

Pending R-CALF USA Actions with Updates

- A. Jan. 5, 2016:** Request for investigation to U.S. Senate Judiciary Committee into the 2015 cattle price collapse.
Update: **Apr. 20, 2016: Senate Judiciary Committee approves our request.**
Update: **Apr. 16, 2018: Government Accountability Office (GAO)** issued its findings in a report titled, Additional Data Analysis Could Enhance Monitoring of U.S. Cattle Market. The GAO report requires the Packers and Stockyards Administration to monitor cattle pricing data for anticompetitive buying practices.
- B. May 2, 2016:** Beef checkoff lawsuit filed in Federal District Court in Montana.
Update: **Jun. 21, 2017: We won a preliminary injunction** because the operation of the beef checkoff program in Montana violated the U.S. Constitution.
Update: **Mar. 3, 2018: We defend the injunction** before the Appeals Court.
Update: **Apr. 9, 2018: Appeals Court upholds preliminary injunction.**
- C. Jun. 6, 2017:** Request to the U.S. Department of Justice for investigation into JBS's potentially unlawful activities in the United States.
Update: **Request is pending.**
- D. Jun. 19, 2017:** Mandatory COOL lawsuit filed in Federal District Court in Washington.
Update: **Mar. 13, 2018: Hearing scheduled to decide outcome.** A decision is expected to take 2 - 3 months.
Update: **Jun. 5, 2018: Federal District Court dismissed the lawsuit** however in its ruling stated that the repeal of COOL caused financial harm to U.S. cattle producers and that harm was traceable to USDA policy. The court said it can't do anything to aid ranchers and insisted requires executive or legislative action.
- E. Sep. 27, 2017:** Animal ID complaint filed under Data Quality Act.
Update: **Complaint is pending.**
- F. Oct. 31, 2017:** Complaint filed regarding U.S. Meat Export Federation's checkoff activity to U.S. Dept. of Agriculture and U.S. Trade Representative
Update: **Complaint is pending.**
- G. Jan. 3, 2018:** Request for investigation to U.S. Senate Judiciary Committee regarding a cattle price collapse in the Northeastern U.S. following a JBS plant closure.
Update: **Request is pending.**
- H. Mar. 2, 2018:** R-CALF USA Board of Directors voted unanimously to call upon President Trump to impose new tariffs on imported cattle, beef, sheep and lamb.
Update: **Request is pending.**