



**Resolution USDA-GS 2005-1
USDA Grade Stamp**

I-BAND supports restricting the USDA grade stamp to be used only on cattle born, raised and processed in the United States.



**Resolution CS 2006-1
Captive Supplies**

I-BAND supports legislation that would strictly limit meat processors from owning any cattle more than fourteen days prior to slaughter.



**Resolutions PC 2006-1
Packer Concentration**

WHEREAS: The US meat packing industry is concentrated in the hands of three major corporations thereby creating monopsony powers over their suppliers; and

WHEREAS: The Packers and Stockyards act contains provisions to regulate the packing industry.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: I-BAND calls on the Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyard Administration (GIPSA) a division of USDA to enforce the current regulations.



**Resolutions ROCFTJ 2006-1
Removal of Cattle from the J-List**

WHEREAS: Removal of cattle from the J-List would require all foreign cattle to be permanently marked with a mark of origin, thereby allowing animal health authorities to identify imported cattle which is critical due to the potential importation of animals previously and unknowingly exposed to potential new and emerging diseases, or diseases with long incubation periods, such as BSE and tuberculosis, where the need to locate these animals may not be realized until many years after the date of importation and,

WHEREAS: Once all imported cattle are marked with a mark of origin, the separate identity of the U.S. cattle herd can be maintained and country of origin labeling can be more easily implemented at no cost to U.S. producers,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: I-BAND supports the removal of cattle from the Department of Treasury's J-List.



**Resolution SFNCBA 2006-1
Separation from NCBA**

**WHEREAS: The National Cattlemen’s Beef Association (NCBA) continues to work for the interests of the major packers and retailers of this nation over the best interests of this nations cattle producers; and
WHEREAS: I-BAND recognizes that one group cannot adequately represent the U.S. beef industry as a whole; and
WHEREAS: the NCBA continues to promote itself as the organization that represents the entire beef industry of the United States.
THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: I-BAND wishes to clarify in official policy that NCBA does not represent the views of our membership, and that NCBA does not speak for the Independent Beef Association of North Dakota.**



**Resolution R 2007-1
Regionalization**

**WHEREAS the health of the U.S. cattle herd is vital to the profitability of independent cattle producers; and
WHEREAS the US policy was built on protecting US producers of food and fiber, and not managing a disease once it gets here,
BE IT RESOLVED, IBAND opposes efforts by the government of the United States to allow regionalization of foreign countries with animal disease problems if such regionalization weakens animal health or food safety standards concerning importation of cattle or beef into the United States.**



**Resolution NPI 2008-1
National Plum Island**

**The National Foreign Animal Disease Diagnostic Lab located on Plum Island should be either remodeled or rebuilt on Plum Island.
BE IT RESOLVED: I-BAND absolutely opposes any efforts by the USDA to relocate the lab to any state on the main land.**



**Resolution BRU 2009-1
Brucellosis Committee**

WHEREAS, USDA-APHIS has implied there is a lack of federal funding to continue the national Bovine Brucellosis eradication program in its current and most scientifically-based form and,

WHEREAS, the continued prevalence of bovine brucellosis in the United States in wildlife poses a significant risk to public and animal health.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that I-BAND recommends USDA-APHIS continue to prioritize funding for an eradication and indemnification program for Brucellosis.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that industry and state animal health officials fully participate in any restructuring efforts to the current program before such changes are implemented by APHIS, and that any program changes allow states to retain the authority to implement additional testing requirements to protect their livestock and wildlife populations.



**Resolution TB 2009-1
Tuberculosis Funding**

WHEREAS, USDA-APHIS has implied there is a lack of federal funding to continue the national Bovine Tuberculosis eradication program in its current and most scientifically-based form and,

WHEREAS, the continued prevalence of bovine tuberculosis in the United States in both domestic livestock and wildlife may pose a significant risk to public and animal health.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that I-BAND recommends USDA-APHIS continue to prioritize funding for an eradication and indemnification program for bovine tuberculosis.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that industry and state animal health officials be allowed to participate in any restructuring efforts to the current program before such changes are implemented by APHIS, and that any program changes allow states to retain the authority to implement additional testing requirements to protect their livestock and wildlife populations.



**Resolution GIPSA 2010-1
Fair Marketing Rules for GIPSA**

WHEREAS, A lack of a cash market hurts all prices including contract prices and Packers are using their concentration to destroy the cash “spot” market resulting in a steady decline in population of Rural America and family ranchers and farmers are exiting the business at an alarming rate and;

WHEREAS, Judges have continually misinterpreted the Packers and Stockyards Act.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, I-BAND strongly supports the proposed GIPSA Rule clarifications to the Packers and Stockyards Act of 1921 as presented by the U.S. Department of Agriculture through its Grain Inspection Packers and Stockyard Administration (GIPSA) and supports any efforts by USDA and GIPSA to reestablish a fair, transparent and open cash market.



**Resolution BC 2010-1
Funding Restrictions for Federation of State Beef Councils**

WHEREAS, A recent audit found that Beef Checkoff funds had been used to promote activities of the NCBA and;

WHEREAS, The perceived firewall between the Checkoff and the policy entities of the NCBA is obviously inadequate.

WHEREAS, Not all North Dakota producers want to support the activities of the NCBA.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, I-BAND calls for the North Dakota Beef Commission to restrict the amount of revenue being sent to the Federation of State Beef Councils.



**Resolution ASFF 2011-1
Allocation of State and Federal Funds**

I-BAND opposes private organizations managing state and nationally-collected funds.



**Resolution ADT 2011-1
Animal Disease Traceability (ADT)**

WHEREAS: I-BAND does realize there is a need for some type of identification

WHEREAS: I-BAND is concerned who and how this information will be kept

WHEREAS: Feeder steers will need to be identified individually instead of in group lots

WHEREAS: Ear tags can be lost or easily removed

WHEREAS: Brands are not recognized as an official form of identification, which sets a precedence for Canada and Mexico to no longer have to hot-iron brand their cattle imported to the United States.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: The Animal Identification proposed rules state that information be kept within the individual states and tribal nations and this information cannot be contracted out to any organization only controlled by the State Veterinarian or Board of Animal Health

THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That all imported cattle be required to have a hot-iron brand

THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: The hot-iron brand shall be listed as an official form of I.D. between consenting states and tribal nations.

THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: Feeders steers can be identified in group lots.



**Resolution EDR 2011-1
Eminent Domain Reform**

WHEREAS, many landowners are affected by fraudulent and coercive practice lack full understanding of their rights under the law; and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, I-BAND call upon the state legislature to reform state eminent domain law.



**Resolution FAD- 2011-1
Foreign Animal Disease**

Foreign countries continue to pressure the USDA to allow regionalized imports of foreign beef despite documented problems with Foot and Mouth Disease (FMD).

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that I-BAND calls on the administration and Congress to pass the necessary laws to protect the domestic herd from FMD from any foreign country with documented problems with FMD.



**Resolution HS 2011-1
Horse Slaughter**

BE IT RESOLVED, I-BAND urges USDA reallocate funds for the inspection of the humane harvest of equines.



**Resolution BAH 2011-1
ND Board of Animal Health**

**BE IT RESOLVED I-BAND as an organization representing independent beef producers of North Dakota and,
THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, I-BAND be allowed participation in the nomination process for members of the North Dakota board of animal health.**



**Resolution USFRA 2011-1
U.S. Farm and Ranch Alliance**

**WHEREAS: I-BAND has determined that membership in, or support in any way for, the U.S. Farm and Ranch Alliance (USFRA) would not be in the best interest of the cattle producers of the United States,
BE IT RESOLVED that I-BAND request the Secretary of Agriculture to institute a rule prohibiting the CBB and/or the Federation of Qualified State Beef Councils from expending Checkoff funds for that purpose.**



**Resolution BCR 2012-1
Beef Checkoff Reform**

I-BAND feels that any changes to the Beef Checkoff should be made by a referendum of the producers that pay into the system and not by self-appointed special interest groups, and furthermore, as beef producers and participants of the Checkoff, we shall support the efforts to utilize Checkoff promotional dollars collected from U.S. beef to promote only USA born, raised and processed beef to help increase demand domestically and internationally while at the same time, the importers may also use their share of the Checkoff to promote imported beef.

WHEREAS I-BAND feels that the present National Beef Checkoff mechanism has created a framework that is far too complicated and excludes a large portion of U.S. beef producers; and WHEREAS two segments—the Cattlemen’s Beef Board (CBB) and the Federation of State Beef Councils (Federation)- are mandated by the Beef Promotion Act and Order, and the third segment- the National Cattlemen’s Beef Association (NCBA)- is a policy-driven organization that also is the main contractor for Beef Checkoff;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED I-BAND recommends that NCBA, the CBB, and the Federation each become individually independent and autonomous in order to alleviate the impression that they are operating as one entity.

THEREFORE BE IT BE FURTHER RESOLVED I-BAND supports the producer’s right to vote on the Beef Checkoff on a periodic basis.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED in order for a producer to vote on the Beef Checkoff in ND, the producer must be of legal voting age.



**Resolution BR 2012-1
Brand Reform**

WHEREAS the North Dakota Stockmen’s Association (NDSA) is the contractor for the livestock brand program.

WHEREAS the entire brand is paid by all producers that sell or transport cattle across state lines are required to pay brand inspection fees.

WHEREAS the chief brand inspector and East and West field inspectors are trained law enforcement officers.

WHEREAS all livestock producers are not members of the NDSA.

THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED I-BAND supports moving the entire brand program back to ND Department of Agriculture.



**Resolution AIDF 2013-1
Animal I.D. Funding**

WHEREAS the Animal Tractability Program is a federal program.
And WHEREAS: animal disease traceability is an animal health issue.
BE IT RESOLVED I-BAND recommends North Dakota state legislature shall direct funds for implementation of animal I.D. thru offices of North Dakota State Vet and the Board of Animal Health.



**Resolution BCA 2013-1
Beef Checkoff Accountability**

I-BAND adamantly opposes any increase to the Beef Check Off.



**Resolution CMA 2013-1
Constitutional Measures Act**

BE IT RESOLVED; IBAND opposes any initiated constitutional measures earmarking oil extraction taxes going to special interest groups.



**Resolution BCBM 2013-1
North Dakota Beef Commission Board Member Positions**

WHEREAS, presently only select organizations can recommend persons to serve on the North Dakota Beef Commission Board of Directors, subsequently appointed by the Governor.
BE IT RESOLVED, I-BAND requests the North Dakota Legislature change the process of obtaining a voting membership on the North Dakota Beef Commission Board of Directors.



**Resolution CNT 2015-1
Cap and Trade**

WHEREAS the cap and trade bill has a high probability of adversely affecting the viability profitability of the agriculture industry as currently written.
THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED I-BAND opposes all cap and trade bills.



**Resolution DTUSCI 2015-1
Distinguishing the US Cattle Industry**

I-BAND encourages the USDA and Congress to support and maintain the identity of the United States cattle Industry and, therefore, the United States cattle industry shall not be referred to as the “North American cattle Industry,” which includes the United States, Canada and Mexico.

Therefore be it resolved: Congress shall maintain the integrity of the “A” label for cattle born, raised, and processed in the United States.



**Resolution ER 2015-1
Estray Reform**

**WHEREAS; the estray money belongs to the livestock producers of ND.
THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED I-BAND believes the money not returned to owners of estray livestock within a period of 7 years should be submitted to North Dakota land trust fund.**



**Resolution ATE 2016-1
ANTI TRUST ENFORCEMENT**

BE IT RESOLVED: I-band urges Department of Justice to enforce antitrust laws relevant to concentration in the meat packing industry.



**Resolution FB 2016-1
Farm Bill**

**WHEREAS: In the Farm Bill as it stands now, it has a Livestock Title.
WHEREAS: The Livestock Title, contains the GIPSA and COOL Rules
WHEREAS: We cannot allow the Livestock Title to be taken out of the Farm Bill
WHEREAS: It is very important to the cattle producer, that GIPSA Rule is implemented and funded.
WHEREAS: COOL took many years to get in the Farm Bill
THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED: That I-BAND supports the Livestock Title to remain in the Farm Bill.**



**Resolution FS 2016-1
Food Safety**

**WHEREAS, food safety is a top priority of the U.S. Beef industry and,
WHEREAS, the outbreak of E.coli STECs correlates with beef imports.
BE IT RESOLVED, that I BAND urges congress to appropriate more money for
the Food Safety Inspection Service (FSIS) so they can increase testing for E.coli
STECs in lots of imported beef destined for fabrication in the U.S.
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that all lots of foreign beef destined for fabrication
or sale in U.S. markets be held until E.coli STECs results are known.
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that foreign meat tested positive for E.coli STECs
be returned to the country of origin.**



**Resolution FSF 2016-1
Food safety funding**

**WHERAS state or federal funds that may be appropriated for animal health or
food safety issues are for the benefit of all ND livestock producers.
BE IT RESOLVED: I-BAND recommends that any state or federal funds
pertaining to and appropriated for animal health or food safety issues, be
directed to the ND Agriculture Department and implemented by the ND State
veterinarian through the board of animal health
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: these funds should never be contracted out.**



**Resolution PC 2016-1
Predator control**

**WHERAS predators cause economic damage to ranchers.
BE IT RESOLVED: I-BAND opposes the protection or limit reductions of any
predatory animal that is a threat to any livestock used in production agriculture,
without sound scientific evidence and producer input.**

**Resolution Trade 2016-1
Trade**

**BE IT RESOLVED I-BAND opposes the use of fast track to pass any trade
agreement.
FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED: The Independent Beef Association of North Dakota
opposes any Free Trade Agreement that has a detrimental effect on the U.S. live
cattle industry and the overall viability and sustainability of the U.S. economy or
the sovereignty of the United States of America.**