

# Auction Market Deduction Authorization

We asked USDA if the Packers and Stockyards Act (Act) or its related regulations would preclude R-CALF USA from providing its members with an opportunity to make contributions to USA FREE through a voluntary deduction from the sale of their cattle at their livestock auction yards (essentially a voluntary checkoff), if the proceeds were used to finance research, education and promotion of cattle and beef. USDA responded in writing that neither the Act nor its regulations would preclude such a program.

With this verification from USDA, we are now providing you with the opportunity to voluntarily fill out this USA FREE Auction Market Deduction Authorization card and deliver it to your livestock auction market so it can be kept on file. Then, each time you sell cattle and the \$1 mandatory checkoff is deducted from your sale proceeds, at the same time, the amount that you choose to contribute to USA FREE will also be deducted and sent to USA FREE, where you know it will be used to finance research, promotion and education that will benefit you.

Your participation in this strictly voluntary program will help ensure that R-CALF USA has the financial resources needed to continue its research, promotion and educational activities. R-CALF USA's lobbying efforts will continue to be financed through membership dues to R-CALF USA.

In return for your voluntary participation, R-CALF USA commits to you that it will continue to fight as effectively and aggressively as ever to preserve for you and your children the opportunity to remain profitable as independent cattle producers in your U.S. cattle industry.

Your additional support is needed and we hope you will agree that keeping R-CALF USA strong is the key to achieving long-term prosperity for you and your industry.

Yes, I want to participate in this voluntary program!

I authorize \_\_\_\_\_  
Name of livestock auction market

to deduct \$ \_\_\_\_\_ per head of cattle I consign to the above named livestock auction market at the time of sale to be paid to USA FREE. This donation will be used to fund research, educational and promotional activities related to livestock and beef carried out by R-CALF USA.

This authorization is valid until cancelled by me.

Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

USA FREE was established "exclusively for the specific purpose of benefiting charitable, educational, and scientific activities of R-CALF USA." –USA FREE Bylaws Article II, Section 2.1A

**All contributions are tax-deductible.**

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