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Not a Mirage: Regulatory Relief on WOTUS is in Sight

After years of fighting, the end of the battle over the 2015 Waters of the United States (WOTUS) rule is finally in sight. On Sept. 27th, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) closed the public comment period on their proposal to repeal the 2015 rule. After this procedural step, the EPA and the Corps should be able to move forward with their plan to erase the 2015 WOTUS rule. The agencies will then embark on a second rulemaking process to replace the definition of "waters of the United States," and provide regulatory relief to farmers and ranchers across the country.

The road to regulatory relief from the 2015 WOTUS rule has been long and winding. When the Obama Administration first announced the rule in 2014, MSCA joined other farm groups across the country that sharply

criticized the vast expansion of federal authority. They were joined by a chorus of other stakeholders concerned about the overly-broad definition of "waters of the United States." Even state and county government officials voiced their displeasure, concerned that the new rule would bring local water infrastructure – a county storm drain, for example – under federal jurisdiction.

The uncertainty was even more acute for cattlemen and women across the country. Instead of providing clear limits on federal jurisdiction on private land, the 2015 WOTUS rule provided a pathway for regulators to assume that any feature is federally jurisdictional, by virtue of a series of set-back distances that would allow the government to regulate ponds or wetlands as far as 4,000 feet away from another jurisdictional

water. The 4,000 foot set-back combined with an overly broad definition of tributary meant that just about any feature that



can hold water would be a WOTUS. Another aspect of the rule gave government officials the power to broadly aggregate and regulate water features such as prairie potholes, coastal prairie wetlands, and vernal pools.

If it sounds confusing, that's because it is. The entire rule is riddled with ambiguous wording and broad classifications. Under the agencies' definition, the term "tributary" even includes intermittent streams, ephemeral streams, and ditches. In fact, the only thing definitively excluded from jurisdiction are swimming pools and koi ponds.

If the 2015 rule persists, it will be a boon to environmental lawyers and consultants, while throwing a wrench into day-to-day operations of cattle producers. Moving dirt near a mud hole or stock pond could become a federally-permitted activity for ranchers, and virtually all feedyard operators would be forced to get an EPA discharge permit. However, securing a permit in a timely manner might be a challenge – federal agencies are

already struggling to handle a backlog of tens of thousands of water permit requests.

An Executive Order issued in February of this year set the federal government on a path towards a fix. Titled, "Restoring the Rule of Law, Federalism, and Economic Growth by Reviewing the 'Waters of the United States' Rule," the order directed the EPA and the Corps to review the 2015 WOTUS rule and engage in a fresh rulemaking process. A few months later, the EPA and Corps announced their proposal to rescind the 2015 rule.

As the public comment period closes on the proposal to rescind the 2015 rule, MSCA would like to thank the many members who shared their views with the EPA and the Corps. The final comments submitted by MSCA can be found on page 12 of this edition of the Minnesota Cattlemen, as well as online at www.mnsca.org.

Minnesota DNR 2016-2017 Wolf Population Survey Data Released



Results from the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources' 2016-2017 wolf population survey were released on Monday, September 25th.

After remaining stable during the past four years, the survey estimates that within Minnesota's wolf range there were approximately 500 wolf packs and 2,856 wolves, an increase of 25 percent since the 2015-2016 survey. The survey's margin of error is about plus or minus 500 wolves. The 2015-2016 survey estimated the number of packs at 439 and the wolf population at 2,278.

Minnesota's wolf population remains well above the state's minimum goal of at least 1,600 wolves and also above the federal recovery goal of 1,251 to 1,400. The DNR has consistently managed wolf populations at levels that exceed both state and federal minimums.

Survey results suggest packs were slightly larger (4.8 vs. 4.4) and used smaller territories (54 square miles vs. 62 square miles) than the previous winter. Although neither individually represented a significant change from recent years, collectively they explain the increase in the population estimate and are consistent with a continuing increase in deer numbers observed in many parts of wolf range. From spring 2015 to spring 2016, deer density within the wolf range is estimated to have increased 22 percent.

The wolf population survey is conducted in mid-winter near the low point of the annual population cycle. A winter survey makes counting pack size from a plane more accurate because the forest canopy is reduced and snow makes it easier to spot darker shapes on the ground. Pack counts during winter are assumed to represent minimum estimates given the challenges with detecting all members of a pack together at the same time. A winter count also

excludes the population spike that occurs each spring when the number of wolves typically doubles immediately following the birth of pups, many of which do not survive to the following winter.

The DNR's goal for wolf management, as outlined in the state's wolf management plan, is to ensure the long-term survival of wolves in Minnesota while addressing wolf-human conflicts.

Minnesota continues to have no direct management responsibility for wolves now because a federal district court ruling in December 2014 returned Minnesota's wolves to the federal list of threatened species. The U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service manages all animals on that list.

To find survey results from previous years, visit mndnr.gov/wolves.

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Current Wolf Delisting Legislation Efforts

H.R. 3354 - FY2018 Interior-Environment Appropriations Bill: Instructs the USFWS to reissue the 2011 and 2012 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.

S.1514 - Hunting Heritage and Environmental Legacy Preservation Act (HELP Act), better known as the "Sportsmen Bill": Addresses a variety of issues related to hunting, wildlife, and conservation. Reissues the 2011 and

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Where did summer go?

We are extremely busy here at the farm, just like all of you out there. Trying to get another cutting of grass to make sure we have extra grass for the stock cows, chopping silage for the feedlot, kids back in school and sporting events, and trying to get to some meetings that are affecting our industry. We are extremely fortunate to have a group of people willing to stand up for us and fight for our needs.

With all that is happening, we need to continue to try growing our membership to make sure people see we are united. I know not everything we do is probably right for everyone in our state, but I've always said we are a large and diverse state and that makes it impossible to please everyone. But be assured we are trying to do our best. If there is something that you believe needs to be changed or addressed, you have that opportunity to send or better yet, bring a resolution to the annual convention. This takes place on Thursday afternoon and is a sometimes long and grueling process. Importantly this is our guide as to how we position ourselves with politicians when the topics come up. These resolutions don't have to be perfect, we can work on them in the meeting, we just need a local organization to support and bring them.

The annual convention is also right around the corner! Be sure to get registered and make the journey to join us. There will be time to learn time to visit and time to relax and enjoy. I hope to see a lot of new faces and a lot of familiar faces. I'm hoping to see a great turn out again this year. Thank you to the ones putting the time into planning this. Another fun event during the convention is the fundraising auction. It is always neat to see the different items that show up every year. (I really like the caramels!)

I hope everyone has a safe and bountiful harvest. I know we have areas that have seen a little much moisture and that can be frustrating, but I am thankful we have not had to deal with the drought, fires, or hurricanes. We recently received some of our first calves of the season and visiting with the drivers painted an ugly picture of what is happening out west. Keep these farmers and ranchers in your thoughts and prayers.

Take care and be safe out there.

Fall is my favorite time of year! Just a few of my favorite things about fall, the fall colors, it's harvest season, fall calving, apples, pumpkins, warm apple cider, and crock pot meals.

It was a busy August for the MN CattleWomen and the MN Beef Ambassadors. Farm Camps were held in four different locations this year. Farm Camp is a day where third graders come out to a farm and learn all about agriculture. There were two at Farm America on August 8 and 9, one in Rice on August 15 and one in Dundas on August 16. We shared the beef production story, played beef and career bingo and talked about all the by-products that come from beef. Thank you to Diane and Sara Colombe, Jennifer, Abbey and Bailee Schiefelbein, and Vicky Fick for helping with these Farm Camps.

Minnesota Beef Ambassador Bailee Schiefelbein met with House of Representative member Tom Emmer in August. Another great beef ambassador experience!

At the Great Minnesota Get-Together otherwise known as the Minnesota State Fair Penny Zimmerman, Debbie Chute, and Carol Hoge had a great time talking beef in the Moo Booth on Saturday, September 2. They talked about beef cuts with the magnetic beef cut board, beef byproducts, and different facts about beef. A big thank you goes out to Emilee White, Minnesota State Beef Ambassador, and her family! During our time in the Moo Booth, Emilee and her family brought over the cattle they had brought to the state fair, so people could touch and ask questions about. It was a fun day!!

Katie Moller and Emilee White both were very busy at the MN State Fair. They showed both weekends. Here are just a few highlights: Katie won a \$2,000 4-H Scholarship at the Purple Auction, she also had the Champion AOB Cow/Calf on 4-H weekend. Emilee had the Champion South Devon Heifer on 4-H



KRIST WOLLUM
President, Minnesota State Cattlemen's Association

weekend. Sisters and team work meant Emilee and her sister Jena, a former Minnesota State Beef Ambassador had the Grand Champion Beef Carcass on FFA weekend. This beef ambassador team not only are great advocates for the beef industry but they also are great team players. Whether it was helping to hand out awards during the Beef shows at the state fair or helping a fellow 4-Her show their cow Calf pair for their county. These kids rock!

The MN Beef Ambassador competition this year is Saturday, October 21 at 9 am at the Minnesota State Fairgrounds during the MN Beef Expo.

Wishing you a safe harvest season and a great fall!

Greetings from Southwest MN! Summer has faded and fall is upon us as I write this on the 21st of September. Our area is mostly finished with corn silage and earlage harvest is starting to begin. It appears that our corn crop will have a better than average yield in our corner of the state. However, the corn maturity is lagging behind average for this time of year. This is where the cattle producer looks to have an advantage over strictly being a crop producer this year as we have the ability to utilize this corn crop through the cattle instead of the economics that would be provided for harvesting it as dry grain. If you look at a 200 bushel corn crop this year, it looks to be behind in maturity and you are faced with removing 5-10 points of moisture at an elevator that will cost \$40-80 per acre whereas the cattle feeder can utilize that same product as a high moisture feed of some form. There also appears to be some good value added in that corn crop this year by running it through our cattle feeding operations this year by what some initial early fall calf pricing has been. In this time of low commodity prices, the livestock industry is once again showing its' power in value adding to our state's economy. With most of our harvest ahead of us, we are praying for a safe harvest season for all. We are looking forward to many of you joining us for the State Convention in the first weekend of December in Bloomington. It is a worthwhile time to come and talk about the issues that affect us, listen to great speakers and network with your fellow cattle producers in this state.



GRANT BINFORD
Chairman, Feeder Council

Fall is our favorite time of the year! We have the opportunity to harvest and gather the fruits of our labors. The cooler temperatures are enjoyable to work in and the cattle performance increases too. We have had plenty of rain in August and September.

Fall is also the time of the year that we utilize the opportunity to plant cover crops. This year we have planted cover crops in almost all of our tillable acres and also on some of our neighbor's land. We no-till the cover crop behind the wheat with a no-till drill. We inter-seeded a cover crop in the corn when the corn was knee high and we flew cover crop seed on the soybeans with an airplane on August 26. These cover crops have allowed us to let the cow do what she can do best and that is graze. The last two years we have grazed until Christmas time before we had to start feeding. The cover crops not only help feed the cows but it is also good for the soil health. In agriculture we need to harvest the energy from the sun and the rain and unless there is a green plant on the soil you are not accomplishing this.

The University of Minnesota is in the process of filling a position in Beef Research. They are hoping to find some research that they could be involved with from conception all the way to the dinner plate. They will utilize the cow herd in Grand Rapids, the feedlot facility in Rosemont and the meat lab at the U of M for this research. They have asked me to be involved in the interview process to fill this position. If anyone has any thoughts on research projects, please let one of the U of M Beef team or MN Cattlemen's board member know your thoughts.

Hope everyone has a safe harvest and hope to see you all at the convention!



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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.

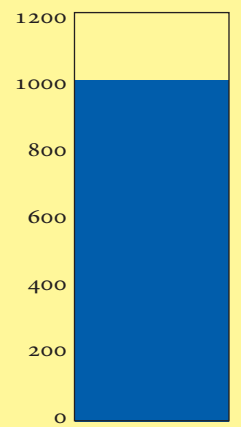
Don't Forget to Renew Your Membership!

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



Upcoming Events/ Important Dates:

for more details on events listed below, visit www.mnsca.org

- Oct. 31, 2017 MSCA Scholarship Applications Due
- Nov. 15, 2017 MSCA Cattle Industry Award Applications Due
- Dec. 1 & 2, 2017 Minnesota Cattle Industry Convention, Double Tree - Bloomington, Minnesota
- Jan. 31-Feb. 2, 2018 National Cattle Industry Convention & NCBA Trade Show, Phoenix, Arizona
- February 20, 2018 First Day of Minnesota's 91st Legislative Session, St. Paul, Minnesota
- April 10-12, 2018 NCBA Legislative Conference, Washington Marriott at Metro Center, Washington, D.C.

2017 MSCA Annual Meeting Notice: Saturday, December 2nd at 10:00 am. Double Tree Hotel, Bloomington, MN

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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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Albany Feeder Cattle, October 11 & November 8
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Zumbrota Feeder Cattle, October 5 & 19

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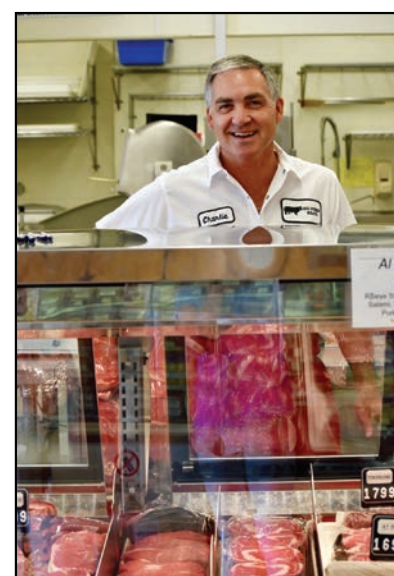
Minnesota State Fair

This year's state fair was a success on many levels! With record breaking crowds and a total attendance just shy of two million people, we were able to visit with many consumers and producers in both our booth and in the livestock barns. The Minnesota Beef Council booth was located in the Dairy Building on Judson Ave and we had lots of great interaction. Throughout the fair, we played beef toss in the booth to build confidence in beef cuts and to have lots of fun! We also gave away "I Love Beef" sunglasses for playing beef toss, recipe brochures, cut charts and answered consumer questions about beef. The staff also helped with the 4-H Beef Shows and two of our own, Colleen Zenk and Dr. Renee Korczak, judged the MN Meats Beef competition. This is a competition where teams of 4-H kids work together to cook a beef dish using a cut of beef, a pantry of items including spices, fruit and vegetables, as well each team can bring up to 3 secret ingredients to include in the dish.



Twin Cities Live

It was Dude Week on Twin Cities Live, the week of September 18 – 22. We featured Charlie Cory, owner of Big Steer Meats, on Tuesday, September 19. Charlie talked about his famous Al Capone stuffed steaks that will wow your family and friends. He also showed off his Dapper Dan Steak which was the winner of the Steak/Roast Category of the 2017 Innovative Beef Contest sponsored by the Minnesota Beef Council this past March at the Minnesota Association of Meat Processors Annual Convention. Oh, did we mention the Al Capone steak won the contest in 2008?! Both steaks are stuffed with other meats, cheese and either olives or banana peppers. Check out the episode on the Minnesota Beef Council website www.mnbeef.org and check out all the episodes under the As Seen on TV. If you are in St. Paul make sure to stop by and say Hi to Charlie and pick up some of these delicious steaks.



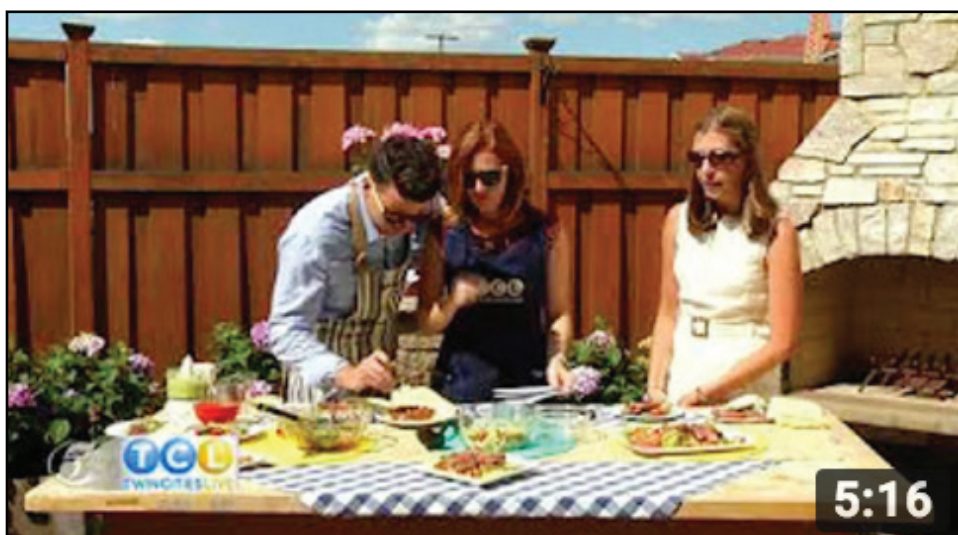
Creative Canvas Ads from the Beef Checkoff

During September, the checkoff was using Facebook canvas ads as a way to sum up the quarterly editorial topic on social media and engage with beef producers. Canvas ads are a full-screen mobile experience through the Facebook platform. The newest canvas ad will represent the National Beef Quality Audit and features Pennsylvania producer, Dan Kniffen. The June canvas ad which featured the safeguarding theme saw a reach of 24,600 and a view time of about 41 seconds.

12 Days of Grilling

(Insert pictures of 12 days of Grilling)

We talked beef and grilling for 12 Days in a row before taking our "12 Days of Grilling" on Twin Cities Live! One of the episodes was Dr. Renee Korczak showing how to make not one, but three simple and refreshing summer salads by using one flank steak. Another episode was Twin Cities Live regular, Steph March, showing us how to make a delectable Thai Steak Salad. In case you missed the segments, make sure to visit the Minnesota Beef Council website www.mnbeef.org and check out all the episodes under the As Seen on TV.



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Dan Kniffen

Seedstock Producer & Chair
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NBQA: The Results

Over the past 25 years, National Beef Quality Audit (NBQA) researchers have made significant improvements to the research process and tools, leading to an increasingly meaningful set of results. Data from the 2016 NBQA are a tremendous addition to the core knowledge gained from earlier audits. One of the results shows a significant increase in Choice and Prime carcasses, a high mobility score for cattle entering packing plants and the number of other issues that impact carcass value remain small.



The beef industry has spent the last quarter century significantly improving the quality of its product. However, there's no denying that there is room for continuous improvement. While the data show that those in the industry have a valuable story to tell, it's no help that many in the industry don't fully know the best way to tell it. In conclusion, the 2016 National Beef Quality Audit observed a decrease in cattle with hide brands, presence of horns, and an increase in the frequency of Prime and Choice carcasses. However, further improvement is needed regarding liver condemnations and carcasses with bruising. An important strategy for improved industry health and success was evident in the research: Utilizing BQA and its principles to increase consumer confidence and enhance industry commitment, would encourage greater beef demand and improve beef conformity. Carrying this BQA message from producer all the way to consumers would benefit every member of the beef community.

Read the positive findings and the full report from the 2016 National Beef Quality Audit at ww.bqa.org under National Beef Quality Audit/Navigating Pathways to Success.

Is Perception Truly Reality?

The following commentary is provided by Polly Ruhland, Cattlemen's Beef Board CEO

When deciding what protein to eat, today's consumer is still looking for a tasty experience, and beef is delivering.

The Consumer Beef Index (CBI) is a key research survey your checkoff fields twice a year with 1,000+ consumers. It is conducted to:

- Track changes in consumers' perceptions of and demand for beef relative to other meat proteins, particularly chicken, its primary competitor.

- Assess the impact of the beef industry's communications efforts on consumer attitudes and behaviors.
- Measure the extent to which consumers consider the positive aspects of beef to outweigh the negatives.

Results from the spring wave of the study showed 77 percent of consumers noted beef was their first choice, or a top choice when it came to proteins, and 93 percent noted eating beef at least monthly; both very strong results.

That said, we have seen the weekly frequency of beef consumption decline. There is less beef available on a per capita basis than in the year 2000, but while that has changed in the past two years, the perception by consumers is that beef prices are higher so they are eating less beef.

The CBI helps your checkoff understand why the consumer thinks they are eating less beef, and address those concerns through advertising campaigns, social channels and in grocery stores. We are seeing ongoing concerns about nutrition – nutrition is important to the consumer in making that dinner decision. More people are saying, "I think there's something else out there that's healthier," but they aren't calling out saturated fats or heart health specifically as they did in the past. And, beef lags chicken on value in the consumer's mind.

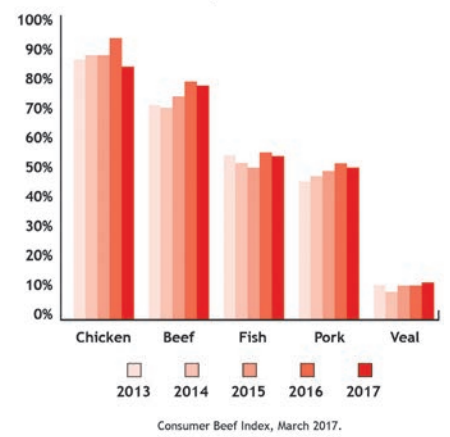
We are seeing positive upswings about beef's taste, safety, and knowing how to cook with beef. Within the CBI is a second tracker, the Consumer Image Index,

that asks about perceptions on how cattle are raised. Sustainability wasn't even on the radar five years ago, but it certainly is a factor today. Through a series of deeper-dive questions in the Consumer Image Index, consumers revealed they like the age-old traditions, such as the heritage of beef producers; but they also like to know we have the most cutting-edge animal care practices in place. This information from the study reinforces the need to humanize our industry and document how our industry has progressed. And, we need our story to be out there.

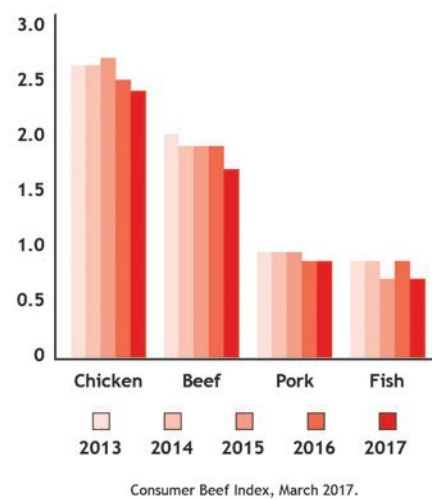
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MSCA is Seeking Nominations for the 2017 Cattlemen of the Year

Purpose

The purpose of the Minnesota Cattleman of the Year Award is to publically recognize and reward an individual cattleman that has made a substantial contribution to Minnesota's beef cattle community.

Background

The Minnesota State Cattlemen's Association (MSCA) through the Minnesota Cattleman of the

Year award annually recognizes an individual cattleman that has demonstrated outstanding leadership and personal dedication to Minnesota's cattle community. MSCA accepts nominations for the honor and presents the nominations to a selection committee consisting of individuals that are past recipients of the award. The announcement of the selection is made public at the Annual Cattlemen's and Cattlewomen's Dinner Banquet at the MSCA convention.

Qualities and achievements shared by recipients of the Cattleman of the Year Award include, but are not limited to the following.

- Demonstrated leadership and organizational skills that have made a positive and lasting contribution to Minnesota's cattle community.
- Strong record of active promotion of the beef industry and a willingness to speak out publically on behalf of the industry.
- Served in a variety of volunteer, appointed and elected positions of responsibility within Minnesota's beef sector and at the national level.

- Served in volunteer, appointed and elected positions of responsibility within their local community and at the state and national level.
- Well respected by fellow cattlemen, local community leaders, and government officials.
- An active participant in and supporter of the Minnesota State Cattlemen's Association.

Eligibility Criteria

1. Be a resident of the State of Minnesota and member of the Minnesota State Cattlemen's Association.
2. Be or have been a cattle producer within the State of Minnesota.
3. Be nominated by a fellow MSCA member or affiliated with local cattlemen's association.

Mail completed nomination form & any supporting documents to:

Minnesota State Cattlemen's Association

Attn: Cattlemen of the Year Award

P.O. Box 12, Maple Plain, MN 55359

Email: ashley@mnsca.org

Cattleman of the Year Nomination Form

Nominee's Name _____ Phone: _____

Mailing Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Wife's name (if married) _____

Children's Name(s) _____

(1) Resident of the State of Minnesota? Yes No

(2) Member of the Minnesota State Cattlemen's Association? Yes No

(3) Is currently or has been an active cattle producer in the State of Minnesota? Yes No

(4) Is nominee a member of a local cattlemen association? yes If yes association name? _____

(5) Brief description of nominee's current cattle related operation, business or past operations that qualify them as a cattle producer.

Note: Attach additional pages if necessary to fully answer the following questions.

(6) Significant contribution(s) to the cattle industry made by this individual that would merit selection as Cattleman of Year.

Note: Attach additional pages if necessary to fully answer the following questions.

(7) Provide examples of the nominee's promotion of the Beef Industry.

Note: Attach additional pages if necessary to fully answer the following questions.

(8) Provide examples of positions of responsibility held in the Beef Industry by nominee.

Note: Attach additional pages if necessary to fully answer the following questions.

(9) Provide examples of positions of responsibility held in the local community by nominee.

Note: Attach additional pages if necessary to fully answer the following questions.

(10) Attach copies of any letters of support, references, testimonials, honors or other information that would have further bearing on this candidate's worthiness for selection as Cattlemen of the Year.

Individual or Cattlemen's Association making nomination: _____

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2017 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 30, 2017

2:00PM-5:00PM	MSCA POLICY & RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE MEETING	BLOOMINGTON
6:00PM	SOCIAL HOUR & EXHIBITOR/SPONSOR APPRECIATION SUPPER	GRAND BALLROOM

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 1, 2017

8:00AM-6:00PM	REGISTRATION OPEN	GRAND BALLROOM FOYER
8:00AM-11:00AM	TRADE SHOW SET-UP	GRAND BALLROOM
9:30AM-10:00AM	COW/CALF & FEEDER COUNCIL MEETINGS	VERANDA-SOUTH
10:00AM-10:15AM	REGIONAL CAUCUS MEETINGS FOR NEW DIRECTOR NOMINATIONS (2/3,4,6,8)	VERANDA-NORTH
10:30AM-11:30AM	MSCA QUARTERLY BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING	VERANDA-SOUTH
11:00AM	TRADE SHOW OPENS	GRAND BALLROOM
NOON-1:00PM	LUNCH & WELCOME KRIST WOLLUM - MSCA PRESIDENT KEVIN KESTER - NCBA PRESIDENT ELECT KEYNOTE: NATIONAL BEEF QUALITY AUDIT REPORT - JESSE FULTON, NCBA	GRAND BALLROOM
1:30PM-3:30PM	CATTELMEN'S COLLEGE FEEDYARD TRACK <i>BACKGROUNDING IS ESSENTIAL IN DEVELOPING A HEALTHIER, MORE PROFITABLE CALF AND IS ESSENTIAL TO MANAGING A POTENTIALLY HIGH RISK CATTLE POPULATION. PROPER BACK GROUNDING ALSO HELPS ENSURE THAT A CALF VACCINATIONS WILL ENSURE A PROPER IMMUNE RESPONSE, SETTING THE CALF UP FOR SUCCESS AND ADDING SIGNIFICANT VALUE TO THE CALF. SPEAKERS WILL DISCUSS DIFFERENT COMPONENTS OF SUCESSEFULLY BACKGROUNDING PRACTICES.</i>	VERANDA-NORTH
1:30PM-2:00PM	DUSTIN BALSLEY, PRECISION LIVESTOCK ANALYTICS	
2:00PM-2:30PM	DR. ALFREDO DICONSTANZO, U OF M BEEF TEAM	
2:30PM-3:00PM	MARILYN CORBIN, DVM - SENIOR VETERINARIAN, BEEF STRATEGIC SERVICES - ZOETIS	
3:00PM-3:30PM	ASSESSMENT PANEL/Q & A MODERATED BY KARIN SCHAEFER, MN BEEF COUNCIL	

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3:00PM-3:30PM	ASSESSMENT PANEL/Q & A MODERATED BY GRANT BREITKREUTZ	
3:30PM-5:00PM	TRADE SHOW	GRAND BALLROOM
5:00PM-5:30PM	PRESIDENT'S SOCIAL	GRAND BALLROOM
5:30PM-8:00PM	BEST OF BEEF BANQUET: DINNER, CEREMONIES AND AUCTION MC: DUSTIN HOFFMANN, KLGR RADIO	GRAND BALLROOM
8:00PM-?	ENTERTAINMENT: THE SECOND AMENDMENTS (COLLIN PETERSON'S BI-PARTISAN BAND OF LEGISLATORS) AND HOSPITALITY ROOMS.	POOL AREA

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 2, 2017

7:30AM	REGISTRATION OPEN	GRAND BALLROOM FOYER
7:30AM-9:00AM	BREAKFAST BRIEFING BRUCE KLEVEN, MSCA LEGISLATIVE ADVISOR KENT BACUS, DIRECTOR OF INTERNATIONAL TRADE AND MARKET ACCESS - NCBA	GRAND BALLROOM
9:00AM	TRADE SHOW OPEN	GRAND BALLROOM
9:00AM-10:30AM	MSCA ANNUAL MEETING	VERANDA-NORTH
9:30AM-NOON	MINNESOTA CATTLEWOMEN ANNUAL MEETING	VERANDA-SOUTH
10:00AM-NOON	YOUNG CATTELMEN'S LEADERSHIP ACADEMY	BLOOMINGTON
10:30AM-NOON	DEDICATED TRADE SHOW TIME	GRAND BALLROOM
NOON-1:30PM	LUNCH KEYNOTE: RYAN J GOODMAN - DIRECTOR, GRASSROOTS ADVOCACY AND SPOKESPERSON TRAINING - NCBA	GRAND BALLROOM
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Comments of Minnesota State Cattlemen's Association on the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's and U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' Proposed Definition of "Waters of the United States" – Recodification of Pre-existing Rules 82 Fed. Reg. 34899 (July 27, 2017)

September 26th, 2017

Filed electronically at www.regulations.gov
Docket No. EPA-HQ-OW-2017-0203

The Minnesota State Cattlemen's Association (MSCA) appreciates the opportunity to comment on the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' (Corps) (together, "the Agencies") proposed rule: Definition of "Waters of the United States"—Recodification of Pre-existing Rules. 82 Fed. Reg. 34899 (July 27, 2017) ("Proposed Rule").

The definition of "waters of the United States" is important to the cattle industry. In particular, section 402 National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) discharge permits, section 404 permit requirements, and Total Maximum Daily Loads (TMDLs) have a direct and immediate impact on cattle producers.

MSCA supports the Agencies' proposal to rescind the Clean Water Rule: Definition of "Waters of the United States," 80 Fed. Reg. 37,054 (June 29, 2015) ("2015 Rule"), and codify the status quo that is now being implemented under the Sixth Circuit stay of the 2015 Rule. The Agencies should rescind the 2015 Clean Water Rule because the 2015 Rule's provisions are, in various respects, beyond the Agencies' statutory authority, inconsistent with Supreme Court precedent, and contrary to the goals of the Clean Water Act (CWA), including the Act's goal to "recognize, preserve, and protect the primary responsibilities and rights of States to prevent, reduce, and eliminate pollution." 33 U.S.C. section 1251(b). The Agencies failure to seek input from state and local entities during the development of the 2015 Rule contributed to the rule's legal flaws and lack of clarity.

Of particular importance to MSCA, whose members are subject to regulation under the CWA, is the regulatory uncertainty that stems from the 2015 Rule's lack of clarity on key terms and definitions, such as "adjacent," "floodplain,"

"ordinary high water mark," and "significant nexus." Moreover, by allowing for jurisdiction over remote, isolated features and ephemeral washes, as well as 100 year floodplains, the 2015 Rule improperly reads the word "navigable" out of the statute, and implicates significant constitutional concerns about the appropriate scope of federal authority. Furthermore, nothing in the record created during the 2015 rulemaking process dictated the adoption of such a sweeping definition of "waters of the United States."

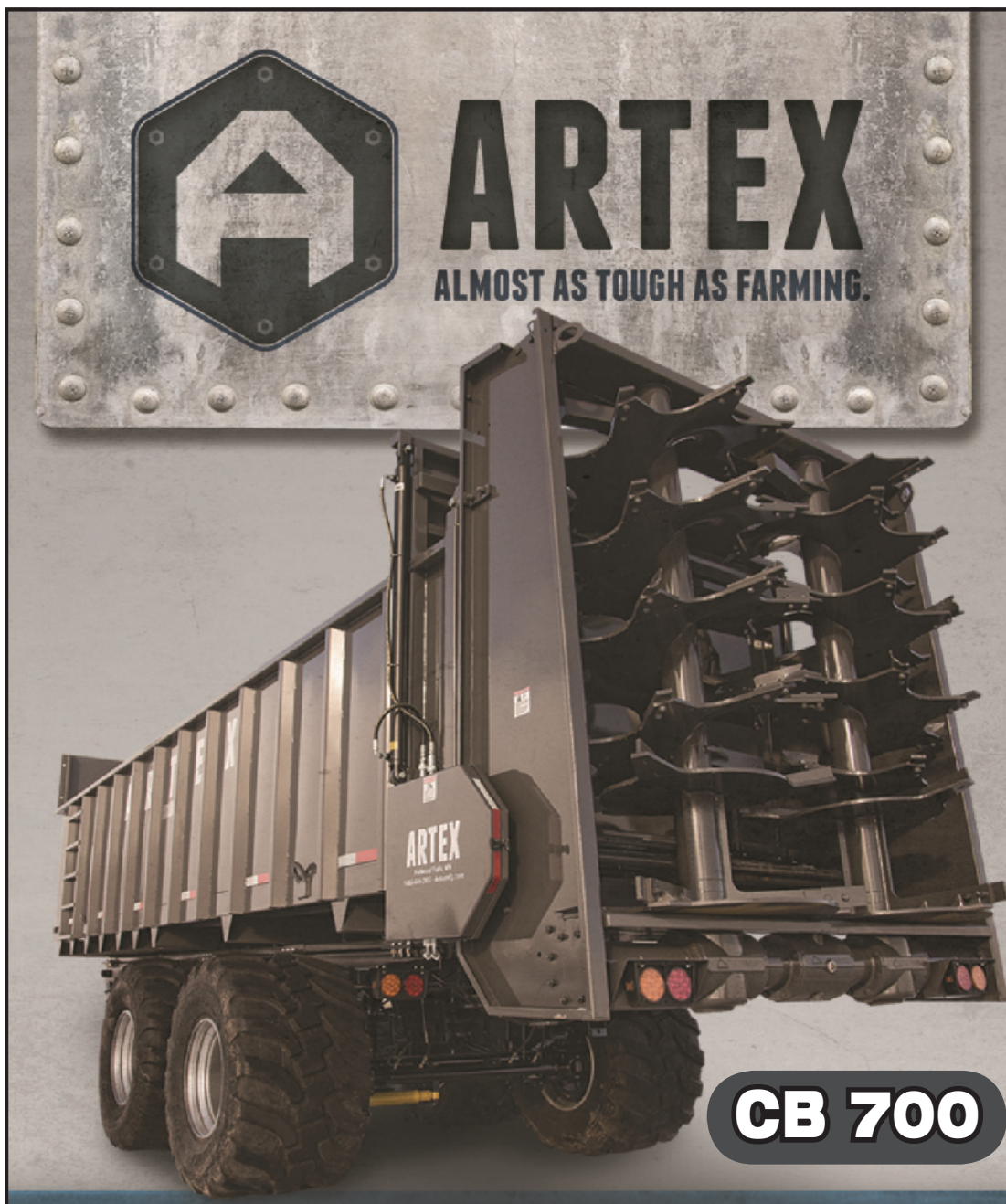
To address these concerns, the Agencies should rescind the 2015 Rule and recodify the regulations in place immediately prior so that the Code of Federal Regulations accurately reflects the applicable regulations. Since the Sixth Circuit's October 2015 issuance of a nationwide stay, the Agencies have been currently implementing the regulations defining WOTUS that were in effect immediately before the 2015 Rule. The proposed action would simply continue that practice and recodify the status quo that has been in place for decades.

Finally, MSCA supports the Agencies' efforts to undertake a substantive rulemaking to reconsider the definition of "waters of the United States." Although codifying the status quo is important to ensure clarity and regulatory certainty in the near term, there are many issues with the current regulations and guidance documents that should be addressed through a new rulemaking. MSCA will continue to support a rulemaking to clearly articulate the extent of federal CWA authority.

Sincerely,

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MSCA Joins Call for Support of the Bipartisan Long-Costa Amendment Clarify that Family Farms are NOT Hazardous Waste Sites

The Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (CERCLA) was enacted to provide for cleanup of the worst industrial chemical toxic waste dumps and spills, such as oil spills and chemical tank explosions. CERCLA has two primary purposes: to give the federal government necessary tools for prompt response to problems resulting from hazardous waste disposal into water and soil, and to hold polluters financially responsible for cleanup. The Emergency Planning and Community Right-to-Know Act (EPCRA) requires that parties who emit hazardous chemicals submit reports to their local emergency planning offices, thus allowing local communities to better plan for chemical emergencies.

In 2008, the EPA finalized a rule to exempt all agricultural operations from CERCLA reporting and small operations from EPCRA reporting requirements, recognizing that low-level continuous emissions of ammonia and hydrogen sulfide from

livestock are not “releases” that Congress intended to regulate. When Waterkeeper sued EPA in 2009, the Obama administration spent eight years defending this Bushera regulation. In defending the lawsuit, the Obama EPA argued that CERCLA and EPCRA language does not explicitly exempt farms because Congress never believed that the continuous emissions of agricultural operations would fall into the realm of regulation. However, in April 2017, the D.C. Circuit Court issued a decision vacating EPA’s 2008 exemption, concluding that these statutes are unambiguous.

Not only does this court decision have the potential to bring nearly 100,000 farms and ranches under federal regulatory authority, but will also likely put our nation’s environmental and public health at risk. Currently, Hazardous Substance release reports are taken by the National Response Center (NRC), run by the Coast Guard. This department has averaged

28,351 reports per year over the last eight years. When farms from across the nation are suddenly in violation of CERCLA reporting requirements, reports from over 100,000 agricultural operations will inundate the NRC. This increase of over four times the average annual amount, in less than one week, could potentially prevent the Coast Guard from responding to actual hazardous waste emergencies, entirely defeating the primary purposes of CERCLA.

Following the D.C. Circuit’s decision, the EPA’s options are limited. The court recently granted a stay for three months, providing time for the agency to develop administrative guidance, but buying time does not change the ultimate outcome: thousands of farms and ranches across the nation will be forced to report their daily emissions to the EPA or face liability of up to \$53,907 per day. Now, it is up to Congress to ensure that the EPA is not required to implement this overly burdensome court decision.

MSCA urges Congress to confirm that it never intended to regulate manure under CERCLA or EPCRA by supporting the attached bipartisan appropriations provision introduced by Representatives Billy Long (R-MO) and Jim Costa (D-CA).

CERCLA and EPCRA Background:

In 1980, the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (CERCLA) was enacted in response to serious environmental and health risks posed by industrial pollution. The Emergency Planning and Community Right-to-Know Act (EPCRA) of 1986 was created to help communities plan for chemical emergencies, by requiring that hazardous waste emissions be reported to local emergency planning offices.

In 2008, EPA finalized a rule to exempt all agricultural operations from CERCLA reporting and small operations from EPCRA reporting requirements, recognizing that low-level continuous emissions of ammonia and hydrogen sulfide from livestock are not the “releases” that Congress intended to limit. However, in April 2017, the D.C. Circuit Court issued a decision vacating the 2008 EPA agriculture exemption, concluding that these statutes provide no room for the EPA to exempt agriculture.

Recent Action:

Following this court decision, the agency’s options are limited. EPA recently asked the court to delay issuing its mandate for six months, providing time for the agency to develop administrative guidance, but buying time does not change the ultimate outcome—thousands of farms and ranches across the nation will be forced to report their daily emissions to the EPA or face liability of up to \$53,907 per day. Now, it is up to Congress to ensure that the EPA is not required to implement

this overly burdensome court decision.

The court ruling poses the following immediate concerns:

1. Over-regulation. Agricultural operations across the nation, ranging from small cow/calf ranchers to large feedlots, are now subject to CERCLA and EPCRA reporting liability. **Prior to the D.C. Circuit’s court decision, only operations with over 1,000 cattle were required to submit reports. Now, operations with as few as 208 cattle will be subject to reporting requirements.**
2. Cost and time-prohibitive. The costs of complying with CERCLA and EPCRA reporting requirements will be significant to small farmers and ranchers across the nation. Not only will operations be required to make emissions determinations, but spend time completing and submitting tedious reports.
3. Exposure to citizen lawsuits. NCBA anticipates that environmental groups will use publicly available CERCLA reports to create a national list of farm locations, and use this list to bring lawsuits under the Clean Water Act and Clean Air Act. Additionally, NCBA is concerned that the misuse of this information will lead to unnecessary and overly burdensome regulation of Animal Feeding Operations.

Minnesota Grazing School

The 2017 Minnesota Grazing School was held in Grand Rapids, MN on September 8 & 9. The program was delivered by the Minnesota Grazing Lands Conservation Association (GLCA), University of Minnesota Extension, and the USDA Natural Resource Conservation Service (NRCS). The program featured both classroom and field exercises to demonstrate the fundamentals of rotational grazing. Minnesota GLCA President Roy Bell of Leader, MN said “The school was a tremendous success and the people that attended the school were very happy with the information they learned about grazing.” Participants from all over Minnesota said they were really amazed with how much information was packed into the school. Chrissy Davenport of Fergus Falls, MN said “The stuff we learned in the field was great and really gave me some good ideas to take home and try on my place; it was definitely worth the cost.” The event was supported by sponsorships from Minnesota State Cattlemen’s Association, LaCrosse Seeds, Fillmore Soil & Water Conservation District, and Albert Lea Seeds.



Dean Thomas (left) works with Sam and Chrissy Davenport on plant identification.



Minnesota Grazing School participants work on a rotational grazing field exercise.

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2012 FWS rules to delist wolves in the Great lakes (Minnesota, Wisconsin, and Michigan) and Wyoming; preempts judicial review

H.R. 424 - The Gray Wolf State Management Act of 2017 (Co-sponsored by Rep. Colin Peterson) Senate companion bill is S.164. (Co-sponsored by Senator Amy Klobuchar) Reissues the 2011 and 2012 FWS rules to delist wolves the Great lakes (Minnesota, Wisconsin, and Michigan) and Wyoming; preempts judicial review These two bi-partisan bills offer a strong, two chamber stand-alone solution to delisting!

MSCA 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. If you have any questions or need any additional information, please don’t hesitate to contact Ashley Kohls at ashley@mnsca.org.

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Polly Ruhland, Cattlemen’s Beef Board CEO, announced she will be leaving to become the new CEO of the United Soybean Board, effective Nov. 1. She has stressed her commitment to ensuring there is no disruption to the day-to-day business of our organization, and your officers and executive committee echo that commitment. CBB an outstanding staff team who will handle the programs and administration of checkoff activities as we begin this transition. A nation-wide search is underway to find her replacement.

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. 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:
 - o Most recent grade transcript.
 - o 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 transcripts **must be postmarked by October 31st, 2017.**

Application for the Reid Mason Memorial Scholarship can be found online at www.mnsca.org.

Dennis Bottem Memorial Scholarship \$500

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:

- o Most recent grade transcript.
- o 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 transcripts **must be postmarked by October 31st, 2017.**

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Adam Jensen Memorial Scholarship \$500

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.
- **Application must be received by November 1st, 2017.**

Application for the Adam Jensen Memorial Scholarship can be found online at www.mnsca.org.

2017 Minnesota Cattle Industry Convention and Trade Show Registration for General Attendance Online registration available at MNSCA.org

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1001-1250 - \$1150	Business - \$200
1251 - 1500 - \$1400	Student (24 or younger) - \$50
1501 - 1750 - \$1600	
1751 - 2000 - \$1900	

Total Dues Enclosed This Membership _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Type Ops: Feeder Cow-Calf Seedstock Stocker Dairy Associate

Method of Payment: Check Credit Card Invoice Me
Credit Card Type: Master Card Visa Discover

Card # _____

Expiration Date ____/____/____ Signature _____

Make Checks Payable to: "MSCA" (No Cash Please)
Return Form & Payment To: MSCA Treasurer

PO Box 12, Maple Plain, MN 55359

Recruited By: _____

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