

## TRADE

### PRODUCTS USING CELL-CULTURED TECHNOLOGY

WHEREAS select companies are developing products intended for human consumption utilizing cell-culturing processes in an attempt to imitate traditional beef and meat products, the South Dakota Stockgrowers Association believes this new category of food is NOT beef, nor meat, and should utilize entirely different terminology.

WHEREAS a "cultivated-protein food product" means a food product having one or more sensory attributes that a type of tissue originating from an agricultural food animal but that is derived from manufacturing cells, including processes in which stem cells that were initially isolated from an agricultural food animal are grown in vitro, and may be manipulated, as part of a manufacturing process.

WHEREAS it is assumed that these select companies will begin importing and exporting their cell-cultured products to consumers around the world and believe all such trade of cell-cultured protein require separate process and inspections of process of production, packaging and inspecting to be different than real meat products.

THEREFORE South Dakota Stockgrowers Association supports any national, state or local action to protect consumers, ensure transparency, and defend the voices and lifestyles of South Dakota ranchers and livestock producers. South Dakota producers have earned public trust through generations of transparent, regulated production. By contrast, cell-cultivated protein remains unproven at commercial scale and lacks long-term, independent consumption data and therefore should contain "Cell Cultured Product" labeling at point of consumer sales. Weakening safeguards now risks eroding consumer confidence and destabilizing rural communities.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, SDSGA fully supports the five year moratorium established in 2026 that finds it is illegal to sell, manufacture, offer for sale, hold for sale, or distribute any product containing cell-cultured protein in South Dakota and will be enforced by the Department of Health and Social Services who can inspect food service establishments and issue stop-sale orders if violations are found and the Animal Industry Board who can seize and condemn products and penalties and fines will be exercised.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, cell-cultured protein should NOT be commingled with domestic, imported or exported meat and beef products thereby jeopardizing the high food safety standards that the U.S. prides itself on. It is unknown how cell-cultured products interact with the human body, especially long-term consumption and should be kept separate from traditional beef and meat products in case of food safety recall.