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NCA May Roundup

By: Martin Paris, Executive Director, Nevada Cattlemen's Association

Happy May Nevada Cattlemen and Women. There is a lot going on policy wise lately that has impacts on cattle production, so I'll cut right to the chase. NCA recently attended the National Cattlemen's Beef Association & Public Lands Council Legislative Conference in Washington D.C. During the conference we heard from BLM Director Tracy Stone-Manning, U.S Fish and Wildlife Service Deputy Director Siva Sundaresan, Forest Service Deputy Chief Chris French, and USDA Wildlife Services Deputy Assistant Administrator Jessica Fantinato. Additionally, senior staffers from the Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee, House Natural Resources Committee, and Senate and House Agricultural Committees briefed attendees on upcoming natural resources legislation and ongoing Farm Bill negotiations.

During the trip we also had great meetings with Senator Cortez-Masto, Senator Rosen, Congressman Amodei, and staff from Congresswoman Lee's office. As many of you are aware, the Bureau of Land Management is currently proposing a rule that would make significant changes to the agency's authority under the Federal Land Management Policy Act. Oddly enough it was crafted internally at the highest levels of the agency without input from anyone, including Nevada BLM personnel responsible for the management of millions of acres in our state. If approved, the rule would clarify that conservation is a "use" equal to all other multiple uses on public lands. The goal of this clarification would be to introduce the concept of conservation leases on public land, described as a way to allow surface disturbing activities or Non-Governmental Organizations to lease

landscapes for compensatory mitigation or other restoration activities. While BLM maintains that cattle grazing would not be impacted, the proposed rule fails to include any text whatsoever to that effect.

The proposed rule also amends existing Areas of Critical Environmental Concern (ACEC) regulations to "give priority to the designation and protection of ACECs". The rule would emphasize ACECs as the principal designation for protecting landscape intactness and habitat connectivity.

A major goal of the trip was to share our concerns regarding the proposed rule with our Congressional Delegation. I believe that mission was accomplished and our representatives in Congress now share the same concern. NCA looks forward to defending livestock grazing as one of the most important conservation tools available through our prepared comments on the rule as well as continued discussions with our Congressional representatives.

During our meetings we were also able to discuss NCA's Farm Bill priorities, the Navy's Fallon Range Training Complex expansion that will impact several ranches in Nevada, assistance for extreme weather impacts to livestock, as well as several other topics. Overall, we had a very productive trip and look forward to seeing the results.

Before I move into what's going on at the State Legislature, I'd also like to note the recent spike in Xylazine showing up in street drugs across the United States. Xylazine is being mixed together with other illegal drugs to create a concoction sure to give you a visit to emergency room or worse, the morgue. As many of you are aware, xylazine or "Rompun" is an important animal health drug that acts as a sedative

and local anesthetic which can be used in procedures on many different large animals. Due to its recent illegal use in humans, efforts are underway to classify it as a Schedule III drug which would place severely restrictive regulations on its use and create a liability headache for veterinarians around the country.

However, NCA and other stakeholders were able to work with Senator Cortez-Masto on the now introduced Combating Illicit Xylazine Act. The Act, if passed, would define the appropriate use of xylazine in animals as licit and all human use of the drug as illicit. Transporting or selling xylazine for human use would fall under penalties associated with a Schedule III drug, allowing law enforcement agencies to punish those involved in illegally procuring or using xylazine while maintaining the legitimate use of xylazine for horses, cattle, and other animal species. NCA would like to thank Senator Cortez-Masto for working with us to find a commonsense solution to the issue that does not punish our industry and veterinarians. We hope for speedy passage of the bill.

Last but not least, the Nevada Legislative Session is about a month away from wrapping up. The Nevada Cattlemen's Association recently held our Legislative Breakfast in Carson City and had the opportunity to speak with legislators on several different bills that are important to livestock producers. We would like to thank the legislators that made time to stop by and hear what our Association's priorities are.

Here's a brief summary of where a few bills stand with about a month remaining. Assembly Bill 102, which NCA opposed, proposed to ban coyote hunting

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PRESIDENT'S PERSPECTIVE

Jon Griggs, President, Nevada Cattlemen's Association

“Saving wild horses can save public lands” was a headline that caught my eye. Yes, I thought horses managed to the appropriate levels would save horses from starving/choking to death and save our rangelands from being overgrazed by excess horses. This is a headline I can agree with but sadly, the article, not so much. It was long on feelings and short on facts but the notion that always gets me is the one that “if we run off the cows we can leave the horses alone”. While I’m glad that the folks who shovel this load recognize that horses are running out of forage, it boggles my mind that the end game doesn’t seem to occur to them.

Here’s some rough math: There’s something like 2 million livestock AUM’s in Nevada and there’s something like 42,000 wild horses. Because they graze our rangelands year ‘round that’s 504,000 AUM’s annually the first year. In 5 years when they’ve doubled in population, they’re at a million AUM’s, so in 10 years they’re at over 2 million. In

a decade’s time they’ve taken all the AUM’s available and are still reproducing. Now we’re looking at 3 times as many horses to figure out what to do with. Not to mention what happens to wildlife, local communities, etc... “Cattlemen want horses gathered to make room for more cattle” is a similar position but as you’ll recall from last month’s rant it’s hogwash because the amount of AUM’s we have is pretty well set in stone.

Fortunately there’s a good plan in place to avoid this ecological nightmare. If it keeps getting the funding needed, we’ll see horses at appropriate management levels, that is, we’ll see them saved. Called “A Path Forward” this plan is supported by real horse advocacy groups and conservation groups, along with cattlemen. Your Association has policy in favor of well-managed horse herds because horses are integral to our way of life. I’m proud of the effort put into this plan.

Two rants in a row, it was a long winter friends, back to sunny days next month.

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competitions in Nevada and was not scheduled for a vote and therefore “died”. Assembly Joint Resolution 3 that would have enshrined the right to a clean and healthy environment, pure water, clean air, healthy ecosystems, and a stable climate into Nevada’s Constitution also missed the vote deadline and can be considered dead. NCA supported Assembly Bill 91 which would allow people on public lands to replace their damaged well without the need to file a change in place of use application with the State Engineer, so long as the replacement well is located no more than 300 feet from the original well. This exemption is currently available for well owners on private lands but not on public lands. We

also saw Senate Bill 90, which would designate wild horses as the “State Horse” of Nevada, pass through the Nevada Senate and now heads to the Assembly.

At this point in time several bills (both good and bad) that NCA has provided testimony on are continuing their way through the process. NCA is gearing up to respond accordingly as these bills move from the Assembly to the Senate or vice versa for approval.

This is just a snapshot of some of the work NCA is doing on your behalf. If anyone has any questions, concerns, or input on the above or any other issue please don’t hesitate to reach out to us at nca@nevadabeef.org or (775) 738-9214.

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We would like to thank the following people for joining or renewing their membership with Nevada Cattlemen's Association between March 25 and April 25, 2023.
(New members are in bold.)

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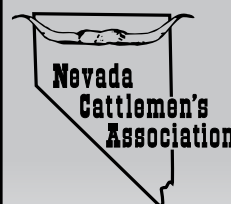
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University's Wolf Pack Meats Reopens Production Facility

New partnership will help ramp up processing capacity and increase retail offerings

RENO, Nev. – Wolf Pack Meats, the meat processing facility that is part of the University of Nevada, Reno's Experiment Station, has resumed its processing operations after a four-month hiatus. The team has hit the ground running with plans to increase production to better meet the needs of local ranchers, as well as offer more retail options for the community.

During those four months, a new boiler was installed and a Request for Proposal went out to find a consultant with whom to partner in order to expand processing capacity. As a result, Hoagland, CEO of his own processing plant in Homedale, Idaho, was awarded a two-year contract.

"We are excited to support Wolf Pack Meats in their continuing work to conduct our land-grant mission and continue to serve our students, faculty and stakeholders," said Bill Payne, dean of the College of Agriculture, Biotechnology & Natural Resources, of which the Experiment Station is a unit. "They play a vital role in the farming ecosystem in Nevada."

Wolf Pack Meats, which opened in 1967, harvests, processes and produces fresh meat from cattle, pigs, lamb and goats. This includes cattle raised by the University as part of its educational programs and for production. The facility provides students with the chance to not only see the commercial process in action, but also receive hands-on training and experience with a real commercial business in a critical industry.

Tom Kulas has served as the operations manager for Wolf Pack Meats since February 2022, and he will continue to serve as the University liaison for ranchers, educators and customers. He explained that the facility works closely with local farmers, ranchers and small producers to process and package livestock. This family-oriented ranch system in the state is supported and strengthened by the work that Wolf Pack Meats does, keeping a way of life alive for many local ranchers.

Ramping up to meet needs

"From the outside looking in, it will be really similar for our customers," Kulas said. "Hopefully, it will just be a lot easier to schedule their animals than it has been the last couple of years. In the past, we've had far more work than we had capacity to do, but now we'll be able to increase that capacity and provide a level of customer service higher than it's ever been."

An important part of these changes is a group of Reno residents who have been hired and trained by Hoagland. The new employees have already begun harvesting and processing animals, sometimes with support from Hoagland's employees



Tom Kulas, operations manager (left), and JD Hoagland, consultant, have been working on processes as part of Wolf Pack Meats recent production reopening. Photo by Mark Earnest.

from Idaho.

"The whole process can be a little bit overwhelming if you don't have people who are accustomed to it, so what we've done is bring in people who have been doing this for 30 years to help train the new team," Hoagland added.

Hoagland is also working with Kulas and co-workers to identify challenges and make plans to address them before the next round of production.

"That's what it's all about: finding bottlenecks and solving them," Hoagland said.

Kulas said having some newly trained staff with a fresh perspective has resulted in a renewed energy among the team.

"We're kind of beginning again, really looking at every step of the process and re-establishing the best ways to do this," Kulas said. "We have a drive to get to a level we haven't seen before. We can't do that overnight. You don't just flip a switch, but everyone knows the direction we are going."

Hoagland added the training includes ways to humanely process the meat and guard against contamination, both of which have

always been priorities of the facility as one of a few United States Department of Agriculture-approved processing facilities in the state.

As part of his role at Wolf Pack Meats, Kulas is the main representative to the USDA, an important link in the chain for the business to succeed. Hoagland and Kulas agreed the relationship they have with the USDA provides value in both directions.

"We're excited about continuing to work with them on quality production and processing," Hoagland added. "And who knows – since we are a university facility, we can be an ideal place to train younger inspectors. We want to be part of that plan and a great model of a plant in that aspect."

Chris Pritsos, director of the Experiment Station, agreed that Wolf Pack Meats is off to a remarkable start since reopening its facility.

"Production levels are increasing, allowing us to better serve our local ranching community," Pritsos said. "All these efforts allow Wolf Pack Meats to fulfill its mission of enhancing teaching and research opportunities for our students and faculty, learning opportunities for youth groups such as 4-H, and more outreach to the community."

Kulas said that in the past, Wolf Pack Meats hasn't been able to break even due to a variety of factors. This will likely change with Hoagland on board, with his experience in running a high-production facility. Revenue generated at Wolf Pack Meats will be invested back into the facility to support the growth of its produc-

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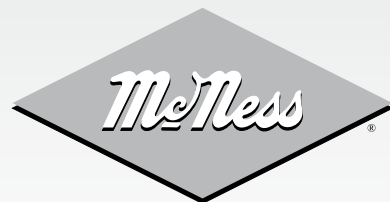
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tion capacity along with its teaching and research efforts.

“JD has expertise in running a much higher volume facility than what we’ve done in the past,” Kulas said. “We’re looking to essentially triple our volume, and that’s dramatic. When we reach that level, that’s when probability becomes possibility.”

Products for sale, and looking ahead

During its brief pause in production, Wolf Pack Meats’ retail store remained open, offering a variety of beef cuts, all produced from cattle owned by the University, including filet mignon, New York steak, ground beef, short ribs, beef liver, beef tongue and other items.

Among the shorter-term goals of Wolf Pack Meats is to expand its line of retail products. This includes beef jerky for public sale and a new line of sausages as part of an agreement with a local casino.

Kulas also wants to start a home delivery service in the future, feature more pork and lamb offerings, begin online sales, and establish a presence at farmers markets. Wolf Pack Meats would also like more partnerships, including becoming a meat supplier to the University system.

The two men are also eager to foster more opportunities for agriculture, nutrition and veterinary science students to get experience in meat production, packaging and distribution, including internships at Wolf Pack Meats. More research on nutrition, ecology and animal science could also take place.

Wolf Pack Meats is located at 5895 Clean Water Way. Its retail store is open to the public from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., Tuesdays through Fridays. For more information on Wolf Pack Meats, call 775-857-3663 or visit its website at <https://naes.unr.edu/wolf-pack-meats/>

Resources Available for Farmers and Ranchers Affected by Winter Storms and Flooding

Contact local FSA office to begin process

SPARKS—The Nevada Department of Agriculture (NDA) has been working with the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Farm Service Agency (FSA) to find resources and assistance for farmers and ranchers impacted by winter weather and flooding. Producers should report loss of livestock or infrastructure to their local FSA office to begin the process.

“We know it has been a tough winter and as the weather warms concerns are shifting from snow and cold temperatures to flooding,” said NDA Director J.J. Goicoechea. “We hope that this is the beginning of some relief for our farming and ranching communities.”

Any producer who has experienced any level of loss (loss to livestock or crop, structure failure, challenges accessing or purchasing feed, etc.) is encouraged to report to their local FSA offices. For any losses going forward, it should be reported within 30 days. Reports can be made via phone call, email, or by walking into a local office.

“Again, I want to emphasize our thanks to our agriculture industry for their dedication to their livestock and operations,” said Director Goicoechea.

The NDA has provided more information on disaster assistance available to producers on their website at agri.nv.gov. Find contact and location information for the nearest FSA office at farmers.gov/service-center-locator.

Are we Being “Planned” Off Our BLM Lands

Submitted by: Karen Budd-Falen, Attorney, Budd-Falen Law Offices, Cheyenne, Wyoming


Remember the huge backlash in 2017 over the Bureau of Land Management’s (BLM) “Planning 2.0 regulations?” One of the major concerns was that the BLM could use those planning rules to eliminate all use by creating ambiguous standards for multiple use that were left to absolute agency discretion. There was so much outcry that Congress passed a bill (under the Congressional Review Act), which the President signed, repealing the BLM Planning 2.0 regulations.

Rather than learning its lesson, the BLM is at it again. While the BLM claims the 2023 proposed planning regulations are needed for “conservation and landscape health,” the proposed rules are no more than a thinly veiled elimination of economic use on BLM lands. While no one who relies on the use of the BLM lands wants to see environmental degradation, the proposed rules do nothing more than:

1. Create a whole new “multiple use” called “conservation use” which has no basis in statute (can you say “major questions doctrine” which the Supreme Court has used to strike down agency regulations that are outside their statutory authority);
2. Allow radical environmental groups to nominate and acquire “conservation leases” on BLM multiple use lands for purposes like “restoring public lands,” “providing mitigation for a ‘particular action’” or ensuring “resilient public lands” (whatever that means);
3. Eliminate valid existing rights that are not “compatible” with a conservation lease. Instead, the proposed rule states that the only use guaranteed on a conservation lease is “casual use,” which is defined as a non-economic use;
4. Require the BLM to take the “precautionary approach” when authorizing land uses that may impair “ecosystem resilience.” Given the proposed planning rule is based, in part, on Biden’s 30 x 30 and climate change Executive Orders (EO), doesn’t everything impair “ecosystem resilience” and contribute to climate change? Remember that Biden’s 30 x 30 EO opines that only land in its “natural state” meets the 30 x 30 requirements. Since this administration believes that ecosystem resilience is necessary to defeat climate change and only land in its natural state will meet the country’s climate goals, I am assuming that the protection of the natural state means no use of multiple use lands;

5. Extort money from those who are wealthy enough to pay “third party mitigation fund holders.” This seems like another easy way to send funds to radical environmentalist organizations with little to no public review;
6. Further slow down the permitting process for activities on BLM lands. Currently every metric shows that the BLM is woefully behind on completing term grazing permit renewals because of the monitoring and paperwork that has to be completed including completion of the Fundamentals of Land Health. Now imagine the backlog the BLM will have for its permit review, even for valid existing rights, as every use on the BLM lands has to go through a Fundamentals of Land Health review prior to authorization. Use of multiple use lands won’t stop because of concern over legitimate environmental harm; it will stop because the BLM simply does not have the money, manpower or time to complete the analysis (which appears to be the goal anyway).

The proposed rules also don’t mention any of the other statutes mandating use of BLM lands such as the Taylor Grazing Act, the Mineral Leasing Act and the 1872 Mining Law. While there is a long way to go before these proposed planning regulations are completed, looking at my crystal ball, I see a Congressional Review Act battle all over again. I just hope it will not be too late to save the family rancher who relies on the use of his grazing permit for his livelihood.



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BLM Authorizes Two Wild Horse Fertility Control Vaccine Trials

Long-lasting fertility control vaccines could help reduce growth rates in wild horse populations

WASHINGTON, D.C. – The Bureau of Land Management is authorizing two studies of promising new fertility control vaccines that could potentially help address the overpopulation of wild horses on public lands by slowing their annual growth rates. The research projects, which will take place at a corral facility in Carson City, Nevada, are part of the BLM's broader efforts to manage healthy wild horses on healthy public lands.

"Wild horses are incredible animals, but they can reproduce at a very high rate on public lands, which creates a host of challenges in arid environments," said BLM Director Tracy Stone-Manning. "The development of humane, safe, and long-lasting fertility control vaccines is critically important as we continue to ramp up our efforts to protect these herds from the effects of wild horse overpopulation, drought, and climate change."

Wild horses on public lands are protected and managed by the BLM and U.S. Forest Service. Without intervention by management officials, wild horse herds on public lands increase rapidly, doubling every 4-5 years. As of March 1, 2022 (the most recently published annual estimates), there were 82,384 wild horses and burros on public rangelands. This is nearly three times the appropriate management level deemed suitable to maintain a thriving ecological balance. Many of these herds live in arid environments with little water or forage. Constant overpopulation can stress critical ecosystems to the brink, causing severe damage to riparian and rangeland resources that can take decades to recover, if they recover at all. Moreover, chronic wild horse overpopulation can lead to the inhumane death of horses from thirst or starvation, and the destruction of habitat important to other wildlife, such as elk, deer, and sage grouse.

For decades, the BLM has used fertility control vaccines to help manage wild horse herd growth on public lands. However, the most common fertility control vaccines for wild horses in use today require more than one treatment to remain effective and are often not effective beyond one or two years. A single-dose vaccine that can last multiple years could provide several benefits for the populations of wild horses that the BLM manages, including requiring fewer gathers for re-treatment or reducing instances of permanent removal.

One study led by scientists associated with Cornell University College of Veterinary Medicine and Northwest Wildlife Conservation Research, a small non-profit research organization, will test whether a form of porcine zona pellucida (PZP) vaccine known as 'SpayVac' lasts longer when injected in the neck muscle or the flank. The other study, led by the U.S. Department of Agriculture Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service's National Wildlife Research Center, will test which formulations of the Oocyte Growth Factor vaccine cause long-lasting contraception from a single dose.

To test how well the vaccines prevent pregnancy, groups of vaccinated mares will live in a pen with a stallion. Researchers will monitor the mares' responses to the vaccines and compare them against a control group. The health and welfare of all the animals will be monitored by researchers and other personnel, with veterinary care always available if needed. The approved projects will also have animal welfare oversight from independent animal care and use committees of the research institutions involved in the studies.

Details about the decision are on BLM's eplanning website. The studies were analyzed in an environmental assessment that was released for public comment in 2022. The BLM also analyzed but is not authorizing at this time a third study that would have tested the effects of an intrauterine device. If the BLM authorizes that study in the future, it will do so through a separate decision. The BLM's responses to public comments about all three studies are available on BLM's eplanning website.

In addition to supporting the development of better fertility control tools, the BLM continues to take action to curb wild horse and burro overpopulation to protect animal and land health. The BLM set new records last year for the number of animals gathered, removed for private care, and treated/released with fertility control. Additionally, the BLM continues to ramp up its efforts to find good homes for excess animals; the agency placed nearly 7,800 animals into private care just last year.

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Bureau of Land Management Releases Meeting Dates for Proposed Public Lands Rule

Rule would protect healthy public lands, promote habitat conservation and restoration and further thoughtful development

WASHINGTON — The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) today announced a schedule for five public meetings that will provide forums across the country for the public to learn more about the proposed Public Lands Rule and have questions answered.

The proposed Public Lands Rule, which was announced in late March, would provide tools for the BLM to protect healthy public lands in the face of increasing drought, wildfire and climate impacts; conserve important wildlife habitat and intact landscapes; better use science and data in decision-making; plan for thoughtful development; and better recognize unique cultural and natural resources on public lands.

The BLM intends to host two virtual and three in-person meetings to provide detailed information about the proposal. Members of the public will have an opportunity to ask questions that facilitate a

deeper understanding of the proposal. The dates and cities of the meetings are:

- May 15: Virtual meeting #1
- May 25: Denver, Colorado
- May 30: Reno, Nevada
- June 1: Albuquerque, New Mexico
- June 5: Virtual meeting #2

Exact timing and locations of the meetings within the announced cities will be forthcoming.

The proposal would help the BLM fulfill its mission, ensuring public lands and the resources they provide are available now and in the future. The proposed rule would build on the historic investments in public lands and waters, restoration and resilience, and clean energy deployment provided by President Biden's Bipartisan Infrastructure Law and Inflation Reduction Act. It would not prevent new or continu-

ing recreational or commercial uses of our public lands, such as grazing, energy development, camping, climbing, and more.

"Our public lands are remarkable places that provide clean water, homes for wildlife, food, energy, and lifetime memories," said Bureau of Land Management Director Tracy Stone-Manning. "We want to hear from our permittees as well as the millions of visitors who hunt, fish and recreate on our public lands on how to keep them healthy and available for generations to come."

In addition to these informational public meetings, the BLM wants to hear from the public on the proposed Public Lands Rule. To learn more about this proposed rule, or to provide comment, please visit the Conservation and Landscape Health rule on <https://www.regulations.gov>. The public comment period is open until June 20, 2023.

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NCBA Files Comments on USDA Traceability Rule

Emphasizes Importance of Disease Traceability and Protecting the U.S. Cattle Herd

WASHINGTON (April 19, 2023) – Today, the National Cattlemen’s Beef Association (NCBA) filed comments on the U.S. Department of Agriculture’s (USDA) proposed rule “Use of Electronic Identification Eartags as Official Identification in Cattle and Bison” to emphasize the importance of electronic animal identification to protect the cattle industry from the threat of a foreign animal disease. USDA’s proposed rule would apply to cattle 18-months or older only when moving interstate.

“An outbreak of a foreign animal disease in the United States, like foot-and-mouth disease (FMD), would be catastrophic to the cattle industry and our way of life,” said NCBA President Todd Wilkinson, a South Dakota cattle producer. “Traceability is about risk protection and ensuring we have the tools to quickly identify and respond to an outbreak while strengthening consumer trust in our high-quality beef. Our comments emphasize the importance of protecting the U.S. cattle herd from the threat of a foreign animal disease while also protecting producers’ private data, limiting the cost of tagging devices, and operating at the speed of commerce.”

Without a national traceability system in place, the impact of a foreign animal disease outbreak would be magnified. For example, an FMD outbreak in the United States would lead to an immediate stop of all livestock movement for at least 72 hours. Most major export markets would close to U.S. beef and the estimated economic impact could be as high as \$228 billion.

A traceability system supports cattle producers quickly returning to normal operations after a disease outbreak. Traceability data would allow producers in low-risk areas to resume transporting cattle, while helping animal health officials stop the spread of disease in high-risk areas. A traceability program also helps expedite the return to an

FMD-free designation, which is beneficial for trading relationships and consumer trust in beef.

Background

As a grassroots organization, NCBA’s perspective on traceability has been developed by cattle producers who serve on the NCBA Traceability Working Group and by grassroots members who voted on traceability policy at the 2023 Cattle Industry Convention. NCBA believes that any traceability system:

- Is industry driven.
 - o To serve the needs and interests of beef cattle producers.
 - o In coordination with current and future federal, state, and tribal government animal disease traceability programs.
- Is capable of being managed and overseen by private entities that address animal disease traceability needs of the beef cattle industry in coordination with government, state, and tribal disease tracing mechanisms.
- Maintains producer data privacy.
- Is equitable to all industry sectors.
- Is compatible with common industry practices.
- Operates at the speed of commerce.
- Is credible in domestic and international markets.
- Uses electronic identification devices and electronic data transfer.

Full comments can be viewed at- https://www.ncba.org/Media/NCBAorg/Docs/final__ncba_comments_aphis_2021_0020_electronic_identification_as_official_id_041823.pdf

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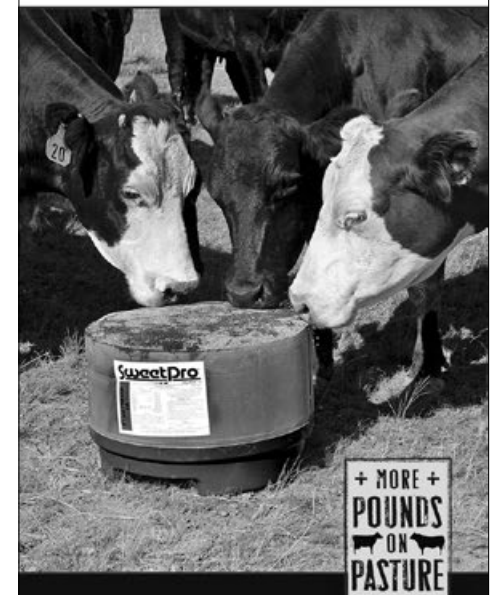
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Nevada Beef Council Update — May 2023

Your Checkoff Dollars at Work

By Makenzie Neves, Manager of Producer Education and Engagement

Nevada Beef Council Attends Annual Meat Conference

Nevada Beef Council (NBC) staff recently attended the Annual Meat Conference (AMC) on March 6-8 in Dallas, Tex. The Food Marketing Institute (FMI) and North American Meat Institute (NAMI), a contractor to the Beef Checkoff, partner to provide this yearly opportunity for meat professionals to get a pulse on meat retail trends and meat shopper insights. This is the first year since 2020 that it was back in-person, and was a great opportunity to reconnect with retailers, suppliers, and colleagues in the meat business.

The NBC had a chance to attend insightful presentations, such as the highly sought-after *The Power of Meat 2023* presented by 210 Analytics' Anne-Marie Roerink. Each year, *The Power of Meat* study combines shopper input with IRI sales results to give valuable insight into today's consumer purchase decision tree, meat's role in meal planning and execution, and retail challenges and opportunities.

Some of the other educational sessions, included topics about *Case Ready Meat*; the *2023 Market Outlook for Meat and Poultry* in which Randy Blach, CEO of CattleFax, provided beef market forecasting; and *Using Influencer Marketing and Social Media Partnerships* which featured the Hardcore Carnivore influencer Jess Pryles that

the California Beef Council hosted at their 2022 Beef Leadership Summit for retail and foodservice professionals.

A half-day tradeshow in the exhibit hall provided an opportunity for meat companies to showcase new products, packaging, labeling

and innovation within the industry. In addition to visiting with many retailers and beef suppliers on the show floor and throughout the conference, the NBC staff also had the opportunity to join the National Cattlemen's Beef Association's (NCBA) account relationship team, on behalf of the National Beef Checkoff, for a meeting with one of the nations-leading large-chain big box retailers to discuss challenges and opportunities within their meat business.

"AMC provides an opportunity for the Beef Checkoff to not only maintain and build industry relationships within the retail and supplier segments of the supply chain, but also provides us

with insights and education to ensure that we're providing retailers with content that is relevant to their beef business," said Christie Van Egmond, Director of Retail & Foodservice Marketing for the NBC. "The Annual Meat Conference is the retail meat industry's leading conference that the NBC attends nearly every year as it provides such important insights."



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