



# POLICY BOOK

Constitution of the Arkansas Cattlemen's Association, Article VII, Control  
...The Board of Directors (State Board), shall have control of its policies...

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# **Arkansas Cattlemen’s Association 2022 Policy Adopted by the State Board at the 2022 Convention (3rd Quarter Board Meeting 2022)**

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*ACA Original Ag Policy (First 34 Articles, no sunset clause)*

## **ACA OAgP 1. National Association Membership**

Whereas; a strong viable national organization is necessary to protect our interests on the national level.

Whereas; a unified voice at the national level is essential to our industry.

Therefore, be it resolved; ACA members are encouraged to join the National Cattlemen’s Beef Association.

## **ACA OAgP 2. Arkansas and National Beef Checkoff**

Whereas; the Arkansas and National Beef Checkoff has been instrumental in raising demand for beef.

Whereas; the advertising policy of the Arkansas Beef Council and the Cattlemen’s Beef Board has been effective in promoting the consumption of beef.

Whereas; the Arkansas Beef Council and Cattlemen’s Beef Board should continue to use a portion of our checkoff dollars for beef advertising.

Whereas; the Beef Checkoff program is essential to the future of the beef industry.

Therefore, be it resolved; the ACA supports the continuation of the National Beef Checkoff Program.

Be it further resolved; the ACA supports the continuation of the Arkansas Beef Checkoff.

## **ACA OAgP 3. Private Property**

Whereas; the ACA believes that the right to private property is one of cattle producers most sacred rights.

Whereas; the right of an individual to own and manage private property is protected by the federal and state constitutions.

Therefore, be it resolved; the ACA opposes any efforts to develop a land use plan for rural areas of our state that does not protect agricultural rights.

Be it further resolved; the ACA opposes any governmental decree that limits the use or value of a landowner’s land without just compensation for said loss of use or value by the government that is involved.

Be it further resolved; the ACA will vigorously defend the rights of individuals in the management of land, water, and other resources that are on properties owned by said individual.

## **ACA OAgP 4. Political Policy**

Whereas; the ACA mission statement makes this association non-partisan.

Whereas; the ACA mission statement directs this association to defend our industry against unscientific charges.

Whereas; the Arkansas Cattlemen's Association and its publication, Arkansas Cattle Business, should not be used to endorse any political candidate.

Therefore, be it resolved; the ACA opposes any action or opinions expressed which might jeopardize its non-partisan nature.

Be it further resolved; the ACA will actively oppose any legislation or regulation deemed by the Legislative Committee and/or current policy to be harmful to our membership and our industry.

Be it further resolved; the ACA will actively support legislation or regulation deemed by the Legislative Committee and/or current policy to be beneficial to our membership and our industry.

## **ACA OAgP 5. Subsidized Beef**

Whereas; subsidized beef negatively affects market forces, whether it is imports or domestic beef.

Whereas; whole herd buy-outs is an example of subsidized beef.

Therefore, be it resolved; the ACA opposes subsidized beef.

Be it further resolved; the ACA supports whole herd buy-outs in the realm of disease control only.

## **ACA OAgP 6. Federal & State Land Acquisition**

Whereas; the United States government owns approximately 3.16 million acres in Arkansas.

Whereas; the Arkansas state government owns approximately 652,500 acres.

Whereas; land held by the state and federal governments is detrimental to the county tax base.

Whereas; land held by the state and federal governments can be detrimental to private landowners.

Therefore, be it resolved; the ACA is opposed to any government agencies purchasing additional lands in counties where any government agency is the dominant landowner.

Be it further resolved; the ACA is opposed to federal land acquisition and will work for the repeal of state laws that allow "blanket permission" for federal acquisitions.

Be it further resolved; the ACA will seek legislation requiring that a landowner be notified in writing prior to the onset of land condemnation proceedings, and prior to the potential for destroying any crops.

Be it further resolved; any lands taken by eminent domain, condemnation, or threat of condemnation which ceases to be used for the purpose for which it was obtained, the previous landowner or successor in title, should have first and immediate rights to purchase said land.

## **ACA OAgP 7. Right-To-Work**

Whereas; Arkansas is a Right-To-Work state.

Whereas; forced unionization could harm the ability of producers to secure labor.

Therefore, be it resolved; the ACA supports the Arkansas Right-To-Work Law.

Be it further resolved; the ACA is opposed to any legislation that extends the federal authorization of compulsory unionism to agricultural employees or to any other employees not covered by such a provision.

## **ACA OAgP 8. State Taxes**

Whereas; the tax liabilities of cattle producers are of great concern.

Whereas; tax liabilities can impact succession plans and the ability of future generations to maintain their operations.

Whereas; the current Arkansas agriculture sales tax exemptions for agriculture are essential for all of agriculture to remain in operation

Whereas; appropriations and some tax increase bills need an extraordinary majority of 75 percent to pass in Arkansas

Therefore, be it resolved; the ACA urges the Arkansas Legislature to develop a more equitable structure for property taxes.

Be it further resolved; we oppose any effort to remove the Arkansas agriculture sales tax exemptions.

Be it further resolved; the ACA is opposed to lowering the number of votes needed in the Arkansas Legislature to increase taxes.

Be it further resolved; the ACA will work with the legislature to establish a procedure that allows only a real estate property owner to vote on real estate property tax increases.

## **ACA OAgP 9. Federal Taxes**

Whereas; federal taxes are one the largest expenses for cattle producers.

Whereas; federal tax code is cumbersome.

Whereas; step-up tax basis is central to the ability of future generations to continue family operations.

Whereas; inheritance tax place the ability of future generations to continue family operations at risk.

Therefore, be it resolved; the ACA will work with the Arkansas federal delegation to eliminate or reduce the inheritance tax, lower capital gains tax, and to reinstate investment credits and allowance for all losses on farming activities including passive losses.

Be it further resolved; the ACA opposes any efforts to end the step-up tax basis, increase inheritance tax, raise capital gains tax, or raise any other detrimental taxes.

## **ACA OAgP 10. Telecommunications**

Whereas; agriculture is becoming increasingly reliant on access to reliable internet services.

Whereas: Arkansas lags behind other states in access to reliable internet services.

Therefore, be it resolved; the ACA urges private industry and the Public Service Commission to make local Internet access and broadband available to all rural areas of the state.

## **ACA OAgP 11. Pesticide Application**

Whereas; proper pesticide application is an important forage management tool.

Whereas; Arkansas cattle producers battle insects and weeds.

Therefore, be it resolved; the ACA commends the State Plant Board and the University of Arkansas Cooperative Extension Service in their efforts to educate and license pesticide applicators.

Be it further resolved; the ACA supports the State Plant Board in its policy of levying fines on applicators who misuse pesticides.

Be it further resolved; the ACA urges government, private contractors, and/or public utilities that periodically engage in pest control, to notify landowners affected by such control, of the time and the particular herbicide or pesticide used, thus allowing land owners the opportunity to adhere to any withholding requirements.

## **ACA OAgP 12. Animal Waste Management & Litter Disposal**

Whereas; many cattle producers are also poultry producers.

Whereas; many cattle producers depend upon poultry litter as a fertilizer.

Therefore be it resolved; the ACA opposes any restriction on the total amount of poultry litter or animal waste that can be applied per acre unless such restriction is based on current (two years) soil test results from the University of Arkansas Soil Testing Laboratory.

Be it further resolved; the ACA supports educational programs and annual training for liquid animal waste permit holders.

## **ACA OAgP 13. Riparian Rights**

Whereas; Arkansas is blessed with an abundance of waterbodies and waterways.

Whereas; water is of critical importance to Arkansas cattle producers.

Whereas; government overregulation of water resources can significantly harm cattle producers.

Therefore, be it resolved; future water rights legislation adopted by the state or federal governments should protect riparian rights of the landowners.

Be it further resolved; governing bodies establishing riparian requirements should be controlled by local farmers and ranchers.

Be it further resolved; the ACA opposes any federal or state efforts to seek the establishment of minimum flows from any stream or river in the state.

## **ACA OAgP 14. Law Enforcement & Crime**

Whereas; the Arkansas Department of Agriculture Law Enforcement is tasked with investigating illicit activities against agriculture producers in Arkansas.

Therefore, be it resolved; the ACA supports aggressive pursuit and prosecution of persons implicated in the theft of cattle.

Be it further resolved; the ACA supports the establishment of a statewide and regional “hot line” network to assist in the apprehension and conviction of livestock thieves.

Be it further resolved; the ACA supports aggressive pursuit and prosecution of any person implicated in the theft and/or vandalism of any equipment or property of any Arkansas cattle producers.

Be it further resolved; the ACA supports additional funding for the Arkansas Department of Agriculture Law Enforcement.

Be it further resolved; the ACA supports a bill that would make the penalty for shooting a farm animal, regardless of the time of day, three times the value of the animal.

Be it further resolved; the ACA recommends that upon passage of such a bill, that a special letter to the judges and prosecuting attorneys of each district be sent by the president of ACA asking them to consider imposing this fine when sentencing criminals of this type.

## **ACA OAgP 15. Meat Imports**

Whereas; the U.S. Meat Import Act of 1979 (PL96-177) allows meat importation under specific restrictions.

Therefore, be it resolved; the ACA supports strong importation policy which is beneficial to Arkansas cattle producers.



Be it further resolved; the ACA supports monitoring the administration and enforcement of PL96-177 to assure that the safeguards for American beef producers are not being compromised.

## **ACA OAgP 16. Firearms**

Whereas; the United States Constitution second amendment protects law abiding citizens' rights to own and carry firearms.

Whereas; article 2 section 5 of the Arkansas constitution reads, "The citizens of this State shall have the right to keep and bear arms, for their common defense."

Therefore, be it resolved; the ACA is opposed to all gun and ammunition laws which attempt to control or restrict gun ownership by responsible citizens.

## **ACA OAgP 17. Media & Education**

Whereas; all media, both social and traditional forms, influence consumers and the world in which Arkansas cattle producers operate.

Whereas; education of the consumer, general public, and youth is important to the future of the cattle industry.

Therefore, be it resolved; the ACA will work together with all segments of agriculture to educate consumers and the media about the sustainable production practices used by Arkansas agricultural.

Be it further resolved; the ACA will use all means of media resources to defend against the efforts of environmental extremists, uninformed consumer activists, and others who intentionally or unintentionally harm the productivity and livelihood of farmers and ranchers.

Be it further resolved; the ACA supports the efforts of the Arkansas Cattlewomen, the Arkansas Cattlemen's Foundation and the Arkansas Beef Council in their efforts to educate the school children of our state about the beef industry.

## **ACA OAgP 18. Animal Rights**

Whereas; extremist animal rights organizations pose a threat to the livelihood of cattle producers of Arkansas and their heritage.

Whereas; extremist animal rights organizations conduct false and misleading "information" campaigns.

Therefore, be it resolved; the ACA shall monitor the actions of animal rights groups within the state.

Be it further resolved; the ACA supports appropriate and direct action be taken to prevent animal rights groups' recommendations from becoming a hindrance to beef production.

Be it further resolved; the ACA favors alliances with other organizations to protect our industry.

Be it further resolved; the ACA supports acceptable animal husbandry practices based on sound animal science.

## **ACA OAgP 19. Endangered Species**

Whereas; the United State Fish and Wildlife services have listed 32 different animal and plant species in Arkansas as threatened or endangered.

Therefore, be it resolved; the ACA recommends the Endangered Species Act of 1973, and subsequent regulations, be applied uniformly throughout the United States.

Be it further resolved; the ACA urges the careful study of economic impacts be considered before addition of any new plant or animal species to the Endangered List or Designations of Critical Habitat.

Be it further resolved; the ACA supports that compensation be made to any landowner whose economic income may be diminished by any decision regarding plant or animal habitat of an endangered or threatened species.

Be it further resolved; compensation for loss of income should be made by the governmental agency that initiates the ESA listing.

## **ACA OAgP 20. Drug Regulations**

Whereas; the availability of food animal vaccinations, antibiotics, and feed additives is important to the health of the overall herd in Arkansas and the United States.

Whereas; the proper use of FDA approved food animal vaccinations, antibiotics, and feed additives can prevent the needless morbidity of cattle.

Therefore, be it resolved; the ACA recommends that FDA general procedures and policies regarding food animal vaccines, antibiotics and feed additives should remain essentially unchanged with continuing regard for safety, science, and effectiveness.

Be it further resolved; the ACA supports legislation that any mandatory testing of any farm animal by any governmental agency (state or federal) that is cause for the animal to be destroyed, said agency will pay market price for the animals before testing.

## **ACA OAgP 21. Littering**

Whereas; Arkansas is known as the “Natural State”.

Therefore, be it resolved; the ACA supports litter cleanup.

Be it further resolved; the ACA urges that beverage containers be either returnable or recyclable.

Be it further resolved; the ACA encourages stricter enforcement of existing anti-litter laws.

Be it further resolved; the ACA recognizes the “Adopt a Highway” program as being beneficial to the environment and encourage county cattlemen’s association’s participation wherever possible.

Be it further resolved; the ACA opposes the importation of any household garbage, medical, or toxic wastes into Arkansas for disposal.

## **ACA OAgP 22. ACA Updates**

Whereas; the ACA strives to speak on behalf of the cattle producers of Arkansas in Little Rock and Washington D.C.

Whereas; the ACA is the trusted voice on legislative matters concerning cattle producers at the Capitol in Little Rock.

Whereas; communicating directly with ACA members and timely updates are critical to the association.

Therefore, be it resolved; the ACA will use all available communication tools to ensure that each county/local association legislative chairman (or president) receive timely updates during legislative sessions (or as necessary) on pending legislation and be informed of the ACA position, if established, in the legislation.

## **ACA OAgP 23. Research**

Whereas; research of our industry is important to the future success and sustainability of cattle producers.

Whereas; the University of Arkansas serves as the Land Grant institute in Arkansas.

Therefore, be it resolved; the ACA recommends that the Animal Science Department of the University of Arkansas continue to develop and demonstrate programs to support the selection of superior breeding stock.

Be it further resolved, the ACA urges the University of Arkansas to continue research and demonstrations in the areas of forage utilization, fescue endophyte management, forage species and grazing management.

Be it further resolved, the ACA supports the development of best management practices that are both producer and environmentally compatible.

Be it further resolved; the ACA recommends that the University of Arkansas and the Cooperative Extension Service concentrate their research and teaching efforts to help cattlemen produce a more consistent, consumer acceptable beef product.

Be it further resolved; the ACA supports an accelerated program of phosphorus research with emphasis on how soil type, rainfall and forage type affect the amount of soluble phosphorus that could possibly move through soils.

Be it further resolved; the ACA encourages continued research in, forage production/management, research verification projects, animal disease, parasites, reproduction efficiency, meat science, research facilities, marketing means.

Be it further resolved; the ACA supports full funding for ongoing and future research, as well as full funding of the University of Arkansas Division of Agriculture, Extension Service, and Research Stations.

Be it further resolved; the ACA supports full funding of research in the areas control and eradication of horse, horn and face flies, armyworms, fire ants, ticks, southern gnats, and buffalo gnats.

Be it further resolved; the ACA supports continued cooperative efforts in the fields of research, education, and communication with all adjoining states.

## **ACA OAgP 24. Agriculture Education**

Whereas; high school agricultural education, the Arkansas FFA organizations and Arkansas 4-H organizations are vital programs for development of the talent and leadership needed in farming and agricultural business industries.

Whereas; agriculture education is of vital importance to the future of the cattle industry.

Therefore, be it resolved, the ACA encourages the Arkansas Department of Education to provide the necessary personnel to provide leadership for complete Agricultural Education and FFA programs at the state and local levels.

Be it further resolved, the ACA recommends that school districts revise their agricultural curriculum to a level where credits in agricultural courses may be utilized as science credits, and we encourage universities to accept these agricultural credits as science credits.

Be it further resolved, the ACA supports efforts to upgrade the image of agriculture by encouraging greater recognition by local school boards and administrators and by changing the focus to Agri-Science Education.

Be it further resolved; the ACA supports adequate funding for agricultural education for all students.

## **ACA OAgP 25. Beef Quality Assurance**

Whereas; Arkansas beef producers are dedicated to producing wholesome, safe and appealing beef products.

Therefore, be it resolved; the ACA supports the Arkansas Beef Quality Assurance program and urges every ACA member to participate and to adopt practices that are compatible with the Beef Quality Assurance Program.

## **ACA OAgP 26. Extension Service**

Whereas; the ACA strongly believes that the programs of the Cooperative Extension Service and the Arkansas Cattlemen's Association play an important part in the economic and social lives of the people of Arkansas.

Whereas; the "roots" of both organizations lie in the individual counties of Arkansas.

Whereas; the extension service supports Arkansas cattle producers with the most up-to-date information and science.

Therefore, be it resolved; the ACA supports the educational efforts of County Extension Agents and solicit their continued input in addressing the concerns and goals of cattle producers of Arkansas.

Be it further resolved; the ACA supports Extension activities to get more farmers and ranchers involved with improved production and sustainability programs.

Be it further resolved; the ACA strongly supports adequate county, state and federal funding of the Cooperative

Extension Service. The ACA will assist in efforts to obtain adequate funding for the Division of Agriculture to meet the needs of agricultural research.

Be it further resolved; the ACA supports the continued utilization of the livestock and forage research located at Hope, Batesville and University of Arkansas at Fayetteville.

Be it further resolved; the ACA supports agriculture education programs designed for the youth of Arkansas.

## **ACA OAgP 27. Conservation District Boards**

Whereas; conservation districts serve the soil and water conservation needs of the people of Arkansas.

Whereas; conservation districts keep decision making on soil and water conservation matters at the local level.

Whereas; each district is governed by a board of five directors who serve without pay.

Therefore, be it resolved; the ACA supports full funding of the conservation district boards as they provide a “go-between” for cattle producers and government entities.

## **ACA OAgP 28. Biotechnological Development**

Whereas; biotechnology development is happening at a rapid pace.

Therefore, be it resolved; the ACA will continue to monitor developments and maintain the rights of individual beef producers to participate in the use of new strains and other advances that may result from biotechnological research.

## **ACA OAgP 29. Disease Control**

Whereas; Arkansas currently has a Brucellosis Class A free status.

Whereas; the herd health of Arkansas cattle is of paramount importance to the industry

Therefore, be it resolved; the ACA supports the Arkansas Livestock and Poultry Commission in its efforts to keep brucellosis under control and to maintain our state’s Class A Free Status.

Be it further resolved; the ACA strongly urges cattle producers in the state to calfhooed vaccinate heifers for brucellosis and support full funding of the program.

Be it further resolved; the ACA supports full funding of the Livestock and Poultry Commission’s Bovine Disease Control and Eradication Program of all bovine disease.

Be it further resolved; the ACA supports the establishment of a business within the state of Arkansas for the purpose of disposal of large animal carcasses.

## **ACA OAgP 30. Game & Fish Commission**

Whereas; the Arkansas Game and Fish Commission is the regulatory body for matters relating to Arkansas fish and game laws and regulations.

Whereas; hunting is a revered Arkansas tradition.

Whereas; hunting regulations are meant for the enjoyment and protection of all involved.

Therefore, be it resolved; the ACA urges the Arkansas Game and Fish Commission to hold multiple public hearings in any area prior to the release of any non-domestic animals, which could potentially be detrimental or have an adverse effect on livestock production. This is to include but not limited to, venomous snakes, wolves, panthers, bears, elk or any other animal of this kind.

Be it further resolved; ACA supports a land-owning cattle producer as a member of the Game and Fish Commission.

Be it further resolved; the ACA supports strict enforcement of existing hunting laws, especially those concerning hunting from public roads.

## **ACA OAgP 31. Predator Control**

Whereas; predators such as coyotes, black headed vultures, and other detrimental species can cause significant damage to cattle herds.

Therefore, be it resolved; the ACA supports a more aggressive control system for predators, both domestic and wild.

Be it further resolved; the ACA supports legislation which would protect owners of livestock from criminal prosecution when taking measures, including the killing of such animals, to protect their family, livestock, or other valuable property.

## **ACA OAgP 32. Electric Deregulation**

Whereas; electrical regulations are managed by the Arkansas Public Service Commission.

Whereas; many cattle producers do not have the opportunity to choose their electricity provider.

Therefore, be it resolved; the ACA opposes electrical deregulate for the foreseeable future. ACA will work against legislative efforts to de-regulate the electrical industry.

## **ACA OAgP 33. Governmental Programs**

Whereas; in cases of extreme duress, cattle producers need governmental assistance.

Whereas; local FSA and NRCS offices are responsible for assisting producers to receive this assistance.

Therefore, be it resolved; the ACA opposes any further closings, consolidation, or any reduction in service of local USDA service centers or further diminishment of locally elected FSA county committees.

Be it further resolved; the ACA supports the Livestock Disaster Assistance Program.

Be it further resolved; the ACA supports the Noninsured Disaster Assistance Program.

Be it further resolved; the ACA supports local control of federal farm programs through the farmer elected Farm Service Agency County Committees.

Be it further resolved; the ACA supports legislative efforts to correct inequities in the Livestock Assistance Program.

Be it further resolved; the ACA supports larger portions of farm programs for beef producers and delivering disaster payments to producers in a timelier manner.

### **ACA OAgP 34. Commendations**

The ACA thanks Bernie Freeman as the 2019-2021 ACA President and Jerry Stamps as the 1st Vice President & Membership Chairman.

# Current Agriculture Policy

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## **Resolution Regarding Trichomoniasis (Bovine Sexually Transmitted Disease);**

Actions:

- **ACA CAgP 1 New Policy 8-10-12**
- **ACA CAgP 1 Renewed Policy 8-7-2015**
- **Recommended amended by Policy & Legislative Committee and approved by State Board 12-17-2016**
- **ACA CAgp 1 Renewed Policy 8-30-2019**
- **ACA CAgp 1 Renewed 7-30-2022**

Whereas; Trichomoniasis is a contagious venereal protozoan that frequently results in lifetime infection of male bovines as an unapparent carrier and causes infertility, abortions and reproductive inefficiency in female bovines.

Whereas; To date there are no vaccinations or treatments for male bovines for the prevention or cure of trichomoniasis.

Whereas; Trichomoniasis can cause significant loss of calf crop in infected herds.

Therefore, be it resolved; the ACA supports the Livestock & Poultry Commission actions to regulate the interstate and intrastate movement and change of ownership of all breeding age bulls through testing for Trichomoniasis; with an exemption for certified virgin bulls under 24 months of age.

Be it further resolved; the ACA supports education and communication for producers and buyers regarding trichomoniasis exposed and open cows.

## **Resolution Regarding Representation to the State Plant Board;**

Actions:

- **ACA CAgP 2 New Policy 8-23-2013**
- **ACA CAgP 2 Amended & Renewed 8-13-2016**
- **ACA CAgP 2 Renewed 8-30-2019**
- **ACA CAgP 2 Renewed 7-30-2022**

Whereas; The livestock industry in the State of Arkansas has lacked representation on the State Plant Board in the past.

Whereas; The State Plant Board is a regulatory agency that regulates different aspects of the livestock industry.

Therefore, be it resolved; The ACA is directed to maintain representation on the State Plant Board by maintaining in statute two seats; one of which to represent livestock interests and one of which to represent livestock forage interest.



## **Resolution Regarding Feral Hogs;**

Actions:

- **ACA CAgP 3 New Policy 8-23-2013**
- **ACA CAgP 3 Amended & Renewed 8-13-2016**
- **ACA CAgP 3 Renewed 8-30-2019**
- **ACA CAgP 3 Renewed 7-30-2022**

Whereas; feral hogs are now present in all 75 counties.

Whereas; feral hogs have become a nuisance and are detrimental to agriculture operations.

Therefore, be it resolved; The ACA is directed to seek and maintain legislative and regulatory action to eliminate the feral swine population.

## **Resolution Regarding 2-4-D Usage on Crowley Ridge;**

Actions:

- **ACA CAgP 4 New Policy 8-23-2013**
- **ACA CAgP 4 Renewed 8-13-2016**
- **ACA CAgP 4 Renewed 8-30-2019**
- **ACA CAgP 4 Renewed 7-30-2022**

Whereas; 2-4-D is prohibited in 10 counties on Crowley Ridge after April 15, exempt by special use permit.

Whereas; 2-4-D is a cost-effective pesticide for pasture use.

Whereas; 2-4-D that is applied by ground and hand sprayers, we believe, is not a contributor to drift that effects cotton.

Therefore, be it resolved; The ACA is directed to work with the State Plant Board to seek exemptions for 2-4D use after April 15 for ground and hand sprayers.

## **Resolution Regarding Oil & Gas Pit Fencing;**

Actions:

- **ACA CAgP 5 New Policy 8-23-2013**
- **ACA CAgP 5 Renewed 8-13-2016**
- **ACA CAgP 5 Renewed 8-13-2019**
- **ACA CAgP 5 Renewed 7-30-2022**

Whereas; currently, there are no requirements for protections on pit reserves.

Whereas; during periods of extreme drought the potential for these pits to become more hazardous due to the potential for livestock to water from the fluids.

Whereas; as farmers and cattlemen, we understand how important fencing is to control the areas our livestock can access. We also understand how easy it is to take down and move these fences.

Whereas; this is a very important best management practice, cost-effective, and pro-active solution to a potential hazard and it shows a high level of stewardship on all the stakeholders' behalf.

Therefore, be it Resolved; the ACA recommends that oil and gas companies use a temporary fencing system that remains around a pit until its reclamation. While the well is in production, there is an opening for any staging that needs to take place. That opening would be closed once production finishes.

We recommend this as a very important best management

## **Resolution Regarding the American Black Vulture;**

Actions:

- **ACA CAgP 6 New Policy 12-17-2017**
- **ACA CAgP 6 Renewed 07-31-2021**

Whereas; American Black Vultures have caused proven and documented depredation in the cattle industry.

Whereas; American Black Vultures are protected under the Migratory Bird Treaty Act enforced by USFWS.

Whereas; there is a “take” permit available to producers through USDA/APHIS for \$100 for up to thirty birds for one year.

Therefore be it resolved; the ACA will work with the USFWS to research, document, and prove, the economic impacts of loss to cattle producers, the decline of migration of the American Black Vulture, the increased population of the American Black Vulture, and the need for the American Black Vulture to be removed from the Migratory Bird Treaty Act.

Be it further resolved; be it resolved; the ACA will work with the USDA/APHIS to ease the restrictions and limitations of the process for the take permit and to up the number of birds allowed under the take permit to be taken.

## **Resolution Regarding Funding for District Fairs;**

Actions:

- **ACA CAgP 7 New Policy 07-31-2021**

Whereas; district fairs are an integral part of rural communities.

Whereas; district fairs provide cattle producers the opportunity to educate the general public about the cattle industry.

Whereas; many livestock youth participate in district fairs.

Therefore, be it resolved; the ACA supports full and adequate funding for Arkansas district fairs.

