

# Membership Myths

**Myth:** I am already paying the \$1-per-head beef checkoff, so I don't need the Hawaii Cattlemen's Council (HCC) and the National Cattlemen's Beef Association (NCBA).

**Fact:** Checkoff funds are collected by the Beef Board. By law, checkoff funds cannot be used for lobbying purposes. One of the primary functions of the HCC and NCBA is to initiate legislation that protects cattlemen. This lobbying effort is funded by membership dues dollars.

**Myth:** The membership dues are too high.

**Fact:** Refer to the economic impact of HCC and NCBA. On exports alone, HCC and NCBA efforts have added \$70 per head to the value of cattle. Your membership dues are inexpensive protection for your beef cattle business on the legislative and regulatory issues.

**Myth:** Cattlemen's associations are only for big operators.

**Fact:** The mission of cattlemen's associations is to serve the industry and all those involved, no matter what size the operation. Each member has a vote on the policy that HCC and NCBA operates under.



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# From your house



# To our state house



# To the White House

## Hawaii Cattlemen's Council &

## National Cattlemen's Beef Association

# Together...

## We can make a difference

The Hawaii Cattlemen's Council (HCC) and the National Cattlemen's Beef Association (NCBA) are the grassroots beef industry organizations dedicated to protecting and promoting the Hawaii cattle producer. The cattle industry faces many serious issues at the state and national levels. Together, we can make a difference!

### HCC Working For You

- HCC and your county transportation committees are active in maintaining safe and cost effective shipping alternatives.
- HCC and your county associations coordinate meetings for ranchers on issues such as state land lease policy, the environment and animal health.
- HCC continues to monitor property tax issues as they affect ranchers, so the concept of taxing agricultural lands on the basis of their immediate use is continued.
- HCC is your industry voice and liaison with the state agencies on cattle ranching issues.
- HCC helps ranchers explore new opportunities in developing viable markets.
- HCC hosts an annual membership meeting and convention each November, with speakers from Hawaii and the mainland on subjects pertinent to the cattle industry.

### NCBA Top Priorities

**Country of Origin Labeling** - Since 1998 NCBA has supported a program that promotes U.S. beef without overburdening producers. NCBA continues meetings with Congress discussing a market-oriented, producer-friendly program consistent with policy members recently adopted.

**Trade and Marketing** - NCBA realizes the importance of working in a global marketplace and the benefit it pays producers. Beef products with little value in the U.S. pay more to U.S. producers when sold overseas. NCBA continues to work to secure fair trade arrangements around the globe.

**Animal ID** - NCBA is focused on identification to improve the existing regulatory partnership to protect animal health and ID as part of an information management system for product improvement, animal management and consumer satisfaction.

**Tax Relief** - Worked with Congress to pass legislation to repeal the Death Tax through a phase in of exemptions and total repeal by 2010, but this repeal is only effective for one year. NCBA will continue to work harder than ever on this issue until it is completely repealed.

### Member-Only Benefits

- A voice and vote on national industry policy
- *National Cattlemen* magazine and *Beef Business Bulletin* newsletter
- Discount rates on registration at the annual convention and summer conference
- Access to the member-only section of [www.beef.org](http://www.beef.org)

## Membership Form

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Business /Ranch Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
City \_\_\_\_\_  
State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
Telephone \_\_\_\_\_  
Fax \_\_\_\_\_  
E-mail \_\_\_\_\_  
County \_\_\_\_\_

### HCC/NCBA Producer Membership Dues

#### FAIR SHARE:

Total Cow/Calif \_\_\_\_\_  
Unit Per Year \_\_\_\_\_ x \$.35/hd = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Total Feeder/Stocker  
Marketed Per Year \_\_\_\_\_ x \$.30/hd = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

#### PLUS BASE MEMBERSHIP DUES:

0-50 head	\$ 50
51-100 head	\$ 80
101-250 head	\$120
251-500 head	\$200
501-1000 head	\$300
1001-1500 head	\$450
1501 & over head	\$600

Base Dues \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Total Producer Dues** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

### HCC/NCBA Associate Membership Dues

Associate Membership Dues  
(non-cattle owning) = \$ 200

**Recruited By** \_\_\_\_\_

My check is included  MasterCard/Visa  
Card Number \_\_\_\_\_  
Expiration Date \_\_\_\_\_  
Signature \_\_\_\_\_

### Make Checks Payable To:

NCBA, PO Box 3469, Englewood, CO 80155-3469

A portion of your HCC/NCBA membership dues is tax deductible for most members as an ordinary and necessary expense. \$10.00 of your NCBA membership dues is for a subscription to the National Cattlemen and \$30.00 is for a subscription to the Beef Business Bulletin available only as a part of the NCBA membership. Complying with tax law, NCBA estimates that 20% of the dues payment is not deductible as a business expense because of NCBA's direct lobbying activities on behalf of its members. Charitable contributions or gifts to HCC/NCBA are not tax deductible for federal income tax purposes. All fair share dues and \$75 of Associate Member dues will be forwarded to your county cattlemen's association and the Hawaii Cattlemen's Council.