The USDA's Department of Health and Human Services released its 2015 Dietary Guidelines report on February 19th. The report is available at the following website: http://health.gov/dietaryguidelines/2015-scientific-report/.

The National Cattlemen's Beef Association ("NCBA"), American National Cattle Women, and OCW take issue with the report's exclusion of lean meats from the dietary pattern associated with positive health, as well as the recommendation that Americans reduce their red meat consumption. NCBA also opposes the report's inclusion of sustainability considerations, as such topics are outside the realm of nutrition and health, and the cattle industry has made tremendous practice improvements that are not recognized by the report.

The mission of the OCW is to promote the beef industry. Please take the time to promote beef consumption as an important part of a healthy diet by commenting on the USDA's 2015 Dietary Guidelines. You may submit comments at the following website: http://health.gov/dietaryguidelines/dga2015/comments/writeComments.aspx. You may also review sample comments and submit comments through the NCBA's website at: http://cqrcengage.com/beefusa/nutrition.