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Jones, Voogt elected to leadership positions

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DENVER, CO (Feb. 7, 2006) — Larry Jones, a third-generation beef producer from Holcomb, Kan., was elected chairman of the Federation of State Beef Councils Division of the National Cattlemen's Beef Association (NCBA) at the organization's annual meeting in Denver. Gary Voogt, an owner/operator of a registered Angus operation near Grand Rapids, Mich., was elected vice chairman.

The Federation brings producer leaders from the 45 qualified state beef councils together at the national level to serve on national joint checkoff committees and provide direction for national programs. Qualified state beef councils collect the \$1-per-head checkoff. In-state boards direct spending of half of each dollar, sending the other half to the Cattlemen's Beef Promotion and Research Board (CBB).

Ten elected representatives from the Federation also serve on the 20-member Beef Promotion Operating Committee, which reviews and approves all checkoff-funded expenditures for national and international checkoff programs. The

other half of the Operating Committee is elected from the CBB. Checkoff spending must also be approved by the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA).

Jones, a cattle feeder, backgrounder and commercial cow-calf operator, has been an industry volunteer leader for more than 20 years. He was president of the Kansas Livestock Association (KLA) in 2003, and has served in numerous KLA and NCBA leadership positions. He was on the Operating Committee in 2005 and has been an NCBA Federation board member since 1996. Jones is a past chairman of the Kansas Beef Council.

Voogt is a seedstock producer who has contributed much of his time to organizations that serve cattle producers. He was president of the Michigan Cattlemen's Association in 1997, and was chairman of the Michigan Beef Industry Commission from 1992-1995. He continues to serve as a director of the Commission. Voogt has served on the NCBA Executive Committee since 2003 and the Beef Checkoff Working Group since 2004.



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