



COVID Relief & Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2021 Overview December 2020

NOTE: This analysis is not a comprehensive overview of the bill in its entirety. For reference, the bill text is [here](#).

The massive bill —5,593 pages of text—includes various provisions related to healthcare, financial assistance to the public and businesses, transportation, education, and much more. The price tag of the coronavirus relief package is \$900 billion, with an additional \$1.4 trillion dedicated to the omnibus spending bill for fiscal year 2021. A \$13 billion allocation is directed to support farmers, ranchers, and processors impacted by COVID-19.

Notable provisions for Iowa Cattlemen’s Association members:

Livestock Mandatory Reporting (LMR) is extended through September 30, 2021.

The Iowa Cattlemen’s Association has strongly advocated for an extension to LMR to provide much-needed time for the cattle industry to develop consensus on a solution aimed at providing additional price discovery and transparency to our cattle markets. We’ve led efforts to support a legislative or regulatory fix, but recognize the importance of vetting all options to determine the best possible solution for the beef cattle industry.

The Securing All Livestock Equitably (SALE) Act of 2020 is included, which establishes a livestock dealer trust to benefit unpaid sellers of livestock.

At Leadership Summit in December 2019, the Iowa Cattlemen’s Association passed a resolution that supported the creation of a Dealer Statutory Trust to give unpaid cash sellers first priority in livestock and the proceeds or accounts receivable from the sale of such livestock prior to other creditors.

The Secretary of Agriculture is provided \$20 million to improve and maintain animal disease prevention and response.

Foreign animal disease preparedness remains a top-priority for the Iowa Cattlemen’s Association. Our current policies support the development of comprehensive federal, state, and local emergency response plans, alongside the work of the Center for Food Security and Public Health and the Secure Beef Supply Plan.

Electronic Logging Device (ELD) enforcement for livestock haulers is delayed through September 30, 2021.

Due to the risks and liabilities assumed by producers and haulers when transporting livestock over long distances, the Iowa Cattlemen’s Association supports an exemption of ELD requirements for livestock haulers. While this does not provide a formal exemption, it does provide flexibility to livestock haulers in the current.

Support for local meat processors is included.

The bill allocates \$60 million to provide facility upgrade and planning grants to existing meat and poultry processors to help them become federally-inspected and allow for interstate shipment of products. This concept was initially proposed in the Requiring Assistance to Meat Processors for Upgrading Plants (RAMP-UP) Act. The bill also asserts that the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) must work with states to identify improvements to the Cooperative Interstate Shipment (CIS) Program. In May 2020, Iowa Secretary of Agriculture Naig finalized a CIS agreement with the USDA Food Safety Inspection Service (FSIS). This agreement provides an opportunity for state-inspected meat and poultry processors to sell their products across state lines.

COVID-19 Assistance for Cattle Producers

Applicable time period: April 16, 2020 - May 14, 2020

FED CATTLE

[Inventory between APR 16 - MAY 14] x [.5] x [CARES Act sales rate - CFAP 1 CCC inventory rate - CFAP 2 inventory rate]

Fed cattle example: Inventory x .5(214-33-55) = \$63.00/hd

FEEDER CATTLE (<600 lbs)

[Inventory between APR 16 - MAY 14] x [.5] x [CARES Act sales rate - CFAP 1 CCC inventory rate - CFAP 2 inventory rate]

Feeder cattle (less than 600 lbs.) example: Inventory x .5 x (102-33-55) = \$7.00/hd

FEEDER CATTLE (>600 lbs)

[Inventory between APR 16 - MAY 14] x [.5] x [CARES Act sales rate - CFAP 1 CCC inventory rate - CFAP 2 inventory rate]

Feeder cattle (600 lbs. +) example: Inventory x .5 x (139-33-55) = \$25.50/hd

MATURE CATTLE (includes cull cows)

[Inventory between APR 16 - MAY 14] x [.25] x [CARES Act sales rate - CFAP 1 CCC inventory rate - CFAP 2 inventory rate]

Mature cattle example: Inventory x .25 x (92-33) = \$14.75/hd

ALL OTHER CATTLE (breeding stock)

[Inventory between APR 16 - MAY 14] x [.25] x [CARES Act sales rate - CFAP 1 CCC inventory rate - CFAP 2 inventory rate]

All Other Cattle (breeding stock) example: Inventory x .25 x (102-33) = \$17.25/hd

NOTE: There were no CFAP 2 payments for cull cows or breeding stock.

Commodity	Definition	Unit	CARES Act payment rate (\$/unit)	CCC payment rate (\$/unit)	CFAP 2 inventory rate (\$/unit)
Slaughter cattle—mature cattle	Culled cattle raised or maintained for breeding purposes, but which were removed from inventory & are intended for slaughter	head	92	33	0
Slaughter cattle—fed cattle	Cattle w/ an avg. weight in excess of 1,400 lbs. which yield carcass weights in excess of 800 lbs. & are intended for slaughter	head	214	33	55
Feeder cattle less than 600 pounds	Cattle weighing less than 600 lbs.	head	102	33	55
Feeder cattle 600 pounds or more	Cattle weighing more than 600 lbs. but less than the weight of slaughter cattle-fed cattle	head	139	33	55
All other cattle (breeding stock)	Commercially raised bovine animals, excluding beefalo, bison, & animals used for dairy production or intended for dairy production	head	102	33	0