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NCBA's 2015 Young Cattlemen's Conference Recognizes Leaders in the Cattle Industry

Sacramento, Calif. – Over 50 cattle producers from across the country and across the industry participated in the National Cattlemen's Beef Association's 2015 Young Cattlemen's Conference including two California cattle ranchers.

Representing the California Cattlemen's Association (CCA) were Jack Lavers, a 6th generation Glennville, Calif. rancher and CCA Second Vice President and Seth Scribner, a cattle rancher from Paso Robles, Calif. and ranch operations manager for Centennial Livestock's Southern California Division.

The aim of the NCBA's YCC program is to give these young leaders an understanding of all aspects of the beef industry from grass to plate, and showcase issues management, research, education and marketing. Beginning in Colorado, the group got an inside look at many of the issues affecting the beef industry and the work being done on both the state and national level to address these issues on behalf of our membership. While in Denver, CattleFax provided a comprehensive overview of the current cattle market and emerging trends. At Safeway, the participants received a first-hand account of the retail perspective of the beef business and then toured the JBS Five Rivers' Kuner feedyard, one of the largest in the nation, and the JBS Greeley packing and processing plant.

From Denver, the group traveled to Chicago where they were able to visit the Chicago Board of Trade, learning about risk-management and mitigation tools available to the cattle industry. In Chicago, they also visited McDonald's Campus and OSI, one of the nation's premiere beef patty producers. After the brief stop in Chicago, the group concluded their trip in Washington D.C. for an issue briefing on current policy priorities; including trade and Country-of-Origin Labeling and ample opportunity to visit with their congressional representatives.

"The way in which we were brought together with fellow young cattle producers from across the U.S. and immersed into every segment of the beef industry on our trip will serve our futures well," Lavers said. "This trip allowed us to build lifelong friendships and relationships that will help us carry this industry into the future for a long time."

With the beef industry changing rapidly, identifying and educating leaders has never been so important. As a grassroots trade association representing the beef industry the NCBA is proud to play a role in that process and its future success. Over 1,000 cattlemen and women have graduated from the YCC program since its inception in 1980. Many of these alumni have gone to serve in state and national committees, councils and boards. YCC is the cornerstone of leadership training in the cattle industry.

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Founded in 1917, the California Cattlemen's Association (CCA) represents California's \$1.75 billion beef cattle industry on legislative and regulatory affairs and remains the number one voice for the industry today. CCA is an affiliate of the National Cattlemen's Beef Association, which represents America's cattle farmers and ranchers.