comfort food. As a master butcher with over 20 years of experience, he’s no stranger to beef either. The Kansas City local partnered with the Kansas Beef Council (KBC) to create a recipe and cooking video that shows how to serve up a delicious and easy Philly cheesesteak using an economical flat iron steak as part of the Recipes from the Heartland series. Chefs and food influencers such as Chef Tillman, assist KBC in extending the beef message to consumers in our most urban areas.

Beef In Schools
“The Beef Certificate Program is an invaluable resource for educators and students alike,” says Abby Heidari, director of nutrition for the Kansas Beef Council. “Thanks to this Checkoff-funded resource, students and educators are receiving the true story about beef production while also learning how to prepare beef!”

Visit kansasbeef.org to learn more about how your Beef Checkoff investment is putting beef in schools across Kansas.

Virtual Facility Design
The Kansas Beef Council (KBC) partnered with Dr. A.J. Tarpoff, K-State beef extension veterinarian, to highlight certain aspects of facility design that play a big impact on both animal handling and stewardship. Utilizing both drone and Go Pro technology, he showcased a few practical, low-cost strategies that easily can be implemented on both small and large cattle operations. KBC filmed and produced this video in cooperation with Kansas State University.

Checkoff Trains Next Generation Of Dietitians
The Kansas Beef Council (KBC) held nutrition communications training workshops for students enrolled in dietetic internship programs at the University of Kansas Medical Center in Kansas City and Kansas State University in Manhattan. More than 30 dietetic interns and faculty members participated in the sessions. This was the 10th year for KBC to hold the Checkoff-funded trainings. Registered dietitian and KBC Director of Nutrition Abby Heidari; protein research expert Donald Layman, PhD; and registered dietitian Melissa Joy Dobbins led the sessions, which allowed students to apply evidence-based guidelines as they practiced delivering science-based protein recommendations in a variety of potential settings, including one-on-one patient counseling. Students also received grilling tips and performed mock cooking demonstrations using top sirloin steaks.

These Checkoff-funded sessions are designed to provide accurate, peer-reviewed information and practical experience with beef to aspiring professionals who will reach thousands of consumers and clients with dietary advice during their careers. Participants at the University of Kansas workshop also had the opportunity to hear from Wabaunsee County ranchers Wrenn and Arturo Pacheco, while those at K-State had the chance to visit with Geary County ranchers Isaac and Jill Carr.

Producers Attend In-Person BQA Trainings
The Kansas Beef Council (KBC) and Kansas State University hosted two advanced beef cattle care and health training sessions last fall, one in Eureka and the other in Washington. K-State extension veterinarian A. J. Tarpoff led the trainings, which included information on Beef Quality Assurance (BQA) recommendations for animal husbandry, downed animal care and low-stress handling. During the session at Eureka, Tarpoff also conducted a necropsy to showcase the causation of different animal health issues. Producers who attended these sessions earned their BQA certification. KBC Director of Industry Relations John Sachse also was on hand at each location to discuss how producers’ Checkoff investment is serving the industry and bridging the gap between those who produce beef and those who consume it.

Local Chef Serves Up Comfort Food for Summer
Kansas City chef and restaurateur Chad Tillman knows a thing or two about serving up
Dear Fellow Producers,

Even after a tumultuous couple of years, we have a lot to be thankful for. We celebrated the 35th anniversary of the Beef Checkoff in 2021, and managed to hold in-person and virtual events without skipping a beat, and on a personal note, I’m thrilled to see my daughters get more involved in the industry.

Families like mine across the country provide the grassroots producer and state support that continues to be the driving force of the Beef Checkoff. Our Federation of State Beef Councils exists to build beef demand by inspiring, uniting and supporting an effective state and national Checkoff partnership.

I think the well-known phrase “a rising tide lifts all boats” accurately describes what the Federation is all about. States have a common goal of increasing beef demand through education, research and promotion. When we work together, we all succeed.

In addition to having a common goal, we also have a roadmap to help us achieve it through the Beef Industry Long Range Plan (LRP). In 2021, we launched a new five-year plan that outlines the vision, mission, objectives and initiatives to unite us in our efforts. Work funded through new Authorization Requests ties directly to the LRP.

This annual report touches on some of the national programs that producers help support that continue to be the driving force of the Beef Checkoff. Together we make a difference, and we all benefit.

Sincerely,

Clay Burtrum
Stillwater, Oklahoma
Chair, Federation of State Beef Councils

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**Beef Enters Victory Lane**

The Federation of State Beef Councils, on behalf of the Beef Checkoff, partnered with Daytona International Speedway to sponsor the Beef It’s What’s For Dinner 300 in February 2021. The race served as a unique opportunity to engage with consumers through social media, television advertising, public relations and event promotions. When the checkered flag dropped, driver Austin Cindric in the number 22 Team Penske Ford claimed victory and celebrated with the Beef It’s What’s For Dinner 300 trophy and a cooler full of Tomahawk Steaks.

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**Confi dent Cooking with Beef**

Confident Cooking with Beef is a comprehensive guide to selecting, preparing and cooking beef. Created by beef professionals for beef enthusiasts, this resource gives consumers added confidence when working with beef and sharing beef content. Originally published in the early 1990s, and updated each year, the brochure was recently revised, and more than 120,000 copies were printed at the request of SBCs to educate consumers on the benefits of beef. With tips and tricks, comprehensive cooking lessons and timing charts, the publication provides the tools necessary to ensure beef success every time. The brochure also provides educational information about the value of beef’s nutrition and the industry’s positive impact on environmental stewardship, social responsibility and economic viability.

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**FEDERATION FUNDED PROJECTS**

The Federation of State Beef Councils builds a larger, more impactful, coordinated plan that can be executed as a partnership between the Federation and individual State Beef Councils (SBCs). Over 50% of the Federation’s annual budget supplements tactics within Authorization Requests (ARRs) approved by the Beef Promotion Operating Committee (BPOC). Supplementing these tactics helps the national Checkoff program have a larger impact on consumer demand.

In 2021, the Federation contributed $6 million toward projects that supplement the approximately $40 million national plan funded by the BPOC for promotion, research, consumer information and industry information. Specific programs made possible by SBC contributions to the Federation include, but are not limited to:

**INDUSTRY INFORMATION – $800,000**

- The Beef Quality Assurance (BQA) program developed a Daily Biosecurity Plan for Disease Prevention template which helps cattle producers implement daily biosecurity measures on their operations and began work on the National Beef Quality Audit, which occurs every five years.

**RESEARCH – $775,000**

- Safety – focused on Salmonella contamination in lymph nodes and efforts to reduce food safety concerns in beef.
- Nutrition – focused on understanding beef preferences during infant complementary feeding.
- Product Quality – focused on sensory and chemical characterization of ground beef and plant-based alternative proteins, plus understanding the influence of beef’s cross on sub-primal yields and muscle shape.

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**Promotion – $3,354,000**

- Conducted Beef Substitutes 2.0 which worked with celebrity chefs during seasonal moments to rework iconic dishes into beef dishes, such as Beef Parmesan.
- Launched a sustainability campaign highlighting how beef farmers and ranchers around the country are implementing land-conserving, award-winning environmental efforts, as well as an interactive map on BeefItsWhatsForDinner.com featuring the sustainability work of producers in each state.
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**Early bites with beef**

The Beef in the Early Years campaign focused on educating physicians and other health professionals on the importance of focusing on beef to balance an early complementary food menu and providing them with tools to support parents with the introduction of beef. With support from the Federation of State Beef Councils and several individual state beef councils, educational tools and parent resources were provided to a nationwide network of pediatrician offices and childbirth centers.