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# Producer Consent to Fund Montana Beef Council Form

**For All Cattle Marketed During the _____ Calendar Year (Write in the year for which this form is being completed).**

**Name(s):** _____ **Business:** _____

**Address:** _____

**City:** _____ **State:** _____ **Zip Code:** _____

**Phone Number:** _____ **Email:** _____

I hereby authorize the Montana Beef Council (MBC) to retain up to 50 cents per head of the Federal $1-per-head beef checkoff assessment collected on cattle that I sell. Assessments will be retained on all cattle marketed during the calendar year indicated above (if the form is received by MBC by January 1, MBC will be authorized to retain up to 50 cents of the Federal $1-per-head assessment during the entire calendar year. If it is received by MBC after January 1, MBC will be authorized to retain up to 50 cents of the Federal $1-per-head assessment for the remaining days of the year, beginning on the date the form was signed by the producer. I also certify that I am authorized to sign this form.

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| **Today's Date** | **PRINT name of cattle owner or representative** | **SIGNATURE of cattle owner or representative** |

The Beef Promotion and Research Act of 1985 (Act) and the Beef Promotion and Research Order (Order) require collection of a mandatory $1-per-head beef checkoff assessment every time cattle are sold. The Act and Order authorize Qualified State Beef Councils (QSBCs) to collect the $1-per-head assessment. The law requires that at least 50 cents per head of the mandatory $1-per-head checkoff assessment be forwarded to the Cattlemen's Beef Promotion and Research Board (Board) to help fund the Beef Checkoff Program, while the remaining portion can be retained by QSBC. A preliminary injunction granted by the Court enjoined USDA from continuing to allow the Montana Beef Council (MBC) to use the assessments that it collects under the Beef Checkoff Program to fund its advertising campaigns, unless a cattle producer provides prior affirmative consent authorizing MBC to retain a portion of the cattle producer's assessment for State promotion, research, and information programs authorized under the Act. As a result of this preliminary decision, at this time, the full $1-per-head assessment collected by MBC must be remitted to the Board unless a producer provides prior affirmative consent authorizing MBC to retain up to 50 cents of the cattle producer's assessment for State promotion, research, and information programs.

Producers who want up to 50 cents of their Federal $1-per-head assessment to remain with MBC must complete this form on an annual basis. The form must be completed each calendar year by January 1. If the form is received by MBC by January 1, MBC will be authorized to retain up to 50 cents of the Federal $1-per-head assessment during the entire calendar year. If it is received by MBC after January 1, MBC will be authorized to retain up to 50 cents of the Federal $1-per-head assessment for the remaining days of the year, beginning on the date the form was signed by the producer. **Forms should be submitted to the Montana Beef Council; P.O. Box 80865; Billings, Montana 59108; telephone number (406) 656-3336; fax number (406) 656-3337, and email address info@montanabeefcouncil.org.**

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