



# IDAHO CATTLE ASSOCIATION

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## **Merle Olsen Elected to Idaho Cattle Association Board of Directors**

Merle Olsen, of Bonners Ferry, Idaho, was elected to the Idaho Cattle Association's (ICA) board of directors during the organization's annual Convention and Trade Show held November 14-16, 2011 at the Sun Valley Resort. Olsen was elected as a representative for the ICA's District 1, which represents the northern portion of the state. Other representatives of District 1 include Pete Wittman of Lapwai and Ken Forsmann of Cottonwood.

New statewide officers elected included President Richard Savage of Hamer; President-Elect Lee Bradshaw of Caldwell; Vice President Jared Brackett of Rogerson, Cattlewomen Chairwoman Jessie Miller of Boise and Cow-Calf Council Chairman, Matt Thompson of Shelley.

The ICA annual Convention and Trade Show had over 500 attendees, hailing from locations across Idaho and several surrounding states. Features of the conference included a legislative update from Idaho's Congressional delegation, as well as workshops regarding animal health, nutrition and livestock marketing. Representatives of various state and federal agencies were also in attendance and many gave presentations regarding current issues pertaining to Idaho's cattle industry.

The Idaho Cattle Association works on behalf of the more than 10,000 cattle producers in the state of Idaho and has a membership of nearly 1,000 members. It is the only organization in the state that deals exclusively with the needs, interests and welfare of Idaho's cattle industry.

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