

NCA Awarding Two Scholarship Opportunities for 2024

The Nevada Cattlemen's Association (NCA) is pleased to announce our 2024 scholarship opportunities. NCA will again be offering two scholarships. The NCA Scholarship will be awarded to a first-year college student beginning to pursue an education within the agricultural industry. This scholarship is open to all Nevada High School graduating seniors planning to attend a community college or four-year college/university and majoring in an agriculture related field. The amount of this scholarship for 2024 will be \$1,500!

Eligibility & application requirements for the **NCA Scholarship** include:

- Applicant must be a senior graduating from a Nevada High School.
- Applicant must plan to attend a Community College or a 4-year College/University.
- Applicant must be seeking a degree in an agricultural related field.
- Applicant must have at least a 2.5 GPA. A copy of the student's official transcripts is required.
- Applicant must submit a cover letter describing themselves and how your future plans tie into the future of the cattle industry, background in the beef industry, and how this scholarship may benefit you, etc...

NCA is also pleased to announce the **Marvel/Andrae Scholarship**, which is available to graduating high school seniors or students currently enrolled in college. To be eligible, students must be pursuing a degree in agricultural economics, agricultural business, or the animal/meat science fields. The 2024 Marvel/Andrae Scholarship award will be \$2,500!

The Nevada Cattlemen's Association would like to thank Agri Beef for their continued support of the Marvel/Andrae Scholarship. This scholarship recognizes the legacies of Tom & Rosita Marvel and Jim & Sharon Andrae and the many contributions these two Nevada ranching families have made to our industry.

Eligibility & application requirements for the **Marvel/Andrae Scholarship** include:

- Applicant must plan to attend or be currently attending a Community College or a 4-year College/University.
- Applicant must be from Nevada and pursuing a degree in agricultural economics, agricultural business, or the animal/meat science fields.
- Applicant must have at least a 2.8 GPA. A copy of the student's official transcripts is required.

- Students that were previous recipients of the NCA Scholarship and meet the eligibility requirements of the Marvel-Andrae Scholarship are eligible to apply.
- Applicant must submit a cover letter describing themselves, background, goals, future plans, and how this scholarship may benefit them, etc...

Students and educators interested in these two great scholarship opportunities are encouraged to contact the Nevada Cattlemen's Association. Scholarship application forms can be downloaded from the Nevada Cattlemen's website at www.nevadacattlemen.org. Applicants can call the NCA office at 775-738-9214 or send a request to nca@nevadabeef.org for a copy as well. Completed applications need to be postmarked by **April 3rd, 2024** and can be mailed to: Attn: Research & Education Committee, c/o Nevada Cattlemen's Association, P.O. Box 310, Elko, NV 89803; or submitted by email to nca@nevadabeef.org.

Nevada Cattlemen's Association: Seeking Teacher of the Year Nominations

The Nevada Cattlemen's Association has started their annual quest for "Teacher of the Year" candidates and are asking for your help in soliciting nominations. The deadline for submitting nominations is **May 1st, 2024**.

Nominees 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. Current Agricultural Education teachers are not eligible. Nominees may also include teachers considered in previous years but were not selected for the award. Nominations must include a completed NCA Teacher of the Year Application Form and an attached short essay describing why the teacher is being nominated.

The winner of this award will receive a \$1,000 school supply stipend courtesy of the Nevada Agriculture Foundation. The award recipient will also be recognized during the 2024 Nevada Cattlemen's Association Annual Awards Banquet.

Anyone may submit a nomination form which is available at www.nevadacattlemen.org.

For any questions, please contact the NCA office at 775-738-9214. Nominations may be submitted by email to nca@nevadabeef.org with "2024 Teacher of the Year Nomination" in the subject line; faxed to 775-738-5208; or sent by mail to Attn: Research & Education Committee, c/o Nevada Cattlemen's Association, P.O. Box 310, Elko, NV 89803.

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PRESIDENT'S PERSPECTIVE

Hanes Homan, President, Nevada Cattlemen's Association

Steak is the Standard!

Greetings,
As I sit around in the idle hours of evening darkness beginning about 3:30 PM this winter, I scan through Netflix trying to find something to watch. I stumbled across a mini-series called Suits. It's moderately clean by today's standards and engaging enough to stay hooked on (and it's NOT Woke). The plot is a high-end corporate lawyer at a large law firm in New York City and he hires a very intelligent young man with a photographic memory that faked his way through law school. The high-end Lawyer (Harvey Specter) has nothing but the elite in his life, fancy sports cars, \$12,000 custom tailored suits and billion-dollar deals. Hollywood's idea of how to show class.

Now how does this pertain to the cattle business, you may

ask? Every time that the lawyers of the firm go out for dinner to celebrate or want to impress and "close" a high-end client they go have a steak. As Hollywood shows first class meals you see high end steakhouses, filets, t-bones, rib steaks, red wine and them talking about how great the steak is. The thing that I catch myself thinking about while watching this is the fact that even Hollywood knows for the best dining experience you can get- you go have a STEAK. Steak is the standard of the best. Our industry has worked very hard to build the best dining experience you can have and accidentally or on purpose set the Standard! Even considering the liberal woke-ness of the TV industry, they recognize the eating experience of a great steak. As I'm headed out this morning to feed my cows, grumbling about the cold, I find a sense of pride knowing where my product is headed and what it means - Steak is the Standard of great eating!

NEVADA NEWS

Proposed East Humboldt and Ruby Mountains Fuels Reduction and Landscape Resilience Project Available for Public Comment

Elko, Nev. – The Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest's Mountain City-Ruby Mountains-Jarbidge Ranger District is initiating a public comment period on the proposed East Humboldt and Ruby Mountains Fuels Reduction and Landscape Resilience Project. The purpose of this project is to restore fire to fire-dependent ecosystems and mitigate wildfire risk to communities and resources. It is located primarily in Elko County, Nevada, with the southern portion of the Ruby Mountains lying in White Pine County.

"The District needs to address increasing fuel loads, lack of defensible space in the wildland urban interface, and changing climate conditions that favor larger, faster fires," explained District Ranger Josh Nicholes. "If left untreated this landscape is vulnerable to detrimental effects of wildfire including threat to human life; loss of infrastructure, livelihood, property, wildlife habitat, watersheds, ecosystem function, biodiversity; impact to airsheds; and many other consequences."

Goals of the project are to reduce hazardous fuels to provide defensible areas near the wildland urban interface, private lands, critical infrastructure, and heritage resources while increasing ecosystem resilience and improving wildlife habitat. The project would also prolong the effectiveness of previously implemented vegetation treatments in the project area.

To achieve these goals, the District plans to use mechanical equipment, hand thinning, prescribed fire, and prescriptive grazing to implement approximately 20,000 acres of fuels treatments per year across the 245,532-acre project area within the Elko Front Wildfire Crisis Strategy landscape. Additional actions to support treatment implementation will include noxious and invasive weeds treatments, seeding, and road maintenance. Treatments would occur over several years and some areas would require multiple types of treatments.

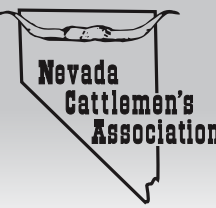
The District is encouraging public scoping comments on the proposed East

Humboldt and Ruby Mountains Fuels Reduction and Landscape Resilience Project through Thursday, Feb. 29, 2024. The scoping notice and other project documents are available at: <https://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=65063>.

Written comments must be submitted to Josh Nicholes, District Ranger, 660 S. 12th Street, Suite 108, Elko, Nevada 89801 or hand-delivered during normal business hours from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding federal holidays. Facsimiles can be sent to 775-752-1799.

Electronic comments must be submitted in a format such as an email message, pdf, plain text (.txt), rich text format (.rtf), or Word (.doc). They can be uploaded to the "Comments/Objection on Project" section of the project website at <https://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=65063> under "get connected." Please put "EHRM Project" into the subject line.

For more information on this project please contact Aryn Hayden at (775) 296-1107 or aryn.hayden@usda.gov.

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Nevada Cattlewomen Beef & Wine Pairing Workshops

By Keri Pommerening, Nevada Cattlewomen President

Nevada Cattlewomen started the year off with a bang as we met to plan our activities for the 2024 year. We are excited to start the groundwork toward hosting Beef & Wine Pairing Workshops. We will be looking to host one in the Minden area in the spring, one in Elko in the summer, and one in Southern Nevada in the fall/winter. What is a Beef & Wine Pairing Workshop? Our plan is to sell a limited number of tickets to attend the workshops. Each workshop will feature three or four stations where attendees can rotate through and experience and taste test various cuts of meat with a sample of wine that compliments the cut. Each station will have recipe cards. Nevada Cattlewomen want to involve producers by asking at least one producer to attend and be able to answer questions about their beef business. The producer can then have cuts of meat for sale. As each attendee leaves the workshop, he or she will have the opportunity to purchase cuts of meat and the paired wine, accompanied with free recipe cards. The goal is for attendees to leave prepared to cook the meal that night. Bringing producers and consumers together to enjoy the tasty benefits of beef in a fun and interactive workshop, beef and wine, what else do you need? We will offer more information as we get the dates and locations booked.

As I mentioned in my last article, I will share a monthly highlight on one of our members so you can get to know some of the hard-working crew behind the scenes of Nevada Cattlewomen. This month's spotlight is on Charmi Mitchell, our 2024 President-Elect. Here is what Charmi had to share.

"I am a wife to a farrier, a mom to a little cowboy and a Master Teacher for Ag-

riculture Science and Environmental Science Education at the University of Nevada, Reno for the NevadaTeach program. Before moving to the university level, I was a high school agriculture educator and FFA Advisor for 7 years. I have always had a passion for teaching agriculture and now get to share that passion with preservice teachers as they start their own journey in a high school classroom.

My love for agriculture started when I was young, as I was telling the vet that I couldn't see as he was trying to deliver a calf in a snow storm. From there it continued to grow as my grandpa gifted me my very own replacement heifer. She then went on to several livestock shows as a heifer, cow and home-grown cow/calf pair. That cow lived to be 18 years old and gave me a set of twins her last calving season. They say there's always a special bond between a girl and her first horse but I think I was one that had a special bond with her first cow.

I am excited to share my educational experience and my passion for agriculture and the beef industry, in my new position as president-elect for the Nevada Cattlewomen."

Thank you, Charmi, for your commitment to Nevada Cattlewomen and the beef industry. Until next month, whether you are feeding cows, calving, watching the snow pile up, or enjoying the sunshine, stay safe and warm.

Cattlewomen – a voice from the past with a vision for the future.



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Charmi Mitchell Family, from left: Charmi, Tripp, and Tyler.



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Native Seed: Expanding Markets for Producers, Saving Ecosystems

By: The Nevada Department of Agriculture

In Nevada, invasive annual grasses increase wildfire frequency and intensity. Grass-fueled fires threaten human safety, destroy infrastructure, decrease economic productivity, degrade wildlife habitat and reduce recreational opportunities. Best management practices suggest that restoring previously disturbed sites is the best way to combat this oppressive fire cycle, but restoration in the sagebrush ecosystem is challenging, especially when trying to restore native plant species that provide the highest habitat value. Millions of pounds of seed are used every year to restore ecosystems on burned or disturbed lands. However, the majority of seed used in Nevada originates and is genetically adapted to cooler, wetter growing conditions, rather than the drier climates and areas in which they are used. With Nevada's distinction as the driest state in the country, seed developed in other environments have little hope of returning the landscape to its pre-disturbance conditions. As a result, the vicious cycle of burning and re-seeding is rapidly eliminating biodiversity from Nevada's ecosystems. While climate factors will always have a strong influence on restoration outcomes, efforts could improve if seed was genetically appropriate for the areas in which it was planted.

Currently, there are no large commercial native seed producers in Nevada. Through outreach efforts, the Nevada Department of Agriculture (NDA) has received interest from



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producers throughout the state looking to diversify their traditional crops and incorporate native seed production in their operations. However, most prospective producers are not familiar with cultivation, cleaning or sale of native seed. The availability for native seed for production including wildland collected seed is difficult to access.

To combat the lack of locally adapted native seed, the NDA has introduced the Foundation Seed Program. Producers are encouraged to apply for an award of native seed stock to be cultivated in Nevada. All applications will be reviewed by a committee and chosen participants will receive seed of the species of their choosing at no cost. Producers will then be responsible for cultivation, seed production, harvest and crop cleaning, with a portion of the seed yield to be returned to the Foundation Seed Program to establish a sustainable seed stock. The amount of seed returned to the program will be determined at the time of award on a case-by-case basis. The applicant is then free to use the remaining seed in continued or expanded production on their farm, or to sell the remainder of their yield in the native seed market to be used in restoration and rehabilitation efforts.

This program supports growers new to cultivating native seed and those with experience. Resources are available through the NDA and partners to give producers the best chance at success in producing native seed, whether or not they are participating in the Foundation Seed Program. With access to technical guides and expert advice, the NDA can help producers begin their venture into the native seed market.

To learn more about the Foundation Seed Program and apply for native seeds, visit agri.nv.gov/seed or contact the NDA at seed@agri.nv.gov or (775) 399-0284.

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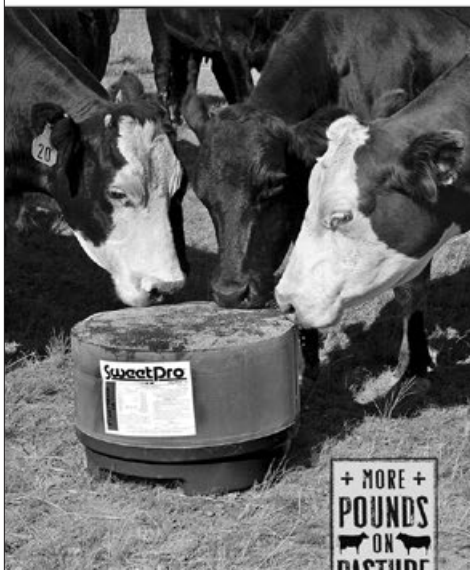
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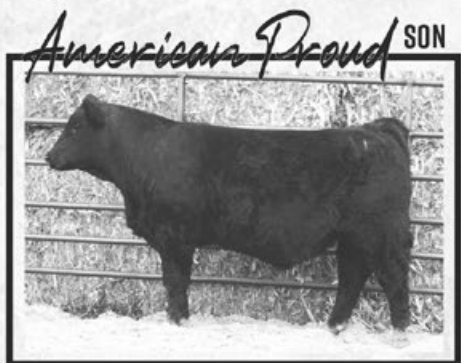
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Westerman Responds to NYSE's About Face, Decision to Withdraw NAC Rule Proposal

WASHINGTON, D.C., January 17, 2024 —Today, the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) announced a notice of withdrawal of the proposed rule change that would have allowed the New York Stock Exchange (NYSE) to list Natural Asset Companies (NACs). House Committee on Natural Resources Chairman Bruce Westerman (R-Ark.) issued the following statement in response:

"Today is a victory for Americans as our public lands stay firmly in the hands of our citizens. After committee Republicans raised the alarm on this issue, we're relieved to see the New York Stock Exchange come to its senses and withdraw its own proposed rule change. Allowing foreign interests to fund companies that would lock up America's most precious assets should never have been considered, and today we can breathe at least a momentary sigh of relief. I'd like to recognize members of this committee who contributed important work on this issue and helped bring it to light. For now, America's public lands remain available to all Americans, not to foreign shareholders. The committee will continue its diligent oversight of any attempts to lock up America's public lands."

Background

The committee has been investigating the concerning consequences this rule would have had on America's public lands, including allowing foreign actors to

control our land policies. Last week, Westerman and Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations Chairman Paul Gosar (R-Ariz.) led a letter to SEC Chair Gary Gensler and Director Haoxiang Zhu, seeking information on the proposed rule.

On October 4, 2023, the SEC published notice of a proposed rule change to allow the NYSE to list NACs, a new type of public company that would hold rights over prescribed areas such as national parks, federal lands, and private land. However, unlike other companies that are created to provide services or produce items of value, a NAC is "a corporation whose primary purpose is to actively manage, maintain, restore (as applicable), and grow the value of natural assets and their production of ecosystem services."

In short, NACs would obtain rights to U.S. land and could then prevent that land from being used for the production of natural resources, including fossil fuel development, mining, most logging and large-scale farming, all of which are specifically prohibited by NACs under the current proposal. Hence, NACs would allow shareholders, including foreign interests, to buy shares of companies whose express purpose is to lock up land and prevent productive natural resource development, particularly on America's national parks and public lands.

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A United Voice and Vision

By Todd Wilkinson, NCBA President

It is with heartfelt thanks that I am writing this final column. The opportunity to serve as the president of the National Cattlemen's Beef Association has been a true honor.

Having been involved in various committees of NCBA for many years, I have long appreciated the impact of an organization built from the grassroots and based upon the beliefs of producers across the country. As I advanced into leadership positions, that appreciation grew and I came to realize the good things producers can do when their voices are amplified by an organization that works for the future of our industry.

As an officer and especially as president, the effectiveness and the power of our organization became even more apparent. Many times, we all are so involved in our own operations we fail to appreciate what we accomplish as an organization.

NCBA members represent the heart and soul of the cattle industry. Whatever your job description, we share a common belief in a business that represents America and what it stands for. Big or small, it doesn't matter, as each of us is proud to be a part of the cattle business. Whatever your job description, the cattle industry is made up of some of the best people in the world.

To the staff of NCBA, I am humbled by your commitment and dedication. Time



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and time again it has been made very clear that many do not just work at NCBA, rather you believe in NCBA, its mission and the grassroot producers it represents. Performing your duties for a paycheck is one thing but believing in your job and the organization is another. Some of you reading this have experienced first-hand the remarkable job our NCBA team does every day and will appreciate when I say we all need to say a heartfelt thank you.

Our industry is facing challenges our parents and grandparents would have never envisioned. But one theme has held fast for 125 years — producers united in vision and voice can make a difference. Our task and our duty is to continue that vision and project a unified voice to ensure tomorrow, and for hundreds of years to come, our children and grandchildren and their descendants will be involved in the cattle business, and NCBA will be the bedrock upon which our industry stands.

As I leave my role as president, I strived to ensure future generations will have the opportunity to experience a truly remarkable industry. An industry where your word is your bond and a handshake still means something. Thank you for allowing me the privilege to serve as your NCBA president.

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NCBA Continues to Push for Death Tax Relief

WASHINGTON (January 18, 2024) – The National Cattlemen’s Beef Association (NCBA) strongly supports the Death Tax Repeal Act, led by Reps. Randy Feenstra (IA) and Sanford Bishop (GA). The Senate companion bill is led by Sen. John Thune (SD). Repealing the federal estate tax, also known as the Death Tax, is a top priority for NCBA.

“It is unconscionable for cattle producers to face a tax that forces them to sell all or part of their family’s farm or ranch due to the death of a family member. With the cost of farmland rapidly rising, the Death Tax presents a significant threat to the future of family farms and ranches,” said NCBA President and South Dakota cattle producer Todd Wilkinson. “Most cattle producers have significant assets but are cash-poor and operate on thin margins, leaving them with few options when they are saddled with an unexpected tax liability. Some producers are forced to sell off assets including land, livestock, farm equipment, or even their home. This is an incredible loss, and it starts a vicious cycle where future generations continue to face punitive taxes their ancestors paid multiple times. Rural America needs a tax code that promotes multi-generational, family-owned businesses instead of chopping them up.”


Current Death Tax relief is set to expire at the end of 2025, and it is vital that Congress acts soon and provide permanent relief for our family operations. If the

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Nevada Beef Council Update – February 2024

Your Checkoff Dollars at Work

By Allie Herring

Investing in Heart Health: The Beef Checkoff's Crucial Role in Research

February is American Heart Month, a time dedicated to raising awareness about cardiovascular health. As cattle producers, you play a pivotal role in supporting the Beef Checkoff, a program that channels your \$1 investment into valuable research demonstrating the positive impact of beef in a heart-healthy diet. Your investment into the Beef Checkoff is a small but significant contribution to funding research projects that explore the nutritional benefits of beef consumption.

Several studies funded by the Beef Checkoff aim to provide credible evidence and insights into how incorporating lean beef into a balanced diet can support a heart-healthy lifestyle. One such study, published in the American Journal of Clinical Nutrition¹, found that people who participated in the Beef in an Optimal Lean Diet (BOLD) Study maintained healthy blood cholesterol levels while consuming a dietary pattern rich in vegetables, fruits, whole grains, nuts and beans, with lean beef as the primary protein source. The BOLD diets contained 4-5.4 oz (weights before cooking) of lean beef daily, while providing less than 7% of calories from saturated fat, consistent with current fat intake targets. The BOLD study is one study of the body of evidence that supports including lean beef in a heart-healthy diet.

Additional research, also published in the American Journal of Clinical Nutrition, found that following a Mediterranean-style healthy dietary pattern that incorporates fresh lean beef can reduce heart disease risk factors, including total and LDL cholesterol. By incorporating 7-18 ounces of cooked, lean red meat per week, individuals can improve their cardiometabolic disease risk factor including high blood pressure, low HDL cholesterol, and diabetes risk.²

The Beef WISE study, conducted by the University of Colorado Anschutz Health and Wellness Center, also demonstrates that eating lean beef four or more times a week, as part of a healthy, higher-protein diet, combined with physical activity, can help people lose weight and fat mass while maintaining lean muscle, and supporting heart health.³ This study shows that lean beef is just as effective as other protein choices to improve weight loss potential, body



composition and support heart health, when included as part of a healthy, higher-protein diet.

This research adds to the growing body of scientific evidence demonstrating that lean beef can be part of various eating patterns that support improvements in cardiovascular health.^{1,2,4,5} In fact, over 20 studies of lean beef in healthy dietary patterns support a role for lean beef in a heart healthy diet and lifestyle.⁶

As cattle producers, your investment in the Beef Checkoff goes beyond supporting research; it empowers you to be ambassadors for the industry. By staying informed about the latest research findings and educational initiatives, you can play a crucial role in shaping positive perceptions that beef can be a part of a wholesome, and heart-healthy dietary pattern.

As we celebrate American Heart Month this February, take pride in the knowledge that your investment into the Beef Checkoff is making a tangible difference. By supporting research and education, you are contributing to a broader understanding of the role beef can play in a heart-healthy lifestyle.

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