

With A "Steak" In Montana's Future

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17TH ANNUAL CATTLEMEN'S DAY

Saturday, December 8

YOGO INN ~ 211 East Main Street ~ Lewistown, MT

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OPEN TO THE PUBLIC - NO REGISTRATION FEE

LUNCH \$20 ~ DINNER \$30 (*includes entertainment*)

~ PLEASE RSVP TO GUARANTEE A MEAL ~

- 9:00 a.m. **Montana State Fund Safety Recognition**
- 10:00 a.m. **Bruce D. Holmes** - Division Administrator, Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration
Regulations for transport of livestock
- 11:00 a.m. **Montana Department of Livestock Updates**
Mike Honeycutt, Executive Officer
George Edwards, Livestock Loss Mitigation Coordinator
- 12:00 **Lunch** - French Dip meal
Price: \$20 **RSVP** mca@montanacattlemen.org or complete mail-in form (Page 3)
- 1:00 p.m. **Montana Beef Council Update**
Chaley Harney, Executive Director
- 2:00 p.m. **Montana COOL Discussion**
Chris Christiaens, Special Projects, Montana Farmers Union
Barnett Sporkin-Morrison, Food and Ag Development Center
Northern Plains Alliance
- 3:00 p.m. **Water Compact Discussion**
Terry Backs, The People's Compact (Alternative to CSKT Compact)
Catherine Vandermoer, PhD, Montana Land and Water Alliance
Jerry Laskody, Montana Land and Water Alliance
Boone Cole, Jocko Irrigation
- 4:00 p.m. **MCA Annual Business Meeting** - Open to all members
Presentation of proposed resolutions
Nomination of officers and directors
Suggestions on issues for MCA to pursue in 2019
- 5:00 p.m. **Social hour and no-host bar**
- 6:00 p.m. **Dinner** - BBQ with all the trimmings
Price: \$30 **RSVP** mca@montanacattlemen.org or complete mail-in form (Page 3)
- 7:00 p.m. **Entertainment - Wylie and the Wild West**
Price: Free with dinner; \$10 for entertainment only

Dear MCA Members:

Please plan to attend our 17th annual Cattlemen's Day at the YOGO Inn in Lewistown. We look forward to spending the day with our members discussing issues that are important to the Montana cattle industry. There is no registration fee; however, if you plan on having lunch and/or dinner with us please RSVP no later than December 3 to guarantee your meal. You may complete and mail us the reservation form from Page 3, or call Jan at 467-2251 if you prefer using your credit card.

The cost for lunch is \$20 and dinner is \$30. This year we are excited to have for our after dinner entertainment Wylie and the Wild West. Entertainment is free with your dinner meal, or \$10 without the meal.

Our annual membership meeting will take place at 4:00 p.m. At that time, members are encouraged to present topics they would like MCA to work on during 2019. We also look forward to discussing any proposed resolutions you may have to our policy whether it be water rights, state and federal lands, natural resources, wildlife management, marketing, legislation, animal health and welfare issues, etc. We value your input and are always appreciative of suggestions for issues that MCA can pursue.

We really need MCA members to step up and serve as either an officer or a director. My term is up and our secretary has moved out of state. If you are interested, please let us know by December 4 by either calling me at 741-3680 or emailing mca@montanacattlemen.org.

As a reminder, MCA annual membership dues become due January 1 for the 2019 calendar year. (See page 10.) Your continued support of MCA and our efforts to strengthen the Montana cattle industry is sincerely appreciated.



Jim Baker, MCA President



Mark your calendar for CATTLEMEN'S DAY December 8, 2018 YOGO Inn, Lewistown

Please join us at the YOGO Inn in Lewistown on Saturday, December 8, 2018 for our 17th Annual Cattlemen's Day. During our business meeting beginning at 4:00 p.m. members may present proposed resolutions to establish MCA policy. The resolutions will be discussed and voted on at that time as to whether or not they will be included in a mail-out ballot to the entire membership for vote. (Our current policy may be found on our website.)

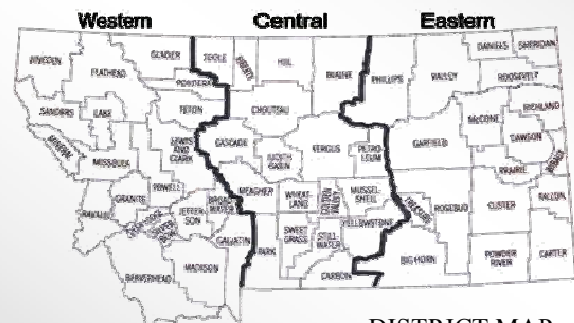
Also during that meeting, nominations for officers and directors will be accepted for inclusion on the ballot. We really need MCA members to volunteer for these positions, so let us know if you would like to serve!!

MCA consists of three districts—Western, Central, Eastern—with two directors each; four at large directors elected from any part of Montana; one business director; and one Native American director, for a total of 12 directors.

****IF YOU WILL BE UNABLE TO ATTEND CATTLEMEN'S DAY
ON DECEMBER 8, PLEASE SUBMIT YOUR RESOLUTIONS
AND OFFICER AND DIRECTOR NOMINATIONS IN WRITING
NO LATER THAN
DECEMBER 4, 2018 TO:**

Montana Cattlemen's Assn.
PO Box 536 ~ Vaughn, MT 59487

Or email: mca@montanacattlemen.org



DISTRICT MAP

YOGO INN, 211 East Main, Lewistown, MT

MEAL RESERVATION FORM

Phone: _____ E-mail: _____

MONTANA CATTLEMEN'S NEWSLETTER

UPDATE ON THE MONTANA BEEF COUNCIL

*by Montana Cattlemen's
Checkoff Chair* **GARY WOLD**

On September 24, the Montana Beef Council (MBC) called together a broad array of people representing the ag industry. The meeting was held to brainstorm how MBC goes forward considering the lawsuit R-Calf won against the Beef Council. The lawsuit stipulates that the whole checkoff dollar goes to the national level, and the 50 cents that used to be available for Montana is no longer. Approximately 70 people met in Billings to discuss what can be done. There was much discussion and it was powerful to have so much history in one room. One point that was shared is that the producers need to be part of the checkoff program (again). It needs to come back to being a grassroots program. Many producers in Montana have become removed from their original marketing program created in 1954 with the Montana Beef Council. Many are not aware of the numerous programs the check off funds. In normal years there would be around \$825,000 for promotion and education projects in Montana. The majority of this money now goes to the national level. This is a big hit to not only the beef industry, but also the Montana economy. In order for the 50 cents to be available for Montana, the producer must sign a consent form. The obstacles to this are many and varied, but for the foreseeable future this is what must be done.

Here are some things currently being done: Consent forms being made available on MCA, MBC and some other producer organization websites; Radio spots promoting consent forms; Radio interviews and press releases promoting consent forms; Some auction markets sending the consent form out with consignor checks; Staff or volunteers representing MBC at video sales at auction markets when available; Sending consent forms to Board of Livestock for distribution to brand inspectors; and Facebook and blog postings by some organizations to clarify consent form and process.

In action concluding its September 25-26 meeting in Billings, the MBC Board of Directors—all Montana volunteers, including members from nearly all segments of the beef supply chain—approved checkoff funding for a total of 20 demand-building and producer communication project funding requests for checkoff funding, in the fiscal year.

As a result of its deliberations, the board of directors preliminarily approved requests from 16 different organizations that will strive towards the mission of protecting and increasing demand for beef and beef products. The Marketing Plan for Fiscal Year 2019 includes:

- \$17,175 for in-state education programs and materials, including classroom education, farm fairs and a media-chef pasture to plate tour;
- \$33,890 for promotional programs and materials, focusing on in-state trade shows, consumer radio and digital advertising, a barbecue cook-off, an innovative beef competition, and a targeted consumer event in the Northeast United States;
- \$9,500 for the Montana Beef Quality Assurance program;
- \$103,000 for in-state producer communications, which includes producer outreach using television, digital and radio communication as well as direct communications to producers about checkoff results and the consent form process.

Checkoff collection remains mandatory; however, the above programs will only be carried out by the Montana Beef Council after Montana producers complete and return the Producer Consent Form (see Page 9).

Over sixty years ago in Montana, cattlemen had this vision. The founding fathers of the checkoff were proud of what they created and ranchers across the state were excited and rallied together for beef. Let's make the Montana Beef Council checkoff shine again!

You're Invited to the Washington, D.C. HORN WRAP CALL

Pour yourself a cup of steaming coffee, pull up a chair and spend a few minutes with Jess Peterson every 1st and 3rd Tuesday morning for an update on legislation impacting the U.S. cattle industry in Washington, D.C.

This early morning forum has been created as an "information exchange" where producers can offer input and feedback directly to Jess on policy that will impact the viability and profitability of you, the rancher, and Jess can keep you informed about what's happening on the Hill. This is an easy way to keep yourself abreast of the issues—and you don't even have to leave the house!

For those of you who may not be familiar with Jess, he's a 5th generation rancher and Montana native. He serves as spokesperson for USCA in Washington D.C., frequently appearing on national media forums and industry panels regarding the interests of cattle producers. Calls are held at 7:00 a.m. Mountain time every 1st and 3rd Tuesday. The call-in number is 1-866-254-5984. No passcode is required.

There is no charge for the call (other than your ordinary long distance service provider charge) and calls are open to everyone. If you have email, you may also wish to be placed on Jess's email HORN WRAP reminder list to remind you of the upcoming call and let you know about the topics that will be discussed that day. Simply email Jess at: jess@wssdc.com and ask to be placed on this reminder list.

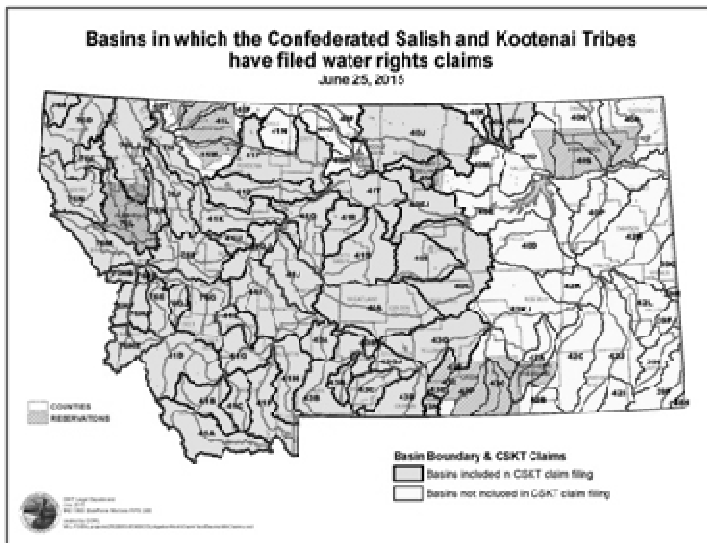
Introducing The People's Compact

A Paradigm Shift in the CSKT Compact Debate

After years of trying to point out the litany of flaws and illegalities of the CSKT water compact for the Flathead Reservation, we realized resolving this issue was never about the truth. It was about the federalization of Montana's water under the guise of an Indian Water Settlement.

The Flathead Water Compact is arguably one of the most divisive pieces of legislation to ever come out of the state of Montana. Three years after its questionable ratification in 2015, Montanans still have no idea of what is hidden within its 1,500 pages, including how much water was ceded to the U.S. / Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes (CSKT) in their proposed settlement.

And despite the fact that there is no legal precedent for any federal reserved water rights outside of the Flathead Reservation, in June of 2015, the United States and CSKT filed 10,000 claims, most with a time immemorial priority date, covering 2/3 of the state of Montana as noted in this map:



These illegal and unprecedented claims will never be examined for legality or reasonableness by the Montana Water Court, but you can rest assured that by the provisions of the CSKT compact, they will hang like a dark cloud over our state, establishing a foothold for generations of tribal litigation to come.

Earlier this year, we realized that you can only stand against something for so long, and it was time for the people to develop a fair and simple resolution of the federal reserved water rights for the Flathead Indian Reservation.

The People's Compact, introduced in October of 2015, accomplishes what our state and federal governments should have done in the first place.

The People's Compact:

STAYS within the constraints of federal reserved water rights law and the Constitution.

QUANTIFIES and limits the claims of the CSKT to the Flathead reservation, and is defined by the purposes of the reservation according to the Hellgate Treaty.

ACKNOWLEDGES AND RESOLVES an old grievance of the tribe against the United States related to Flathead Irrigation Project water. Damage funds for this claim will be awarded directly to individual tribal members as opposed to billions of dollars placed in a fund out of their reach.

FUNDS the development of the tribal water right, and rehabilitates the irrigation project for the benefit of both tribal fisheries and irrigators.

DISMISSES all "off reservation" claims because there is no foundation in the law or the tribe's treaty for them.

PROTECTS existing water rights of all Montanans both eastern and western as well as the water rights of individual tribal members.

RESPECTS equal protection and due process under the law for all citizens.

	Government's CSKT Compact	People's Compact
How much water?	28-48 million acf	508,000 acf
Priority Date	Time Immemorial	1855
Money	\$2.4 billion	\$600-\$775 million

Montana had its chance to solve the problem and failed miserably. Where governments have failed, the burden of resolution has now fallen on citizens, and we have delivered a grassroots solution that relies on common sense rather than fear mongering with ongoing threats of litigation.

About Us: The Peoples Compact was developed for the people, by the people. We come from many different places throughout Montana. We are non-Indian and Indian, multi-generational Montanans as well as newcomers, legislators and former legislators. We reside both on and off of the Flathead Indian Reservation, have many different occupations, and come from many different walks of life.

Website: <https://thepeoplescompact.wordpress.com/>



*Come see Wylie & the
Wild West at
Cattlemen's Day,
Saturday, December 8
at the YOGO Inn in
Lewistown!*

Since 1989, Wylie & the Wild West has become internationally known for their captivating presentation of original and traditional music of America and its colorful West. The group got its start on Ronnie Mack's Barn Dance at the Palomino Club in North Hollywood, California, developing their sound alongside artists such as Dale Watson, Lucinda Williams, Dwight Yoakum, Rosie Flores and Dave Alvin. Since then, Wylie & the Wild West have played thousands of gigs, delighting audiences around the world with their one-of-a-kind brand of music which includes elements of Cowboy, Traditional Country, Western Swing, Folk and Yodeling. Their resume includes over 50 appearances on the Grand Ole Opry along with other notable venues including the National Folk Festival, the Library of Congress, the Kennedy Center, Lincoln Center, the Los Angeles Performing Arts Center, the Bumbershoot Festival, the Stagecoach Festival, Merlefest, the National Cowboy Gathering, and a Prairie Home Companion with Garrison Keillor. Add to that a performance on Late Night with Conan O'Brien. Worldwide, their universal appeal has taken them to China, Russia, Australia, Europe, South America, and Japan

USRSB a 21ST Century Trojan Horse

Tri-State Livestock News
by Vaughn Meyer, Reva, SD

Just when cattle producers were becoming accustomed to those new millennium buzz words, "Sound Science," the self-righteous, save the world authorities, have come to our rescue and thrust the term "sustainability" into our everyday vocabularies. For those of us remaining in farming and ranching, sustainability has been a multi-generational daily event propagated through common sense, hard work and seasoned with a dash of good luck. However, recently our sustainable roots have acquired a new perspective with the 2013 incorporation of the United States Round Table for Sustainable Beef (USRSB). USRSB proclaims the mission, "To advance, support and communicate continuous improvement in the sustainability of U.S. beef production by educating and engaging the beef value-chain through a collaborative multi-stakeholder effort."

Webster defines "sustainability" as to uphold and support. The USRSB mission statement appears to be the arrival of the cavalry as working producers, pre-occupied with daily ranch management decisions, have little time for off-farm issues. With this positive frontal assault to sustain our industry, only one question remains, "Who are the collaborative multi-stakeholders?"

Upon closer examination of the multi-stakeholders it becomes apparent that beef producers are facing the enemy disguised as a giant Trojan horse. A giant wooden

horse, waiting to be towed inside the castle where under the cover of darkness, the final blow of beef industry vertical integration will be delivered; a collaborative effort to insert the final piece of the vertical integration puzzle for all of U.S. agriculture.

To better understand the odds producers are up against let's examine the missions by which these multi-stakeholders plan to educate and engage producers and our industry.

The USRSB boasts 43 founding members with the majority being members and affiliate organizations of the National Cattlemen's Beef Association (NCBA). However NCBA has a history of anti – producer support for marketing issues. Under their fake producer disguise NCBA and affiliates were successful in persuading Congress to repeal Country of Origin Labeling (COOL). Their "kill COOL" packer-orchestrated charge resulted in a \$20 billion loss to cattle producers within the first 9 months. At the same time, packer profits increased from \$17 per animal to \$194. Since February this year, packers have collaborated to increase their per head margins by 60 percent with a peak profits over \$400 per head. Since May 25th packers initiated 3 weeks of reduced supplies of negotiated cash cattle, relying heavily upon their domestic and foreign captive supplies. Their 50 percent decline of purchased cash inventory successfully tanked the cash market at \$106.87, culminating an 8 year low costing feeders and producers billions. During this same period retail sales were strong with a .38 percent Activity Index gain and a 1 percent featured rate increase, disputing claims of weak consumer demands.

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USRSB a 21ST Century Trojan Horse

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Since the Jan. 1, 2016 repeal of COOL, it is estimated that producers have lost over \$60 billion in revenue due to depressed markets and competition with imported beef being falsely mislabeled as USA beef. These \$60 billion producer losses translate into losses of over \$420 billion of U.S. true renewable wealth. Armed with their thieving tactics, USRSB's largest fake producer constituent is a pro packer Trojan horse stakeholders, collaborating and conspiring to engage the beef value chain to sustain monopolistic power.

The World Wildlife Fund (WWF), a civil society USRSB stakeholder, is an international fund raising organization with focus on species-related conservation projects and the establishment of nature reserves. WWF, an anti – domesticated animal organization, encourages high income countries, like the United States, to eat less beef.

WWF in conjunction with other conservation groups has its eye on the Northern Great Plains which spans more than 180 million acres and crosses five U.S. states and two Canadian provinces. To conquer the Northern Great Plains, WWF assisted the American Prairie Foundation's acquisition of 31,320 domestic livestock grazing acres in Montana for wildlife restoration. Grants from our U.S. Government along with partnerships from Coca Cola and Walmart enable this Trojan horse participant to remove domestic livestock from beef producing grasslands. Worldwide, WWF is acquiring land at astonishing rates through their "debt-for-nature" swaps. Funding for these swaps is generated through an unprecedented partnership between WWF, Conservation International, The Nature Conservancy and the U.S. government.

The Nature Conservancy, another USRSB member, works in cooperation with the National Wildlife Federation and the World Animal Foundation to eliminate domestic livestock grazing on federal, state and private grasslands. The Nature Conservancy coordinates efforts to advance the Dakota Grasslands Conservation Area (DGCA), through the purchasing of perpetual conservation easements from private landowners thereby limiting future landowner activities.

Nature Conservancy is transitioning staff to U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and Natural Resources Conservation Service offices in South Dakota to help purchase perpetual conservation easements. Nature Conservancy also works with legislators and other decision-makers to ensure that funding from federal Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) and other federal and state sources flows to the DGCA to fund their anti-domestic livestock programs.

Both the Nature Conservancy and WWF are stealth Trojan horse participants with underlying motives to remove domestic livestock from the grasslands and aiding to the demise of family agriculture. Both organizations have succeeded in removing domestic livestock from 1.1

million acres of grasslands in northeast Montana.

Other USRSB Trojan horse stakeholders include Arby's Restaurant Group, Costco Wholesale Corporation, McDonald's Corporation, Target, Taco Bell, Wendy and Walmart. All retail members seeking to improve their financial bottom line through the exploitation of producers burdened with expensive source and age documentation.

The first requirement USRSB stakeholders are seeking, is the establishment of a national animal identification system to monitor producer premise and livestock (personal property) numbers. The USRSB web site proudly proclaims, "USRSB recognizes the necessity of animal identification for the U.S. beef cattle herd to measure success and improvements in sustainability and embraces a nationwide goal of animal identification for purposes of disease traceability, herd security, consumer confidence, quality improvement, international market access, and a means to participate in supply chain programs that can offer value-added benefits." Two of the most alarming points of this statement are "quality improvement and market access" which were the (2) main driving principles for vertical integration in the hog and poultry industries. When processors and retailers dictate quality and market access the ultimate battle of price fixation has been won and beef producers will join the ranks with their swine and poultry colleagues as serfs on their own land.

USRSB and their global predecessor, the Global Roundtable for Sustainable Beef (GRSB) are two of the largest threats to family agriculture and if left unchecked will result in the extinction of family beef production at the hands of large multi-corporate conglomerates seeking to exploit the industry for their monopolistic control. The stakeholders of these organizations are establishing total industry control through producer intimidation and proclamation of their superior "sustainable" knowledge.

Looking back at past beef industry cycles, this new "sustainable" charge is nothing more than a continuance of past corporate market manipulation which congress attempted to fix with the 1921 Packers and Stockyard Act. The only change this time around is the collusion of stakeholders who not only want to steal your markets but also wish to remove your cattle off state and federal grasslands.

As cattlemen, why would we want to sustain a broken market system in which 35 producers are forced out of business each day and the producer share of the beef dollar is 14.8 cents versus a retail- wholesale share of 85.2 cents? Are we willing to obediently allow USRSB to instill their monopolistic rhetoric and policies upon our industry?

In the past 75 years, cattle producers have received near parity prices for their livestock only 3 years, 2013-2015, resulting from the enforcement of COOL. Are we willing to let the USRSB stakeholders vertically integrate our beef industry and casting us into serfdom without a fight? Will we continue to ignore the packer carnage of our industry or will we take charge of our destiny and replace the USRSB Trojan horse coup with a regenerative producer charge to restore family agriculture?

Montana Ag Safety Committee Update

by Jan McDonald, MCA Treasurer

On October 10th, as MCA representative, I attended the Montana Ag Safety Committee meeting. Montana Ag Safety Committee is part of Montana State Fund. The committee is made up of eight Ag institutions, such as Montana Cattlemen, Montana Woolgrowers, Montana Farm Bureau, Montana Stockgrowers, etc. The committee was formed many years ago to encourage people in agriculture to be aware of safety in the workplace. The hazards of working in agriculture are very high and injury is commonplace.

Montana State Fund has had a team of representatives who have presented safety in agriculture seminars all over the State. Because of the hard work of this team and the people this team teaches, the amount of injuries in agriculture have lessened. There is still much work to be accomplished, but there has been a beginning.

There are many changes occurring with regard to this committee. First of all, the Montana State Fund representative has retired. There were new people from Montana State Fund at last week's meeting. They are in the process of finding a new person to represent Montana State Fund. Next, the general workforce in Montana has been better with regard to injury, therefore, Montana State Fund declared a \$40 million dividend to be paid out this coming year.

MCA would like to thank Les Graham, Jim Larson and Ron Larson for their hard work and dedication to helping agriculture improve safety in the workplace. We hope everyone will join us at Cattlemen's Day on December 8th, at the Yogo Inn in Lewistown to show their appreciation for this team of men working for the good of agriculture.

FSA DATES TO REMEMBER

- **Nov. 12:** All Hay Bales Must be Removed from Managed Conservation Reserve Program (CRP)
- **Nov. 15:** 2019 Acreage Reporting Deadline for Apiculture, Perennial Forage, Pasture, Rangeland, Forage (PRF) including Native Grass, Fall Wheat (Hard Red Winter), and all other Fall-Seeded Small Grains. Please note that this is the final date that FSA can accept late-filed 2018 reports for these crops.
- **Nov. 16:** Last day of 2017 Wildfires and Hurricanes Indemnity Program (2017 WHIP) Signup
- **Dec. 1:** 2019 Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance (NAP) Application Closing Date for Honey Producers
- **Dec. 3:** Application for Payment deadline for the 2017 Livestock Indemnity Program (LIP). A notice of loss must be filed with the local FSA office by the later of 30 calendar days of when the loss was apparent to the owner or Dec 3, 2018.
- **Dec. 3:** 2017 and 2018 Emergency Assistance for Livestock, Honeybees & Farm-Raised Fish Program (ELAP) Notice of Loss and Application for Payment Deadline
- **Jan. 15:** Marketing Facilitation Program Signup Deadline for Corn, Cotton, Dairy, Hogs, Sorghum, Soybean, Fresh Sweet Cherries, Shelled Almonds and Wheat Producers.
- **Jan. 15:** 2019 Acreage Reporting Deadline for Established Stand Alfalfa Seed, Fall Alfalfa Seed and Cherries. Please note that this is the final date that FSA can accept late-filed 2018 reports for these
- **Jan. 30:** Deadline for 2018 Livestock Forage Disaster Program (LFP) Application for Payment and Supporting Documentation for Flathead, Lincoln and Sanders County Livestock Producers.
- **March 1:** Application for Payment deadline for the 2018 Livestock Indemnity Program (LIP). A notice of loss must be filed with the local FSA office by the later of 30 calendar days of when the loss was apparent to the owner or Dec 3, 2018.
- **March 15:** 2019 Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance Program (NAP) Application Closing Date for Spring Crops (except spring seeded, rye, speltz, triticale, wheat and mixed forage)
- **March 16:** 2019 Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) Spring Managed Grazing Period Begins (with prior County Committee written approval)
- **April 1:** Final availability date for Loans and LDPs for 2018 Barley, Canola, Crambe, Flaxseed, Honey, Oats, Rapeseed, Wheat and Sesame Seed

Ongoing FSA Notice of Loss Requirements:

NAP – Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance Program: Submit Notice of Loss within 15 calendar days of the earlier of a natural disaster occurrence, the final planting date if planting is prevented by a natural disaster, the date that damage to the crop or loss of production becomes apparent; or the normal harvest date.

ELAP – Emergency Assistance for Livestock, Honeybees and Farm-Raised Fish Program: Submit Notice of Loss the earlier of 30 calendar days of when the loss is apparent or Nov. 1st after the end of the program year in which the loss occurred.

LIP - Livestock Indemnity Program: Submit Notice of Loss within 30 calendar days of when the loss is apparent.

BEEF CHECKOFF ASSESSMENT

See article on Page 4 of this newsletter

Form LPS-2

Approved OMB No. 0581-0093

Rev.: 08/2018

Producer Consent to Fund Montana Beef Council Form

For All Cattle Marketed During the _____ Calendar Year (Write in the year for which this form is being completed).

Name(s): _____ Business: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Phone Number: _____ Email: _____

I hereby authorize the Montana Beef Council (MBC) to retain up to 50 cents per head of the Federal \$1-per-head beef checkoff assessment collected on cattle that I sell. Assessments will be retained on all cattle marketed during the calendar year indicated above (if the form is received by MBC by January 1, MBC will be authorized to retain up to 50 cents of the Federal \$1-per-head assessment during the entire calendar year. If it is received by MBC after January 1, MBC will be authorized to retain up to 50 cents of the Federal \$1-per-head assessment for the remaining days of the year, beginning on the date the form was signed by the producer. I also certify that I am authorized to sign this form.

Today's Date

PRINT name of cattle owner or representative

SIGNATURE of cattle owner or representative

The Beef Promotion and Research Act of 1985 (Act) and the Beef Promotion and Research Order (Order) require collection of a mandatory \$1-per-head beef checkoff assessment every time cattle are sold. The Act and Order authorize Qualified State Beef Councils (QSBCs) to collect the \$1-per-head assessment. The law requires that at least 50 cents per head of the mandatory \$1-per-head checkoff assessment be forwarded to the Cattlemen's Beef Promotion and Research Board (Board) to help fund the Beef Checkoff Program, while the remaining portion can be retained by QSBC. A preliminary injunction granted by the Court enjoined USDA from continuing to allow the Montana Beef Council (MBC) to use the assessments that it collects under the Beef Checkoff Program to fund its advertising campaigns, unless a cattle producer provides prior affirmative consent authorizing MBC to retain a portion of the cattle producer's assessment for State promotion, research, and information programs authorized under the Act. As a result of this preliminary decision, at this time, the full \$1-per-head assessment collected by MBC must be remitted to the Board unless a producer provides prior affirmative consent authorizing MBC to retain up to 50 cents of the cattle producer's assessment for State promotion, research, and information programs.

Producers who want up to 50 cents of their Federal \$1-per-head assessment to remain with MBC must complete this form on an annual basis. The form must be completed each calendar year by January 1. If the form is received by MBC by January 1, MBC will be authorized to retain up to 50 cents of the Federal \$1-per-head assessment during the entire calendar year. If it is received by MBC after January 1, MBC will be authorized to retain up to 50 cents of the Federal \$1-per-head assessment for the remaining days of the year, beginning on the date the form was signed by the producer. **Forms should be submitted to the Montana Beef Council; P.O. Box 80865; Billings, Montana 59108; telephone number (406) 656-3336; fax number (406) 656-3337, and email address info@montanabeefcouncil.org.**

According to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, an agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to a collection of information unless it displays a valid OMB control number. The OMB control number for this information collection is OMB 0581-0302. The time required to complete this information collection is estimated to average 5 minutes per response, including the time for reviewing instructions, searching existing data sources, gathering and maintaining the data needed, and completing and reviewing the collection of information.

In accordance with Federal civil rights law and U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) civil rights regulations and policies, the USDA, its Agencies, offices, and employees, and institutions participating in or administering USDA programs are prohibited from discriminating based on race, color, national origin, religion, sex, gender identity (including gender expression), sexual orientation, disability, age, marital status, family/parental status, income derived from a public assistance program, political beliefs, or reprisal or retaliation for prior civil rights activity, in any program or activity conducted or funded by USDA (not all bases apply to all programs). Remedies and complaint filing deadlines vary by program or incident.

Persons with disabilities who require alternative means of communication for program information (e.g., Braille, large print, audiotape, American Sign Language, etc.) should contact the responsible Agency or USDA's TARGET Center at (202) 720-2600 (voice and TTY) or contact USDA through the Federal Relay Service at (800) 877-8339. Additionally, program information may be made available in languages other than English.

To file a program discrimination complaint, complete the USDA Program Discrimination Complaint Form, AD-3027, found online at http://www.ascr.usda.gov/complaint_filing_cust.html and at any USDA office or write a letter addressed to USDA and provide in the letter all of the information requested in the form. To request a copy of the complaint form, call (866) 632-9992. Submit your completed form or letter to USDA by: (1) mail: U.S. Department of Agriculture, Office of the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, D.C. 20250-9410; (2) fax: (202) 690-7442; or (3) email: program.intake@usda.gov. USDA is an equal opportunity provider, employer, and lender.



Name: _____

Ranch Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ County: _____

State: _____ Zip: _____ Phone: _____

Email: _____

Own cattle: ____ Yes ____ No

Tribal member: ____ Yes ____ No

**NOTE: TIME TO RENEW YOUR 2019 ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP IN
MONTANA CATTLEMEN'S ASSOCIATION**

DUE DATE: JANUARY 1, 2019

Memberships can also be renewed at www.montanacattlemen.org/membership/

Membership Dues:

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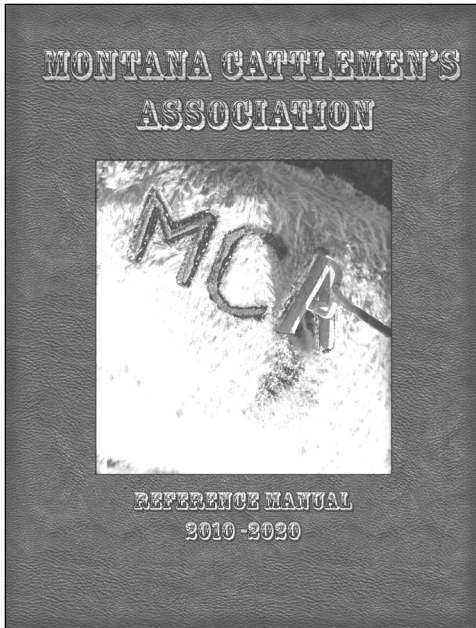
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