

The 2010 Nebraska Cattlemen Convention was held at the Holiday Inn in Kearney Dec 8-10. Over 500 members and guests were present to participate in committee and council meetings. Members were able to voice their concerns with issues affecting the beef industry.

Overall Nebraska Cattlemen membership in each of the six committees: Animal Health & Nutrition, Brand & Property Rights, Education, Marketing & Commerce, Natural Resources & Environment, and Taxation reviewed and established policy on over 140 issues.

Nebraska Cattlemen membership had discussion on new policy concerning trichomoniasis (trich), embryo transfers, brand inspection and trade issues. In the end the policies approved on these issues are:

Nebraska Cattlemen work for legislation or state veterinarian regulations that will mandate (1) notification of neighbors when a herd has tested positive for Trich; (2) all leased non-virgin bulls need to be tested negative, concurrent with state import requirements, for Trich before they can be "turned out"; (3) only virgin bulls or bulls which have tested negative for Trich, concurrent with state import requirements, and are accompanied by a veterinarian certificate stating such can be sold as breeding bulls; all others must go to harvest.

Nebraska Cattlemen supports the ability of a person with a minimum of a masters degree in reproductive physiology to conduct bovine non-surgical embryo technology activities in the state of Nebraska.

Nebraska Cattlemen supports the Nebraska Brand Committee seeking authority to assess a surcharge not to exceed \$20 per local inspection stop.

Nebraska Cattlemen strongly insists Congress immediately ratify the South Korean Free Trade Agreement.

Nebraska Cattlemen is opposed to the proposed GIPSA Rule 75 Fed. Reg. 35338-35354 (June

22, 2010).

A new resolution concerning the elimination of brand inspection was narrowly passed by the Brand and Property Rights Committee; however after elaborate discussion at the annual business meeting the membership decided to table the proposed policy in order for Nebraska Cattlemen to host informational and educational meetings across the state and gather input from the producers and be prepared to discuss the relevance of brand inspection at the 2011 Nebraska Cattlemen Convention.