

PETITION FOR REFERENDUM ON THE BEEF PROMOTION AND RESEARCH ORDER

This petition is submitted to the Secretary of Agriculture for the purpose of calling a referendum and an up or down vote on the termination of the Beef Promotion and Research Order (7 U.S. Code §2901-2911 and 7 U.S. Code §7401). This petition specifically refers to the Beef Promotion and Research Act of 1985. Title XVI, Subtitle A of the Food Security Act of 1985.

The Beef Promotion and Research Act of 1985 states in Section 7(b) that "...the Secretary may conduct a referendum on the request of a representative group comprising 10 per centum or more of the number of cattle producers to determine whether cattle producers favor the termination or suspension of the order" (7 U.S.C. 2906(b)). This petition requests the termination of the order. The number of U.S. cattle producers will be determined according to the Guidelines to Petition the Secretary of Agriculture For a Referendum on the Beef Promotion and Research Order (June 2020), which states AMS will use the most recent census data. The most recent USDA census data (2017) reports 882,692 cattle producers, so a minimum of 88,269 eligible signatures are required to meet the 10% threshold.

This petition calling for a vote on the program shall be signed ONLY by cattle producers as defined by the eligibility criteria in the same Guidelines (see eligibility criteria below), and any signatory must supply ALL required information.

Eligibility Criteria

- Any cattle producer regardless of age who has owned, sold or purchased cattle from July 2, 2020 - July 1, 2021 is eligible to sign the petition.
- Any person younger than 18 years of age must have a parent or guardian co-sign the petition.
- A person who signs the petition on behalf of a corporation or other entity must be authorized to do so. No proxy signature is permitted.
- Any individual member of a group, who is an eligible person separate from the group, may request a referendum separately.

Petition Information Required by USDA

- Full name of person or entity represented
- Signature and printed name (signature of parent or guardian of any person signing under the age of 18)
- Complete mailing address
- Daytime Telephone Number (home, business or cell)
- Email address (if available)
- Date petition was signed

Before signing this petition VERIFY THAT YOU MEET ALL ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA. The USDA will pool a statistical sample, and if selected you must be able to provide documentation that you owned, sold, or purchased cattle between July 2, 2020 and July 1, 2021.

CALLING FOR SUCH A REFERENDUM THE FOLLOWING CATTLE PRODUCERS SET OUR HAND TO THIS PETITION AS FOLLOWS:

(Up to 6 eligible cattle producers may sign petition. Feel free to make copies to share with as many other eligible cattle producers as possible.)

Petition for Referendum of the Beef Promotion and Research Order

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Full Name (or Entity)	Complete Mailing Address	City	State	Zip Code
Day Time Phone Number	E-Mail (If Available)	Date	Signature	
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Send Signed Petition(s) to: Checkoff Petition | P.O. Box 30536 | Billings, MT 59107

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