



NCBA: The Voice of the U.S. Cattle Industry

# National Cattlemen's Beef Association

## 2009 Priority Issues

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### Trade

- Opening markets for U.S. beef
- Expanding market access in Korea and Japan
- Passing the FTAs with Korea, Panama, and Colombia

#### Did You Know?

Exports add about \$180 to each of the roughly 27 million steers and heifers marketed annually

### Taxes

- Eliminating the Death Tax
- Reducing the Alternative Minimum Tax
- Reducing the Capital Gains Tax

#### Did You Know?

15 percent of cattle producers operate businesses that have been in the family for more than 100 years

### Food Safety and Nutrition

- Maintaining consumer confidence
- Using science-based strategies to ensure food safety
- Ensuring protein and lean beef are recognized as good source of nutrition in the 2010 Dietary Guidelines

### Renewable Fuels

- Ending government intervention in the market for feedstocks
- NCBA Supports renewable energy development, but believes that subsidizing one industry at the expense of another is detrimental to our food and fuel objectives

#### Did You Know?

Because of high corn prices, cattle producers have suffered a record of nearly \$1.5 billion in feeding losses between January and June of 2008

### Environmental Regulations

- Implementing Clean Water Act CAFO rule
- Preventing Congressional efforts to redefine "Waters of the United States"
- Preventing Dust from being regulated under the Clean Air Act
- Farms are not factories and shouldn't be regulated as such

