

IDAHO CATTLE ASSOCIATION



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Agriculture Keeps Idaho Economy Strong

The Joint Economic Outlook and Revenue Assessment Committee met this week to discuss Idaho's economy. Idaho's cattle industry continues to increase the economy, bringing in an estimated \$2.47 billion in cash receipts in 2014. That is a 29% increase over the previous year.

"We have had record high beef and cattle prices over the last twelve months, and that trend is continuing on into 2015," said Idaho Cattle Association Executive Vice President Wyatt Prescott. "As an industry we are proud to be producing a great product, and to consistently be such an asset to Idaho's economy."

The cattle industry is second only to the dairy industry in revenue contributed to the state. The state revenue for cattle and calves set a record in cash receipts in 2014, as did milk. Cash receipts from sales of crops and livestock in 2014 are projected to be \$9.70 billion. Agribusiness continues to be Idaho's largest industry, and Idaho is the third-largest agricultural state in the West.

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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