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## Welcome to the Family!

**Join Today** The Minnesota State Cattlemen's Association welcomed a new county affiliate cattlemen's group to the Minnesota State Cattlemen's Association us on AD

Newly affiliated group, Pipestone County Cattlemen held their first annual meeting on February 14th in Pipestone, MN.

MSCA Region 7 Director, Angie Ford, assisted MSCA Exec. Ashley Kohls in providing the group local, state, and national efforts to protect and enhance the beef industry in Minnesota.



MSCA family in February. On February 14th, the Pipestone County Cattlemen's Association voted to adopt by-laws and leadership to officially become an affiliate of the Minnesota State Cattlemen's Association. Their kick-off meeting was a huge success! We look forward to working with this local affiliate to support cattlemen and women in Pipestone County. To become a member of this new county affiliate and the Minnesota State Cattlemen's Association, visit www.mnsca.org or email membership@mnsca.org!



**TIME SENSITIVE MATERIAL** 

NEWS

### **Minnesota State Cattlemen's Association Summer Beef Tour & Trade Show**



Hosted by the West Central Cattlemen's Association (WCCA)

Registration is open for the 2019 Minnesota State Cattlemen's Association summer tour and trade show! Headquartered at the Lee Community Center on the Stevens County Fairgrounds in

Morris, MN on Tuesday, July 9, 2019, this year's tour hosted by the West Central Cattlemen will highlight cattle operations, agribusinesses and points of interest in the area.

Each year farmers and ranchers, beef industry professionals and community members from across Minnesota gather for this exciting event to share ideas and innovation happening around the state. Attendees can look forward to learning about new products and services.

Highlights of the tour include various seed stock and feedlot operations, dairy/beef cross calves through finish weights, an edible bean processor, robotic dairy milking and feed pushers, University of Minnesota research station, and local collector of oil and filling station memorabilia on display.

Throughout the day, tour participants will have the opportunity to network with fellow producers and industry professionals related to nutrition, genetics, cattle equipment and more!

Registration cost is \$25 before June 15, \$30 after June 15, students \$20, and children under twelve \$15. Attendee registration, as well as online sponsorship and vendor options can be found at www.mnsca.org.





MIKE LANDUYT President, Minnesota State **Cattlemen's Association** 

What a difference sunshine makes! As I write this the weather has turned warmer, the sun has been shining, and the temperatures have been warming up. What a winter we had! We have all fought through with many of us getting the coldest temps in a generation and record snow fall. As always the weather has turned and I hope those of you who

have been calving were able to get through it without too many problems and good luck for those of you yet to calve. Here at our feedyard we finally got the pens scraped and found some of the concrete after the cold temps kept us from being able to haul any manure for a month and a half. I know a lot of you have been working hard to get caught back up with this task.

Ashley, the board, and I have been busy this winter making it to as many of your local meetings as possible. Thank you to all the groups that invited us to give State updates at your meetings. A bit of information Ashely gave me about the second to last week of March is between herself and the board we attended 11 meetings that week alone. November to March is a big push for us and we enjoy getting out and visiting as many of you as possible. I would like to thank Ashley and the board for helping get to these meetings it truly is a group effort.

The weather defiantly had an effect on turn out for Cattleman at the Capital this year but it was great to see all of you there that were able to make the trip. We had great meeting with our Senators, Representatives, and multiple state agencies. I had the opportunity to give a report to the Ag Policy committee and talk about the conservation work we do on our farm. A group of local beef ambassadors was also able to visit every new member and give them welcome packets that contained information on the Minnesota beef industry and beef sticks. Thank you to everyone that was able to attend.

The first week of April a group of us will be in Washington DC working with

our Federal Delegation and Federal Agencies. This is an event I always look forward to. I enjoy telling the Minnesota beef story to these groups of people. It really puts a face to producers and gets them to think about how the laws and rules they make affect us on a personal level.

I would like to take a moment and thank you for your membership! We cannot do what we do without you. It truly does make a difference when we go to the capital and talk about how many beef producers we represent. I have seen firsthand how they look at our group once we crossed the 1000 member threshold. Think of how great it will be when we cross the 2000 member mark? I encourage you all to talk to your neighbors about joining our organization.

Happy spring!

One being the removal of the Gray Wolf from the list of threatened and endangered species. The wolf population, as estimated, is nearly double the goal that was set by the state. One wonders what the wolf population is when federal trappers catch 8-10 wolves on one ranch in one week. Another couple items to keep a close eye on are the ASF outbreak in China and the FMD in numerous countries. These diseases are causing major havoc in other countries and certainly have the ability to show up here in the U.S. Even though ASF is a disease affecting the pork industry, it has had such a huge impact on the hog market but it is also spilling over into the cattle complex. As far as the ASF is concerned, it has been estimated that 20% of all the hogs in China have died. To put this in perspective, that is equivalent to all the hogs in the U.S. and Canada combined. Very devastating.

A new snow blower or cutting edge might be on more than one of our wish lists after this winter but, cattle going to market, newborn calves, planting and green grass are all things that we can look forward to in the next couple months. Until next time!



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JAKE THOMPSON Chairman, Cow/Calf Council

#### Hello Fellow Cattlemen

It seems the weather has finally broke and maybe we can see greener pastures coming sooner than later. As many of you are having this year's calf crop as we speak I like to reflect on the season. It is an extremely busy time of the year that can be both extremely challenging and stressful but also rewarding. While the lack of sleep, constant tagging and checking can be stressful I hope you can find that moment to reflect on the miracle of life and the rewards of creating a new calf as the fruit of your labor.

Since last issue the U.S. Interior Department published a plan to remove federal protections for gray wolf in the Federal registry. U.S.

plan to "delist" wolves across all the contiguous U.S. on March 15th. They are taking public comments until May 14Th information on how to comment is at www.fws.gov/ home/wolfrecovery/. Since MN has an estimate 2856 wolves and 500 packs our comments will go a long way.

As part of the executive team I have to opportunity to represent MN cattlemen in D.C. on April 2-4. During that time I will be sitting in a Department of Interior grazing regulations round table. I would love to hear any stories that you may have on wolves by then. I myself haven't experienced any loss to wolves although last week we got pictures of one just a  $\frac{1}{4}$ mile from my house and have a few neighbors that have had problems but I would love to share any experiences of other MN cattlemen in that meeting. I can be reached through email at fourhillfarms2@yahoo.com or 218-329-9293.

In conclusion I hope your calves come in the light and can find colostrum as fast as they hit the ground. If you're in the market for a Black Angus bull check us out at the beautiful county fairgrounds in Wadena, MN on April 20th. Until next time.



JOE WAGNER **Chairman, Feeder Council** 

Greetings to all! I hope this finds you well. It looks as though the weather has finally taken a turn for the better. In our area, there have been many reports of sheds collapsing due to heavy snow load. This past week warmed up considerably allowing snow to melt and March 15th marked the first sighting of a robin in our yard. With the warming weather we have taken the opportunity to clean cattle pens also.

There's a tremendous amount of material in the outdoor pens with all the bedding that was needed to help combat a good ole-fashioned Minnesota winter. It should have been a great time to have indoor feeding.

On the Association front there are some very important items on the docket currently.



Debbie Chute **Cattlewomen President** 

Hello. As I am writing this article, I realize the calendar says Spring is just around the corner. I don't know about your farm/ranch, but I know here in Central Minnesota it does not look like spring! I must admit it is very nice to have more hours of daylight in the evenings than we did just a few months ago. And the temperatures are warming up a little. But we also know Winter will try to hold on for a few more weeks and remind us of where we live - Minnesota!

Spring for the Chute farm means much the same as it does for other cow/calf farmers tending to our mama cows and their newborn babies, dealing with the melting snow and mud, and watching the forecast so we can get mamas

and babies inside when winter rears its head again.

Even though spring is just starting, we know the busy days of summer will be here soon. Minnesota CattleWomen are busy planning our events for the upcoming year, doing Ag in the Classroom presentations, checking our supplies, ordering more if necessary, for county fairs, summer events, farm camps and of course the Minnesota Great Get Together - The State Fair. Our Beef Ambassador team are energetic and eager to share the beef story. Please contact Jennifer Schiefelbein if vou need an Ambassador

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at one of your events. Let's put them to work!!

American National CattleWomen (ANCW) Region III and VII Joint meeting will be Thursday – Saturday, June 13-15, 2019 at Homestead, Iowa. Homestead is in the Amana Colonies area. Events start Thursday afternoon and conclude Saturday morning. Check out https://ancw.org/ for registration and lodging information and a tentative agenda. Early registration deadline is May 17 and lodging deadline is April 12. Let's support our fellow Iowa CattleWomen with a large group attending from Minnesota!

Our spring meeting will be held Saturday, April 27, 10:00 a.m. at The Oliver Kelley Farm, 15788 Kelley Farm Road, Elk River, MN. We will have a guided tour of the farm after our meeting. Watch your email from more details and the agenda. If you are not a member and would like more information, contact me. You can reach me at 218-330-0042 or dchute59@gmail.com. We welcome anyone to our meetings and events.

Stay safe during spring cattle work and planting. Happy Easter to all!

"Beef - it's What's for Dinner! Or anytime you are hungry!"

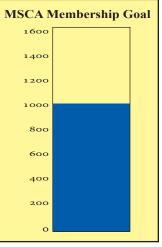
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## Don't Forget to Renew Your Membership!

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 2018. Looking forward to 2019, 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)



### Minnesota Beef Alliance Members

THANK-YOU to the following businesses that have committee to support members of the Minnesota State cattlemen's Association as part of the Minnesota Beef Alliance for 2019. 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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### **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!

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

April 2-4, 2019	NCBA Legislative Conference, Washington, D.C.
July 8th, 2019	MSCA Quarterly Board of Directors Meeting – Morris, MN
July 9th, 2019	2019 MSCA Summer Beef Tour, hosted by the West Central Cattlemen's Association - Morris, MN
June 28-29, 2019	Multi-State Stockmanship and Stewardship Event – Ames, IA



July 29- August 1, 2019 NCBA Summer Business Meeting, Denver, Colorado

August 6-8, 2019 FarmFest, Gilfillan Estate, Redwood Falls, MN

December 12-14, 2019 Minnesota Cattle Industry Convention and Tradeshow – Willmar Area Convention Center - Willmar, MN

2020 MSCA Summer Beef Tour – Hosted by Rock-Nobles Cattlemen

2021 MSCA Summer Beef Tour – Hosted by Three Rivers Cattlemen

### MARCH MBC UPDATE





### Northern Minnesota Beef and Livestock Expo

On February 9, the Minnesota Beef Council was at the Northern Beef and Livestock Expo in Blackduck, MN. There were multiple vendors, producers, and associations at the expo, and presentations were given throughout the day. Minnesota State Beef Ambassadors Emilee White, Cale Mouser, Haley Mouser and Theresa Gustafson helped in the booth throughout the day. We visited about what the Minnesota Beef Council and the Beef Checkoff does and showed them Chuck Knows Beef.



### Minnesota Retail Beef Backer

The Minnesota Beef Council announced Steve's Meat Market of Ellendale as the 2019 Retail Beef Backer at the Minnesota Association of Meat Processors. This meat market is a family owned business and have been going strong for over 40 years. They have a full meat counter with a great selection and a very knowledgeable staff. In addition, they offer custom processing.

This meat market is also very active in their community, serving some of their smoked products at the local county fair, working with the local FFA kids on their fundraisers and having a food stand at their local town celebration day.

The owners of this meat market have also served on the board of directors for both the Minnesota Association of Meat Processors and the American Association of Meat

Processors. They are very passionate about the meat industry and have won many awards including the product show sweepstakes award multiply times and best of show a couple of times.

They like to be innovative and are always evolving, but still maintain tradition. They were featured in the news last year for being the first meat market in Minnesota and only the second meat market in the United States to have a meat vending machine.

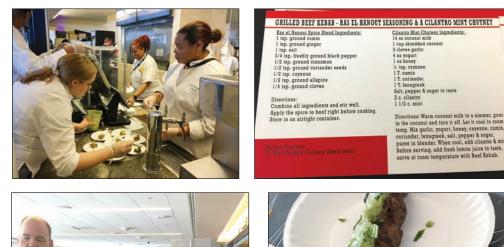
Congratulations to Steve's Meat Market!! Be sure to visit your local meat markets.

### Food and Wine

The Minnesota Monthly 25th Annual Food and Wine Show was held March 2 & 3 at Target Field with over 6,000 people in attendence. This year, on Saturday, we had Rachel Grey and Lindsey Fulton from our 2018 Minnesota Top of Class and 2018 National Ag in the Classroom award-winning teacher, Amy Mastin hand out samples, recipe cards, talk beef and play beef roulette with attendees. On Saturday, we sampled No Name Steaks with the "Cowboy Steak and Roast Rub" from Beef. It's What's for Dinner. Chef Keith Huffman from the Minneapolis Chapter of American Culinary Federation grilled the steaks for us with help from Jason Langlie from the University of Minnesota Meat Lab.

On Sunday, we partnered with Saint Paul College Culinary Department and had them develop a recipe to use with the No Name Steaks. The recipe they developed was "Gilled Beef Kebab with Ras el Hanout Seasoning and Cilantro Mint Chutney Sauce." Students and chefs from the college came to cook the steaks. The students also plated the samples, handed them out and visited with attendees.

Thank you to No Name® Steaks for partnering and donating the steaks again





this year.









### **MAMP** Convention

The Minnesota Beef Council started the Minnesota Association of Meat Processors (MAMP) Annual Convention off with the Pre-Convention "Beef & Brew," which was held in conjunction with the University of Minnesota Meat Lab and McDonald's Meats on Thursday, March 14. We had sixty-seven attendees who rotated through the stations. The Minnesota Beef Council shared the beef production story and provided resources that we have for meat markets. The University of Minnesota Meat Lab had two stations, one where they cut Flat Iron Steaks and the other station where they cut down a Ribeye Roll. Attendees also got to tour McDonald's Meats' new processing new facility and taste some great beef: Beef Rouladen, Cuban Mojo Brisket, Mustard Rubbed Brisket and Beaver Island Braised Oxtails made by McDonalds.

On Friday, March 15, we hosted the Innovative Beef Contest at the MAMP Product Show. We have three categories that meat markets can compete in. The three categories are Lean Ground Beef (minimum of 85% of lean), Processed Beef (jerky, sausage, brats, etc.) and Steaks/Roasts (other than from the Rib/Lion). The entries are judged on appearance, edibility/flavor and creativity/marketability.

The winners were:

Lean Ground Beef: Pub Cheese & Pretzel Meatballs by Grand Champion Meats Foley, MN

Processed Beef: Tangy BBQ Sticks by McDonald's Meats

Steaks/Roasts: Steak and Egg Breakfast Burrito by Big Steer Meats St. Paul,  $\ensuremath{\mathsf{MN}}$ 

Our overall "Best of Innovative Beef" Award went to Grand Champion Meats of Foley, MN with their Pub Cheese & Pretzel Meatballs.

The Minnesota Beef Council introduced Chuck Knows Beef with all of the attendees who stopped by the booth in the trade show. We also shared how they can feature a "cut of the week" or a "recipe of the week" on their Facebook page from the Beef. It's What's for Dinner. website.



### Cattlewomen Honored for Industry Commitment

Two outstanding members of Minnesota's cattle industry were honored at the 2018 Minnesota Cattle Industry Convention for their exceptional lifelong commitment to promoting the beef industry in the state of Minnesota.



### Going to the Meat Market

Minnesota has many high-quality meat markets, so each month, the Minnesota Beef Council is broadcasting a Facebook Live video from a different meat market. In February, we visited McDonald's Meats in Clear Lake, MN. Make sure to follow us, Minnesota Beef, on Facebook so that you can catch the video each month. In April, we will be at Steve's Meat Market in Ellendale, MN.

### **MBC Board Meeting**

The next Minnesota Beef Council Board of Directors Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, April 9 in Maple Plain, MN.

## Minnesota Beef Council Events

	March 31- April 2	American Culinary Federation Chef's Connect Minneapolis, MN
	April 2	BQA Certification Meeting
ts		Location: Lafayette Community Center: 540 7th Street Lafayette, MN 56054
		Time: Meeting runs from 1:00-3:30 p.m.
ıl,		Sponsored by: Hubbard Feeds, New Ulm Feeds
of	April 9	Minnesota Beef Council Board of Directors Meeting, Maple Plain, MN
ne	April 13	MN BBQ Spring Training at the University of Minnesota Meat
ey	May 4 & 5	Grillfest – CHS Field St. Paul, MN
ge	May 14 & 15	Urban Ag Day at the Minnesota State Fairgrounds
	May 18	Twin Cities Burger Battle



# ANCW Region III and Region VII to host Joint Meeting in Iowa

The Region 3 and 7 ANCW Meeting will be held June 13 - 15, 2019 near the Amana Colonies in Iowa. The meeting will be held at the Die Heimat Country Inn B&B in Homestead. Registration will begin at 2 p.m. on Thursday, June 13.

We will kick off the event by touring the Amana Colonies Beef Farm. The tour will begin at 4 p.m. Following the tour, supper will be grilled by the Iowa County Cattlemen's. Rochelle Gilman, Director of Nutrition and Health Promotions, IBC , will teach us which wines pair best with beef.

Friday will be a day full of meetings. June Hershberger, Die Heimat Country Inn B&B Innkeeper, will provide a history of the Amana Colonies. Starting at 9:30 a.m., Kylie Peterson, Director of Marketing, Iowa Beef Industry Council, will speak about Social Media and Millennials. Afterwards, Chris Freland, Executive Director, Iowa Beef Industry Council, will provide an update about the Beef Check – Off. After lunch, Justin Schaben, Region Executive Officer, Livestock Marketing Association, will speak about marketing cattle and the day to day operations of a livestock barn.

On Friday afternoon, attendees will have the opportunity to explore the Amana Colonies. Dinner will be at the Ox Yoke. Attendees are then on their own for the evening. To learn about the history of the Amana Colonies and what to explore, visit http://www.amanacolonies.com/.

Vicky Fick was honored with the Minnesota CattleWomen's lifetime achievement award for her tireless dedication and efforts to promote and represent the beef industry! Jennifer Schiefelbein was honored as the 2018 CattleWomen of the year for her leadership and dedication to the Beef Ambassador program in addition to her family's willingness to host nonagriculture groups on their family's farm. Saturday includes time for networking and region meetings. Evelyn Greene, ANCW President Elect, will speak about ANCW and their programs. The meeting will conclude at 11:30 a.m. Participants are encouraged to enjoy lunch on their way home or take more time to explore the area.

To make a room reservation, contact Die Heimat Country Inn at 319-622-3937. Rooms will be released on April 12, 2019. Additional lodging nearby is Rawson's Bed and Breakfast Inn at 319-660-0390, Zuber's Homestead Hotel at 319-622-3911 and Amana Colonies Guest House Motel at 319-622-3599. Early bird registration is \$100 and due by May 17, 2019. After May 17th, registration is \$125. The registration form is available at https://ancw.org/region-meetings/. You may also contact Region III Director Kasey Wallace at 573-881-8412 or Kasey\_wallace@yahoo.com.



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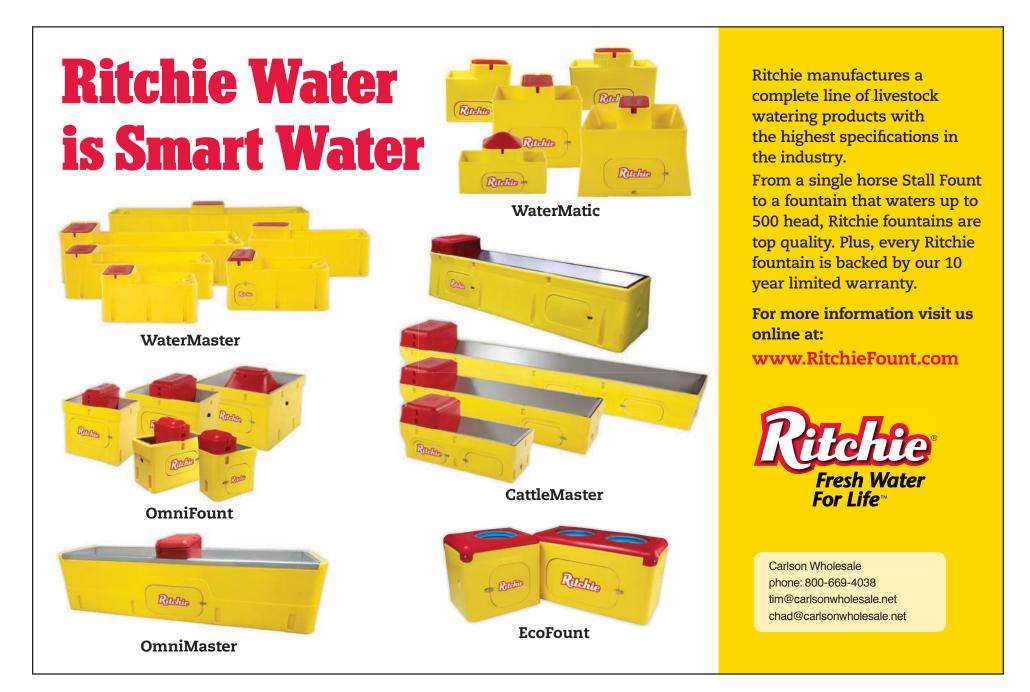
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### Minnesota DNR Roundtable

Grant Breitkreutz MSCA President Elect



The MSCA has had two seats available to attend this annual Roundtable event for the past four years. I have made the commitment to attend all four years because of the direct competition between the DNR and cattle grazers for the same grazing lands. The Rountable is the big kickoff meeting of the year for the DNR as they recap the past year and explain the goals for the coming year and future years.

The opening remarks were presented by the newly appointed DNR Commissioner Sarah Strommen. Commissioner Strommen worked within the agency for some time before being appointed to her current position. The opening remarks included the fact that over the last eight years, under the past administration, 43,000 more acres were purchased or controlled by the MN DNR. Commissioner Strommen also stated that she wants more stakeholder involvement in the future decision making of the DNR, thus our need to stay engaged at all these meetings we can possibly attend.

Becky Humphries, Chief Executive Officer of the National Wild Turkey Federation, continued with the future of conservation funding. The interesting part to me is the fact that a large amount of funding for conservation efforts comes from the Pittman Robertson Funding. This is a federal funding source for these agencies. The money from the Pittman Robertson Funding can't be used for recruiting or marketing to potential new hunters. The average hunting population is aging at rate of just about 1:1, which means there are no younger generations of new hunters. In the last ten years there are 2.1 million less hunters on the land, which begs the question: Why do they need more land acquisitions?

Governor Tim Walz gave a very brief but interesting overview of what he

the help of the ESA," the FWS said in a statement.

hopes to do with the new administration. His comments were focused on the fact that he wants to move forward by pledging to build trust within the current administration.

There are long breaks between the sessions during the afternoon which leads to many hallway conversations. The best of these conversations were held between Troy Daniell (New NRCS conservationist), Greg Hoch (DNR grazing) and myself. I believe that we have a better chance now to move forward on public grazing because of the new leadership of these organizations. Troy understands and promotes the improvements that can be done to grasslands through planned grazing.

## **MSCA Submits Comments on New Wolf Delisting Rules**

In March, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS) posted a Proposed Rule to remove the Gray Wolf (C. lupus) from the federal List of Threatened and Endangered Species. The posting started the clock on a 60 day public comment period.

Under the proposed rule, management for the gray wolves would be returned to the individual states, according to a statement from FWS. The new rule would not apply to the Mexican wolf, a subspecies that is separately protected as endangered, or to the red wolf, a separate species.

Secretary Bernhardt's announcement follows Fish and Wildlife's decision last summer to re-evaluate the status of the gray wolf and make a determination about whether the species has recovered enough to remove it as an endangered species.



March 20, 2019

Removing the Gray Wolf from the List of Endangered and Threatened Wildlife Don Morgan, Chief Branch of Delisting and Foreign Species, Ecological Services U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Headquarters Office 5275 Leesburg Pike, Falls Church, VA 22041-3803

### RE: Docket ID FWS-HQ-ES-2018-0097 as published on pages 9648-9687 of the Federal Register, Friday, March 15<sup>th</sup>, 2019.

The Minnesota State Cattlemen's Association (MSCA) appreciates the opportunity to comment on Docket Number ID FWS-HQ-ES-2018-0097 regarding the removal of the Gray Wolf (Canis lupus) from the List of Endangered and Threatened Wildlife.

On behalf of our members, we would like to express our support for removal of the gray wolf from the List of Endangered and Threatened Wildlife. Minnesota is home to 16,000 beef and cattle producers that generate \$4.9 billion dollars of economic activity in our state. Minnesota is also home to the largest population of grey wolves in the lower 48 states.

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"Recovery of the gray wolf under the Endangered Species Act is one of our

The Minnesota State Cattlemen's Association has already submitted comments

supporting this process in the Federal Register and encourage members to do the

same. Members who are interested in supporting the delisting process through rule making should contact Ashlev Kohls at 612-618-6619 or at ashlev@mnsca.

org. Or, you can follow the instructions posted on the Minnesota State Cattlemen's

nation's great conservation successes, with the wolf joining other cherished species, such as the bald eagle, that have been brought back from the brink with

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For generations, Minnesota farmers and ranchers have been dedicated to improving landscapes where livestock and wildlife can co-exist. These same farmers and ranchers have grown frustrated by the lack of commonsense ESA implementation and having to deal with the consequences that result when outside interests who are not directly impacted the rapid growth of poorly managed wildlife populations push policy without sound science. Minnesota has demonstrated it can effectively administer recovery and population management plans that are workable and produce favorable results.

The Minnesota State Cattlemen's Association thanks you for your time. As a group of cattlemen who are directly impacted by the failed ESA system, we fully support for removal of the gray wolf from the List of Endangered and Threatened Wildlife.

Sincerely,

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Mike Landuyt President, Minnesota State Cattlemen's Association

### Minnesota Livestock Breeders Hall of Fame

Prior to December of 2014, the state of Minnesota implemented a proven wolf population control program. A minimum population of 1,600 wolves had been set as the benchmark before relisting them under the Endangered Species Act (ESA). Minnesota's wolf population estimate was 2,856 wolves and 500 wolf packs during the winter of 2018 within Minnesota's wolf range, an estimate that is statistically unchanged from the previous winter, according to the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources. The survey's margin of error was plus or minus about 700 wolves. Minnesota's wolf population remains well above the state's minimum goal of at least 1,600 wolves and is above the federal recovery goal of 1,251 to 1,400 wolves.

According to the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service, the purpose of the ESA is to protect and recover imperiled species and the ecosystems upon which they depend. While we agree that this is an important goal, data indicates that fewer than 2% of the species listed under the Act since its inception have been successfully recovered. The wolf is an example of an ESA success story, yet it needlessly remains listed as threatened in the state of Minnesota.

Returning the control of the gray wolf to state wildlife management agencies through this proposed delisting ensures that those with firsthand knowledge of a habitat area can provide critical insights to the creation and continued execution of population management plans. Furthermore, local governments are the best equipped to predict, assess, and quickly react to changing conditions for the benefit of species.



MSCA Past President Dar Giess was inducted into the Minnesota Livestock Breeders Hall of Fame in March. Congratulations to Dar for his lifelong dedication to the beef industry!

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Jennifer Houston of Sweetwater, Tenn., was named president of the National Cattlemen's Beef Association at the organization's annual meeting in New Orleans, La., Feb. 2. Houston had served as 2018 president-elect. Houston and her husband, Mark, own and operate East Tennessee Auction Market in Sweetwater. She has been active in the beef industry for more than 30 years, first serving at the state level then being elected to positions in national posts. She has been an NCBA board member since 1996. Elected NCBA president-elect was Marty Smith (Florida). Jerry Bohn (Kansas) was elected vice president. Don Schiefelbein (Minnesota) was elected chair of the NCBA Policy Division and Todd Wilkinson (South Dakota) was elected vice chair. Laurie Munns (Utah) was elected chair of the NCBA Federation Division and Buck Wehrbein (Nebraska) was elected vice chair. Past president is Kevin Kester (California).

Elected to serve on the Beef Promotion Operating Committee from the Federation of State Beef Councils, joining Munns, Wehrbein and ten members elected from the Cattlemen's Beef Promotion and Research Board, were: <u>Katie Brenny</u> (<u>Minnesota</u>), Gary Deering (South Dakota), Bradley Hastings (Texas), Chris Jeffcoat (Pennsylvania), Clark Price (North Dakota), Jeff Rudolph (Nebraska), Don Terry (Tennessee) and VeaBea Thomas (South Dakota).

NCBA policy priorities were also established at the meeting. These priorities included 2019 work in <u>Fake</u> <u>Meat (Led by Minnesota's grassroots</u> <u>policy development process.)</u>; Trade and

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### 2019 MSCA Summer Beef Tour Info:

- Moore Calves: Riverview LLP's Stevens County calf depot. Beef Builder <sup>TM</sup> (beef x dairy) starter farm.
- Tegrity Feedlot: Beef Builder <sup>TM</sup> cattle to finish weights (formerly Leonard Wulf & Sons location).
- JMF Herefords and Sim Angus: purebred operation hosting on farm bull sale each spring.
- Dennis Feuchtenberger: Monoslope slat barn.

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- Bonanza Bean: edible bean processor. Cleaning, drying, packaging a variety of edible beans.
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- Bruce Sperr: Coverall feedlot system.
- Wally Kill: Antique oil memorabilia. Restored gasoline pumps, signage, and filling station collector's items.
- West Central Research and Outreach Center: University of MN research facility – organic dairy, wind turbine power, anhydrous ammonia plant, swine unit.

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The Landuyt family of Walnut Grove, MN was recognized for their regional Environmental Stewardship Win at the 2019 National Cattle Industry Convention.

Market Access; Dietary Guidelines; and Regulatory Reform and Implementation. In addition to the NCBA annual meeting, the Cattlemen's Beef Promotion and Research Board, CattleFax, American National CattleWomen and National Cattlemen's Foundation also conducted business meetings.

Cattle industry members honored fellow producers throughout the Convention. Most notably is the Environmental Stewardship Award, established in 1991 by the National Cattlemen's Beef Association to recognize outstanding land stewards in the cattle industry, ESAP is generously sponsored by Corteva Agriscience<sup>™</sup>, the Agriculture Division of DowDuPont<sup>™</sup>; McDonald's; USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS); U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service; and the National Cattlemen's Foundation. Minnesota was once again in the spotlight for the efforts of our members. **The Landuyt family** 

of Walnut Grove was in the running for the top honor, winning the regional award this past August in Denver. Unfortunately, they didn't take home the big prize, but are still a great example of the commitment cattlemen across Minnesota have towards voluntarily implementing conservation practices to protect our natural resources.

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## 2019 MSCA Cattlemen at the Capitol Event a Success

The 2019 MSCA Cattlemen at the Capitol event was held on February 26th, 2019. MSCA members participated in 42 legislative visits while in St. Paul. In addition to hill visits, members met with new leadership from the Minnesota DNR and Minnesota Department of Agriculture to discuss cattlemen's priorities.

MSCA presented a brief Minnesota Beef Industry update to the House Agriculture committee, as well as recognize MSCA members who have received

national awards.

Policy priorities discussed that day included regulatory reform, transportation, property taxes, health care, public grazing and wildlife management.

Below are a few photos to highlight the day's events. For additional details about MSCA priorities, contact Ashley at ashley@mnsca.org.

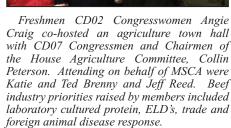


MSCA members across the state continue to connect with our members of congress while they are in state. These meetings range from town hall settings to ag focused round table discussions.



member Frank Sullivan met at the Congressmen's held an agriculture round table in Wadena in Craig co-hosted an agriculture town hall round table in late February. Attending on behalf of Cokato town hall in March. Beef industry priorities March. Attending on behalf of MSCA was Past raised by Frank included lab cultured protein, President Tim Nolte. Beef industry priorties raised trade and ELD's.

Freshmen CD08 Congressmen Pete Stauber by Tim included ELD's, wolf delisting urgency and mental health awareness.



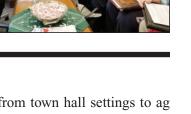


Congressmen Tom Emmer held an agriculture with CD07 Congressmen and Chairmen of MSCA were Executive Director, Ashley Kohls and the House Agriculture Committee, Collin MSCA member Frank Schiefelbein. Beef industry Katie and Ted Brenny and Jeff Reed. Beef priorities raised by members included laboratory industry priorities raised by members included cultured protein, ELD's, trade, foreign animal laboratory cultured protein, ELD's, trade and disease response and mental health awareness.

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