

# U.S. CATTLEMEN'S ASSN: 2019 ACHIEVEMENTS

- ✓ Worked with Congress to introduce three bills focused on Truth in Labeling efforts: the REAL Meat Act, U.S. Beef Integrity Act, and a resolution on country-of-origin labeling.
- ✓ Assured another one-year delay of implementation of Electronic Logging Devices (ELDs) for livestock haulers. Introduced bills to offer additional regulatory flexibility.
- ✓ In partnership with Kansas State University, secured our first contract with the Beef Checkoff program to deliver on beef market research priorities, including the retail impact of alternative proteins.
- ✓ Participated in discussions with the Administration on the removal of the gray wolf from the endangered species list, the reintroduction of grizzly bears in the Northern Cascades Ecosystem, the implementation of targeted grazing projects, and the overpopulation of wild horses and burros on public lands.

## NOTABLE PAST ACHIEVEMENTS

According to senior FDA officials, our petition for rulemaking to define "beef" and "meat" was the "catalyst" for the national conversation on alternative protein labeling.

USCA lobbied for stakeholder sessions to be held prior to the 2020 Mandatory Price Reporting Reauthorization. These sessions proved critical in bringing the industry together to discuss needed program changes.

In a 2015 Senate Agriculture Committee hearing, we were the first to lead industry discussion regarding the need for increased regulatory flexibility for livestock haulers within the restrictive Hours-of-Service rules.

USCA requested - and received - up to \$6 million to be used by cattle producers to help offset the costs associated with eradicating cattle fever ticks in southern states.

In 2017, USCA urged the Administration to halt the importation of Brazilian beef. Shortly thereafter, Secretary Perdue announced the closure of our borders to Brazilian beef.

USCA worked with other organizations to secure critical Congressional support for exempting livestock producers from having to report their "emissions" to the EPA under a rouge CERCLA provision.

USCA worked with CME Group and the Commodity Futures Trading Commission to add additional deliverable supply capacity to the Live Cattle Futures Contract.

Following the Atlas Blizzard of 2013, USCA successfully lobbied for retroactive payments for livestock losses through several different programs in the 2014 Farm Bill.