

PROPOSED CALIFORNIA CATTLE COUNCIL
PROVISIONAL BALLOT

REGARDING IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PROPOSED COUNCIL

Department of Food & Agriculture
Marketing Branch
1220 N Street
Sacramento, CA 95814-5603



**VOTING
DEADLINE**
March 22, 2019

INSTRUCTIONS


1. The purpose of this balloting is to determine if cattle producers favor implementation of the proposed California Cattle Council. For more information on this vote, please go to www.cdfa.ca.gov/go/cattle.
2. Complete Part 1. – Voter Certification Section below. Your ballot must be signed for it to be valid.
3. Complete Part 2. – Referendum Voting Section below.
4. After completing the ballot, return it to the Department's Marketing Branch at the address above. For your ballot to be counted, it must be postmarked or returned to the Marketing Branch *no later than March 22, 2019*.

Part 1. VOTER CERTIFICATION SECTION

Definition of "Producer" – California Cattle Council Law Section 65012 (k) "Producer" is a person who owns or acquires ownership of beef or dairy cattle, and who, upon request, provides proof of ownership of cattle or, for purposes of voting pursuant to this chapter, has owned beef or dairy cattle within the same calendar year as the vote occurs. A person is not a producer if the person's only share in the proceeds of the sale of cattle or beef is a sales commission, handling fee, or other service fee.

Prior to validating a provisional ballot, the Department may request additional evidence to verify ownership of cattle as provided in Section 16522 of the Food and Agricultural Code. Such evidence of ownership may include: a recorded brand, a brand inspection certificate, a bill of sale, or a dairy exemption number.

By signing below, I hereby certify I am a California cattle producer, or that the entity I represent is currently a California cattle producer, as defined above and that I am authorized to complete this ballot on behalf of my entity. If a business entity, I further certify to the best of my knowledge that the entity I represent has not already submitted a ballot for this referendum process.

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| Your Name (print clearly): | Telephone Number: |
| Name of Business Entity (if applicable): | |
| Address (Street City, State, Zip Code): | |
| Signature:  | Date: |

After completing Part 1 above, **please complete Part 2 below** and return the completed ballot to the Department's Marketing Branch at the address listed in the upper left portion of this ballot no later than March 22, 2019. *All ballots will be kept confidential.*

Part 2. REFERENDUM VOTING SECTION

Please check the appropriate box below to indicate whether you favor or oppose the implementation of the California Cattle Council (reference Chapter 2.5 of Part 2, Division 22 of the California Food and Agricultural Code).

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| I <u>FAVOR</u> implementation of the California Cattle Council. | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| I <u>OPPOSE</u> implementation of the California Cattle Council. | <input type="checkbox"/> |

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