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Willard Chosen to Lead Missouri Cattlemen's Association

Steve Willard was elected President of Missouri Cattlemen's Association for 2009 during the 41st Annual Meeting held in Springfield, Missouri on December 13. Willard of Willow Springs, Missouri has served as first Vice President and Chairman of the Membership Committee for the last year.

Willard is a native of Georgia but has made his home in Texas County. Willard owns and operates Clear Springs Ranch and launched Open Range a restaurant in Willow Springs last March. Willard has been a long-time supporter and spokesperson for the association.

Jason McCann of Miller, Missouri was elected 1st Vice President and Mike Grimes of Butler, Missouri was voted in as 2nd Vice President. Ryan Bailey of Curryville, MO. was re-elected Secretary/Treasurer.

In addition during the Annual Meeting, the membership elected 7 new Regional Vice Presidents to serve the membership across the state. Region 1-Steve Krueger, Kahoka, MO., Region 2-Sheryl Brewes, Marthasville, MO., Region 3-Kenny Beltz, Willow Springs, MO., Region 4-Carl Messner, Albany, MO., Region 5-Gary Copenhaver, Lexington, MO., Region 6-Lonny Duckworth, Butler, MO., and Region 7-Ben Fizette, Golden City, MO.

Over 800 members and guests attended the annual convention and trade show which showcases the latest innovations and products in the beef industry and sets policy for the association.

MCA is the voice of over 65,000 beef producers in Missouri and represents their interests in state and federal legislation.

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