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## USCA Priority Issues 2017

- USCA supports strong animal health and food safety in the U.S. USCA opposes regionalization of foreign countries with animal disease problems, if regionalization, through the importation of cattle or beef into the U.S., will weaken animal health or food safety in the United States.
- USCA opposes the addition of Namibia to the list of countries eligible to export meat products to the U.S. based on the proximity of the country to FMD-affected regions
- Mandatory Price Reporting: USCA supports including additional information in each published report and the inclusion of export data as well to enable producers to access more comprehensive reports and data.
- USCA supports USDA's efforts to investigate and enforce antitrust laws ensuring fair market competition.
- USCA encourages Congress to help increase market transparency by addressing captive supply contracts, price reporting, and packer ownership of cattle. USCA supports USDA's efforts to enhance competition, access, and opportunities for producers, while enhancing value based market structure and encouraging branded programs.
- USCA supports the Beef Checkoff and efforts to allow competitive contracting. USCA also supports amending the act to allow the promotion of beef born and raised exclusively in the US.
- USCA continues to monitor the success of the Animal Disease Traceability and is actively seeking input on the next phase of the program
- USCA continues to support country of origin labeling (COOL) and truthfulness in labeling
- USCA supports prescriptive labeling for meat products exported to the U.S.
- USCA supports the continued involvement of producers, land owners and land users in any management or listing decisions to be discussed under the Endangered Species Act
- USCA supports the acknowledgment of livestock grazing as an effective and scientifically-proven management tool in conserving the Sage Grouse; USCA does not support any actions that remove or restrict producers' access to or continued use of their private land or public land allotments.
- USCA opposes the EPA's Clean Water Rule; the rule's language remains ambiguous and will result in misinterpretation, abuse and inconsistent oversight across state lines
- USCA supports the expansion of international market access for U.S. beef products, through such vehicles as the Trans-Pacific Partnership Free Trade Agreement, contingent on establishing necessary safeguards to protect the domestic livestock industry.
- USCA supports the responsible use of valuable and proven medicines that ranchers rely on to keep herds healthy.
- USCA supports the humane treatment of horses and implementing a management plan that includes active land management, sterilization, processing of horses in the U.S. and continued reliable funding of inspection at horse slaughter plants.

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