



NCBA: The Voice of the U.S. Cattle Industry

National Cattlemen's Beef Association

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Death Tax

- ▶ We're continuing to call on Congress to enact true estate tax reform.
- ▶ NCBA supports a dual-track policy to: 1) increase the exemption level and decrease the rate of taxation; and 2) provide an overall exemption for agriculture

Did You Know?

Farm estates are 5-20 times more likely to incur estate taxes than other estates.

Antibiotics

- ▶ NCBA is working to stop efforts to ban the use of antibiotics in livestock.
- ▶ Cattle producers support the responsible and judicious use of antibiotics as an important tool to prevent, control and treat disease in cattle.
- ▶ Healthy cattle are the foundation of a safe food supply.

Government Intrusion in the Marketplace

- ▶ Cattle producers, like other businesses, support free-market principles in the buying and selling of their products.
- ▶ Alternative marketing arrangements allow producers to maximize profitability by getting paid for the value they add to their cattle.
- ▶ NCBA supports full enforcement of existing laws to prevent unfair competition or collusion within the cattle industry.
- ▶ The government should not be in the business of manipulating domestic supply, cost or price.

Food Safety

- ▶ Cattle producers' top priority is to produce the safest and highest quality beef in the world.
- ▶ All safety programs must be based on science, focus on industry application, and have a strong research foundation.
- ▶ NCBA is working to ensure that any food safety legislation will further the goal of increasing food safety, without detracting from the strong industry and federal safeguards already in place.

Did You Know?

Since 1993 cattle producers have invested more than \$27 million in beef safety research.

Environment

- ▶ Cattle producers take pride in serving as good stewards of the land, while producing a safe, affordable and abundant food supply to feed the world's growing population.
- ▶ Modern beef production practices have allowed increased productivity while using fewer resources than ever before.
- ▶ However, over-reaching federal regulatory efforts could put agriculture as we know it out of business.
- ▶ NCBA is continuing to oppose:
 - * Climate change legislation and regulation
 - * Dust and ammonia regulation
 - * The Clean Water Restoration Act

