

GEORGIA BEEF COMMISSION REFERENDUM

June 30

Deadline to have completed ballots postmarked

Georgia beef producers have until June 30 to put their referendum ballot for the Georgia Agriculture Commodity Commission for Beef in the mail. Completed ballots must be postmarked by June 30 and signed to be valid. If you are a beef producer and haven't received your ballot, please email Fred Rayfield at fred.rayfield@agr.georgia.gov to request one. Funds from the assessments are used to fund research, education, and promotion projects that benefit Georgia cattle producers. The marketing order includes beef and dairy breeds sold for use of beef. In the nine years since the assessment began, over \$3 million has been committed to research projects with the University of Georgia and in-state education and promotions that benefit Georgia's beef sector. Georgia beef producers first voted in 2014 to approve a marketing order to establish a \$1 per head assessment on all cattle sold in Georgia for beef with a value over \$100. State law requires that the market order be voted on every three years to continue.