

IDAHO CATTLE ASSOCIATION EXECUTIVE UPDATE

We have hit the annual bull sale season. The bids are flying and the hammer is falling on many bulls across our state in the upcoming weeks. This gives the ICA an opportunity to find ourselves in areas across our state where producers are gathered. We have put an effort in to make sure we travel to the producers to assure they have the opportunity to educate our board and staff on concerns and accomplishments we are working toward as an industry. If you see an individual wearing an ICA jacket, flag them down and let them know how we can work to make sure the voice of our industry is being heard in Boise, DC, and across the Nation.

- Cameron Mulrony

Idaho Cattle Association's Legislative Roundup



S1082 STATE BRAND BOARD Amends ownership and transportation certification and brand inspection fee provisions for horses, mules, and asses; creates and equine farm service fee as follows:

- Increasing Ownership and Transportation Certificate fee cap from \$35.00 to \$75.00
- Increasing Brand Inspection fee cap from \$1.50 to \$10.00
- Implementing an Equine Farm Service fee capped at \$55.00 to be charged in the case that a brand inspector must travel from their assigned post to complete a brand inspection certificate which fee shall be in addition to any certificate or written permit requested by the owner. Livestock auctions and feedlots, currently approved by the Idaho state department of agriculture, are exempt from the equine farm service fee.

The bill passed the Senate Agricultural Affairs Committee unanimously last week and will receive a hearing on the Senate floor this week. This legislation was proposed by horse industry groups to help address the fiscal shortcomings which horse inspections create for the brand department. **ICA SUPPORTS**

S1039 IDAHO WOLF DEPREDATION CONTROL BOARD - Removes the sunset provisions by repealing section 22-5307 and amending sections to enable the continued assessment at time of brand renewal, wool assessment, and sportsman contribution from fish and game commission Wildlife Fees. S1039 passed the Senate 30 – 5 and the House floor 51 – 19 and will now go to the governor to be signed into law. The Freedom Foundation and Democrats seem to be the only opposition to the bill, stating a desire for non-lethal wolf control and claiming inefficiencies. It is important to remember on both these points that this board was established to be a resource to remove those wolves which are causing depredation problems. In doing so, it costs more to confirm depredation, locate and remove those wolves than simply removing any wolf. Additionally, non-lethal removal of a depredating wolf serves no net benefit as that wolf will be back causing a depredation problem. ICA continues to support reimbursement to trappers removing wolves and an overall objective of lowering wolf populations, however in addition we believe that we must keep the Wolf Depredation Control Board in tact to best serve Idaho's livestock industry. **ICA SUPPORTS**

H0080 FISH AND GAME DAMAGE COMPENSATION – Provides compensation for damage to prepared seedbeds and irrigation equipment including necessary labor and parts from the Fish and Game depredation account. The bill passed the House 68-0-2 and will now be heard by Senate Resources. **ICA SUPPORTS**

S1089 FISH AND GAME INTERFERENCE – Amends existing law to prohibit "interference" with hunting, fishing, or wildlife control. This bill is a product of the Wildlife Federation and wrought with problematic language for land owners. In particular it attempts to make it illegal to post your privately-owned land if you have an easement, access agreement, or right-of-way. Most concerning is language attempting to prohibit "willfully obstruction, block, or otherwise interfere" with access to public land, streams, or private land with use agreements because any livestock gate could be construed as a willful obstruction especially if it performs the obstruction that it was designed to do, hold livestock in. This bill is up for a hearing in Senate Resources and Environment Committee on Monday February 25th. **ICA OPPOSES**

BLM AND FOREST SERVICE GRAZING FEES LOWERED IN 2019

"WASHINGTON - The Federal grazing fee for 2019 will drop to \$1.35 per animal unit month (AUM) for public lands administered by the Bureau of Land Management and \$1.35 per head month (HM) for lands managed by the USDA Forest Service. This represents a decrease from the 2018 Federal grazing fee of \$1.41 per AUM."

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ARE YOU READY?

The poster features a rustic wooden background. At the top, the text '7TH ANNUAL' is in a large, stylized font, followed by 'IDAHO CATTLE ASSOCIATION' and 'GRASS FUTURITY' in a bold, sans-serif font. Below this is a row of six grey stars. In the center, a white rectangular box contains the text 'LAST YEAR WE PAID OUT OVER' followed by '\$15,000' in large green letters. Below the money is a silhouette of the state of Idaho with a cow grazing in a field in front of it. At the bottom of the box is the Idaho Cattle Association logo and the text 'Grass Futurity'. At the very bottom of the poster, the text 'ARE YOU READY?' is written in a large, white, distressed font.

For more information and entry forms please click [HERE](#).

Upcoming Preferred Plus & Preferred Sales

THE ADAMS CONNECTION (PREFERRED PLUS)

March 6, 2019

78 Angus bulls & 24 Lim/Flex bulls. Sale starts at 1pm at 93 Rich Lane, Blackfoot, ID (just off of hwy 91.) The Adams Connection is a Preferred Plus sale, which means any ICA member who purchases a bull here will receive \$50 off the sale price of a bull that sells for \$3000 or more.

SPRING COVE (PREFERRED PLUS)

March 10th & 11th, 2019

100 year celebration -- 200 Angus bulls and 100 Angus Females. 269 Spring Cove Rd Bliss, Idaho 8331, Call: 208-352-4332 or Email: info@springcoveranch.com for more information. As an ICA **Preferred Plus** sale, members will receive a \$50 credit towards the purchase of their bull(s).

LEADORE ANGUS RANCH (PREFERRED PLUS)

March 15, 2019

Sale at 1pm, 29 Tyler Lane, Leadore, ID 83464. For more information visit their website or call Jay Smith at 208-940-1020 or Charlie Stipe 406-239-1696. Leadore Angus is a Preferred Plus sale, which means any ICA member who purchases a bull here will receive \$50 off the sale price of a bull that sells for \$3000 or more.

Thank you to all of our new and renewed members!



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