

Missouri Cattlemen's Association News

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Missouri Cattlemen's Association to host first-ever Foundation/PAC Bull Auction

(Columbia, Mo.) – The Missouri Cattleman's Association will hold a fundraising Bull Auction at their annual Missouri Cattle Industry Convention and Trade Show on Dec. 11 & 12, 2009. The proceeds of this auction will go toward the funding of three MCA programs: Missouri's Cattlemen Foundation, Missouri Cattlemen's Association's Political Action Committee (PAC) fund, and the Missouri Junior Cattlemen's Association.

Missouri's Cattlemen Foundation is an organization dedicated to supporting and helping youth of Missouri. The foundation's three main programs are scholarships, farm safety education and aiding injured children. Since 1997 youth in 80 Missouri counties have received \$418,500 in scholarships. More than 1,400 junior high and high school students have attended six Farm Safety colleges, and 149 young people in approximately 45 counties have received more than \$136,000 to help with injuries and disabilities.

Missouri Cattlemen's Association's PAC program plays a major role in aiding producers at the Capitol. This fund allows MCA to employ excellent lobbyists dedicated to serving cattlemen and ensuring their livelihood is protected. Because of the strong support the PAC program gives, MCA experienced an excellent legislative session this spring. MCA played a part in increasing the penalty on cattle theft, ensuring cattle owners as legal guardians of their livestock and much more.

The Missouri Junior Cattlemen's Association is dedicated to educating and preparing young cattlemen and women to become active and involved adult members of MCA. They focus on teaching youth about the cattle industry, developing leadership skills and enhancing effective beef promotion.

Donors have graciously given a live animal, buyer's choice or credit in their respective production sales. The lots will be sold randomly at the benefit auction. Each donor's offering will be displayed in a three-ring binder during the convention and will contain all necessary information, including descriptions of the farm or ranch and of lot itself.

Settlements between buyer and seller must be made immediately following the sale. The winning bidder of each lot will receive a certificate signifying the value of the offering. That certificate must be taken to the donor's production sale and presented prior to purchasing. The value of the certificate will be used towards the purchase.

MCA would like to thank all the donors for their commitment to the Missouri Cattlemen's Association, Missouri's Cattlemen Foundation and the beef industry at this inaugural event. Also, MCA encourages anyone in need of a bull to support all members of the agriculture and beef industries by participating in this sale and purchasing a lot.

Please contact us by phone, (573) 499-9162, if you have any questions about the Missouri Cattlemen's Association Bull Sale.