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## **U.S. Cattle Producers Reaffirm Policy Priorities**

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"The members of NCBA are vocal advocates for the cattle industry, dedicated to leading a complex array of policy issues."

— Jay Truitt

WASHINGTON, D.C. (Feb. 9, 2006) — Thousands of National Cattlemen's Beef Association (NCBA) members from across the nation joined forces at the 2006 Cattle Industry Annual Convention and Trade Show in Denver, Colo., to address key policy issues affecting the industry.

Policy resolutions were passed at the committee level and brought to the NCBA Board of Directors meeting and NCBA Membership meeting Feb. 3 and 4.

Representatives from each state affiliate and NCBA memberorganization voted to approve renewal of various existing policies, while also adding new policy resolutions.

"This year, much of the attention was focused on cattle health priorities, international trade issues, environmental policy, animal identification (ID), and renewing existing tax policy," says

Jay Truitt, NCBA vice president of government affairs. "The policy resolutions approved at the meeting are not final, of course, until the mail-in membership ballots have been collected and counted."

The NCBA Policy Summary Report from the 2006 Cattle Industry Annual Convention details more than 75 policy renewals, resolutions and amendments for 2006 that were passed by NCBA members attending the convention.

The full NCBA Policy Summary Report is now available at: http://hill.beef.org/2006potentialpolicy.

Full NCBA membership now has the opportunity to confirm or reverse each policy through a mailin ballot process. Once the mailin ballots have been collected and counted, the updated NCBA 2006 Policy Book will be available online at <a href="http://hill.beef.org">http://hill.beef.org</a> and distributed.



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