

In March of this year USDA has designated 16 Minnesota counties as primary disaster areas, due to the impact of excessive rain, flooding, cool temperatures, frosts and freezes during the 2009 growing season.

The designated counties include Becker, Beltrami, Clearwater, Hubbard, Itasca, Mahnomon, Wadena and Wilkin. Farmers in contiguous counties to those listed above also qualify for disaster assistance. For more info contact your local USDA/FSA office.

USDA Wildlife Services Agency officers killed 450 deer in their 4th winter of shooting in the TB core area near Skime, MN. The goal was to take 553 deer this winter and spring. While they fell short of that number, DNR officials were satisfied with the number of deer taken.

While no visual indications of TB were noted nothing is for sure until all the test results are back from the lab. Since deer sampling began in 2005, 11,000 samples have been collected with 27 TB positive deer identified.

Membership - It's About Renewals!

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Ten local cattlemen associations have met or surpassed their 2009 MSCA membership numbers. Several other locals are close to matching or exceeding last year's state membership numbers.

Three locals (West Central, Midwest & Redwood) close to breaking the 100 MSCA member level which will give each local association an additional voting director's seat on MSCA's Board of Directors.

As reminder all local associations receive a \$25 dollar bonus for meeting their 2009 state membership numbers and they receive an additional \$5 bonus for each state member in excess of their 2009 number. *Let's all focus on getting those renewals, please take the time to approach a fellow member and ask them if they have renewed yet.*

MSCA Regions & State Affiliated Local Cattlemen Associations

Local Cattlemen Associations

1. Buffalo Creek Cattlemen
2. Central Minnesota Cattlemen
3. Cottonwood Area Cattlemen
4. Dairyland Beef Producers
5. Fillmore County Cattlemen
6. Freeborn County Cattlemen
7. Glacial Ridge Cattlemen
8. Houston County Cattlemen
9. Le Sueur County Cattlemen
10. Midwest Cattlemen
11. Minnesota Cattlemen
12. Mississippi Valley Cattlemen
13. Mower County Cattlemen
14. Murray County Cattlemen
15. Northwest Stockmen
16. Redwood Area Cattlemen
17. Rock-Nobles Cattlemen
18. Snake River Valley Cattlemen
19. South Central Cattlemen
20. Southwest Cattlemen
21. Tri-County Cattlemen
22. Wabasha County Cattlemen
23. West Central Cattlemen

Total 2010 Paid Up	Last Year (2009)	Renewed Members	Percent Renewed	Left to Renew	New Members	Net Gain or Loss	Association
91	46	44	96%	2	47	98%	Redwood Area Cattlemen
14	11	11	100%	0	3	27%	Tri-County Cattlemen
20	13	12	92%	1	8	54%	LeSueur County Cattlemen
30	23	17	74%	6	13	30%	Fillmore County Cattlemen
16	13	13	100%	0	3	23%	Mower County Cattlemen
44	40	36	90%	4	8	10%	Northwestern Stockmen
38	35	30	86%	5	8	9%	Glacial Ridge Cattlemen
17	17	14	82%	3	3	0%	Snake River Cattlemen
14	14	13	93%	1	1	0%	Murray County Cattlemen
17	17	16	94%	1	1	0%	Houston County Cattlemen
60	64	53	83%	11	7	-6%	Rock-Nobles Cattlemen
66	73	62	85%	11	4	-10%	Cottonwood Area Cattlemen
9	10	8	80%	2	1	-10%	Mississippi Valley Cattlemen
26	29	26	90%	3	0	-10%	South Central Cattlemen
8	9	8	89%	1	0	-11%	Freeborn County Cattlemen
7	8	7	88%	1	0	-13%	Buffalo Creek Cattlemen
95	111	78	70%	33	17	-14%	West Central Cattlemen
33	40	30	75%	10	3	-18%	Southwest Cattlemen
13	16	12	75%	4	1	-19%	Central Minnesota Cattlemen
29	37	27	73%	10	2	-22%	Dairyland Beef Producers
107	154	92	60%	62	15	-31%	Members At Large
11	17	10	59%	7	1	-35%	Wabasha County Cattlemen
76	118	74	63%	44	2	-36%	Midwest Cattlemen
8	15	8	53%	7	0	-47%	Minnesota Cattlemen
2	6	2	33%	4	0	-67%	Breed Associations
851							
	703	Renewed Members			233	- 2009 members left to renew	
	148	New Members					
	851	Paid Up Members					Total members 2009 = 931

To join MSCA or renew your annual dues complete & forward the form with your dues remittance to the address listed on the form.

"MSCA strongly encourages all cattlemen to also be members of a local cattlemen association and NCBA, however membership in these organizations is optional and not a condition for joining MSCA."

Local Cattlemen Association Dues: As a service to local cattlemen associations affiliated with MSCA local dues payments can be remitted with MSCA dues. Those local dues will be promptly forwarded to your local cattlemen's association. Due to the additional administrative costs this service only applies to MSCA members, *sorry we can not accept* local dues payments for individuals that are not already MSCA members or are not also joining MSCA at the time of remittance.

The following local cattlemen associations are affiliated with MSCA:

Local Association	Region	Local Dues	Local Association	Region	Local Dues	Local Association	Region	Local Dues
Buffalo Creek Cattlemen	5	\$15	LeSueur County Cattlemen	8	\$10	Rock-Nobles Cattlemen	7	\$15
Central Minnesota Cattlemen	6	\$15	Midwest Cattlemen	5	\$5	Snake River Cattlemen	6	\$15
Cottonwood Area Cattlemen	7	\$25	Minnesota Cattlemen	2/3	\$40	South Central Cattlemen	8	\$10
Dairyland Beef Producers	9	\$15	Mississippi Valley Cattlemen	5	\$20	Southwest Cattlemen	7	\$10
Fillmore County Cattlemen	9	\$5	Mower County Cattlemen	9	\$5	Tri-County Cattlemen	6	\$20
Freeborn County Cattlemen	8	\$15	Murray County Cattlemen	7	\$5	Wabasha County Cattlemen	9	\$20
Glacial Ridge Cattlemen	4	\$10	Northwestern Stockmen	1	\$20	West Central Cattlemen	4	\$10
Houston County Cattlemen	9	\$25	Redwood Area Cattlemen	7	\$20			

NCBA Dues: MSCA is affiliated with the National Cattlemen's Beef Association and can receive NCBA dues payments with a remittance of MSCA dues. NCBA dues are promptly forwarded to NCBA. Due to the additional administrative costs this service only applies to MSCA members, *sorry we can not accept* NCBA dues payments for individuals that are not already MSCA members or are not also joining NCBA at the time of remittance.

Feedlot OLA Deadline

The Oct 1, 2010 deadline for livestock producers to come into compliance with the Open Lot Agreement (OLA) is fast approaching. If you have yet discussed OLA compliance options with your regional MPCA office or county feedlot officer, you need to do so before the deadline.

In 2009 the MPCA, MDA and BWSR signed a MOU that after Oct. 1, 2010 producers who signed an Open Lot Agreement (OLA) and have applied for and maintain eligibility for cost-share, will continue to receive a conditional waiver from enforcement penalties until cost share is available for corrective measures.

Since October 2000, livestock producers having open feedlots with fewer than 300 animal units had the option to sign an OLA under MN Feedlot Rules 7020.2003 & MN Water Quality Standards 7050.0305. The OLA commits the owner to correct open lot runoff problems in exchange for a flexible time schedule to comply and a conditional waiver from enforcement of penalties for past violations of water quality standards.

Interim measures were to be completed by October 1, 2005, and final corrective measures by October 1, 2010. For more info as well as to download forms, go to www.pca.state.mn.us/hot/feedlot-openlot.html.

Sign Up a New Member Today - Help MSCA Grow!

Minnesota State Cattlemen's Association/National Cattlemen's Beef Association
 MSCA/NCBA Partnered Membership Application Form

Name/Company _____ Phone _____ Email _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Type Operations: Feeder Cow-Calf Seedstock Stocker Dairy Associate

Method of Payment: Check Credit Card Invoice Me / Credit Card Type: Master Card Visa Discover

Exact Name on Card _____

Card Number _____

Expiration Date ____/____/____ Signature _____

Make Checks Payable to: "MSCA" (No Cash Please) Return Form & Payment To:
MSCA Membership Administrator
37489 - 295th Street, Aitkin, MN 56431

Recruited By: _____

Questions Call: ☎ (218) 927-2495 or email: ✉ dklueck@embarqmail.com

MN State Cattlemen's Association Dues \$50

Local Cattlemen Association Dues (Optional)

Local = _____ (Local Dues →) _____

NCBA Membership Dues (Optional)

(Select the appropriate classification and add to MN State Cattlemen dues)

1-100 Head = \$100
 101-250 Head = \$200
 251-500 Head = \$300
 501-1000 Head = \$400 + Fair Share
 1001 - 1500 Head = \$550 + Fair Share
 1501 Head & Up = \$750 + Fair Share
 Fair Share is \$0.25 per stock cow & \$0.125 per stocker/feeder
 Individual Supporting Member (non-cattle owner) = \$100
 Student Membership = \$50

Total Dues Enclosed This Membership _____

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