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**Cattle Feeders Council Meeting
Thursday, November 29, 2018
2:30 p.m., MR 210C (Redbud C)
Century II Convention Center
Wichita, KS**

Chairman: Dave Latta, Pratt Feeders
Vice Chairman: Steven Bagley, Green Plains Cattle Co.

AGENDA

1. **Introductions**
2. **KLA Risk Management Services, Inc.** – The KLA Cattle Feeders Council meeting will serve as the official business meeting for the KLA work comp pool. KLA RMS will issue a \$1.26 million dividend to members of the work comp pool during the KLA Convention.
3. **CattleFax** – Kevin Good will share ideas about the position of the beef industry in the protein market, challenges, opportunities and issues cattle feeders should have on their radar.
4. **Trade Update** – Kent Bacus, Director of International Trade and Market Access for NCBA, will provide an update on beef trade negotiations.
5. **Immigration Compliance** - Amy L. Erlbacher-Anderson of Baird Holm LLP, Omaha, NE, will share experiences of livestock operations dealing with ICE activity and tips for ensuring proper hiring practices are implemented.
6. **Policy Review** - All 2016 resolutions will expire without action. The convention is also the appropriate time to add, amend, or delete any KLA policy. 2017 and 2018 resolutions remain as KLA policy unless changes are passed. A summary, and specific policy that will be considered by the CFC, is attached.
 6. TAX CREDIT FOR PRE-HARVEST INTERVENTIONS (2017)
 7. CATTLE MARKETING (2018)
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7. Issue Updates

- Comprehensive Environmental Response Compensation and Liability Act (CERCLA) Reporting – Update on reporting of ammonia and hydrogen sulfide emissions from feedyards.
- Division of Water Resources – Water use reports and penalties for over pumping stockwater rights.
- Trucking Hours of Service/E-Log - Update on efforts to modify hours of service and electronic log book requirements for livestock haulers.

8. Nominating Committee Report – The CFC Nominating Committee will provide their report. CFC members will have the opportunity to elect next year’s executive committee members.

9. Adjourn

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6. TAX CREDIT FOR PRE-HARVEST INTERVENTIONS (2017)

WHEREAS, the beef industry continues to invest significant capital and other resources to address food-borne illness, and data and studies suggest that additional steps, particularly those pre-harvest, could enhance the mitigation of pathogens, and

WHEREAS, utilizing publicly funded incentives to encourage beef producers to use pre-harvest interventions will promote the widespread development and implementation of technologies important to public health and well-being, and therefore, benefit all beef producers.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Kansas Livestock Association supports efforts to obtain tax credits equal to the costs of implementing government-approved pre-harvest food safety interventions to reduce food-borne pathogens in animals being raised for human consumption.

7. CATTLE MARKETING (2018)

WHEREAS, livestock buyers and sellers continue to seek out innovative and efficient marketing methods, and

WHEREAS, the beef cattle industry has moved toward the production of a more consistent, higher quality beef product in order to recapture market share.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Kansas Livestock Association supports industry participant led changes to the current marketing system that improve the value discovery process.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Kansas Livestock Association shall continue to guard its members' freedom of choice to conduct their own business and utilize their own marketing program as they see fit.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Kansas Livestock Association opposes lawsuits, petitions, or other legal proceedings that jeopardize trade relations with countries such as Canada and Mexico.

8. LIVESTOCK PRICE REPORTING (2017)

WHEREAS, cattle marketing methods continue to evolve making meaningful price reporting a challenge, and

WHEREAS, the United States Department of Agriculture Agricultural Marketing Service (USDA AMS) is meeting with industry stakeholders to discuss what changes could be made to Mandatory Price Reporting.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Kansas Livestock Association supports a transparent price reporting system that allows the livestock industry to understand the price paid for cattle.

9. FUTURES MARKETS (2017)

WHEREAS, the commodity futures markets provide a vital and necessary risk management tool for the livestock industry, and

WHEREAS, additional research, study and industry agreement is needed before making wholesale changes to the CME live cattle contract, including movement to a cash settlement process.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Kansas Livestock Association supports physical delivery, including feedyards as delivery points, as the preferred mechanism for settlement of the CME Live Cattle contract.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Kansas Livestock Association supports viable futures exchanges to facilitate effective risk management opportunities for the livestock industry.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, contract specifications should match industry needs and facilitate convergence of futures prices with the cash market to ensure a useful risk management function is provided.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Kansas Livestock Association will continue to monitor any pending rule or regulatory changes that may impact the ability of the futures markets to provide a meaningful risk management function.

10. STATEMENT OF OPERATING PRINCIPLES (2018)

WHEREAS, the Kansas Livestock Association believes the livestock industry is best served by the process of free enterprise and free trade, and

WHEREAS, even with its imperfections, free trade is relatively more equitable than regulated and subsidized markets that retard innovation and distort production and market signals, and

WHEREAS, regulated and subsidized markets disadvantage some producers in favor of others.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Kansas Livestock Association is opposed to attempts to narrow the business options or limit the individual freedom of livestock producers to innovate in the management and marketing of their production unfettered by additional government regulations.

11. 2010 PROPOSED GIPSA REGULATIONS (2017)

WHEREAS, the USDA Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration (GIPSA) has proposed regulations (75 Fed. Reg. 35338-35354, June 22, 2010) that will impact the marketing of livestock, and

WHEREAS, the proposed regulations ignore the congressional directives of the 2008 Farm Bill, and

WHEREAS, the proposed regulations seek to overturn appellate court decisions, thus exposing the beef industry to increased litigation, and

WHEREAS, the proposed regulations are not supported by a thorough economic analysis and economists have opined that if adopted will cost the beef supply chain over \$879 million when implemented, and

WHEREAS, the proposed regulations likely will result in increased costs for documentation and/or the reduction of marketing opportunities available to producers and eliminate incentives for producers to invest in improved genetics, production practices, and new technologies, and

WHEREAS, the elimination of incentives for producers will result in a decline in beef quality and consumer demand, and

WHEREAS, an October 19, 2016, USDA letter to the National Cattlemen's Beef Association (NCBA) confirmed that USDA will continue the rulemaking process on the 2010 GIPSA regulation, despite the overwhelming number of public comments in opposition to the original proposal.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Kansas Livestock Association opposes this regulation and calls upon the National Cattlemen's Beef Association to exhaust all legislative, administrative, and judicial avenues to prevent implementation of the proposed regulations.

12. DEALER STATUTORY TRUST (2018)

WHEREAS, during the past 10 years, there have been dozens of livestock dealer defaults including a 2010 default that cost creditors, including producers, auction markets, and other dealers, approximately \$112 million, and

WHEREAS, when such defaults occur, producers who have recently sold livestock are often not paid for the sale of their animals, and

WHEREAS, a seller's protection is often limited to a bond, which has historically compensated unpaid sellers less than fifteen cents for every dollar in losses, and

WHEREAS, the Livestock Marketing Association has sponsored legislation creating a Dealer Statutory Trust, similar to the existing Packer Statutory Trust.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Kansas Livestock Association supports federal legislation creating a Dealer Statutory Trust that gives unpaid cash sellers first priority in livestock and the proceeds or accounts receivable from the sale of such livestock prior to other creditors.

THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, a buyer in the ordinary course of business purchasing from a dealer will continue to take clear title of livestock.

13. STATUTORY LIENS (2017)

WHEREAS, there are a number of agricultural statutory liens that have served Kansas well for decades, and

WHEREAS, under current law, livestock producers have a first and prior lien on the grazing, feeding, and care provided for livestock owned by others without having to file financing statements with the state.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Kansas Livestock Association supports the current agricultural lien laws dealing with the feed and care provided livestock and will oppose any efforts to eliminate these liens or their priority.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Kansas Livestock Association will oppose amendments that would require livestock producers to file financing statements with the state in order to maintain the status of their statutory lien.

14. KANSAS AGRICULTURE MARKET REPORTS (2018)

WHEREAS, access to fair, transparent, third-party, government-generated market information is critical in determining the value of agricultural products and is an important function of state and federal government.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Kansas Livestock Association supports adequate state and federal funding for the continuation of the Kansas Hay Market Reports and Kansas Feeder Cattle Auction Reports.

15. MOTOR VEHICLE REGULATIONS (2017)

WHEREAS, livestock producers are an important sector of the nation's economy, and
WHEREAS, the use of trucks and trailers are a necessary part of every livestock producer's operation, and

WHEREAS, additional regulatory measures create an extensive economic burden on livestock operations, and

WHEREAS, increasing the maximum gross vehicle weight limit for trucks equipped with additional axles will increase motorist safety and decrease weight per axle, resulting in cost savings and efficiency gains, and

WHEREAS, according to a 2015 feasibility study conducted by the Kansas Department of Transportation, increasing maximum gross vehicle weights up to 92,000 pounds on six or more axles would not have a detrimental effect on public roads.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Kansas Livestock Association supports changes to statutes and regulations dealing with motor vehicle requirements to assure that the agricultural industry is not unnecessarily burdened.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Kansas Livestock Association supports reasonable and least burdensome regulations so that they do not impede the necessary transportation of Kansas agricultural products to and from market.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Kansas Livestock Association supports an interpretation of federal law that clarifies transporting agricultural products to and from market within the state does not constitute interstate commerce.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Kansas Livestock Association supports an increase in the maximum gross vehicle weight limit, of up to 90,000 pounds, for trucks operating in Kansas and at a level compatible with weight limits imposed by neighboring states.

16. LIVESTOCK TRANSPORTATION HOURS OF SERVICE STANDARDS (2018)

WHEREAS, livestock haulers must adhere to Hours of Service (HOS) standards that limit drive time to 11 hours and on-duty time to 14 hours,

WHEREAS, strict enforcement of the HOS standard is not practical and will compromise animal welfare, and

WHEREAS, significant confusion exists around mandatory Electronic Logging Device (ELD) and ELDs impact on HOS for livestock haulers.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, KLA supports an exemption from ELD requirements for livestock haulers while modifications to HOS requirements for livestock haulers are sought.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED KLA supports HOS changes that protect animal welfare and prevent excessive cost increases in freight.

17. IMMIGRATION (2016)

WHEREAS, the Kansas livestock industry, the largest segment of Kansas agriculture, relies on immigrant workers for a significant portion of its labor force, and

WHEREAS, Kansas agricultural businesses desire to hire a documented, legal workforce, and

WHEREAS, in the case *Arizona et al. v. U.S.*, 132 S. Ct. 2492 (2012), the U.S. Supreme Court stated: "The Government of the United States has broad, undoubted power over the subject of immigration and the status of aliens," and

WHEREAS, the duty to regulate immigration policy is the constitutional responsibility of the federal government and such authority does not lie with the states unless expressly delegated by the federal government.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Kansas Livestock Association opposes state government legislation that would enact more restrictive immigration policies than exist under federal law.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Kansas Livestock Association supports federal immigration policy that allows for an efficient and adequate guest worker program, and provides opportunities for current employees found to be unauthorized workers to complete the immigration process legally.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Kansas Livestock Association opposes tougher penalties for businesses unknowingly employing unauthorized workers and supports legislation that eliminates liability for employers who have made a good faith effort to comply with immigration laws.

18. BEEF CHECKOFF (2017)

WHEREAS, producer investment in the beef checkoff, created in the 1985 farm bill, has helped improve beef demand by funding important promotion, research, and education projects, and

WHEREAS, a Cornell University Study between 2006 and 2013 showed for every \$1 invested the checkoff returned \$11.20, and

WHEREAS, a 2016 producer attitude survey confirmed 76% of producers approved of the checkoff program, and

WHEREAS, more than two decades of inflation has cut into the amount of funding the checkoff can provide for these essential programs, and

WHEREAS, the Beef Checkoff Enhancement Working Group has worked for three years to reach a consensus on changes to the 1985 Beef Promotion and Research Act, to make the checkoff more effective and efficient, and

WHEREAS, USDA Secretary Tom Vilsack published a notice of inquiry; request for comments on a new and supplemental beef promotion, research, and information order under the Commodity Promotion, Research and Consumer Information Act of 1996 (1996 Act), and

WHEREAS, the 1996 Act, in comparison to the 1985 Beef Promotion and Research Act, gives more control and power to the federal government; allows for an increase share of the checkoff funds to be used for administration costs; and does not ensure a coordinated state/national partnership.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Kansas Livestock Association supports an increase in the beef checkoff assessment rate for the purpose of adequately funding an effective beef demand-building program.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Kansas Livestock Association supports amendments to the 1985 Beef Promotion and Research Act that would authorize an increase in the checkoff assessment rate.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Kansas Livestock Association opposes proposals to create a supplemental beef checkoff under the 1996 Act.

19. PROTECTING LIVESTOCK AND DAIRY NOMENCLATURE (2018)

WHEREAS, the development and commercialization of laboratory grown meat alternatives is imminent;

WHEREAS, the dairy industry is facing issues with products utilizing dairy nomenclature that does not derive from dairy production;

WHEREAS, the livestock industry expects to face the same issues with laboratory grown meats utilizing nomenclature associated with food derived from actual livestock production; and

WHEREAS, the cross-use of nomenclature can be confusing to consumers and weaken the value of products derived from actual livestock or dairy production;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Kansas Livestock Association opposes allowing food products not derived from actual livestock or dairy production to use nomenclature associated with actual livestock or dairy production.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Kansas Livestock Association supports legislative, regulatory, or judicial action to protect nomenclature associated with actual livestock or dairy production.

20. BEEF INDUSTRY LONG RANGE PLAN (2016)

WHEREAS, the vision of the Beef Industry Long Range Plan is "to responsibly produce the most trusted and preferred protein in the world,"

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Kansas Livestock Association supports the Beef Industry Long Range Plan.

21. NORTH AMERICAN FREE TRADE AGREEMENT (2018)

WHEREAS, the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA), implemented in 1993, eliminated tariffs on many U.S. products being exported to Canada and Mexico, including beef, and

WHEREAS, beef exports to Canada and Mexico now total nearly \$2 billion with the Mexican market growing more than 750% since enactment, and

WHEREAS, according to the U.S. Chamber of Commerce, Kansas exports more than \$3.6 billion in goods to Canada and Mexico, representing 36% of all Kansas exports, and

WHEREAS, according to CattleFax, year to date exports represent 12.8% of beef production and add more than \$325 per head to the value of fed cattle.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Kansas Livestock Association strongly supports modernization of NAFTA in a manner that protects the current provisions that have supported beef and other agricultural exports.

32. ZONING OF AGRICULTURAL LAND AND BUILDINGS (2017)

WHEREAS, the preservation of private property rights is a policy objective of the Kansas Livestock Association, and

WHEREAS, agricultural enterprises succeed best when decisions about agricultural land and the construction, maintenance, and use of agricultural structures, are left to the property owner and free from government interference, and

WHEREAS, the Kansas legislature has recognized and preserved the right of property owners to use agricultural land and buildings free from regulations under the Kansas planning and zoning act, and

WHEREAS, numerous Kansas counties have chosen not to follow the legislature's mandate to exempt the use of agricultural land and buildings from planning and zoning regulations, infringing on the property rights of farmers and ranchers.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Kansas Livestock Association supports current state laws that prohibit local governments from enacting any regulations that apply to agricultural land use or the construction and maintenance of buildings used for agricultural purposes outside of city limits, and opposes any attempt to weaken those exemptions.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Kansas Livestock Association supports legislative, judicial, and administrative initiatives to compensate private property owners who are forced to defend their right to use agricultural land and buildings from planning and zoning resolutions and ordinances, promulgated by local governing bodies, that violate state statutes prohibiting such resolutions and ordinances.

42. ENVIRONMENTAL REGULATION (2018)

WHEREAS, the mission of the Kansas Livestock Association is to advance members' common business interests and enhance their ability to meet consumer demand, and

WHEREAS, agriculture, in particular livestock operations, are a vital part of the Kansas economy, and

WHEREAS, livestock operations require consistent, science-based, uniform environmental laws and regulations to maintain a favorable business environment, and

WHEREAS, climate change, air, and water pollution regulation is or may be proposed at state and federal levels that may impact agricultural operations including livestock operations, and

WHEREAS, federal and state court and administrative regulatory decisions regarding greenhouse gas emissions and air or water pollutants may directly impact livestock and agricultural operations.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Kansas Livestock Association supports legislative, judicial, or administrative actions to minimize the effects of environmental laws, regulations, or judicial determinations on livestock operations and to maximize the economic opportunities for agricultural and livestock operations to meet such regulations.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Kansas Livestock Association supports legislative, judicial, and administrative actions that allow maximum flexibility for agricultural and livestock operations to meet regulatory obligations.

49. ANIMAL CARE (2018)

WHEREAS, livestock producers recognize that good animal health, care, production, and handling practices are a responsibility of producers to the animals and the consumer, and

WHEREAS, livestock producers long have been concerned with the welfare of livestock, recognizing that good animal health, care, production, and handling practices are essential to efficient and profitable production, and

WHEREAS, it is important for livestock producers to share with the public the many animal husbandry practices used every day in their operations.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Kansas Livestock Association recommends producers implement the Cattle Industry's Guidelines for the Care and Handling of Cattle, Beef Quality Assurance guidelines, Dairy Quality Assurance guidelines, and/or the National Dairy FARM Program.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Kansas Livestock Association encourages the further development and participation in voluntary certification programs that validate participating producers are using best management practices for disease control and animal care.

50. HANDLING OF NON-AMBULATORY CATTLE (2016)

WHEREAS, the safety and well-being of cattle handlers is a priority, and
WHEREAS, humane handling of cattle always has been a priority for Kansas livestock producers.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, non-ambulatory cattle should be humanely euthanized as soon as possible.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Kansas Livestock Association supports policy prohibiting the harvest of non-ambulatory cattle for human consumption.

52. PROTECTION OF AGRIBUSINESS (2018)

WHEREAS, securing the health and safety of agriculture from vandalism and other negative influences is a serious concern, and

WHEREAS, protecting our agricultural industry to allow for a stable food supply for U.S. consumers is vital and should not be taken for granted.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Kansas Livestock Association supports new initiatives concerning acts against the livestock industry to:

1. Strengthen the penalties for anyone involved in illegal biosecurity activities affecting the agricultural industry;
2. Provide increased coordination of local, state and federal officials to more effectively monitor and respond to these threats;
3. Give producers increased protections against false and derogatory statements that would damage or endanger a producer's livelihood, product, property or diminish livestock production practices;
4. Allow producers to secure their facilities and operations at all times.

53. ANIMAL HEALTH PRODUCTS (2018)

WHEREAS, the Kansas Livestock Association facilitates the Kansas Beef Quality Assurance educational program with Kansas State University and the Kansas Veterinary Medical Association, and

WHEREAS, the Kansas Livestock Association continues to encourage the livestock industry to follow the proper use of animal health products and feed additives.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Kansas Livestock Association opposes laws and regulatory proposals which hinder the timely availability of animal health products, create costly or burdensome distribution and administration of products, and impose duplicative regulatory requirements by state and federal agencies.

59. MEAT INSPECTION (2016)

WHEREAS, the Kansas Livestock Association is vitally concerned that the Food Safety and Inspection Service is adequate to maintain the safety of beef, and

WHEREAS, the consumer has the right to expect safe and wholesome beef products, and

WHEREAS, irradiation, or cold pasteurization, has been approved by FDA for beef and has been proven a safe, effective method which improves pathogen reduction.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Kansas Livestock Association supports regulations that further the implementation of irradiation.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Kansas Livestock Association supports USDA inspection systems for red meat and poultry that are effective, equitable, and ensure safe and wholesome products to the consumer.

60. ANIMAL IDENTIFICATION FOR DISEASE TRACEABILITY (2018)

WHEREAS, USDA's animal identification disease traceability program is limited to sexually intact cattle, more than 18 months of age, that move in interstate commerce; dairy cattle, cattle used for rodeo and recreational events; and cattle moved to shows and exhibitions, and

WHEREAS, the 2016-2020 cattle industry Long Range Plan emphasizes the cattle industry should secure the broad adoption of individual animal identification disease traceability system(s) to equip the industry to effectively manage a disease outbreak while enhancing both domestic and global trust in U.S. beef.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Kansas Livestock Association supports efforts by the National Cattlemen's Beef Association and USDA to develop a mandatory national, individual animal identification disease traceability system for all cattle.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Kansas Livestock Association believes strongly that any animal identification or disease traceability program should be designed to (1) minimize costs to producers, (2) optimize the role of the private sector to administer the program, and (3) protect the confidentiality of individual animal owner records.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Kansas Livestock Association believes the Kansas Department of Agriculture, Division of Animal Health should be the state agency that manages and supervises any identification or disease traceability plan.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Kansas Livestock Association supports state and federal legislation to limit animal owners' liability exposure that may arise under a private or public animal identification or disease traceability program.

61. KSU COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURE, COLLEGE OF VETERINARY MEDICINE, EXTENSION SERVICES, AND EXPERIMENT STATIONS (2017)

WHEREAS, agriculture is the number one industry in Kansas, and

WHEREAS, Kansas State University is one of the nation's first land grant colleges and agriculture has always been a prime area of teaching and research.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Kansas Livestock Association strongly supports that the university administration, Board of Regents, and the Kansas Legislature provide funding for the College of Agriculture, College of Veterinary Medicine, a food safety and security facility, experiment stations, and extension services in relationship to agriculture's importance to the Kansas economy.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Kansas Livestock Association supports the need and legislative approval of a new state of the art veterinary diagnostic laboratory.