



IOWA CATTLEMEN'S ASSOCIATION

# 2026 STATE POLICY PRIORITIES

## Private Property Rights

- Vigorously oppose the use of eminent domain for private use across all projects
- Reduce landowner impact from new projects wherever feasible, including codifying land restoration standards

## Favorable Tax Environment for Producers

Iowa's cattle industry should not unfairly and disproportionately carry tax burden

- Significantly reduce or eliminate the Fruit & Forest Tree Reserve Tax Exemption
- Create sales tax exemption for building materials for single-use barns
- Preserve the livestock capital gains tax deduction

## Foreign Animal Disease Preparedness

- Ensure that the state of Iowa is adequately equipped to swiftly address FADs
- Increase funding for FAD prevention tools such as vaccines

## Interstate Weight Limits

- Urge Congress to increase interstate weight limits for livestock haulers

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REPRESENTING MORE THAN **7,500 MEMBERS** ACROSS THE STATE OF IOWA

## 2026 FEDERAL POLICY PRIORITIES

### Sensible Conservation Programming

- Reform the Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) to include grazing practices & reach beginning and young farmers
- Allow managed livestock grazing on more acres throughout the state

### Foreign Animal Disease (FAD) Preparedness & Prevention

- Ensure that the United States and individual states are adequately equipped to swiftly address FADs

### Interstate Weight Limits

- Urge Congress to increase interstate weight limits to at least 91,000 pounds on 6 axles

### Price Discovery & Market Transparency

- Support opportunities to grow negotiated trade in all major cattle feeding regions

### Private Property Rights

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### Favorable Tax Environment for Producers

- Support tax provisions that keep cattle production in business
- Reject tax hikes on Iowa's farm families and independent cattle producers

