banquet. This is an elementary, junior high, or high school teacher who incorporates agriculture into their regular curriculum. Although we cannot pick every teacher and mentor in the state, we encourage you to thank those around you for all they do, not only for you, but for the ranching industry today. Teachers, mentors, and leaders are very important in life.

The association is also continuing to work on the 50th Anniversary Fallon Bull Sale. Consignors please remember that there is still time to consign to our annual bull sale held in Fallon, NV on February 20, 2016. Buyers from across the western United States recognize that this sale offers high quality bulls which are always in demand. We cordially invite your consignment of bulls to this time honored sale. Entries close and must be postmarked by December 1, 2015. For more information regarding consignments or any other information regarding the All-Breed Fallon Bull Sale please contact the office at 1-775-738-9214 or nca@nevadabeef.org.
80th Annual
Nevada Cattlemen’s Association
Convention and Trade Show
November 12–14, 2015
Winnemucca Convention Center - Winnemucca, Nevada

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### Nevada Cattlemen’s Association
#### 2015 Joint Convention & Trade Show

**Tentative Schedule**

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NCA’s guests for the entire day of November 13 FREE of charge. This includes the one-day Convention Registration, meals catered by the Martin Hotel for the day, free access to the allied industries Trade Show of products and services, the Young Cattlemen’s and Leadership Reception in the trade show and a Western Fun Night Dinner with entertainment by singer Molly Seals. The only requirement is that applicants be Pre-Registered. The Tentative Schedule and Registration forms can be found online at: www.nevadacattlemen.org/convention.

Events of the day include the continental breakfast bar in the trade show, Habitat Restoration Success Stories and the Research and Education, Private and Public Lands Committee Meetings. Important issues affecting Nevada’s beef businesses, livelihoods and way of life are discussed there, and goals are set for dealing with identified challenges. There will be a Young Cattlemen’s Opportunity and Open Forum session geared to Young Cattlemen’s interests later in the day.

Beef producers have a passion for the production of beef cattle, management of our natural resources and the lifestyle that the beef industry offers. NCA recognizes the enormous contributions our older NCA members have and continue to make through their participation in NCA activities at the state and national level. However if we want to maintain this lifestyle for generations to come, we ALL need to participate at some level in an agricultural organization. NCA would like to show you how and why you should be a dues paying member and participant of the NCA. We offer you this opportunity so you can see firsthand the Nevada Cattlemen’s Association in action as we set policy on the many issues facing the livestock industry.

Please call our office at 775-738-9214 or email nca@nevadabeef.org should you have additional questions.

Nevada Cattlemen’s Association looks forward to having the opportunity to serve as hosts for this day. Consider registering TODAY! President Torell says, “I hope to see YOU there!”

### Hotel Blocks Reserved for 2015 Nevada Cattlemen’s Convention

Specified rates available for November 11-15, 2015

- **Model T-** 54.95 w/free breakfast
  - Reservations must be made by Thursday, November 5, 2015
  - Promo is “Nevada Cattlemen Convention”

- **Winnemucca Inn – 79.99**
  - Promo is “Nevada Cattlemen Convention”

- **Candlewood Suites – 99.99 for one queen; 109.99 for two queens**
  - Reservations must be made by Sunday, October 11, 2015
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- **Holiday Inn- 109.99**
  - Reservations must be made by Monday, November 2, 2015
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 ner programs all add flexibility and incentive for landowners/managers to reverse this burn and invasive plant trend. The end result will be improved habitats through on-the-ground cooperative and collaborative projects that make a difference over time on riparian and upland areas of our sagebrush steppe.

A not warranted designation recognizes the many unending on-the-ground collaborative conservation efforts of our resource users. These projects are in concert with good stewardship on both private and federal lands and have shown quantifiable positive habitat restoration results. There are a number of collaborative livestock management projects focused on improving riparian areas and uplands on both public and private lands in Nevada. Some of these projects have been in place for more than 25 years. All share a common vision of restoring/maintaining healthy functional streams as well as stable, well vegetated uplands.

Good stewardship is the right thing for the bird, the land, the people and the livestock. Habitat conservation requires on-the-ground habitat projects such as water improvements, spring and meadow management, invasive species control, green-striping, fire pre-suppression work (including fuels reduction through strategic and planned grazing), reseeding rangelands, etc. It is much easier to perform these projects with local buy-in and participation rather than working through more red tape and paperwork due to further restrictions placed on federal lands which would have been the case with an endangered or threatened listing.

Any listing by the USFWS including not warranted sidesteps local science based conservation efforts that were drafted by the State of Nevada and supported by the Nevada Cattlemen’s Association. State-based plans could have provided a better avenue for aggressive conservation efforts funded by and undertaken with local stakeholders than the Land Use Plan Amendment (LUPA) will.

 Undeniably there are legal, political, environmental and social obstacles associated with public lands which are not associated with private land management. This not warranted status gives more flexibility to private property owners where Sage Grouse habitat exists than an endangered or threatened listing would have offered.

It seems the burden of proof on many land use management issues often falls on the users and caretakers of the land and not the decision makers. The decision makers often live far away and are far removed from the land. The ESA (a federal government program of “We know best”) has become a regular tool of the extreme environmental movement to impose land and water use restrictions across the nation. It has proven one of the most costly statutes for livestock producers particularly on federal lands. NCA is satisfied the USFWS made the correct decision with the Greater Sage-Grouse designation as being not warranted. However, the many serious issues we have identified in the Nevada and Northeastern California Greater Sage Grouse Proposed LUPA/ Final EIS, destined to be amended into every Land Use Plan in the sage grouse habitat areas of the state, are of monumental concern and will be vigorously opposed. The federal agencies must work closely with our Nevada scientific community (UNR CABNR, USDA, ARS, etc.) to assure that the science utilized is appropriate to our state. To introduce outside science into our region and attempt to impose it on our users while avoiding technical standards jointly developed and agreed to over many years, will be met with strong resistance. The livestock industry is vigilant of the Land Use Plan Amendments and will remain so throughout the process. Our future depends on reasonable and achievable standards that do not threaten the livelihood of our industry or the economy of rural communities.

Through this monthly column our hope is to update those involved in the Nevada Livestock industry about the issues NCA is working on for our mission continues to be to promote, preserve and protect a dynamic and profitable Nevada beef industry. Should you like to visit with NCA staff or officers in person feel free to contact NCA at 775-738-9214 or my NCA e-mail address ncapresident@nevadabeef.org.
Recreation Access to Private Lands

With fall hunting season soon to arrive, come the many requests from hunters and recreationalists alike for access to recreate and/or hunt on private property. Private lands offer primary habitat to many of the state’s wildlife and often afford gateway access to our state’s federally managed lands. Given past bad experiences with a small percentage of hunters on private lands, it is easy to see why access is often denied.

The Nevada Cattlemen’s Association (NCA) recently teamed up with the Nevada Department of Wildlife (NDOW) in an effort to educate hunters and recreationalists about conduct on private property. “Our relationship with the agriculture community and private land owners is highly valued,” states Tony Wasley, NDOW Director. “We consider them a key partner because of the value their land provides the wildlife of Nevada. We want to make sure Nevada’s sportsmen and women respect private lands. Nevada’s private lands are extremely important to not only Nevada’s wildlife but to recreational opportunities for all Nevadans. We have the responsibility to educate the public on the ethics of hunting and recreating on this private land.”

As a result of the team educational effort, a full page ad (see page 9) was developed and published in the 2015 NDOW Hunting Guide. It is both NCA and NDOW’s hope these educational efforts will aid our state’s hunters while they recreate on, through or around private property and these recreationalists respect private property rights during their outdoor activities.

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Hunters Must Respect Private Property

Every year the Nevada Department of Wildlife (NDOW) receives reports of hunters trespassing, damaging private property and even releasing livestock from fences. Nevada is more than eighty percent public land, almost all of it open to hunting, but some sportsmen still mistakenly enter private property and should be more careful about trespassing.

“Most sportsmen are ethical and respect private property, but when we do get reports of trespassing or private property damage we take them seriously,” said Tyler Turnipseed, chief game warden for NDOW. “We find that nearly all of these problems can be avoided if people use a little common sense while hunting or recreating outdoors.”

The Nevada Department of Wildlife wants to remind everyone that hunting on someone else’s land is a privilege, not a right. Remember common courtesy can go a long way toward establishing good hunter-landowner relations in the future.

Tips to use when hunting on private property:

- Access to and across private lands is a privilege granted by the landowner. Not all roads are public roads. Traveling on private roads without permission to access other lands is akin to someone walking through your house to reach a neighbor’s home.
- Bring a good map showing private and public land ownership. Know where you are. Internet map sources may not be very accurate and there may be no cell service in rural areas.
- Build good relationships with land owners by asking permission.
- Leave gates the way you find them and make sure everyone in your party knows that. If a rancher wants a gate left open, it will be hung back on the fence, not lying on the ground.
- Leave the land better than you find it – pick up all trash you find and take it with you.
- Camp away from water sources for the benefit of wildlife and livestock.
- Report hunter misconduct. Misbehaving hunters jeopardize the use of resources for all hunters.
- Stay on existing roads.
- When granted access, bring only the number of hunters expected by your host.
- Respect locked gates, no trespassing signs and orange-painted gate posts. They all mean stay out.
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2015 PLC Update

By JJ Goicoechea

The annual Public Lands Council Meeting was held in Cody, Wyoming September 9-12, 2015.

The first day of the meeting was devoted to evaluating projects submitted to the PLC Trust for funding consideration. There were many outstanding projects aimed at protecting public land grazing, our rural way of life, and educational outreach. However, there was just under $500,000 to distribute. The Trust Board eventually recommended project funding for the following:

- Overhead and Operations of the trust
- Ruben Myer Public Relations Campaign,
- Western States Legal Resource Center,
- Grazing and Grouse study in Idaho
- and evaluating how FLMPA and the Taylor Grazing Act interact today and drafting a white paper.

To date, the PLC Endowment Trust has funded projects in the amount of $5.3 million.

PLC Board voted a dues increase to all affiliates. There was substantial comment and discussion on this, Nevada and Idaho opposed the increased dues. At this time, in light of the trust money being spent on PR and no significant outreach to states is being done. While I fully understand and support funding of PLC, I feel that we have not done a sufficient job in the last few years of reaching out to affiliate states and providing feedback. I personally feel that some trust money is needed to be spent on education and outreach in affiliate states before increasing dues.

The dues increase will result in approximately a $5,400 jump in annual dues. Nevada continues to be the second largest contributor to PLC revenue based upon total AUMs. Part of the funding issue for Nevada and other western states, is that there is no good mechanism in place to secure payment from Forest Service Permittees. The Central Committee Grazing Boards in Nevada will have to determine how to make up the shortfall and possibly invoice Forest Service permits.

PLC continues to be involved in litigation efforts across the west, ranging from wild horse management to WOTUS. Keep in mind that only dues based money can be used for litigation. The trust funds cannot be used for litigation unless in a defense manner. Most recently PLC was a named appellant in the challenge of the Battle Mountain Drought EA brought forward by Nevada Land Action Association.

On a final note, PLC Executive Director Dustin VanLiew attended his last PLC meeting in his position in September. Dustin has served the industry well for the last 8 years and we wish him luck in his new career in Houston, TX. PLC will be replacing Dustin this fall. At the time of this article, the application period had just ended.
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Valuable Pocket Tool for Cattle Producers Now Available
NCBA’s 2016 Redbook Helps Ranchers Secure Efficient Recordkeeping

DENVER (Sept. 18, 2015) – A pocket-sized recordkeeping tool that has been used by cattle producers for more than 30 years to enhance profitability will be available for the 2016 year starting October 5 – at a reduced rate for a limited time. The Integrated Resource Management (IRM) Redbook from the National Cattlemen’s Beef Association helps cattle producers effectively and efficiently record their daily production efforts.

The 2016 Redbook has more than 100 pages to record calving activity, herd health, pasture use, cattle inventory, body condition, cattle treatment, AI breeding records and more. It also contains an annual calendar, section for addresses, revised Beef Quality Assurance national guidelines, and proper injection technique information.

“With the growth of branded beef programs, people are asking for more and more documentation on how you raise your cattle,” according to John Paterson, a New Mexico rancher. “The redbook gives you that documentation, putting it right there in your shirt pocket. Just as important, it helps me identify potential problems with my cow herd, and provides me with specific information that I need to better assess my progress, such as the percent of calves born in the first third of calving season and the percent born in the last. It helps me manage many of the challenges on my ranch.”

Until Nov. 15 Redbooks can be purchased for $6.50 each, plus shipping. After Nov. 15 the price of the Redbooks will be $7 each, plus shipping. Customization of the Redbooks is available (for 100 books or more), and quantity discounts are available. To order, visit www.beefusa.org.

For more information on the NCBA Redbooks, contact Grace Webb at gwebb@beef.org or (800) 525-3085.

NCF Accepting Applications for Beef Industry Scholarship

DENVER (Sept. 15, 2015) – The National Cattlemen’s Foundation is now accepting applications for 2016-17 beef industry scholarships sponsored by the CME Group. Ten scholarships of $1,500 each will be awarded to outstanding students pursuing careers in the beef industry.

“The CME Beef Industry Scholarship enables us to invest in the next generation of our nation’s food producers, while helping them understand the importance of risk management to the beef industry,” said TimAndriesen, CME Group Managing Director of Agricultural Commodities. “For more than 25 years, NCBA has been a key partner in advancing risk management education to future beef industry leaders through this important scholarship program.”

The CME Beef Industry Scholarship was introduced in 1989 to celebrate the 25th anniversary of the Live Cattle futures contract on the Chicago Mercantile Exchange. It recognizes and encourages talented students who will one day be industry leaders. Students studying education, communication, production, research or other areas related to the beef industry should consider applying for the scholarship.

Applicants for the 2016-17 scholarship will be required to write a one-page letter expressing future career goals related to the beef industry. They also must write a 750-word essay describing an issue in the beef industry and offering solutions to this problem. Applicants must be a graduating high school senior or full-time undergraduate student enrolled at a two or four-year college.

Applications should be submitted by October 30, 2015 and sent to National Cattlemen’s Foundation, 9110 E. Nichols Ave., Suite 300, Centennial, CO 80112. The winning recipients will be announced during the Cattle Industry Convention and NCBA Trade Show in San Diego, Cali., Jan. 27-29, 2016.

For more information visit www.nationalcattlemensfoundation.org.

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Drought, crop and livestock insurance, beginning farmers and ranchers, Veggies for Kids and Climate are the focus of statewide agricultural programs being organized out of the Mineral County Cooperative Extension office for the next year. Plans for the 2016 Cattlemen’s Update are also underway. We like to stay busy and this next year will be no exception.

Drought is a big topic and is being talked about in several forums and summits, but how does it really impact the agricultural operations in different parts of the state. Tom Harris and Malieka Landis are actually looking at the drought economic impacts on Nevada agriculture in the UNR Center for Economic Development. We are collaborating with them on several projects including the redevelopment of statewide enterprise budgets for the different agricultural sectors in Nevada.

A USDA program update was held across the state this last May. This update focused on the Risk Management Agency insurance programs along with information about USDA, Farm Service Agency programs and USDA, Natural Resources Conservation Service. The biggest turnout of the event was in Lovelock, NV. At this site, the impacts of drought showed just how this area has been impacted with no to limited irrigation for the past several years. With no surface water allocations, farmers and ranchers are facing tough choices. The little to no water allocations also affects the eligibility of producers within the different USDA programs. We have submitted to renew our outreach contract with the USDA, Risk Management Agency to work with USDA agencies on crop and livestock insurance and producer access to all USDA programs.

Climate is another hot topic item. What is climate? Recently, we have begun working with the Nevada State Climatologist’s Office. It is located in the College of Science, Geography Department. This climate office can connect us with historical information about Nevada’s climate, current conditions, and the forecast for the next few months. In addition, this climate office conducts research that is relevant to the State of Nevada. Doug Boyle, State Climatologist, has agreed to travel with us over the next year to provide education and information about climate. In return, he wants to receive comments and feedback about the climate in the different areas of the state by producers. The State Climate office was approached because we have all these different ways
of measuring drought and it is ironic that most of these tools are not linked together. Did you know we have a U.S. Drought Monitor, Vegetation Index, Precipitation Index, and then there are different ways that Bureau of Land Management (BLM) and Forest Service (FS) quantify their Animal Units per Month (AUM). For example, the RMA Pasture Rangeland and Forage (PRF) Program that can insure rangeland, pasture, and alfalfa runs on a vegetation index, the Non Insured Crop Disaster Assistance Program (NAP) with FSA is determined by two individual assessments (one by NRCS and one by Extension), and the Livestock Forage Disaster Program (LFP) with FSA is based on the U.S. Drought Monitor. This does not even touch on the decisions made by BLM and FS and the standards and regulations that make up AUM determinations. Over the next year, we would like to start these discussions and learn about these climate tools that are impacting Nevada agriculture. The College of Science, Department of Geography and Cooperative Extension have also hired a faculty position for water, climate and drought hazards. Kerri Jean Ormerod began work in late summer and will also be on the road with the team over the next year to listen to producer comments.

In December of 2014, the Herds & Harvest: Nevada Beginning Farmer and Rancher Project was refunded by the USDA, National Institute of Food and Agriculture for the next three years. The program included the expansion of the Wolf Pack Meats slaughter and processing certification program to include a Basic II and Basic III certification. BASICS I began in 2012 and it provides hands-on specialized training in the accuracy of cutting, knife handling, portion control, merchandising and the utilization of all carcass products, including food safety and sanitation guidelines. A BASICS II, implemented this last spring, is a three-day education program related to the meat packing industry. Day one is in the classroom learning how packers make their money from purchasing live livestock to carcass quality, grade and yield of different livestock, which includes the ultrasound of live cattle. Day two will focus on the slaughter of live cattle and day three will be in the processing plant to grade and yield carcasses and determine carcass values. Basics III is still in the planning stages and will collaborate with Nevada Workforce Development and the College of Agriculture, Biotechnology and Natural Resources (CABNR) to offer an internship at Wolf Pack Meats. In addition, CABNR and Cooperative Extension have recently hired Amilton de Mello in a faculty position for food safety in meat science. His research interest is focusing on positively impacting meat industry operations, production costs, meat quality attributes, and animal welfare.

Veggies for Kids, funded by the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP-Ed), is an in-school youth nutrition education program which includes school garden activities. Currently, the program is implemented in Mineral County (Hawthorne Elementary and Schurz School), Lyon County (Yerington Elementary and Smith Valley Elementary), Washoe County (Natchez Elementary) and Elko County (Owyhee Elementary). There are 8-12 weeks of in-school lessons that focus on MyPlate (different food groups), Play Hard, Drink Water and Grow Strong. USDA, Natural Resources Conservation District over the last two years supports the creation of school gardens at each site so that the program can teach youth where their food comes from. Each school site has a hoop house and outside garden that students participate during the year. Each site also has a summer institute that focuses on healthy lifestyle and eating and working in the school gardens.

Lastly, but not least, we are planning the 2016 Cattlemen’s Update. The evaluations from last year’s event have been compiled and your comments are on the record. The committee will meet on the agenda the end of September. The dates have been set for January 4 -11, 2016. A new site was added to the agenda this year because of requests. So, the team will travel to Sierraville, CA on January 11, 2016. Everyone should be receiving a program brochure in the mail in November. We hope to see you there.
More Tailgating with the Nevada Wolf Pack in Store

Have you stopped by to see us at a recent Nevada Wolf Pack home football game? The Nevada Beef Council (NBC) will be joining 92.1 The Wolf for a few more games, so come by to say hello and watch us in action as we share great beef recipes and cooking information with fellow tailgaters!

The tailgating events not only give the NBC a chance to connect with football fans about beef, but they also coincide with campaigns involving some of our retail and promotion partners like Save Mart Supermarkets, Raley’s Supermarkets, Reser’s Fine Foods and Crock-Pot® slow cookers.

Through September 22, the NBC and Save Mart offered customers who purchased select packages of beef and a Reser’s 3-pound potato or macaroni deli salad a chance to save $3. Combined with an extensive radio broadcast and social media campaign on Facebook and Twitter, the promotion helped remind consumers throughout Northern Nevada that football season isn’t complete without beef.

Starting later this month, the NBC will launch another promotion with Raley’s Supermarkets and Crock-Pot®. Slated to run through November 3, this promotion will also coincide with the NBC’s UNR tailgating outreach, and will include in-store savings on select cuts of beef, an extensive broadcast and social media campaign, and a chance for consumers to win a popular Crock-Pot® slow cooker.

Following the completion of promotions such as these, the NBC collects and reviews the results to determine what impact was made on beef sales, helping ensure we are investing Beef Checkoff dollars in effective and meaningful efforts. We’ll be sure to share those with you in a future Sage Signals article.

FREE BQA Certification Period Announced

Thanks to the partnership of Boehringer Ingelheim Vetmedica, Inc. (BIVI), beef producers in Nevada and throughout the country can earn free Beef Quality Assurance (BQA) certification, now through November 20. The offer applies to training obtained through the online platform made available at www.bqa.org.

As an added bonus, anyone who becomes certified during this period is eligible to win a prize package, courtesy of BIVI and the BQA program, funded in part by the Beef Checkoff.

BIVI will pick up the $25-$50 online training fee for every person completing BQA training through Nov. 20. That includes anyone who works with cattle – whether it is beef or dairy. Since these offers have started there have been over 22,000 users that have become BQA trained online.

The BQA program is important to the cattle industry because it ensures producers are aware of the latest best management practices for producing a safe and high quality beef product, which in turn spurs greater consumer confidence in our industry. BQA certification is equally beneficial for dairy producers, as it promotes safe animal-handling practices and other quality control measures, which is important considering a large percentage of dairy calves and market cows make their way into the food chain.

The BQA training modules are customized to fit the specific needs of each segment of the cattle industry – cow-calf, stocker, feedyard and dairy operations. The program covers best management practices such as proper handling and administration of animal health products, reducing injection site blemishes, and low stress cattle-handling principles.

To become BQA-certified, or learn more about the program, visit www.bqa.org.

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