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FarmFest 2017 – Member and Policy Connections

FarmFest 2017 was a success on many fronts for the Minnesota State Cattlemen's Association. This year's event yielded fantastic weather and provided a platform for reconnecting with members and legislators.

MSCA annually provides one of the best "full meal deals" on the grounds at FarmFest. Thanks to the generosity of the American Foods Group, the beef sandwich meal keeps beef at the center of many attendee's plates. A highlight for many at FarmFest is the opportunity

for cattlemen members from all parts of the state to reconnect and network as volunteers in the MSCA Beef Booth.

"Without the help of volunteers, this event would not be possible. We can't say thank-you enough to everyone who carved time out of their schedule to come help us out for a day or two during FarmFest." – Krist Wollum, MSCA President Elect

In addition to serving beef to attendees, MSCA board members and directors had plenty to say to legislators and agency leaders who stopped by the beef booth during the three days of FarmFest. Discussion focused on trade, beef markets and allowing the beef industry to grow within the state of Minnesota.

MSCA President-Elect Mike Landuyt had the opportunity to participate in a panel discussion with several other Minnesota leaders focusing on the pros and cons of different farm

transition strategies.

The highlight of Farm Fest 2017 was a listening session for the 2018 Farm Bill. 11 U.S. representatives sat through 2½ hours of ideas from Minnesota, North Dakota and Iowa farmers and agribusiness people about how they should write new federal farm legislation. A challenge that is becoming more and more of a concern to livestock producers is foot and mouth disease. The highly contagious viral disease can spread rapidly, Farm Fest visitors heard at the House hearing and at other events this week, but the country has little vaccine to deal with it.

MSCA President Krist Wollum said during his comment period "If there is a FMD disease outbreak, it would cost the livestock industry billions of dollars in the first year alone."



MSCA BOD members spoke with Speaker Daudt about the importance of publicly owned lands remaining working lands.



MSCA President Krist Wollum comments on Cattlemen's priorities for the 2018 Farm Bill.



Without the help of member volunteers, the event would not be possible.



The 2017 Minnesota Summer Beef Tour & Trade Show is in the history book!

Roughly 1,000 people visited the scenic Glacial Ridge area of west central Minnesota as the Glacial Ridge Cattlemen's Association hosted the 37th annual event. Folks began arriving to headquarters just south of Starbuck, MN at Clear Springs Cattle Company owned by Jim & Twyla Wulf at 6AM for the all-day event, which included a chartered bus tour, trade show, breakfast, lunch & steak supper. Nearly 100 businesses and organizations participated in the trade show that was mainly held at the headquarters, but also at select tour locations.

Not only was Clear Springs Cattle Company the event headquarters, but the ranch was also a tour location that highlighted their new monoslope bull growing facility for their Simmental and SimAngus seedstock, new cattle working area, spring flowing waterers, native prairie restorations and rotational grazing. Another stop on the tour included Bar J Ranch owned and operated by the Reed Family and located just west of Brooten, MN who raise registered Angus and Lowline cattle and utilize K-line irrigation, intense rotational grazing and cover cropping. This tour stop also included a taste testing of product from Goat Ridge Brewery out of New London, MN and Jenniges Meats of Brooten, MN who highlighted their on-your-farm processing on livestock. A third stop included Highland Acres Cattle owned by the Randy Anderson Family who raise registered Simmental Cattle and the tour highlighted a multipurpose calving facility constructed there in 2016. A fourth location was Redhead Creamery own by the Jennissen and Sjostrom Family which includes a smaller family dairy that has found success in adding on-farm value to the milk they produce by adding an on-farm cheese plant and store.

Tour participants also were able to drive by a parcel of land owned by the government who contract with private livestock owners to

graze livestock based on developed grazing plans. They were able to hear how the process works, see it working and ask questions. Bakko Brothers was another stop on the tour located in southeastern Pope County. Bakko Brothers is a family owned and operated business specializing in Haybuster Mixers, Jug Waterers, Champion Tow Rope and more. A vast new building was constructed in 2014 that showcased all of what they do.

Lastly, back by popular demand, a feed and forage demonstration was included in this year's tour. Nelson Red Angus of Swift Falls was gracious enough to host the event at one of their alfalfa fields and included demonstrations of various forage and feed mixing equipment.

In closing, the Glacial Ridge Cattlemen's Association would like to extend thanks to all of tour locations for allowing the beef industry to take a look at your farming and business operations. We also want to thank Clear Springs Cattle Company and the Jim Wulf family for allowing us to turn your ranch upside down this summer by being the headquarters for the event. Our appreciation to all of our members and volunteers hard work and dedication to pull the event off, to our sponsors and trade show participants by choosing to support the Minnesota Beef Industry through your attendance and lastly to all who chose to travel to the event from all over and take in the tour. Without each of you, the Minnesota Summer Beef Tour and Trade Show would not happen. We hope you enjoyed your day and hope to see you next year when the Cottonwood Cattle Producers host the event July 10, 2018.

Sincerely,

Jim Ostlie, GRCA Summer Tour Coordinator

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NEWS - TIME SENSITIVE MATERIAL

Greetings,

It's hard to believe summer is almost over, like every other year we ask, where did it go? For me it has been a whirlwind of local events from fairs to weddings and family reunions. Then throw in the summer tour to summer conference to farm fest and that pretty much sums it up. Along with getting the farm work done. Thank goodness for the family that picks up the slack while I'm away.



KRIST WOLLUM
President, Minnesota State Cattlemen's Association

The summer tour was another outstanding event between a great turnout and a well-organized committee, throw in some nice weather, interesting stops and a good bunch of vendors and that's another wrap. Plans are already under way for next year's tour being hosted by the Cottonwood Cattlemen's association, stay tuned for more details to come. Another thing that comes with the tour is our quarterly meeting and PAC event. It's great to see the attendance of these meetings staying strong; we covered issue going on across the state. It always amazes me on how big and diverse our state is, it makes for a lot of things to pay attention to. We are lucky to have our regional directors that stay involved and keep us informed. Also thank you to the people that participated in this year's PAC event. We tried something a little different this year and I had a good time and hope everyone else did as well. I had set a goal for raising money for our PAC account and everyone did a wonderful job helping us get there. Thanks to all the people that donated it will be good to have this available because we already have people putting their name in for offices.

Farm Fest is in the books and we had another tremendous year again this year. It's always wonderful to hear people say it was worth standing in line to get their meal. But what the people don't see or realize is the amount of work it takes to roll a meal out every 6 seconds! (that's right, someone was timing us!) So how does a person begin to thank everyone for the help? We had people all the way from the northern part of Minnesota to people from the southeast corner and the southwest parts. There are kids there helping out all the way up to men and women that are retired from cattle but still continue to lend a hand. A big shout goes out to the Redwood area folks, these guys and gals come all three mornings to help us get set up and rolling. Can't say enough about how much fun we have while working our tails off to make this happen. You can't feed 4800 noon lunches in three days without great help! Also don't forget to thank American Foods Group for their help; they make our food tent work.

Thanks for your time and membership, thanks to the team that helps me cover all my basses and thanks to Ashley for keeping us moving forward.

Until next time I wish everyone good weather and safety on their farms.

It's hard to believe that summer is almost over and that the first day of fall will be here soon. Kids are returning to school; county fairs are in full swing and the MN State Fair will be here before we know it. Many MN CattleWomen and our MN Beef Ambassador team have been busy this summer with their local county fairs and other events.



ROYALEE RHOADS
President, Minnesota CattleWomen

Penny Zimmerman, Lori Beckel and myself attended the Region 3 and 7 ANCW Regional meeting in Omaha, Nebraska. It is always great to go to those meetings so we can share ideas with each other and learn from each other.

I thought it would be nice to share with you some of the things that the MN Beef Ambassador Team has been up to this year.

Katie Moller talked about beef safety, what cattle eat, and general cattle knowledge during the beef session at an FFA safety day. Katie also shared her beef story at many Ag in the Classroom events. She also helped emcee the MN Beef Council chef's demonstration at the Minneapolis Farmer's Market.

Emilee says you can never start too early when sharing about agriculture! Emilee did an activity of gluing together a family of four different species and finding where your meat comes from with multiply classes for Ag in the Classroom. Emilee is very passionate about Beef and Agriculture and was at the East Otter

Tail Breakfast on the farm recently too.

Abbey and Bailee Schiefelbein spoke with over 400 kids at Paynesville Elementary school about beef and their by-products this spring. Bailee Schiefelbein also taught over 500 students from the Cold Spring area about beef and their by-products earlier this spring. Both Abbey and Bailee also helped with Farm camps and told the beef by product story.

Bailee Schiefelbein and Emilee White both wrote blogs for the MN Beef Council beef blog page. Bailee's is titled "Rain is a Good Thing", Emilee's is "High Alert during Calving Season".

All the MN Beef Ambassadors helped at the Minnesota State Cattlemen's Summer Tour and will be helping at the MN State Fair.

Our MN Beef Ambassadors are amazing and do a great job of sharing about beef cattle! These ambassadors are the next generation of leaders in the beef industry.

The MN CattleWomen will be in the Moo Booth at the Minnesota State Fair on Saturday, August 2 from 1 pm to 3 pm. Stop by and see us, if you are at the MN State Fair.

Hello from the Southwest corner of the state! Our weather is always a topic of conversation, whether it is too much rain or not enough. In our area, not enough rain will describe our moisture status. We have had a little over a half of inch for the month of July and the first week of August. It is truly unbelievable that our crops look as good as they do. You only need to travel 50 miles north of us and they have had multiple inches this summer. So we need to be thankful for those who have received the rains. Even some of the extremely dry areas in the Dakota's have received some rains which is a true answer to prayer.



GRANT BINFORD
Chairman, Feeder Council

If this column is to reflect on what is going on in our operation throughout the year, then the hot button issue that we are experiencing is labor or the lack thereof. After years of a stable, high caliber labor force, we have seen 3 of our 5 full time employees move on to opportunities of joining family in their operations or striking out on their own. When you have high caliber employees, they will eventually move on as they should when that opportunity presents itself. What we are experiencing is a lack of qualified people who are looking to enter the farming/livestock sector. After visiting with many business owners, I find that I am not alone in this struggle and it is affecting every tradesman occupation that I have spoken with including construction, plumbing, electrical, welding, mechanical just to name a few. It is a situation that I think should be of great concern

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Greetings,

I want to thank everyone who attended the State Cattlemen's Tour at our place. We had a super turnout with 890 people registered. All in all I feel it was a very good tour and we hope everyone thought it worthwhile to attend. We heard a few comments that there was no feed lot on the tour but our section of the state really is not feedlot country. We wish the Cottonwood Cattlemen the best as they start planning for next year.



JIM WULF
Chairman, Cow/Calf Council

Twyla and I went to Farmfest one day to help serve dinners in the BEEF tent. This was the first time we have experienced this and if you have never done so, I would encourage you to volunteer your time to go help the Cattlemen that dedicate so much time to organize the event. It truly is a great event to promote our product. It was encouraging to see the six people from the pork booth come through for a BEEF sandwich. We hope they were inspired!

It's county fair time across the state and it is encouraging to see young people enthused about the cattle industry. Let's try to support those efforts where we can help out.

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to our future.

Tonight, we attended an event in Sioux Falls at their city's semi pro baseball game that was sponsored by my wife's college for their alumni. Their college president shared with me about a new direction they are taking to offer a 2 year degree in agriculture and manufacturing that will be 3 days of class and 2 days of working in the industry. They are looking to place these young adults in farm operations or manufacturing type industries within a radius of the college. It might be a winning situation for us and the student that we could get paired up with a skilled future work force and they can earn money while going to school. I think the answer to this problem will have to come in many forms but maybe this can be a small part of it to show that if they were going to keep our businesses and communities vibrant, we cannot keep exporting young talent to 4 year institutions for degrees that do not allow them to stay in their communities. That is all from my soap box for now but I feel strongly that labor is quickly rising to the number one issue for most owners and managers. If anyone has any good suggestions, please share.

Jim Wulf . . . continued from page 2

calve early. It is an enjoyable time of the year because it is our harvest time to bring home the fruits of our labors. I have been doing fenceline weaning for many years. We always try to leave a paddock with nice fresh growth for the calves and after four days when they are done bawling, we bring them home and group them together. If you have not tried fenceline pasture weaning, it is a very good way to lower stress through the weaning process for those calves.

Our part of the State has had some timely, although spotty rains and cooler temperatures. We hope those of you that have been very dry have received some too.

Have a good fall and be safe with the harvest.

MSCA Membership Recruitment Benefits

The MSCA relies heavily on a grassroots process of local cattlemen's associations and volunteer leaders to recruit and retain members. The MSCA looks to reward recruiters with the following benefits.

Recruiter incentives are as follows: 3 members: complimentary registration to state convention; 5 members: two complimentary registrations to state convention; 10 members: two complimentary registrations to state convention and a \$100 gift card; 20 members: two complimentary registrations to state conventions, \$200 gift card and a plaque; 25 members: two complimentary registrations to state convention, \$200 gift card, plaque and two nights stay at state convention.

MSCA Member, Rita Nolte, nominated for the 2017 Farm & Ranch Guide Country Woman of the year Award.



Even though she didn't win top Farm & Ranch Guide honors, she's still Country Women of the year in our book! Congrats on being named a finalist Rita, we're proud to have you as part of the MSCA team and family!

Congratulations to Tracey Koester - the 2017 Farm & Ranch Guide's Country Woman of the Year - and the

other six finalists who were recognized for their contributions to agriculture, taking pride in their families and operation and involved in their communities. Other nominees included: Lyn Hewson, Amidon; Susan Keller, Mandan; Katie Kuntz, New Salem and Misty Nagel, Carson.

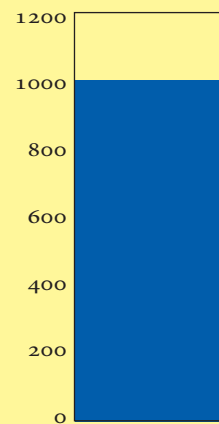
Don't Forget to Renew Your Membership!

Thank you for being a member of the Minnesota State Cattlemen's Association. Your membership matters and allows our collective voices to be heard on the issues in St. Paul and Washington D.C.

The MSCA saw many successes in terms of our priority issues in 2016. Looking forward to 2017, we will also be closely monitoring many issues affecting Minnesota cattlemen.

Be sure to send in your membership renewal as soon as you can so we can continue having cattlemen working for cattlemen! (See membership form on back page)

MSCA Membership Goal



Minnesota Beef Alliance Members

THANK-YOU to the following businesses that have committed to support members of the Minnesota State cattlemen's Association as part of the Minnesota Beef Alliance for 2017. If you are interested in learning more about the Beef Alliance program, contact the MSCA office at 612-618-6619 or visit www.mnsca.org.

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Upcoming Events/Important Dates: for more details on events listed below, visit www.mnsca.org

September 9th, 2017 – 10:00 am MSCA Fall Board of Directors Meeting – LeCenter Sportsmen's Club, 25 E Derrynane Street, Le Center MN 56057

December 1-2, 2017 – Minnesota Cattle Industry Convention & Trade Show, Double Tree Hotel – Bloomington, MN

MSCA Already Hard at Work to Help Craft 2018 Farm Bill

MSCA has taken multiple opportunities to discuss Farm Bill priorities with all of our D.C. legislative offices. Below is a list of cattlemen's Farm Bill priority talking points for members to use when addressing members of congress about developing the 2018 Farm Bill.

The research title of the Farm Bill must be protected and not raided to fund other programs. The research element of the Farm Bill is critical in helping our industry be more efficient in beef production while also protecting ourselves from foreign animal diseases.

While we know the budget for this Farm Bill is tight, we ask that you work to help us fund a FMD Vaccine Bank. Our industry is threatened by the re-introduction of FMD either accidentally or intentionally. We cannot afford an outbreak of FMD, but our current bank at Plum Island is obsolete. We need a vaccine bank that is prepared for all 23 strains of FMD. We don't have that now. If we have an outbreak of FMD, some economic models estimate the economic impact to be in excess of \$50 billion dollars. Our ask for the vaccine bank of \$150 million per year for 5 years pales in comparison to what it would cost to respond. We hope you will work with us to establish this bank.

The conservation title is another valuable part of the Farm Bill for Minnesota cattle producers. Programs like EQIP should be protected as they have been popular among producers who share in the cost of these projects.

Minnesota cattle producers benefit greatly from the Market Access Program and the Foreign Market Development Program. These programs help fund the U.S. Meat Export Federation which is the lead entity in marketing U.S. beef to our global trading partners. These programs are not handouts since our industry also helps fund USMEF through checkoff and dues dollars.

Finally, we need to protect the national beef checkoff from any attack which would eliminate the program, make it mandatory, or change who can contract with the Cattlemen's Beef Board for projects. The checkoff has almost 30 years of success in promoting beef, enhancing food safety, and helping cattle producers.

MSCA Boots on the Ground

The MSCA members and board of directors have been busy over the past few months! To keep up with the daily activities of MSCA and the MSCA board of directors - like us on Facebook, follow us on Twitter (@CattlemenMN) and sign up for our E-Newsletter. Be sure to use the MSCA hashtag #CattlemenMN when sharing all of your story!

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The MOM Show

The Minnesota Beef Council was on the MOM Show on MyTalk107.1 in the Twin Cities on June 4th. Karin Schaefer, Executive Director of the Minnesota Beef Council and special guest, Marytina Lawrence, shared their experiences about raising children on the farm and they addressed the biggest concerns that most moms have in regards to food production and how beef cattle are raised.

On Sunday, July 2nd, we replayed the “Beef Nutrition” with Dr. Renee Korczak” for the “Best of” Mom Show. Listeners learned all they needed to know about incorporating beef into a healthy diet and heard common beef myths get busted.

Then on the show on July 30, we talked about beef food and beef cattle at the Minnesota State Fair. Pat Mancini from Mancini’s restaurant also joined us to talk about how to make restaurant-style beef at home.

Did you know there are over 75 vendors at the MN State Fair who serve beef? If you missed any of the episodes, be sure to listen to them on the Minnesota Beef Council website under As Heard on Radio.



Twin Cities Live

The Minnesota Beef Council was on Twin Cities Live on June 8. The Twin Cities Live crew went out to visit the University of Minnesota Meat Lab and talked with Dr. Ryan Cox and his team. They learned about beef and all the great activities the lab is involved in on campus. From August 7 through August 21, we are partnering for “12 Days of Grilling” on Twin Cities Live. If you missed any of the previous episodes, you can watch them on the Minnesota Beef Council website under As Seen on TV.



MyTalk 107’s Weekly Dish at Red Cow for Second Harvest Heartland

The Minnesota Beef Council was LIVE at Red Cow’s North Loop Restaurant on June 24, sponsoring “The Weekly Dish” - a radio show that is focused on food in the Twin Cities. MyTalk 107.1 was hosting its 7th Annual “Food for Families” food drive benefiting Second Harvest Heartland for the fight against hunger. The hosts got to enjoy a great breakfast burger while they were there. Of course, we also checked out some of Red Cow’s great beef items on the menu.

MBC Board Meeting

The next Minnesota Beef Council Board of Directors Meeting is scheduled for Monday, November 13 in Maple Plain, MN.

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Minneapolis Farmers Market

On Saturday July 22, the Minnesota Beef Council was at the Minneapolis Farmers Market. We had Chef Aaron Kneeland from the Minneapolis American Culinary Federation Chapter create a couple of beef recipes to cook and demonstrate at the farmer's market. He made Moroccan Meatballs with two sauces, Riata and Charmoula, and he made Asian Beef Chimichurri Sandwiches with flank steak. Katie Moller, MN Beef Ambassador helped emcee the event. Katie talked about how beef is raised and cared for, while Aaron shared how to prepare it. Both answered the audience questions as Aaron cooked, then everybody enjoyed samples. Aaron also shared that he had gone on a Pasture to Plate tour through the MN Beef Council a couple of years ago, and how his perception of how beef was raised completely changed. He learned how much the producers really care for their animals and how they really are family farms and ranches operations.



Farm Camp

Farm Camp Minnesota is a fun, interactive, educational experience for 3rd – 6th grade campers to learn about modern agriculture and to understand how and where their food is produced. It is organized and sponsored by farmers and agribusiness people who love what they do and want to share that passion. The Minnesota Beef Council was there to share about how beef is raised and about beef by-products. We brought many different by-products such as paint, laundry detergent, Band-Aids, marshmallows, Jello, cake mix and shared with the kids how these products are made from beef. The kids also got to see beef calves, pet them and ask questions.



“Get Your Best Body with Beef” Segment on WCCO

Fitness coaches, Amber Kuiper and Rachel Marthaler, joined Minnesota Beef on WCCO on July 25 to share how incorporating beef into their eating plans has generated tremendous results in their fitness journeys. Beef's high protein content and healthy fats help fuel their active lifestyles by keeping them energized and feeling lean. Watch the full segment on the Minnesota Beef Council website under “Get Your Best Body with Beef” beef blog post. If you'd like to join our Beef Bootcamp online fitness program, email becky@mnbeef.org to sign up!



Minnesota State Fair

August is all about getting together with beef – and what better place to do that than the Great Minnesota Get-Together, going on from August 24 through September 4th? The Minnesota Beef Council will have a booth in the Dairy Building where fair goers will learn about Minnesota's beef industry and products! We will also have lots of fun, including: the beef toss game (like cornhole, but better!), sunglasses, PLUS a chance to win a Yeti cooler and great beef pack. Make sure to stop by, play, learn and say hi to us!



Goin' to the Lake

All through July and August, we have been following along with WCCO's Goin' to the Lake segments by recommending beef stops along the way to their destinations! Each week, you can find a blog post recommending the best meat markets and restaurants with beef on the menu near popular Minnesota lake locations. Check out all the blogs on the Beef Blog page on the Minnesota Beef website.



Scholarships Available!

The Minnesota State Cattlemen's Association, in conjunction with the Bottem and Jensen families, have 3 scholarships available to deserving animal science, agriculture or agronomy students. For application forms and submission instructions, visit www.mnsca.org/scholarshipsandawards.php. Winners of the Reid Mason and Dennis Bottem Scholarships will receive their scholarship at the 2017 Minnesota Cattle Industry Convention in Bloomington, MN.

Reid Mason Memorial Scholarship \$500 – Eligibility Criteria

Parent or guardian must be a member of the Minnesota State Cattlemen's Association and National Cattlemen's Beef Association.

Applicant must be enrolled as a junior or senior in a college or university in Minnesota, North Dakota, South Dakota, Wisconsin, or Iowa.

Applicant should be majoring in Animal Science with emphasis on beef cattle.

Applicant must submit with the application:

Most recent grade transcript.

An essay of not more than 300 words which includes the reasons for pursuing your

Minnesota Beef Council Events

August 24 – September 4 – Minnesota State Fair

September 26 – Dietetic Intern Tour

present education program, career plans, attitude toward agriculture, college activities, and why you are deserving of this scholarship.

The scholarship application, requested essay, references (one of which must be from a current or former teacher), and grade transcript must be received by October 1st, 2017.

Dennis Bottem Memorial Scholarship \$500.00 – Eligibility Criteria

Must be a Minnesota Resident.

Applicant can be enrolled in either a two or four year Ag program in any college or school in Minnesota, North Dakota, South Dakota, Wisconsin or Iowa.

Applicant should be majoring in Animal Science or Agronomy.

Applicant must submit with the application:

Most recent grade transcript.

An essay of not more than 300 words which includes the reasons for pursuing your present education program, career plans, attitude toward agriculture, college activities, and why you are deserving of this scholarship.

The scholarship application, requested essay, references (one of which must be from a current or former teacher), and grade transcript must be received by October 1st, 2017.

Adam Jensen Memorial Scholarship \$500.00 – Eligibility Criteria

The applicant should have completed at least one year of postsecondary education, but consideration will be given to a high school graduating senior if sufficient applications are not received. A current transcript may be requested as proof of attendance prior to distribution of funds.

The applicant should be actively pursuing a postsecondary education with relevance to Agriculture

There is not a GPA prerequisite for scholarship award.

It is recommended, but not required, that the applicant as an individual or their family be associated with a local cattlemen's association or the Minnesota State Cattlemen's Association.

Applicants who are actively involved in the cattle industry to any degree will be given strong consideration

Applicant, along with completed application, must submit a short essay on a topic of their choice in relation to the beef industry. The applicant should be prepared to present this essay at the Redwood Area Cattlemen's Association Annual Meeting.

Must be received by October 1st, 2017.

DC Court of Appeals Affirms Federal ESA Protection for Great Lakes Gray Wolf Population

On August 1st, the U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia upheld court-ordered Endangered Species Act protection for the gray wolf population in the Great Lakes region despite a delisting finalized by the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service (USFWS) in 2012. The original 2012 delisting decision was based on a thriving population of more than 4,000 wolves across nine states (Minnesota, Wisconsin, Michigan, North Dakota, South Dakota, Iowa, Indiana, and Ohio), with the bulk of the population concentrated in Minnesota, Michigan, and Wisconsin. The Great Lakes population is critical to recovery efforts nationwide because USFWS views this stable, thriving population as sufficient evidence of recovery to delist in the remainder of the lower 48 states.

While we are disappointed in the court decision today in Washington, DC, this only further illustrates the need for Congress to move forward with a legislative delisting of the Great Lakes gray wolf population. Working with both the House and Senate, we have three different legislative vehicles available to accomplish this goal.

The first is through a pair of riders in the FY2018 Interior-Environment Appropriations Bill as passed by the House Committee on Appropriations last month. That bill instructs the USFWS to reissue the final delisting rule for this species within 60 days and prevents any judicial review of the rule. A separate rider in the same bill prevents USFWS from expending any funds to treat the gray wolf as a threatened or endangered species anywhere in the lower 48 states.

The second option is through a delisting provision in S.1514 – the HELP for Wildlife Act, sponsored by Senator John Barrasso from



Wyoming. Better known as the “Sportsmen Bill,” S.1514 addresses a variety of issues related to hunting, wildlife, and conservation. The wolf delisting provision is viewed as a critical component of the bill because without it, many groups like ours would not be inclined to offer support.

The third option is through H.R. 424, the Gray Wolf State Management Act of 2017, sponsored by Rep. Colin Peterson (D-MN). The Senate companion to that bill is S.164, sponsored by Senator Ron Johnson (R-WI). These two bipartisan bills offer a strong, two chamber stand-alone solution to delisting.

We will continue hitting this issue hard on Capitol Hill and we encourage you to do the same with your respective representatives. We are asking you to reach out to your congressional delegations and voice your support for all three of these options to restore the recovered gray wolf to appropriate state management. Should you have any questions or need any additional information, please don't hesitate to contact Ashley Kohls at ashley@mnsca.org.

MPCA Seeks to Increase Water Permit Fees

The Minnesota Pollution Control Agency has a funding problem. The fees the agency charges for water related services only cover 17% of the cost of delivering the water quality programs associated with those fees. The agency has not comprehensively increased its since 2009. In addition, the fees charged across programs are inconsistent, and some regulated parties cover more of their program's costs than others.



The program costs pay for the staff and resources the MPCA needs to:

- Write permits
- Determine discharge limits or other relevant permit data
- Evaluate variance requests
- Inspect facilities for compliance; enforce against non-compliant entities
- Provide technical assistance to facilities
- Do some compliance-related monitoring
- Provide training and licensure to industry professionals; certify laboratories
- Follow up on complaints
- Maintain relationships (including joint committees, task forces, professional groups) with local governments and industry associations

The MPCA water permitting programs are instrumental in protecting water quality in the state. And under the law, the MPCA must deliver these programs to comply with state and federal requirements. If the fee schedule is not changed, the programs will continue with insufficient funding, and the likely result is certain groups will be unserved or underserved.

Where we're at up until now, the agency has managed to cover its costs by:

- Shifting funding from other areas, particularly to cover urgent projects
- Receiving grants from the U.S. Environmental Protection

MSCA Provides Support for H.R. 424

MSCA President Krist Wollum provided a letter of support for Colin Peterson's H.R. 424, the Gray Wolf State Management Act of 2017. This bill was heard during a House Natural Resources Committee in July.

July 17th, 2017

The Honorable Rob Bishop
Chairman

House Natural Resources Committee
1324 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Raul Grijalva
Ranking Member

House Natural Resources Committee
1329 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Re: H.R. 424 – Gray Wolf State Management Act of 2017

Dear Chairmen Bishop and Ranking Member Grijalva,

The Minnesota State Cattlemen's Association thanks the House Committee on Natural Resources for showing support and granting a hearing for H.R. 424 - Gray Wolf State Management Act of 2017.

While under state control, the State of Minnesota, through the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources and Department of Agriculture, developed and implemented a comprehensive and time proven wolf management plan. That plan, accepted by the US Department of Interior, was the basis for delisting and the means of ensuring Minnesota's wolves would never again become threatened or endangered.

Minnesota's gray wolf, by all measures established, was effectively maintained in Minnesota and should once again have population control returned to the state. The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and the State of Minnesota do not dispute that wolves have recovered and maintained their population here. However, efforts to de-list wolves in this area continue to be challenged on procedural and technical, rather than wolf conservation, grounds. The success of the ESA in recovering this population and the management efforts of the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources have been overshadowed by litigation and the unnecessarily onerous process to delist the gray wolf. If the State of Minnesota satisfactorily follows their approved population management plan, then future delisting of the gray wolf should not be subject to judicial review. With this type of action, we firmly believe it would remedy what is necessary to overcome the long history of legal and technical challenges to managing a clearly recovered species in the state of

Minnesota.

Once delisted, the State of Minnesota will continue to protect wolves and monitor their population, while giving livestock and domestic pet owners and wildlife more protection from wolf depredation as well as diseases carried by wolves. According to the original recovery plan, wolves have recovered in Minnesota and no longer warrant listing under the Endangered Species Act of 1973. The original USFWS recovery plan called for 1,251 to 1,400 gray wolves in Minnesota to meet delisting criteria. The state plan establishes a minimum population of 1,600 wolves to ensure the long-term survival of the wolf in Minnesota. The state's wolf population, which was estimated at fewer than 750 animals in the 1950s, has grown an estimated 2,300 animals according to the 2015-16 mid-winter wolf population survey. This obviously far exceeds state and federal recovery goals and has led to increased conflicts between wolves and humans, pets, and livestock. This would also show that, while under state control, state agencies have been able to successfully manage wolf populations.

Minnesota's cattle and beef industry is a diverse and robust sector of the state's agricultural economy. Cattle and beef production is the second largest livestock sector in Minnesota, accounting for 27% of Minnesota's livestock cash receipts and 13% of the state's total agricultural cash receipts. Nationally, Minnesota ranks tenth in cattle production and is home to roughly 2.4 million head of cattle and calves. This sector of animal agriculture has a “multiplier effect” of \$2.05 for every dollar of output. Specifically, Minnesota's beef and cattle production creates economic activities in many other economic sectors including agronomy, manufacturing, transportation, trade, services, finance, insurance, real estate, and construction. Minnesota beef production's total economic impacts at the farm level (not including meat processing) equals 4.2 billion dollars and employs nearly 27,000 Minnesotans. Ensuring Minnesota's beef farmers and ranchers are able to protect their cattle and herds when needed is vital to supporting this important sector of Minnesota's economy.

Thank-you for your time and consideration of H.R. 424 - Gray Wolf State Management Act of 2017.

Krist Wollum

President

Minnesota State Cattlemen's Association

Agency and Minnesota's Public Facilities Authority

- Creating efficiencies in our processes to reduce our expenses

The agency claims that current sources of funding they've relied on may not be available in the future. This patchwork approach has currently covered costs, but current water permitting work is not fully funded. The agency claims to currently have a 57% backlog in municipal wastewater permitting program. Some programs are only able to do the bare minimum of the required permitting work.

To date, the agency has listed a few options:

- Amend water fee rule and alter our fee structure
- Raise application fees (rulemaking is not required)
- Apply for more federal dollars

The plan The MPCA is considering rule amendments that could alter fees, including those for:

- Municipal and industrial wastewater permits
- Noncontact cooling water permits
- Stormwater permits
- Feedlot permits
- Septic systems
- Variances
- Environmental review

The agency is looking for input on the best way to adjust fees and make them more equitable. Their goal is to substantially increase the percentage of program costs that fees cover. The Office of the Legislative Auditor has directed the MPCA to collect fees that cover the costs of our programs. MPCA has sought public ideas and assistance in developing a sustainable and equitable fee structure.

MSCA Comments on MPCA Permit Fee Changes

MSCA President Krist Wollum submitted the comments below regarding MPCA's pre-proposal for fee increases.

August 11th, 2017

The Honorable Ann O'Reilly
Office of Administrative Hearings
600 North Roberts Street
PO BOX 64620
St. Paul, MN 55164

RE: Possible Amendments to Rules Governing Water Quality Fees, Minnesota Rules, Chapters 7002 and 7083; Revisor's ID Number R-04476. OAH Docket No. 65-9003-34479

Dear Judge O'Reilly,

Minnesota is home to over 16,000 beef farmers and ranchers. In a 2016 economic contribution study, it was found that Minnesota's beef industry contributes \$4.9 billion and 47,300 jobs to the state. Each one of Minnesota's beef feedlots, regardless of size, creates jobs and economic stimulus for rural communities.

The Minnesota State Cattlemen's Association (MSCA) has concerns about the proposed amendments to the rules governing air and water permit fees (fees). In 2015, as a result of action taken by the Minnesota Legislature and signed into law by Governor Mark Dayton, a livestock industry study was conducted by the commissioner of agriculture. The study identified causes of the relative growth or decline in the number of head of poultry and livestock produced in Minnesota, Iowa, North Dakota, South Dakota, Wisconsin, and Nebraska over the last ten years, including but not limited to the impact of nuisance conditions and lawsuits filed against poultry or livestock farms.

As noted in this study, Minnesota has lost its competitive edge in regards to regulatory burden and fees associated with it. The study shows some of the requirements specific

to permitting livestock facilities are on a level playing field at the federal level. In some instances, Minnesota adds an additional level of environmental review not seen in other states, with increased permitting costs as a result. Farmers interested in expanding or starting new livestock operations in Minnesota may likely choose to locate elsewhere due to the additional layers of regulatory burden in Minnesota. Reduced interest for internal expansion or relocation to Minnesota means less livestock, less need for permit review and environmental review by the state, loss of jobs, closure of rural businesses and schools, and loss of tax base.

MSCA members do not feel it would be appropriate for MPCA to base permit fees on the need of an environmental review or the number of animal units. As noted in the MDA Livestock Industry Study, in Minnesota, nuisance complaints by county are proportionately higher as the number of feedlots increases. This fear of complaints for normal and accepted farming practices already discourages many farmers' plans to expand or start new livestock facilities. Adding additional fees for an environmental review will only increase the number of farmers who refrain from expanding, or entering the livestock industry.

MSCA is especially concerned with the potential of an adjusted fee target, as proposed in 2009. This type of fee, based on how many permit applications MPCA has received in the previous five years, will automatically adjust for inflation. MPCA must consider what they feel to be an adequate control by either increasing or decreasing the target based on the last two years of applications. The point system for the permit fees is based on the amount of effort it takes to process an application while the need for the fees was based on the amount of applications. MPCA has previously assumed that permit application levels will be maintained at the levels that have been seen over the past five years, however based on the current economic situation, which is significantly different from anything that has been seen in the past, it is not reasonable to assume that application numbers will be maintained. The livestock industry is struggling with low pricing and high input costs. This continued erosion of livestock margins will undoubtedly lead to a

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Legislative and Agency Summer Report

A Capitol Celebration. After three years of renovation, the Minnesota Department of Administration is hosting a three-day celebration to commemorate the re-opening of the State Capitol. The celebration will take place this coming weekend from August 11-13. For information, go to: <https://mn.gov/admin/capitol-grand-opening/schedule/>.

The Lawsuit. A Ramsey County district court judge ruled on July 19 that Governor Dayton's veto of the legislature's funding was unconstitutional and he declared the veto action null and void. The judge said "The court holds that the governor used his line-item veto authority to gain a repeal or modification of unrelated policy legislation by effectively eliminating a co-equal branch of government. Therefore, the unique and limited circumstances of this case, the governor's line-item veto of the legislature's appropriations offended the Separation of Powers clause of the Minnesota Constitution." As expected, Governor Dayton appealed the ruling and the Minnesota Supreme Court will hear oral arguments on August 28.

Nitrogen Rule. After hearing from farmers across the State, the Minnesota Department of Agriculture has extended the comment period on the proposed fertilizer rule by two weeks from August 11 to August 25. In June, the Department proposed a rule that would further regulate the application of commercial fertilizer in an effort to address high nitrate levels in drinking wells in certain areas of the State. The draft rule can be found at: <http://www.mda.state.mn.us/nfr>. Individual growers are free to mail or email comments to Larry Gunderson, MDA Fertilizer Technical Unit Supervisor, 625 Robert Street North, St. Paul, MN 55155-2538, or to larry.gunderson@state.mn.us.

MPCA Permit Fees. A reminder that comments on possible fee changes to NPDES permits for livestock farms and agricultural processing facilities are due by 4:30 p.m. on Monday, August 14. The MPCA began a rulemaking process in June to change water permit fees. According to the MPCA, fee revenue covers only 17 percent of the cost of delivering services associated with those fees and they have not comprehensively increased water fees since 1992 (25 years). This is the very beginning of the process and the MPCA is requesting stakeholder input. Additional information about this rulemaking, including two fact sheets entitled "Funding Minnesota's water protection work" and "Public input needed on adjusting fees for water programs" are available at <https://www.pca.state.mn.us/water/amendments-water-quality-fee-rules>.

Buffer Funding. The Minnesota Board of Water and Soil Resources recently launched a new website to help landowners comply with Governor Dayton's buffer law at mn.gov/buffer-law. The Board also approved a cost-sharing program that will cover up to 75 percent of the cost to install buffer strips along public waters and drainage ditches using \$5 million that was appropriated by the

2017 legislature.

Governor's Race. A fourth Republican has joined the 2018 race for Governor. Former State Representative and former State Republican Party Chair Keith Downey made his announcement on July 24. Mr. Downey served for four years in the Minnesota House and four years as State Republican Party chair. He said he will abide by the party endorsement and not run in a primary. With more than a year to go, the race has become crowded - Downey joins the following list of candidates:

Republicans

- Representative Matt Dean
- Hennepin County Commissioner Jeff Johnson
- Ramsey County Commissioner Blake Huffman

Democrats

- U.S. Representative Tim Walz
- State Auditor Rebecca Otto
- Representative Tine Liebling
- Representative Erin Murphy
- Representative Paul Thissen
- St. Paul Mayor Chris Coleman

Legislative Salary Commission. Readers may recall that voters passed a Constitutional amendment in November that asked: "Shall the Minnesota Constitution be amended to remove state lawmakers' power to set their own salaries, and instead establish an independent, citizens-only council to prescribe salaries of lawmakers?" The Commission, designed to separate salary decisions from partisan politics, decided earlier this year to recommend a \$14,000 per year increase for legislators from the current \$31,140 per year to \$45,000 per year effective July 1, 2017. The Senate instituted the new level on July 1, but the House did not over the objections of House Speaker Kurt Daudt (R-Crown). On Thursday, July 20, two House members - Marion O'Neill (R-Maple Lake) and Rena Moran (D-St. Paul), sued Daudt asking a judge to order him and other House officials to enact the pay raise approved by the Commission. They argued Daudt's refusal to enact the pay increase clearly violates the State constitution. Upon the advice of counsel, Daudt reversed himself the next day on Friday, July 21, and authorized th



MSCA was at the table when EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt traveled to Minnesota to discuss the repeal of WOTUS.



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It's Time to Finally Ditch the Rule

The EPA has opened a **30-day comment period on the EPA's proposal to withdraw the 2015 WOTUS rule.** This proposal would undo the 2015 WOTUS rule and reinstate the '86 regulations and 2008 guidance which is effectively the status quo. The administration announced its plan June 27, but the formal release of the proposal was held up by a formatting problem with the Federal Register.



Below in this email are draft comments for your use.

MSCA urges you to submit comments on behalf of your farm or ranch! Agriculture as an industry needs to pull our weight to counterbalance the immense pressure from environmental advocacy groups who will be pulling out all the stops to overload the docket with negative comments.

The 30 day window is a short comment period, so please working on submitting your comments NOW!

Comments close Aug 28 2017, at 11:59 PM ET

Link to the Federal Register: <https://www.regulations.gov/document?D=EPA-HQ-OW-2017-0203-0001>

Below is an example of letter that can be submitted from your farm or ranch.

RE: Docket ID No. EPA-HQ-OW-2017-0203

To whom it may concern:

I am writing to support the proposal to repeal the 2015 "Waters of the U.S." rule.

As a cattle producer, I strongly support this effort. Water is important to me and my family farming operation. I am glad that you recognize the flaws of the current WOTUS rule. It is overly broad and creates heavy burdens and costs, legal risk and tremendous uncertainty for farmers, ranchers and others, like me, who depend on the land. Under the 2015 rule, farmers, ranchers and other landowners across the country face new roadblocks to ordinary land-use activities.

I applaud EPA for taking this important first step toward developing a new definition of waters of the United States that will protect water quality while also promoting economic growth, minimizing regulatory uncertainty, and respecting the proper roles of Congress and the states under the Constitution.

The WOTUS rule has never been implemented because it was stayed by both a federal district court and a federal court of appeals due to its flaws and violations. Challengers raised numerous substantive and procedural defects in the rule, including that the rule exceeds EPA's statutory authority, imposes burdensome regulatory uncertainty, was finalized in violation of mandatory procedural requirements designed to ensure a well-informed result, and is otherwise unlawful. In all, the rule was challenged in multiple courts by all sides (31 states and 53 non-state parties, including environmental groups, state and local governments, farmers, landowners, developers, businesses, and recreation groups).

The EPA should move forward and ditch this rule once and for all, then go back to the drawing board and write a new rule that protects water quality without trampling the rights of landowners, businesses, and the states.

Sincerely,

[Add your name here.]

Minnesota State Cattlemen's Association

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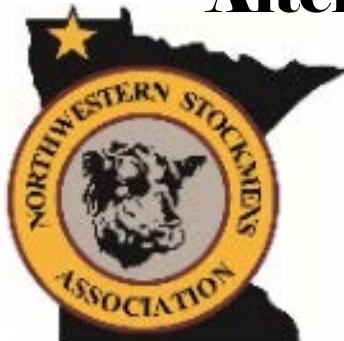
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TOUR SCHEDULE:

Friday

Meet at Graceton 3:00-3:30

Directions from Williams:
Go 5 miles N on Co Rd 2
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1 mi E of Zippel Bay State Park

Tour Tom Olson's Farm 3:45-5:30

Dinner provided in Warroad 6:00

Saturday

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(meeting at pasture)

Directions from Badger:
Go 5 miles S on Co Rd 3
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Governor Dayton Announces Dates and Locations of Water Quality Town Hall Meetings to Be Held Across Minnesota

Minnesotans encouraged to participate and continue important conversations around improving the state's water quality 25 percent by 2025

Governor Mark Dayton announced the dates and locations of a series of Water Quality Town Hall meetings. The town halls will offer Minnesotans an opportunity to discuss the water quality challenges facing their communities and our state, learn from experts, and engage with policymakers. The town hall meetings build on the momentum from Governor Dayton's "25 by 25" Water Quality goal proposal, announced earlier this year.

"All Minnesotans have a stake in water that's safe for drinking, swimming, and fishing," said Governor Dayton. "These town hall meetings will further the important conversations already happening across Minnesota around water quality. Together we can develop strategies and solutions that work for all of our communities."

The town hall meetings will be attended by key members of Governor Dayton's Cabinet who want to hear from Minnesotans about ways to improve the state's water quality at the local level.

Attend a Water Quality Town Hall This Summer or Fall

Town hall meetings have been scheduled in communities across Minnesota. These town hall meetings are free to attend and open to the public. Each town hall meeting will run from 6:30-8:30 p.m. with registration beginning at 6:00 p.m. No advance registration is necessary. A complete list of dates and locations is available online: <https://www.eqb.state.mn.us/Townhalls>

Mankato – Water Quality Town Hall

Wednesday, August 16, 2017 – 6:30-8:30 p.m.
Registration opens at 6:00 p.m.
Minnesota State University, Mankato
Centennial Student Union - 620 S Road

Marshall – Water Quality Town Hall

Thursday, August 17, 2017 – 6:30-8:30 p.m.
Registration opens at 6:00 p.m.
Southwest Minnesota State University Conference Center, 1501 State Street

Crookston – Water Quality Town Hall

Tuesday, September 5, 2017 – 6:30-8:30 p.m.
Registration opens at 6:00 p.m.

University of Minnesota – Crookston
Bede Ballroom –Sargeant Student Center, 2900 University Ave.

St. Cloud – Water Quality Town Hall

Wednesday, September 6, 2017 – 6:30-8:30 p.m.
Registration opens at 6:00 p.m.
St Cloud Community and Technical College Cafeteria, 1540 Northway Drive

Ely – Water Quality Town Hall

Tuesday, September 12, 2017 – 6:30-8:30 p.m.
Registration opens at 6:00 p.m.
Grand Ely Lodge, 400 North Pioneer Road

Bemidji – Water Quality Town Hall

Wednesday, September 13, 2017 – 6:30-8:30 p.m.
Registration opens at 6:00 p.m.
Bemidji State University
American Indian Resource Center, 1500 Birchmont Dr. NE

Minneapolis – Water Quality Town Hall

Tuesday, September 26, 2017 – 6:30-8:30 p.m.
Registration opens at 6:00 p.m.
Minneapolis Urban League, 2100 Plymouth Avenue North

Burnsville – Water Quality Town Hall

Wednesday, October 4, 2017 – 6:30-8:30 p.m.
Registration opens at 6:00 p.m.
Diamondhead Education, 200 W Burnsville Pkwy.

Stillwater – Water Quality Town Hall

Thursday, October 5, 2017 – 6:30-8:30 p.m.
Registration opens at 6:00 p.m.
Stillwater High School, 5701 Stillwater Blvd N.
*Membership Application Form

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reduction in the number of permit applications and environmental reviews MPCA will receive.

MSCA prides itself as an organization that represents cattle farms of every size and scope. Member farms that are small and require minimum permitting will likely remain small in order to negate the need for additional fees and regulation. Larger members have, and will continue to choose to exit the state of Minnesota for a state with rules and regulations that are friendlier to expanding livestock operations.

MSCA believes the correct way to ensure that proper fees are being collected is to base the target fee on the amount of fees that were collected during the previous

biennium, adjusted for inflation and then adjust their staffing based on that budget. While MPCA may claim that this is not possible due to challenges of training, retraining, or recruiting additional staff, it is not acceptable to change permit fees to cover the cost of staff that is not involved in permitting for the purpose of retaining staff. Any profitable business understands that if your costs surpass your input, sustainable cuts need to be made in order to balance the budget.

Sincerely,
Krist Wollum
MSCA President

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501-750 - \$650	Individual - \$150 (NCBA Dues →) _____
751-1000 - \$900	Business - \$200
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