

246.250 State aid for promotion of purebred cattle industry -- Administrative regulations.

- (1) As used in this section, unless the context otherwise requires:
 - (a) "Department" means the Department of Agriculture;
 - (b) "Commissioner" means the Commissioner of Agriculture;
 - (c) "Registered cattle" means cattle with approved registration papers from an appropriate association, organization, or authority;
 - (d) "Pen sale cattle" means uniform groups of commercial or registered beef cattle;
 - (e) "Market animals" means beef prospect steers and market heifers; and
 - (f) "AOB" means all other breeds. AOB is any combination of two (2) or more registered breeds. Both beef and dairy cattle may have an AOB category.
- (2) The department shall support the development and the improvement of the cattle industry in Kentucky by promoting annual shows and sales of cattle with the purpose of establishing Kentucky as one of the greatest centers in the United States for the breeding, producing, raising, exhibiting, showing, and selling of cattle. The General Assembly shall make appropriations from the general expenditure fund for each fiscal year to effectuate that purpose.
- (3) Except as provided in subsection (4) of this section, from the appropriations made in accordance with subsection (2) of this section, at least six thousand dollars (\$6,000) shall be appropriated in each fiscal year for premiums and advertising expenditures for each of the following registered cattle breeds and other categories:
 - (a) Angus;
 - (b) Beefalo;
 - (c) Charolais;
 - (d) Chi;
 - (e) Hereford;
 - (f) Limousin;
 - (g) Market animals;
 - (h) Maine;
 - (i) Pen sale cattle;
 - (j) Red Angus;
 - (k) Red Poll;
 - (l) Salers;
 - (m) Santa Gertrudis;
 - (n) Shorthorn;
 - (o) Simmental;
 - (p) Ayrshire;
 - (q) Brown Swiss;
 - (r) Guernsey;

- (s) Holstein;
 - (t) Milking Shorthorn; and
 - (u) Jersey.
- (4) If a registered breed from subsection (3) of this section does not have enough entries to meet the minimum number required for a show, then it may combine with one (1) or more other registered breeds to form an AOB category. The AOB shall be funded in an amount equal to six thousand dollars (\$6,000) from the allocations provided to the registered breeds that created the AOB. The funding shall be proportionately based on the number of entries per breed.
- (5) The remainder of the appropriations made in accordance with subsection (2) of this section for each fiscal year shall be used and applied by the department as follows: At least five thousand dollars (\$5,000) shall be divided between the Kentucky National Dairy Shows and Sales Board and the Kentucky Beef Expo Board to help cover facility and event costs; and the remaining balance shall be used and applied by the department in advertising and in promoting the cattle industry in Kentucky as the Commissioner may determine.
- (6) (a) Only exhibitors participating in the Kentucky National Dairy Shows and Sales or the Kentucky Beef Expo are eligible for the funds appropriated in subsection (3) or (4) of this section;
- (b) Only eligible cattle from the United States and Canada may participate in the Kentucky National Dairy Shows and Sales or the Kentucky Beef Expo;
- (c) When animals of equal quality are consigned, first consideration shall be given to Kentucky-owned or Kentucky-bred cattle; and
- (d) In order to receive funding under subsection (3) or (4) of this section, each breed or category shall be required to match its appropriation on a dollar-for-dollar basis.
- (7) The department shall promulgate administrative regulations in accordance with KRS Chapter 13A to carry out the provisions of this section.

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