Kansas Livestock Association has annual convention

Members of the Kansas Livefrom Nov. 28 to 30 for the group's annual convention.

The association discussed and approved policy on issues including taxes, trichomoniasis and prescribed burning. The policy process started in November when members provided input at regional association roundtable meetings, continued during committee and council meetings at the convention and concluded with the general membership giving final approval to resolutions during the annual business meeting.

"Many KLA members were involved in creating policy for 2013," said President Mark Harms, a rancher from Lincolnville. "This broad participation makes for strong policy that will help KLA effectively represent the business interests of its members."

On taxes, members reaffirmed policy supporting the reduction and ultimate elimination of the federal estate and gift tax.

non-virgin bulls and virgin bulls requiring timely notification of those with neighboring herds when a trichomoniasis case is confirmed

The Flint Hills Smoke Management Plan, which relies on voluntary cooperation to reduce emissions from prescribed burning, was the subject of a resolution amended by association members. They approved language opposing actions by the Environmental Protection Agency to create regulations that inhibit prescribed burning of native grass, lower allowable levels of ozone and penalize cities for nonattainment of federal clean air guidelines when infrequent air quality problems are caused by prescribed burning.

Members amended a resolution

stock Association met in Wichita trichomoniasis was amended to ing the chief engineer of the state's support required testing for all Division of Water Resources to either repeal or amend consumpover 18 months of age each time tive use regulations to make it less these animals change ownership in burdensome and costly for water Kansas. association members also rightholders converting from irrigasupport state law or regulations tion to stockwater use. This policy also suggests such a change more accurately reflects actual irrigation usage in the recent history of the water right.

Anew resolution supports legislation to limit the scope of the Kansas

Conservation Act and the regulatory authority of the Kansas Department of Wildlife, Parks and Tourism to policies no more restrictive than the federal Endangered Species Act. Another new resolution opposes listing the Lesser Prairie Chicken under the Endangered Species Act. Instead, association members support voluntary, incentive-based efforts like the Natural Resources Conservation Service's Lesser Prairie Chicken Initiative and the

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Language in a resolution on on water appropriation encourag- Nongame & Endangered Species Five-State Range-Wide Lesser relies on immigrant labor for a Prairie Chicken Conservation Plan significant portion of its work force. as a means to preserve and enhance the species. Association members approved policy supporting the use of euthanasia, fertility control and humane harvesting to reduce over the subject of immigration and manage the population of wild horses instead of relocating the animals to other regions of the U.S. Existing association policy rec-

ognizes how Kansas agriculture than exist under federal law.

This resolution was amended to acknowledge the U.S. Supreme Court decision that the federal government "has broad, undoubted power and the status of aliens." Therefore, association members oppose state legislation that would enact more restrictive immigration policies



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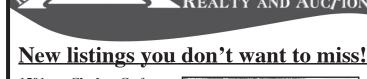
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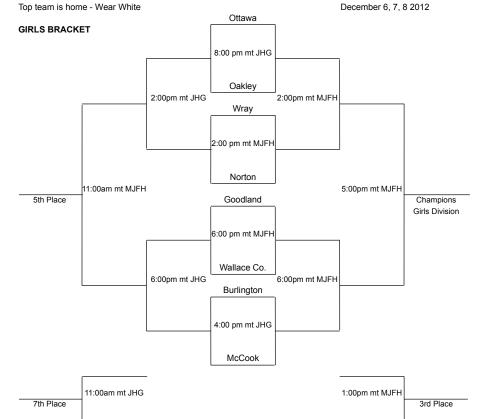
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