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### Cattle Groups Opposed to Expanding Beef Checkoff Program

LINCOLN, Neb. (AP) - Different cattle industry groups may not agree on what needs to change in the current beef checkoff program, but they appear united in opposing an expansion of the program.

Rancher Dave Wright, who leads the Independent Cattlemen of Nebraska, tells the Lincoln Journal Star no industry groups are supporting the U.S. Department of Agriculture proposal to expand the program.

Currently, a checkoff fee of \$1 per head is charged when cattle are sold to provide money to promote the industry and increase beef demand.

The USDA is collecting comments on a proposal to double the fee through Wednesday.

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