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CCA President Releases Statement on Defeating SB 416

SACRAMENTO – June 4, 2009 – CCA President Tom Talbot, DVM, a Bishop, Calif., beef cattle producer, made the following statement today regarding the defeat of Senate Bill 416 on the senate floor late yesterday. As introduced, the bill, proposed by Sen. Dean Florez (D-Shafter), aimed to ban the use of sub-therapeutic antibiotics in livestock and would have disallowed school districts from purchasing any meat from animals that had ever been treated with antibiotics.

“CCA is extremely pleased with the results of yesterday’s senate vote on SB 416, which comes after our members and staff have worked throughout the year to educate lawmakers on the important role antibiotics plays in providing safe, healthy and affordable beef for consumers.

California’s beef cattle producers work with veterinarians to judiciously use antibiotics to treat and prevent disease and ensure proper animal welfare for cattle under our care and we applaud the majority in the senate for putting science ahead of rhetoric in defeating this bill.”

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Founded in 1917, the California Cattlemen's Association (CCA) represents California's 1.78 billion dollar beef cattle industry in 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.