



### Activists are not consumers.

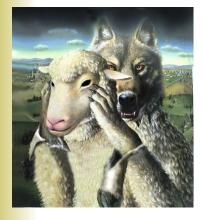




96% of Americans include beef in their diet

## Human and animal health are under activist attack









### What is driving this?

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- Pounds or doses of drugs used
  Slack out of the rope
- AB Resistance is local; measure it

## Views on Ability to Influence & Assure Beef Cattle Welfare

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#### BOTH SURVEYS

- How much ability do the following parties have to influence and assure beef cattle welfare?
- Very Low Ability (1) ... Very High Ability (5) or Don't Know

## Views on Ability to Influence & Assure Beef Cattle Welfare

	Consumer-	Producer-
	Conditional Conditional	
	Average	Average
United States Department of Agriculture (USDA)	4.19	3.49
National Cattlemen's Beef Association (NCBA)	4.05	3.72
American Farm Bureau (AFB)	3.85	3.33
Cow-Calf Producer	3.84	4.17
Ranchers-Cattlemen Action Legal Fund (R-CALF)	3.82	3.27
The Humane Society of the United States (HSUS)	3.54	2.94
American Veterinary Medical Association (AVMA)	3.52	3.58
Consumer - Beef Purchaser	3.41	3.35
Processor/Packing Plant	3.39	3.96
Feedlot Producer	3.33	4.25
University Scientists/Researchers	3.26	3.61
People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals (PETA)	3.25	2.84
Resident - Likely Voter	3.17	3.00
Retail Grocer	3.05	2.93
Local Veterinarian	3.03	3.90
Food Service Restaurant	2.98	2.90

## Views on Accuracy of Beef Cattle Welfare Information

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#### BOTH SURVEYS

- How accurate is the beef cattle welfare information provided by the following parties?
- Very Inaccurate (1) ... Very Accurate (5) or Don't Know

### Views on Accuracy of Beef Cattle Welfare Information

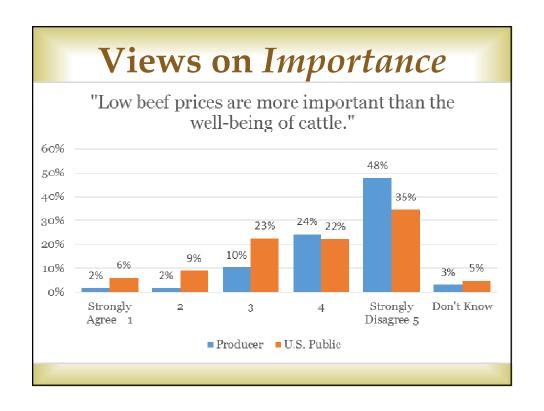
	Consumer-	Producer-
	Conditional Conditional	
	Average	Average
United States Department of Agriculture (USDA)	3.71	3.42
American Veterinary Medical Association (AVMA)	3.68	3.82
University Scientists/Researchers	3.64	3.81
The Humane Society of the United States (HSUS)	3.62	1.93
American Farm Bureau (AFB)	3.60	3.59
National Cattlemen's Beef Association (NCBA)	3.52	3.82
Local Veterinarian	3.48	4.07
Ranchers-Cattlemen Action Legal Fund (R-CALF)	3.42	3.56
Cow-Calf Producer	3.31	4.01
People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals (PETA)	3.27	1.61
Consumer - Beef Purchaser	3.03	2.82
Feedlot Producer	3.02	3.92
Retail Grocer	2.99	3.02
Processor/Packing Plant	2.94	3.64
Resident - Likely Voter	2.87	2.50
Food Service Restaurant	2.81	2.90

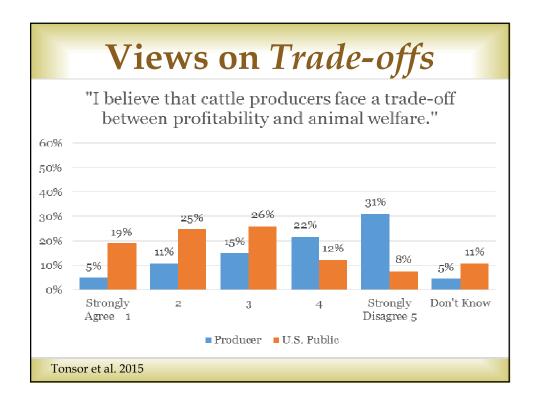
# Views on Importance and Trade-offs

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#### BOTH SURVEYS

- Please rate your agreement with these statements
- Strongly Agree (1) ... Strongly Disagree (5) or Don't Know





#### Public's vote-buy consistency & producer perceptions of behavior Producer-Producer-Consumer-Consumer-Conditional Yes Don't know Don't Know Average Vote to limit antibiotic use for cattle to only 71% 13% 62% 10% disease treatment Pay a premium for beef from cattle with limited 48% 31% 40% 13% antibiotic use Vote to ban cattle castration without use of pain 66% 15% 53% 16%

36%

38%

18%

26%

Note: producers were asked what they thought typical American would do.

Pay a premium for beef from cattle castrated

with pain control

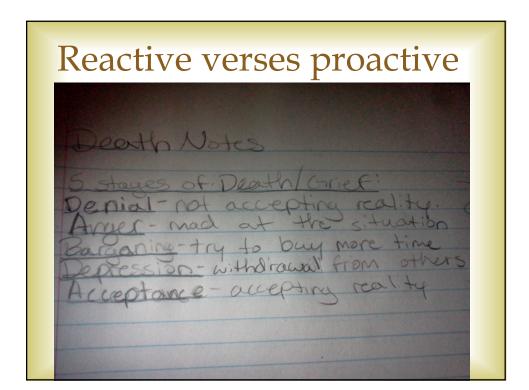
The Beef Industry Is at a Tipping Point



### Beef industry

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- ™ Direct competition within every segment
- Human and animal health should not be sacrificed
- One Beef
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Consider how hard it is to change yourself and you'll understand what little chance you have in trying to change others.

Jacob M. Braude

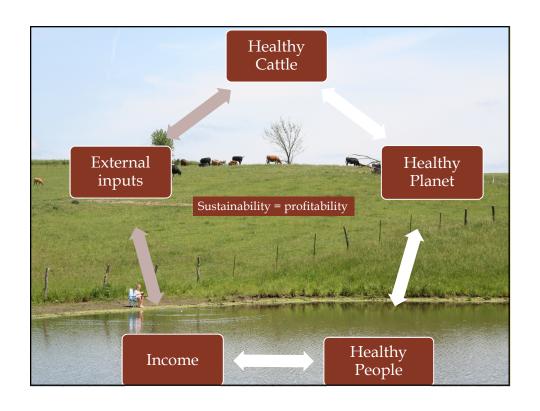
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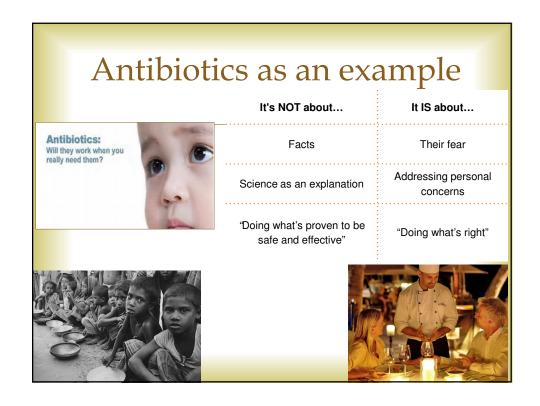
We don't need to change the consumer

We need to continue to improve

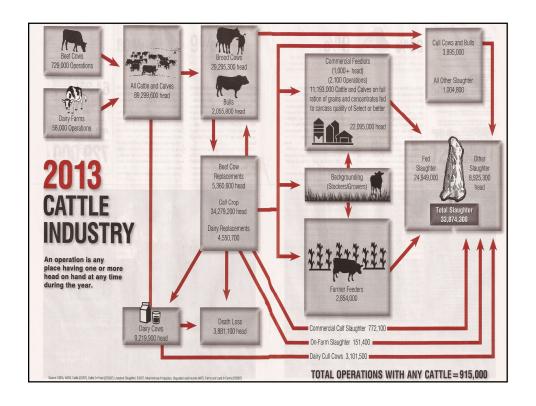


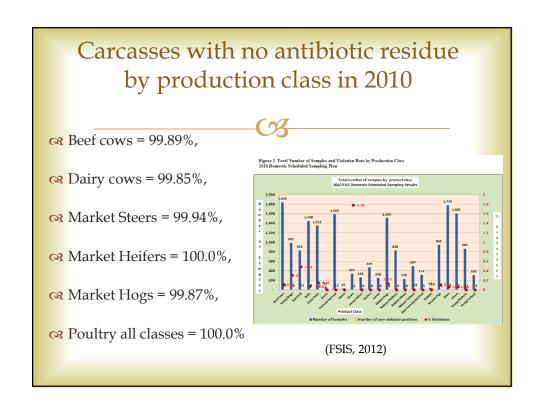


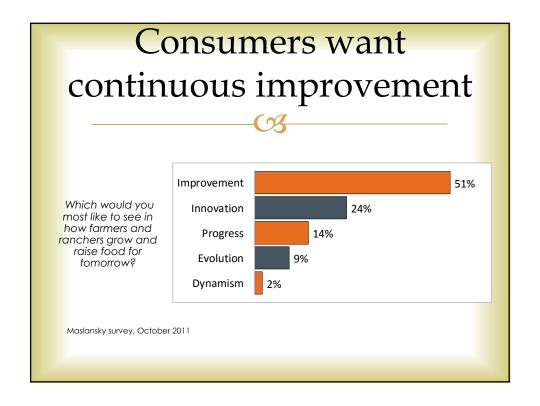














# What is a VCPR (state defined)?

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#### ○ A VCPR indicates the veterinarian

- cs engages with the client to assume responsibility for making clinical judgments about patient health
- has sufficient knowledge of the patient by virtue of patient examination and/or visits to the facility where the patient is managed
- Can provide any follow up care

#### **⊗**AND

The producer agrees to comply with prescription

### Veterinary Feed Directive

- Must have a VCPR as defined by the state
- Each VFD will have a specific VFD form or DVM will have their own clinic VFD form
- 3 copies Veterinarian, Producer and Feed store
- All parties must maintain copies of the VFD for two years
- ${f ce}$  Faxes and electronic VFD (including smart phone); No verbal VFDs
- ∨ Veterinarian must set an expiration date (Max. 6 months)

# What Works: Committing to Improvement

Continuous Improvement is NOT	Continuous Improvement IS
A message in itself	A strategic opening to a conversation with consumers
An excuse for inaction	An invitation to action and accountability

### **Nutritional Composition**

"Organic foods differ from conventional foods only in the way in which they are grown and processed."

Source: American Dietetic Association

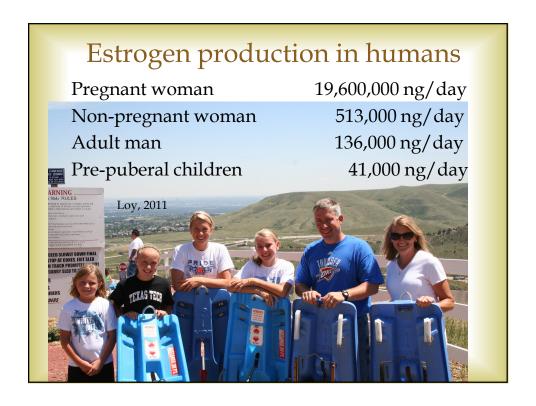
"On the basis of a systematic review of studies of satisfactory quality, there is *no evidence of a difference in nutrient quality* between organically and conventionally produced foodstuffs."

Source: American Journal of Clinical Nutrition July 2009

"No distinctions should be made between organically and non-organically produced products in terms of quality, appearance or safety."

Source: USDA

(ng / 8 ounce se	erving)
Soy flour defatted	342,468,000
™ Tofu	51,483,600
Rinto beans	408,240
ℜ White bread	136,080
№ Peanuts	45,360
Reggs	252
⊗ Butter	141
≈ Milk	15
ヌ Beef from implanted steer	3
☑ Beef from non-implanted steer	2
Loy, 2011	



ltem <sup>a</sup>	Brand		% difference
	Conventionalb	Organic <sup>c</sup>	
<mark>Wh</mark> ole Milk (Gallon)	\$4.19	\$5.99	43%
35% Hamburger (1lb)	\$3.99	\$7.99	100%
Boneless Chicken Breasts (1lb)	\$3.69	\$4.99	35%
Beef Sirloin (\$/lb)	\$5.99	\$8.99	50%
arge Eggs (Dozen)	\$1.45	\$4.89	237%
Pork Chops (\$/lb)	\$3.99	\$6.99	75%
White Bread (20oz)	\$1.99	\$2.69	35%



### Our challenge

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"Provide comfort of safety for the affluent and the comfort of satiety for the poor"

**–** D.U. Thomson 2015

## Progress is impossible with out change.....George Bernard Shaw

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- Change OUR industry for OUR future to preserve OUR heritage
- Reprotect human and animal health with evidence and practice-based decisions
  - Consumers don't differentiate hormones and AB
- One BEEF Industry closing the last three feet

