

**ACA Executive Board
Emergency COVID-19 Conference Call**

Resolution for:

Approving disaster relief payments stemming from the COVID-19 outbreak for cattle producers in Arkansas.

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WHEREAS, the United States and Arkansas governments are taking emergency actions to curb the spread of the COVID-19 virus; and

WHEREAS, as a result of the global COVID-19 pandemic, the United States and Arkansas beef cattle industry is under negative and uncertain market conditions; and

WHEREAS, the futures market has become altogether disconnected from cutout value for live cattle; and

WHEREAS, ACA has longstanding policy stating “We urge the ACA to vigorously support legislative efforts to correct inequalities in the Livestock Assistance Program. We recommend that the ACA take a leadership role in obtaining a larger portion of farm programs for beef producers and getting disaster payments to producers in a timelier manner”: and

BE IT RESOLVED ACA supports both a state and federal emergency declaration for agriculture; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED ACA calls upon the US packing industry to consider the cutout values for beef rather than the futures trade and offer reflective prices for live cattle; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED ACA calls for immediate funding to USDA for program(s) to provide relief to livestock producers as a result of the current negative and extremely volatile market. Relief could include but not be limited to direct payments, low and no interest loans and/or other types of indemnity.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED ACA membership will review and modify this policy at the next Annual ACA Convention and Trade Show.