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### New: Did you know?

**A new book has been released: *That's Why We Don't Eat Animals: A book about Vegans, Vegetarians, and All Living Things* by Ruby Roth.**

According to the Web site, (see the link below) this book is "an innovative and somewhat controversial solution for helping children foster compassion towards animals - tell them the truth. Don't terrify or shame them, but with kindness, whimsy and age-appropriate imagery, show children that animals are sentient beings."

**Be sure to be involved in what your children and the children in your community are reading.**

Source: [GreenMuse](#)

### Gov. Nixon signs Omnibus Crimes Bill to increase consequences for cattle theft

(Columbia, Mo.) - Gov. Jay Nixon signed House Bill 62 on the morning of July 9, 2009 at the State Highway Patrol Headquarters Crimes Lab in Jefferson City, Mo. This law will go into effect August 28, 2009.

Steve Willard, president of Missouri Cattlemen's Association, applauds Gov. Nixon for signing the bill. "This is a big step for cattle producers around the state. It is great to see an issue so important to our members be just as important to our governor and legislators. This is a prime example of MCA membership impacting MCA policy."

This bill, also known as the Omnibus Crimes Bill, raises the penalty for cattle theft from a class C to a class B felony, which requires a sentence of 5-15 years in prison. It will also require the convicted persons to serve a minimum

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## Upcoming Events & Meetings

### Saline County

July 14, 10:30 a.m.

Matthewson Center: Missouri State Fair Grounds

Sedalia, Mo.

### St. Clair County

July 14, 7 p.m.

Valley Center Church

Deepwater, Mo.

### NCBA Summer Meeting

July 14-18

Denver, Colo.

### Boone County

July 18, 6:30 p.m.

Boone County Fairgrounds

Columbia, Mo.

### Warren County

July 26, 5 p.m.

Warrenton Fire Station No. 1

Warrenton, Mo.

### Missouri State Fair: Missouri Beef House

August 13-23

of 80% of their sentence.

Under this bill, veterinarians must open any record of the livestock to be inspected by the department of agriculture to determine the origin and destination of that animal.

Cattle theft has become a large problem in Missouri. Since 2004, over 3,300 head of cattle have been stolen and over \$1.2 million in property, panels, 4 wheelers, trucks, trailers, and cattle have been stolen.

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The Missouri Cattlemen's Association was initiated in 1911 and is dedicated to improving viability of Missouri's beef industry. MCA serves as the voice of Missouri's 65,000 beef producers. Contact MCA at 573-499-9162 or at [www.mocattle.com](http://www.mocattle.com).

## Register for Beef Check-Off Elections

**Be sure to register for the Beef Check-Off Elections before July 20, 2009.** This can be done at your county Farm Service Agency office.

This election determines the Missouri Beef Industry Council Board of Directors. This board allocates Missouri's check-off funds. This will be your chance to elect board members who represent your voice in the allocation of those funds.



## Members to receive discount with Mellor Trailers

Mellor Trailers in Booneville, Mo. is offering a discount to all Missouri Cattlemen's Association members (with proof of membership). Membership forms are available at the time of sale.

### Discounts include:

**10% discount** off parts and accessories

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**\$300.00 off** trailer purchases **from \$10,000.00 to \$15,000.00**

**\$400.00 off** trailer purchases **from \$15,000.00 to \$20,000.00**

**\$500.00 off** trailer purchases **from \$20,000.00 and up**

Missouri Beef House  
Sedalia, Mo.

### MCF Charity Weekend

Sept. 25-27  
Golden Hills Trail Ride/Resort  
Raymondville, Mo.

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Discounts may not apply to certain items already discounted or on promotions. Please call for details.

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**For more information, contact MCA at (573)499-9162 or at [cattleinfo@mocattle.com](mailto:cattleinfo@mocattle.com).**

## Time to fire up for the Beef House!

The State Fair (August 13-23) will be here before we know it. MCA is contacting county leaders to schedule each county's work shifts during those 10 days. MCA can use as many volunteer as a county can offer, so **please contact your county leader to sign up for your county's shift at the Beef House.**

## MCA and NCBA work together for you

**Lincoln-Kyl Death Tax Amendment**-Supported

**Greenhouse Gas Reporting by Livestock Operations to EPA**-Opposed  
**Enhanced Feed Ban Rule to FDA**- supported extension of deadline for implementation and more study of dead animal disposal

**Food Safety & Enhancement Act of 2009**- opposed the implantation  
**National Animal Identification System**- provided comments to USDA to keep the program voluntary

**Thune-Schumer Senate Bill**- Supported legislation to prohibit EPA from implementing a cow tax on greenhouse emissions

**Clean Water reauthorization Act**- Opposed removing "Navigable" from the definition of Waters of the U.S.

**Climate Change and Energy Act of 2009**- Opposed because of economic impact to production agriculture.

## Membership Report

**WIN A FREE TRIP TO NCBA CONVENTION!**

In the past the membership committee has given the top hand recruiter a saddle. This year the membership committee will reward the top hand MCA

recruiter with two days' registration, cattlemen's college registration, hotel, and a \$200 travel voucher to **NCBA's Convention**.

As of now, the leading top hand recruiter is Lynette Miller of Dallas County. This fiscal year began Oct. 1 2008 and will end Sept. 30, 2009. Congratulations, Lynette, on your leadership this far!

**The race is on!!**

## Tiger Ag Classic is approaching

The MU Ag Alumni Association's 18th Annual Tiger Ag Classic Golf Tournament is set for Friday, Sept. 11, 2009 at L.A. Nickell Golf Course in Columbia. Registration will begin at 10:30 a.m., followed by lunch at 11 a.m. Tee time is set for 11:45 a.m.

The steak fry will follow the tournament at about 6 p.m. at Dexheimer Pavilion, Cosmo Park, which is next to the golf course.

## Dead Animal Disposal Issues

Please contact your MCA staff with any dead animal disposal issues you may be having as a result of the FDA's Enhanced Feedband Rule. MCA will take your information and pass it on to NCBA.

Call at (573)499-9162

Or email at [cattleinfo@mocattle.com](mailto:cattleinfo@mocattle.com)

## Katie Steen joins the Cattlemen's Team

I'm Katie Steen, and I want to start off by saying that I'm extremely excited to be given the opportunity to help move the Cattlemen's Foundation forward.

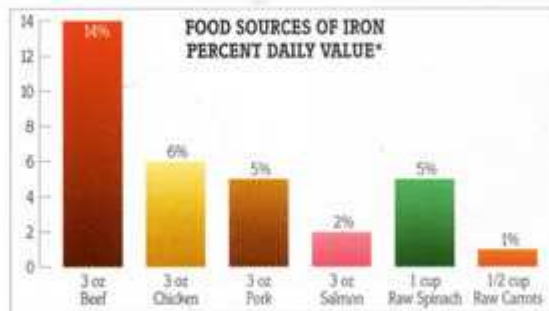
I graduated high school from School of the Osage, but grew up on a cattle and turkey operation north of Lake of the Ozarks. In May I graduated from the University of Missouri - College of Agriculture, Food and Natural Resources, earning a Bachelor's Degree in General Agriculture.

The past month has been overwhelming as June was packed full of events and busyness around the office. As part of my responsibilities I will be part of the planning for the Farm Safety College and Charity Weekend in September, helping out at the Missouri State Fair and the Beef House, and spearheading the 2009-2010 MCF Scholarship program. There is a great staff here at MCA and I look forward to the next year in helping the Foundation.

If a question ever arises, don't hesitate to call me at (573) 449-4923 or email at [katiesteen@mocattle.com](mailto:katiesteen@mocattle.com).



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## Obama Administration names Edward J. Hamill to serve as State Executive Director for the Farm Service Agency in Missouri

*Released by USDA 7/2/09*

The Obama Administration today announced that Edward J. Hamill will serve as Missouri State Executive Director for the Farm Service Agency at the USDA.

"Edward Hamill has a solid understanding of the challenges and opportunities facing our rural communities and will help build on the Obama Administration's efforts to rebuild and revitalize rural America," said Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack.

Hamill has been the Ralls County Executive Director for the Farm Service Agency since 1979. In this position, he has delivered all major farm bill legislation to Ralls County farmers and landowners, managed County FSA staff, and worked with the County FSA Committee to implement programs. He has also been a management trainer since the 1990s, providing training for candidates for FSA County Executive Director positions across the state.

USDA's Farm Services Agency works to increase economic opportunity and improve the quality of life for rural Americans. Some of the agency's efforts include facilitating income support, disaster assistance and conservation programs, providing operating loans for the procurement of farm equipment, seed and fertilizer, as well as offering ownership loans to help new and veteran producers purchase a farm. FSA also works to procure various commodities to benefit low-income families through domestic food assistance programs.

The USDA provides leadership on food, agriculture and natural resources and touches the life of every American. Reflecting President Obama's commitment to expanding economic opportunities in rural America, Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack and the USDA are working to enhance availability of broadband, promote the development of renewable energy, to conserve, maintain and improve our natural resources and environment, and promote a sustainable, safe, sufficient and nutritious food supply.

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The Obama Administration today announced that Anita Dunning will serve as Missouri State Director for Rural Development at the USDA.

"Anita Dunning will be an important advocate on behalf of rural communities throughout the state and help administer the valuable programs and services provided by the USDA that can enhance their economic success," said Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack.

Dunning has been the Multi-Family Housing Program Director for Missouri USDA Rural Development since 2003. In this position, she directs the largest multifamily housing portfolio in the nation and is responsible for the statewide development and promotion of innovative and collaborative strategies for the delivery of Rural Development programs. Dunning has also served as Acting State Director for the FSA on two occasions and has worked in various roles for USDA rural development since 1968.

Rural Development administers and manages over 40 housing, business, and community infrastructure and facility programs as laid out by Congress through a network of 6,100 employees located in 500 national, state and local offices. These programs are designed to improve the economic stability of rural communities, businesses, residents, farmers and ranchers and improve the quality of life in rural America. Rural Development has an existing portfolio of over \$114 billion in loans and loan guarantees.

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## Leadership and Solutions from your NCBA: July 2009 Edition

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June was a busy month in Washington, D.C. as Congress took a swing at lofty legislative priorities. The Senate Environment and Public Works Committee voted on the Clean Water Restoration Act and the House moved forward on Climate Change legislation and Appropriations. Congress also started debate on transportation and food safety. Below is a review of just some of the things that NCBA is doing for you.

### **CLEAN WATER RESTORATION ACT**

In late June, the Senate Environment and Public Works Committee passed S. 787, the Clean Water Restoration Act of 2009, by a 12-7 vote. As expected all Democrats voted for the bill, which would redefine "waters of the United States", and all Republicans voted against it. Following the vote, Senator Mike Crapo (R-Idaho) placed a hold on the bill. By placing this hold, S. 787 cannot come to the floor without 60 yes votes.

- During the debate, the committee accepted an amendment offered by Senators Baucus, Klobuchar and Boxer as a substitute version of the bill. The sponsors of the substitute say it will take care of agricultural concerns by exempting prior-converted croplands from federal jurisdiction. While this version of the bill is an improvement over the original Feingold bill, it does not go far enough to protect agriculture.

- For example, the substitute does not address the likelihood that the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) would work to regulate farm ponds, storm water retention ponds, drainage ditches and mud holes. These regulations are still a possibility because the substitute fails to address the larger issue and still removes the word "navigable" from the definition of

"waters of the United States". By removing the word "navigable" from the definition of "waters of the United States", private lands would still be subject to federal jurisdiction and this would allow for extensive regulation by the federal government.

- NCBA will remain actively opposed to this bill.

### **CLIMATE CHANGE BILL**

On June 26, the U.S. House of Representatives passed H.R. 2454, the "American Clean Energy and Security Act of 2009" (the Climate Change Bill), by a vote of 219 to 212. The bill will now move to the Senate for consideration.

- Amendments included in the final version of the bill would exempt agriculture from being regulated under an emissions cap and provide a list of eligible ag offsets. In letters NCBA sent to the hill, NCBA applauded the efforts of Agriculture Committee Chairman Colin Peterson in crafting these amendments.

- However, these changes do not address the significant economic burden that the Climate Change Bill may impose on cattle producers. Some economists estimate that the Climate Change Bill would cause farm income to decrease from \$8 billion (in the short term) to \$50 billion (long term). The cattle industry has suffered significant economic setbacks lately, and this bill would likely push many operations into insolvency.

- NCBA will work to improve the bill in the Senate.

### **APPROPRIATIONS**

The Fiscal Year 2010 Appropriations Bills are moving their way through Congress. NCBA is extremely engaged on these bills to ensure that cattlemen's priorities are well-funded and that harmful provisions are not included. Below is a breakdown of some of the biggest issues in the bills.

- Included in the House version of the fiscal 2010 Agriculture Appropriations Bill is a provision that effectively bans imports of some Chinese chicken products, without allowing USDA's Food Safety and Inspection Service to conduct a necessary and appropriate risk assessment on whether these imports pose any risk to American consumers. This was first enacted in the fiscal 2008 Agriculture Appropriations Bill. China recently filed a World Trade Organization challenge regarding this provision. In addition, this provision is preventing the United States from negotiating an agreement on U.S. beef exports to China, is an impediment to restoring pork exports to China and threatens existing poultry exports to that country. NCBA remains committed to food safety and fair trading practices, and is asking that senators oppose inclusion of Section 723 in the Senate version of the fiscal 2010 Agriculture Appropriations Bill.

· Two key amendments that were supported by NCBA were included in the fiscal 2010 Interior-EPA Appropriations Bill. An amendment offered by Rep. Latham (R-Iowa) would delete all funding for the EPA to require cattle operations to report greenhouse gas (GHG) emission levels from manure management systems. An amendment by Rep. Tiahrt (R-Kan.) would delete funding for the EPA to regulate GHG emissions that result from livestock production under the Clean Air Act (CAA); in other words, it would ensure cattle operations are not subject to a "cow tax". If included in the final bill, the affect of these amendments would last for a period of one year.

· The Senate version of the Interior-EPA Appropriations Bill - as passed by the Senate Appropriations Committee - included an amendment by Senator Brownback (R-Kan.) that, like the Tiahrt amendment, would delete funding to the EPA to regulate GHG emissions from livestock.

· Unfortunately, the Committee failed to pass another Brownback amendment, similar to the Latham amendment that would have deleted funding for the EPA to require cattle operations to report GHG emissions under an EPA registry.

#### **FOOD SAFETY**

· In mid-June the House Energy and Commerce Committee passed the Food Safety Enhancement Act of 2009. NCBA raised concerns about the bill because it seems to provide regulatory authority for meat products to both the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) and the USDA. During the Committee debate, members passed a manager's amendment to the bill that appears to address some of NCBA on-farm inspection concerns. However, NCBA continues to work with the Committee to ensure the final legislation does not grant the FDA duplicative regulatory responsibilities for meat and meat products that already are under the jurisdiction of USDA. Chairman Waxman has indicated the Committee will continue to refine the bill before it is considered by the full House. NCBA will remain in close contact with the Committee to ensure that clarifying language is included.

*NCBA continues to work as your voice in Washington, D.C. To contact Congress on these and other issues that are important to U.S. cattle producers, visit <http://capwiz.com/beefusa>.*

### **Time is running out!**

Are you 70 1/2 or older? Do you know someone who is 70 1/2 or older?  
Do you or they own an IRA or other tax qualified asset?  
Time is running out!

You only have until December 31, 2009 to make the most tax efficient donation to the Missouri Cattlemen Foundation that the IRS has probably ever allowed.

You will probably never have this chance again to help to children of Missouri with the help of the IRS. Yes, the IRS will help you contribute to the foundation.

Call your tax preparer and call our partners at APEX Financial LLC to find out if you

qualify for this exciting opportunity. Call 800-843-9429 or 573-876-6011 and tell them you want to talk about a Missouri Cattlemen Foundation Contribution.

Remember time is running out! You have until December 31 to take advantage of this opportunity.

## Get your Masters in Beef Advocacy

*Released by NCBA 7/6/09*

The Masters of Beef Advocacy Program is a checkoff-funded e-learning opportunity developed to assist producers across the country in becoming effective spokespersons for the industry. The program consists of six 1-hour core courses for the 2009 fiscal year: beef safety, beef nutrition, animal care, environmental stewardship, modern beef production and the beef checkoff.

Find out about joining the Beef Advocates by contacting Daren Williams at 303-694-0305 or [MBA@beef.org](mailto:MBA@beef.org).

As always, MCA Membership is the key to the success of the organization. Without producers who back our association our voice is not as strong. Ask your friend, neighbor and fellow cattlemen to join the thousands of cattlemen in supporting the Missouri Cattlemen's Association.

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