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## **Trump Administration Begins to Take Shape**

While President-Elect Donald Trump has yet to select his Secretary of Agriculture, this week he nominated Oklahoma Attorney General Scott Pruitt as Secretary of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, and CEO of CKE Restaurants, Andrew Puzder, as Secretary of the Department of Labor.

As Oklahoma's Attorney General, Scott Pruitt has been a vocal opponent of the Obama administration's overreaching regulations, specifically the Clean Power Plan and the Waters of The U.S. rule. Before he was elected as Oklahoma's attorney general in 2010, Pruitt spent eight years in the state senate.

Andrew Puzder, CEO of the company that franchises the fast-food outlets Hardee's and Carl's Jr., is an outspoken critic of the Obama Administration's overtime law rule and the drive for a \$15 minimum wage.

TCFA will continue to engage with the Trump transition team throughout the remainder of the nominating process to promote qualified nominees and issues of importance to cattle feeders and U.S. agriculture.

## **Study Recognizes Health Benefits of Saturated Fat**

A diet intervention study conducted by researchers at the University of Bergen in Norway analyzed the effects of a diet high in saturated fats on the health of men with abdominal obesity as compared to a diet high in minimally processed carbohydrates. The study found that the high intake of total and saturated fat did not increase the risk of cardiovascular disease, and participants actually showed improvement in several cardiometabolic areas such as blood pressure and blood sugar.

"The alleged health risks of eating good-quality fats have been greatly exaggerated," said assistant professor Simon Nitter Dankel, co-leader of the study. "It may be more important for public health to encourage reductions in highly processed fats and foods with added sugar."

To learn more, visit [www.uib.no/en/node/103172](http://www.uib.no/en/node/103172).

## **Beef Exports on the Rise**

According to this month's U.S. Meat Export Federation (USMEF) assessment of USDA export statistics, U.S. beef export volume for the month of October was up 12 percent (105,938 mt) from a year ago, while export value increased 10 percent to \$559.9 million. Additionally, beef muscle cut export volumes for October were at their largest volume in two years. Export value per head on fed slaughter averaged \$269.35 for October, up 5 percent compared to a year ago.

To learn more, visit <http://tinyurl.com/USMEF-12-9-16>.

## **APHIS Seeks Public Comment on Fever Tick Control**

USDA's Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) is seeking public comment on its environmental assessment, *Cattle Fever Tick Eradication Program Use of Ivermectin Corn*. APHIS is proposing to treat white-tailed deer with ivermectin to control tick vectors of cattle fever in several South Texas counties. According to APHIS, white-tailed deer would be fed ivermectin-treated corn from a closed gravity feeder placed in areas where cattle fever tick infestation is a concern.

APHIS is accepting public comment through Dec. 27, 2016. To learn more about the proposal or to submit comments, visit [www.regulations.gov/docket?D=APHIS-2016-0097](http://www.regulations.gov/docket?D=APHIS-2016-0097).

## **USDA Proposes Revisions to Meat Nutritional Fact Panel**

USDA's Food Safety Inspection Service (FSIS) proposed to amend the nutrition labeling regulations for meat and poultry products to assist consumers in more thoroughly making their dietary choices. The proposal seeks to update the list of nutrients that are required or permitted to be declared, provide updated Daily Reference Values (DRVs) and Reference Daily Intake (RDI) values that are based on current dietary recommendations from consensus reports, and other changes. FSIS is seeking public comment on the proposal for 60 days.

The proposal may be viewed at <http://tinyurl.com/FSIS-12-9-16>.

### **NCBA End of Year Policy Issues Update Webinar**

NCBA is offering a webinar to update beef producers on end of year policy issues. NCBA's Washington D.C. staff will cover topics such as WOTUS, sage grouse, international trade and market volatility. The webinar will be Thursday, Dec. 15, 2017, at 7:00 p.m. CST.

To register for the webinar, visit [www.beefusa.org/cattlemenswebinarseries.aspx](http://www.beefusa.org/cattlemenswebinarseries.aspx).

### **CattleFax Launching New Digital Platform**

CattleFax is launching a new digital platform beginning Feb. 1, 2017, with expanded online resources via the website and mobile application. Users will be able to access weather, markets, industry news, management tools and USDA data all in one convenient location.

To learn more, visit [www.tsln.com/news/cattlefax-to-launch-new-digital-platform/](http://www.tsln.com/news/cattlefax-to-launch-new-digital-platform/).

### **TCFA Education Foundation**

Help make a difference in the life of a student and for the future of the beef industry by donating to the TCFA Education Foundation. The TCFA Education Foundation awards scholarships to graduate students involved in research projects on cattle feeding. Working through the Consortium for Cattle Feeding and Environmental Sciences, students apply for the scholarships through their major professors. The consortium is comprised of faculty from Texas A&M University in College Station, West Texas A&M University at Canyon, USDA research facilities at Bushland, Texas Tech University at Lubbock and New Mexico State University at Las Cruces.

Please consider making a donation to the TCFA Education Foundation as a part of your year-end giving. Contributions are tax deductible and an excellent way to make a memorial or recognize anniversaries, holidays and other special events. Special acknowledgement will be made to the family or person being honored.

Contact Shannon Standley at TCFA for details at [shannon@tcfa.org](mailto:shannon@tcfa.org) or (806) 358-3681, or give online at <http://tinyurl.com/2016-TCFA-Education-Foundation>.

### **Southwest Beef Symposium**

Registration is open for the Southwest Beef Symposium to be held in Roswell, N.M., Jan. 11-12, 2017. The event, which is co-hosted by Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service and New Mexico State University Cooperative Extension Service, will feature topics such as global factors affecting U.S. beef demand, sustainability, performance indicators, feed efficiency, improving through technology and more.

Registration is \$75 per person if registered by Jan. 2 and \$95 thereafter. Register at <http://swbs.nmsu.edu/>.

### **2017 Cattle Industry Convention and NCBA Trade Show**

Registration for the 2017 Cattle Industry Convention and NCBA Trade Show is open. The 120th annual convention will be held in Nashville, Tenn., Feb. 1-3, 2017. Advanced registration is open until Jan. 4, 2017. Convention participants will hear from industry leaders, gather insight on industry trends, and enjoy an evening of stars and guitars at the Country Music Hall of Fame as well as an exclusive event at the Grand Ole Opry.

To learn more or to register, visit <http://convention.beefusa.org/registration-hotels>.

### **Advertise in the 2017 *Cattle Feeders Resource Guide* – Deadline Approaching!**

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Advertisers who purchase a full-page, four-color ad in the *Cattle Feeders Resource Guide* receive a free bonus web ad on TCFA's website, a great value in which advertisers have the opportunity to target potential buyers more precisely with ads that may reflect seasonal or market-focused messages.

**The deadline to reserve advertising space has been extended to Dec. 16.** You certainly do not want to miss this rare advertising opportunity! View the rate card at <http://tinyurl.com/2017-TCFA-RateCard>, or contact Scena Snider for more details at (806) 358-3681 or [scena@tcfa.org](mailto:scena@tcfa.org).

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