

PRESS RELEASE

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Okanogan County Cattlemen's Association

How important is cattle production to Washington? Cattle production has been active in north eastern Washington since 1824. The Washington Beef Commission stated in 2009, *“that the beef industry in Washington contributes significantly to the state’s economy. The value of receipts from the sale of cattle in 2008 was approximately \$605,380,000. The value of production (total value of cattle on farms and ranches in 2008) was \$496,127,000. These numbers do not reflect the multiplier effect that businesses supporting the beef industry contribute to the state’s economy.”*

Do you have cattle? Do you have a friend or neighbor with a few cattle? All are welcome to join as a member, but all Okanogan County cattle owners are encouraged and strongly welcomed to become a member of the Washington State Cattleman's Association.

Why consider belonging to the local Cattlemen's Association? Benefits include:

- Networking to share Resources of Information. Learn who to call when there is a problem or when a rancher wants to learn more to maximize profits and control costs.
- A huge value is one stop shopping for issues concerning disease control and major problems facing local ranches.
- Learn options for resources, marketing and sales
- Discover more about breeding and sources for stock
- Hear Washington State Representatives such as State Vet Dr. Eldridge first hand and be able to ask on the spot questions.
- Include your voice to Washington legislation

The annual Meeting begins at noon at the Omak Elks building and runs through most of the afternoon with a Steak & Eggs Lunch. The agenda includes:

- County Committee Reports concerning cattle production
- State Reports
- Barb Lisk from Doc Hastings Office will Answer Direct Questions
- 2013 Okanogan County Cattlemen's Association Elections

How about just coming to dinner? Business owners, cattle owners, FFA members, teachers, elected officials, and other interested persons are invited to attend the Okanogan County Cattlemen's Association 2012 Banquet, Program & Auctions. The event will be December 1, 2012 at the Omak Elks Banquet Hall. Social will commence 5:30 p.m with Live Auction starting 6-ish featuring Okanogan County's D&D Auction Folks: Daryl Asmussen, Dal Dagnon & Jerry Asmussen. Washington Cattlewomens' silent auction will run from 5:30 pm through most of the program. Dinner will follow. Tickets at the door.

A special evening program will include:

- ◆ Welcome Address – Boyd Kenny, 2012 President. For more information 509-322-6668.
- ◆ Introduction of Legislators in Attendance - County Commissioners, State Representatives,
- ◆ Speaker: Barb Lisk with a Doc Hasting Special Video, WA District 7
- ◆ Membership Forms will be available to anyone
- ◆ Introduction of 2013 Officers

Come and have fun.