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Packers & Stockyards Modernization Act Passes House and Senate

Legislation to modernize the Packers and Stockyards Act (PSA) is headed to the President's desk. This week, both the House and Senate passed a bill (H.R. 5883) to amend the PSA, expanding the definition of "marketing agency" to include video and online auctions. In addition, the bill updates acceptable payment methods to include electronic transfer of funds, ensuring the legislation keeps up with the latest technologies available as the livestock industry and modern banking continue to evolve.

The bill was introduced by Rep. David Rouzer (R-N.C.), Chairman of the Livestock and Foreign Agriculture Subcommittee.

To view the bill, visit <https://www.congress.gov/bill/114th-congress/house-bill/5883>.

Fed Cattle Exchange to be Included in Mandatory Price Reporting

USDA announced this week that sales through the online Fed Cattle Exchange would be included in the Agricultural Marketing Service Livestock Mandatory Reporting as negotiated purchases beginning Oct. 5. USDA estimates that approximately 1,800 head of cattle per week have been offered through the Exchange and estimates that the reporting of these transactions will increase the reported weekly volume of negotiated purchases from 1.5 to 2 percent.

To learn more, visit www.reuters.com/article/usa-cattle-usda-idUSL2N1C51I8.

TCFA Annual Convention – Speaker Spotlight

The deadline to book your hotel room under the discounted TCFA room block is next week, Oct. 5. There will not be an extension offered on this deadline, so don't delay!

This year's Convention will be held Nov. 6-8 at the Omni Fort Worth Hotel in Fort Worth, Texas. The program will offer dynamic speakers delivering crucial information to beef producers, and as always, there will be plenty of opportunities to make memories and have a great time. Visit www.tcfa.org/news-events/convention.html to register.

Peter Zeihan's worldview marries the realities of geography and populations to a deep understanding of how global politics impact markets and economic trends, helping industry leaders navigate today's complex mix of geopolitical risks and opportunities. Zeihan has ranged from working for the U.S. State Department in Australia, to the D.C. think tank community, to helping develop the analytical models for Stratfor, one of the world's premier private intelligence companies. Zeihan founded his own firm, Zeihan on Geopolitics, in 2012 in order to provide a select group of clients with direct, custom analytical products. Today those clients represent a vast array of sectors including agricultural interests, energy majors, financial institutions, business associations, universities and the U.S. military.

Visit Zeihan's website www.zeihan.com to learn more about his work and his book, *The Accidental Superpower*.

Congratulations to Tyrel Templar for being the winner of the early registration drawing and receiving an Ozark cooler. TCFA is offering another chance to win! If you register by Oct. 5, you will be entered to win a 64 oz. Yeti Rambler® thermos. Don't forget, Oct. 5 is also the hotel registration deadline, so register today!

Visit the TCFA website for more details on registration and the full Convention schedule at www.tcfa.org/news-events/convention.html.



Treasury Proposes New Estate Tax Regulations

The U.S. Department of Treasury has proposed new regulations under section 2704 of the Internal Revenue Code that would permanently change estate planning for families that own a controlling interest in a privately-held entity. NCBA and over 3,800 other organizations and businesses sent a letter to Treasury Secretary Jacob Lew in strong opposition to the new rule, saying it “would be detrimental to active enterprises and family-owned businesses that employ millions of workers throughout the nation.”

NCBA director of government affairs, Danielle Beck, says, “These proposed regulations would eliminate or greatly reduce marketability for family related entities, effectively discouraging families from continuing to operate or grow their businesses and pass them on to future generations.”

To view the letter sent by NCBA, visit <http://tinyurl.com/NCBA-9-30-16>.

U.S. House Questions IARC Financial Support

The U.S. House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform is questioning the financial support of the U.S. National Institutes of Health (NIH) of the World Health Organization’s (WHO) International Agency for Research on Cancer (IARC), since IARC findings are known for being “inconsistent with other scientific research.” The Committee is questioning NIH on why millions of taxpayer dollars have gone to support this group since 1992, including over \$1.2 million this year despite IARC’s “record of controversy, retractions and inconsistencies,” and whose recommendations have made their way into U.S. state and federal policy at times.

The Committee has requested a briefing from NIH on funding provided as well as any and all correspondence with various research institutes and centers including IARC.

FDA to Reconsider “Healthy” Food Label

The U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) announced this week that it would review its definition of “healthy” in food label claims. FDA is requesting public input on this, as they realize that public health recommendations for what constitutes a healthy diet have evolved over the year. One issue FDA intends to address specifically is the type of fat in a food versus the overall fat content.

To view FDA’s request for information, visit <http://tinyurl.com/FDA-9-30-16>.

FWS Addresses ESA Filing Rules

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS) released a final rule this week that addresses the overuse of the Endangered Species Act (ESA) listing process. According to a news release from NCBA, the rule limits petitions for new listings to one species and will require more substantive justification in order to file a petition for listing under the ESA.

“We have been pushing for reforms to the broken ESA listing process for quite some time, and this final rule is a great step in the right direction,” said Ethan Lane, NCBA Federal Lands and Public Lands Council Executive Director. “Limiting petitions to one species at a time will provide some desperately needed focus, and notification to the states affected in a timely manner – even if only 30 days – is progress toward increasing local input into the process.”

To view the final rule, visit <http://tinyurl.com/FWS-9-30-16>.

Progresso Announces Antibiotic-Free Chicken

General Mills soup division Progresso announced this week that all 36 of its soup varieties would use meat from chickens raised without antibiotics. Progresso says this move is in response to consumer requests. Progresso has also eliminated artificial colors from 60 percent of its soups and reduced sodium levels in more than 40 soup varieties.

View the announcement from Progresso at <http://tinyurl.com/Progresso-9-30-16>.

CME Beef Industry Scholarship

The National Cattlemen’s Foundation is now accepting applications for 2017-2018 beef industry scholarships sponsored by CME Group. Ten scholarships of \$1,500 each will be awarded to outstanding students pursuing careers in the beef industry.

Applicants for the 2017-2018 scholarship must submit a one-page letter expressing their career goals related to the beef industry. Students must also write a 750-word essay describing an issue in the beef industry and offering solutions to this problem. Applicants must be a graduating high school senior or full-time undergraduate student enrolled at a two- or four-year college. Online applications should be submitted by Oct. 31, 2016. Scholarship winners will be announced during the 2017 Cattle Industry Convention and NCBA Trade Show in Nashville, Tenn.

To apply, visit <http://tinyurl.com/NCF-9-30-16>.

Make-A-Wish Delicious Wishes Burger Bash

The North Texas chapter of the Make-A-Wish Foundation is hosting its inaugural Delicious Wishes Burger Bash on Friday, Oct. 21, at Cornerstone Ranch Event Center in Bushland. They hope to raise \$50,000 to help grant wishes of children in the Amarillo and Panhandle area. Attendees will have the opportunity to sample burgers from local vendors consisting of cooking teams and restaurants who will be competing for the title of "Best Burger in the Panhandle."

Tickets are available for \$50 each. To purchase a ticket, please contact Alba Austin at aaustin@ntx.wish.org or (806) 358-9943. For more information on the event, visit <http://tinyurl.com/9-30-BurgerBash>.

NAMI Environmental Achievement Awards and Environmental Recognition Awards

The North American Meat Institute (NAMI) is accepting applications for its 2016 Environmental Achievement Awards and its 2017 Environmental Recognition Awards. The Environmental Achievement Awards recognize companies that go beyond compliance in their sustainability and environmental efforts, while the Environmental Recognition Awards honor companies that demonstrate a dedication to continuous environmental improvement, as witnessed by the development and implementation of Environmental Management Systems.

Applications for the Environmental Achievement Awards must be submitted by Oct. 3, 2016, and applications for the Environmental Recognition Awards must be submitted by Oct. 14, 2016.

To learn more and download applications for both awards, visit <http://tinyurl.com/NAMI-9-16-16>.

2016 Eng Symposium

The 2016 Eng Symposium will be held Oct. 5-6 at the Cornhusker Hotel in Lincoln, Neb., with the theme being "Innovations in Intensive Beef Cow Production, Care and Management." The Symposium is used for universities to present their latest research findings that target improvements in beef cow efficiency and profitability by intensive and semi-confined production systems. Research is conducted through the Dr. Kenneth and Caroline McDonald Eng (-K-) Trust Fund.

For more information or to register for the symposium, visit <http://animalscience.unl.edu/eng-symposium>.

Sponsor Spotlight

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The logo for Datamars, Inc. features the word "DATAMARS" in a bold, sans-serif font. The letter "D" is red, while the letters "A", "T", "M", "A", "R", and "S" are black. Each of the four "A"s has a small red square positioned below its center.

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