## Volunteers are Nearly as Important as the Ribeye Steaks at the OCA Beef Tent

OKLAHOMA CITY, Okla., Oct. 10, 2019 - The Oklahoma Cattlemen's Association Beef Tent has been a staple a the Tulsa State Fair for 28 years. Our ribeye steak sandwiches were always the most popular item and for the last decade (plus a few years) they've been the only meal we serve at the Beef Tent. The Tulsa State Fair lasts 11 days. In those 11 days, 14,527 ribeye steak sandwiches were sold.

While the ribeye steak sandwiches are the star of the show, the OCA Beef Tent would not be able to function or be profitable without the dozens of volunteers that grill steaks, take orders and serve customers.

"The goal of the Beef Tent is to promote beef," said OCA President, Mike Weeks. "Additionally, the Beef Tent has served as a great fundraiser for not only the OCA, but for the organizations the volunteer to provide manpower at the Beef Tent."

Thank you to the following groups who staffed full days of the Beef Tent. Cattlemen's Leadership Academy Alumni, Oklahoma CattleWomen, Hughes Co. Cattlemen's Assn., Okmulgee Co. Cattlemen's Assn., Muskogee Co. Cattlemen's Assn., Rogers Co. Cattlemen's Assn., Oklahoma Collegiate Cattlewomen, Oklahoma Collegiate Cattlemen and Garfield Co. Cattlemen's Assn.

"A total of \$7,700 was paid to these groups to help with the missions of their respective organizations," Weeks said. "It doesn't get more authentic than a cattleman grilling steaks. I think it speaks volumes that our members volunteer their time away from their ranch to come put in a days' work at the beef tent."

The OCA is the trusted voice of the Oklahoma Cattle Industry. OCA is the only voice that speaks solely for the cattlemen of Oklahoma and represents beef producers in all 77 counties across the state. The OCA officers, board of directors and membership encourages you to join us in our advocacy efforts to ensure less government intervention, lower taxes and a better bottom line. For more information about OCA membership, the theft reward program or activities call 405-235-4391 or visit www.okcattlemen.org.