

OPTION 1: ANNUAL CONSENT

Form MT LPS-2

Approval: OMB 0581-NEW

Montana Producer Request to Retain Beef Checkoff Assessments Form

The Beef Promotion and Research Act (Act) of 1985 and the Beef Promotion and Research Order (Order) require collection of a mandatory \$1-per-head beef checkoff assessment every time cattle are sold. The Act and Order authorize qualified state beef councils to collect the \$1-per-head assessment. The law requires that at least 50 cents per head of the mandatory \$1-per-head checkoff assessment be forwarded to the Cattlemen's Beef Promotion and Research Board (Board) to help fund national beef checkoff programs, while the remaining portion can be retained by the qualified state beef council. On June 21, 2017, the U.S. District Court for the District of Montana granted a preliminary injunction enjoining USDA from continuing to allow the Montana Beef Council (MBC) to use the assessments that it collects under the Beef Checkoff Program to fund its advertising campaigns, unless a cattle producer provides prior affirmative consent authorizing MBC to retain a portion of the cattle producer's assessment for state promotion, research, and information programs authorized under the Act. As a result of this preliminary decision, at this time, the full \$1-per-head assessment collected by the Montana Beef Council must be remitted to the Board unless a producer provides prior affirmative consent authorizing MBC to retain up to 50 cents of the cattle producer's assessment for state promotion, research, and information programs.

Producers who want up to 50 cents of their federal \$1-per-head assessment to remain with MBC must complete this form. The form may be completed on an annual or monthly basis. For requests submitted annually, the form must be completed each calendar year by January 15, and returned to MBC. For the remainder of calendar year 2017, a producer may complete the form one time by circling "year" and entering month and 2017, which will indicate that the producer consents that MBC is authorized to retain up to 50 cents of their federal \$1-per-head assessment for the remaining months in 2017. If the producer decides to complete the "Montana Producer Request to Retain Beef Checkoff Assessment Form" on a monthly basis, the form must be postmarked to MBC by the 15th of the month following the month the cattle were sold. For additional forms contact the Montana Beef Council at (406) 656-3336. Forms should be mailed to the Montana Beef Council, P.O. Box 80865, Billings, MT 59108.

PRODUCER REQUEST TO RETAIN BEEF CHECKOFF ASSESSMENTS FOR ALL CATTLE MARKETED IN THE MONTH /YEAR (circle one) OF: July, 20 17

Name or Business: John Doe Doe Cattle Co.
Address: 1234 Dirt Road.
City: Any Town State: MT Zip Code: 54321
Phone Number: (406) 555-5555 Email: jd cattle@email.com

*For monthly requests, please attach a copy of your Beef Checkoff Remittance Form or other documents supporting payment of the beef checkoff assessment as required verification of each transaction listed below.

Name of Producer	Date of Sale	Total Number of Head Assessed	Request to Retain Portion of Checkoff Assessments in Montana (\$0.50/head)
<i>Example: John Doe</i>	<i>7/01/2017</i>	<i>20</i>	<i>\$10.00 (\$0.50 per head)</i>
Total amount authorized to be retained by the Montana Beef Council			

I declare under the penalties provided by law, that this Montana Producer Request to Retain Beef Checkoff Assessments Form has been examined by me and, to the best of my knowledge, is true, correct and complete. I also certify that I am authorized to sign this form.

June 22, 2017
DATE

John Doe
RESPONDING OFFICIAL'S NAME (PRINT)

Owner
TITLE (PRINT)

John Doe
SIGNATURE

OPTION 2: MONTHLY CONSENT

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