

This loss in live cattle production means, that annually—

- a. Our cattlemen lose hundreds of millions of dollars of income.
- b. Cheaper imports undermines our domestic price level. This costs more hundreds of millions of dollars.
- c. We lose a home market for at least 20,000,000 acres of land.
- d. We lose all the labor necessary to produce the cattle and to produce the feed for them. More hundreds of millions of dollars.
- e. We lose all the agribusiness generated by allied businesses that might be involved. More hundreds of millions of dollars.

It all adds up to a staggering unnecessary burden to the cattle business particular and the total U.S. economy.

Why should this be? Why should it be permitted to increase?

Sincerely yours,

RUSSELL FORSYTHE,
Ohio Cattle Feeders Association.

JAMES H. WARNER,
Secretary, Ohio Cattle Feeders Association.

OKLAHOMA CATTLEMEN'S ASSOCIATION,
Oklahoma City, Okla., May 28, 1968.

HON. WILBUR MILLS,
*U.S. House of Representatives,
Washington, D.C.*

DEAR CONGRESSMAN MILLS: The Oklahoma Cattlemen's Association would like to take this means of expressing our appreciation in that hearings are to be held relative to amending the beef import law of 1964.

The cattlemen of this state and nation are attempting to discipline themselves and the industry for the purpose of maintaining beef production at levels to where they can receive a reasonable return on their investments.

This will never be accomplished so long as the volume of foreign beef can fluctuate as it has in recent months.

We would like for the record to show that we concur in the statement to be presented by the American National Cattlemen's Association and that they will be representing the cattle interest of Oklahoma as well as the nation.

Respectfully,

WRAY FINNEY, *President.*

TEXAS AND SOUTHWESTERN CATTLE RAISERS ASSOCIATION,
Fort Worth, Tex., May 28, 1968.

HON. WILBUR D. MILLS,
*Chairman, House Ways and Means Committee,
House Office Building, Washington, D.C.*

DEAR CONGRESSMAN MILLS: The Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association wishes to congratulate you and the House Ways and Means Committee for holding hearings on the broad area of economic disadvantages resulting from excessive liberalization of the United States trade policy. The economic dislocation as a result of this policy is obvious in many basic domestic industries.

The Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association representing approximately 12,000 cattle producers in the Southwest especially calls your attention to our statement to follow and requests that it be made a part of the hearings of your committee. We choose this route in the interest of time rather than requesting permission to appear in person.

It was due to the efforts of the House Ways and Means Committee that in 1964 legislation was obtained for the then Public Law 88-482 to adjust the flood of imports of foreign beef which were coming into this market.

After three years of operation it is obvious that certain modifications must be made in the existing law in order to make it more equitable both to the domestic livestock and meat industry as well as the foreign countries who are sharing a portion of our market.

It was hoped that the major exporting countries of meat into the United States as a result of Public Law 88-482 would attempt to diversify and develop other markets for their exportable meat products. Such has not been the case and