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A LOOK BACK IN HISTORY

As we ring in the new year, let's look back to sentiments at the start of 1946: "The bread line will form at the right! Not a very happy thought as we start on a New Year. Not a brave thought for a nation which has just won the greatest and bloodiest war in history. Most certainly, not a brilliant thought for people who have more money in their pockets, more money in the bank, more savings in war bonds, fewer debts than at any previous time in history. An amazing thought for people who have the productive power to make 1946 the greatest production year ever—at a time when more people want more things and are able to pay higher prices than ever before," read the January 1946 WLJ article.

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Oregon Department of Agriculture
The Environmental Protection Agency is proposing new wastewater discharge regulations for meat processors. Pictured here, a cut of Kobe beef on a 2018 USDA trade mission to Japan.

EPA proposes wastewater changes for meat processors

— Seeks comments

The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) announced it is taking steps to revise wastewater discharge standards applicable to meat and poultry products facilities.

This proposed rule aims to align with the latest scientific insights, utilizing the EPA's Clean Water Act authority to reduce nutrients and other pollutants discharged by slaughterhouses, as well as meat and poultry processing and rendering facilities, into waterbodies and publicly owned treatment works (POTWs), according to the agency.

Meat and poultry products (MPP) facilities contribute to the pollution of the nation's waters and POTWs, the agency said. Wastewater from these facilities contains pollutants such as oil, grease, organic material, salts, ammonia and nutrients like nitrogen and phosphorus.

The proposed regulation offers three options to revise discharge standards, with the EPA's preferred option targeting existing facilities discharging directly to U.S. waters.

The preferred option aims to en-

hance effluent limitations, introducing more stringent controls on nitrogen and, for the first time, phosphorus discharges. It also proposes establishing pretreatment standards for indirect dischargers to control pollutants like oil and grease, total suspended solids, and biochemical oxygen demand.

The EPA said the preferred option applies to around 850 of the 5,000 MPP facilities nationwide.

The proposed regulation's two additional options would also establish pretreatment standards for nitrogen and phosphorus for some indirect discharging facilities included in the preferred option.

Additionally, EPA is requesting comment on a provision mandating the segregation and management of high-salt waste streams produced at some facilities. Including E. coli bacteria as a regulated parameter for direct discharging facilities is also under consideration.

The EPA estimates that implementing the proposed regulation would result in a reduction of

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Gray wolves to gain new federal recovery plan

— Final plan expected in three years

Following legal action by environmentalists, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) is now obligated to draft a new federal recovery plan for gray wolves. The agency has two years to draft the plan, unless it determines earlier that a plan is unnecessary to promote the conservation of the species.

The Center for Biological Diversity led the effort to gain new wolf protections.

"We've long pushed for a new, comprehensive plan to guide gray wolf recovery, so this win is a big deal for us and the wolves," said Collette Adkins of Center for Biological Diversity. "We're hopeful that the Fish and Wildlife Service will finally analyze what's needed for real wolf recovery in this coun-

try, rather than once again try to illegally and prematurely delist wolves."

Last summer, a district court ruled that USFWS must create a recovery plan and cannot rely on subspecies recovery plans that "straightforwardly do not satisfy" the Endangered Species Act (ESA).

In a Dec. 13 agreement, USFWS agreed to develop a draft plan within two years and create a final recovery plan within a year after posting the draft plan.

"Plaintiff reserves its right to challenge any final recovery plan or any finding that a recovery plan will not promote the conservation of the species," according to the agreement.

In response to the agreement, USFWS is launching a "national

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Defendants file countersuit in Shasta County goat case

— Alleges plaintiff contributed to damages

Two defendants have filed a countersuit against the woman who removed a goat from California's Shasta County Fair, claiming she was negligent in breaching the fair's contract and removing the animal, among other claims.

The countersuit by Melanie Silva, CEO of the 27th District Agricultural Association, and B.J. MacFarlane, fair livestock superintendent, asserts they should be held harmless from any liability when Jessica Long, the mother of the minor who exhibited the removed goat, signed the contract to enter her daughter as an exhibitor. Long is alleged to have removed her daughter's goat from the fairgrounds before the goat could be sent to a processing facility.

According to the countersuit,

Long agreed to the fair's terms regarding accountability and liability, which stipulated she was the property owner, and agreed to abide by the rules regarding entries in the Shasta County Fair Handbook. The countersuit states that by signing the contract, the person agrees to hold the fair, county and state harmless from any liability, claim, loss or expense resulting from any injury or damage related to participation in the program or event.

The defendants said any damage from the acts that the minor, or anyone else suffered, was due to Long's conduct and negligence. The defendants assert they believe Long "carelessly, negligently, or in some actionable manner, be it legal or equitable, caused or contributed to some or all of the damages" by removing the goat from the fairgrounds and transferring it to a third party.

Background

Long and her daughter purchased the goat in April 2022 to show as a market goat for the Shasta County Fair Junior Livestock Auction on June 24-25, 2022, as a Cow Creek 4-H Club member.

According to a second amended complaint filed in October 2023 by Long's attorneys, Long and the minor asked to terminate their participation in the livestock auction before the start and were met with resistance from fair officials who stated the rules prohibited it.

A buyer representative for a California state senator was the highest bidder for the goat at \$902. The buyer said the party wanted to donate the goat to a community barbecue.

After the auction, the suit states the minor exercised "her statutory

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Market slows down post-Christmas, auctions closed

The cattle market was uneventful during the Christmas holiday-shortened week, with futures steady on the board and cash trade light—albeit a little higher than a week earlier.

Live cattle futures traded mostly sideways over the week. The December contract gained 65 cents to close at \$171.20, and the February contract gained 25 cents to close at \$168.92.

"Once again, very limited activity in all markets during the holiday week, and what trade did show up this week is more focused on the movements in the stock market which is at or near record highs, leaving little attention to livestock trade," DTN wrote in its Thursday midday comments. "Even cash and meat market movement have very little impact on the direction of futures trade going into the end of the year."

Cash trade through Thursday was slow to get started, with the bulk of trade taking place on Thursday morning. Total cash trade through Thursday was less than 15,000 head. Live steers sold from \$170-172.50, and dressed steers sold from \$270-272.

"The negotiated fed cattle market, on the other hand, is trading now in Texas at \$172, \$1 higher than last week, the highest since the week ended December 1, that averaged

\$174.45," wrote Cassie Fish, market analyst, in The Beef on Thursday. "Higher cash money this week was anticipated and highly probable."

Cash trade for the week ending Dec. 24 totaled 55,788 head. Live steers averaged \$170.41, and dressed steers averaged \$270.45.

The national weekly direct beef type price distribution for the week of Dec. 18-25 was the following on a live basis:

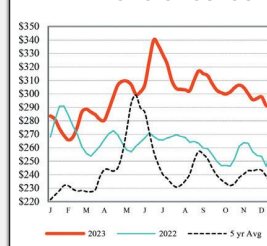
- Negotiated purchases: \$170.62.
- Formula net purchases: \$172.70.

- Forward contract net purchases: \$181.99.
- Negotiated grid net purchases: \$175.83.

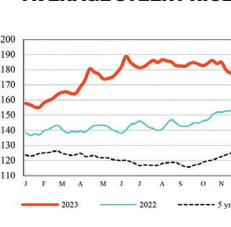
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WEEKLY CHOICE CUTOUT



5 AREA WEEKLY WTD AVERAGE STEER PRICE



LIVE STEERS	DRESSED STEERS	CME FEEDER
N/A	N/A	\$217.71
WEEK ENDING: 12-28-23		

COMMENTS

A good 2024?

We hope everyone had a merry Christmas, and hopefully everyone has a grand new year. The cattle industry should have a good 2024 with cattle numbers continuing their decline. Packers have enjoyed some profits the past few weeks with lower priced fed cattle. Cow-calf guys should remain in the driver's seat; 500-pound calves should remain in the \$300 range for a while if they are long weaned.



CROW

The Cattle on Feed report gave us no surprises, the supply of slaughter-ready cattle is still growing; cattle on feed was 2.7% higher than the previous December and the lack of marketings is stacking them up, marketings were down 7.5%. And these holiday weeks have shortened slaughter levels. Packers are earning around \$40 per head, which I hope is enough to speed up processing lines. The Choice beef cutout has been trading in the \$290 level giving consumers a bit of a break on beef prices.

Carcass weights have been extremely high; dressed steers were 846 lbs., 16 lbs. higher than a year earlier. With high-priced replacements, feeders decided to make them bigger—1,500-lb. steers have been in high demand by packers. On an interesting note, beef production was 524 million lbs. the week ending Dec. 23, while beef production for the same week a year earlier was 457 million lbs. So those big cattle are making a difference on beef tonnage.

Placement patterns will confuse the market going forward. If cattle feeders don't start moving some volume, we could be stacking more fed cattle into the second quarter of 2024. The good thing is demand picks up during April through June, the highest beef demand months of the year.

At mid-week it looked like the fed cattle trade was steady with \$171 a week earlier. Most market analysts were looking for the market to be a bit higher this past week. Winter weather in the North may have slowed trade down a bit, creating a winter market; holiday travelers had a rough post-Christmas travel episode.

The Ag Center's Cattle Report said, "Trade prices were slowed by the storm in the Midwest and the holidays. Show lists were mainly flat with uncertain offering numbers in the north. The largely positive basis of recent weeks has been replaced with futures prices that are spot on to cash and will not be a large incentive to move cattle early. Weather as always will dictate movements of fed cattle during the winter. Cattle owners are pricing most cattle at \$175.

"Last week concluded trading for the week with \$1 higher prices in the South and \$2-3 higher in the North. Trading occurred across the northern Plains at \$1-3 higher prices with live prices from \$170-171 and dressed prices mainly at \$270. In the South, trading concluded Friday at \$171—\$1 higher than last week. A few outside sales in all regions reached \$172 live. The next two weeks will feature smaller slaughter volumes due to holiday schedules.

"The high volatility witnessed in the futures market is unlikely to subside with the new year. Two distinct camps have directly opposed views of the market for cattle and beef. The views are primarily formed by differing views of the economy. The majority of economists are now forecasting a soft landing and currently the interest rate market is pricing in six cuts in interest rates for 2024 starting in March. Smart money in the form of very respected hedge fund money managers are saying wait—more troubling times are ahead.

"High prices for cattle are necessary to stimulate breeders to add more cows to produce more calves. It is discouraging to all beef producers to find a marketplace with price swings that have taken feeder prices from \$260-plus to \$210-plus in a little over a month then posted a partial recovery. Stability is something that has been missing from the price signals necessary for a properly functioning marketplace."

Feeder cattle markets were quiet ahead of Christmas as most auction markets were closed for the holidays; the first couple weeks in January typically show us a higher feeder cattle market. The new year should get cattle traders back in the futures markets, the fundamentals are still strong, and the longs traders should be back soon and support the markets. We do have a large front-end supply of fed cattle that need to be pushed into the pipeline. Let's all make it a good 2024. — **PETE CROW**



KAY'S KORNER

The start of a new year often brings promise of better times and stronger markets. This year will be no exception, even though 2023 was a terrific year for the prices of all classes of cattle. Barring an unforeseen disaster that might disrupt domestic and global beef markets, the year is set for possibly higher cattle prices again because cattle numbers will continue to shrink this year.

The caveat to such prices, as always, is beef demand. Demand held up well last year in the face of sharply higher wholesale beef prices and high retail prices until October. The industry will be hoping that American consumers will continue to recognize beef as the premier protein and will continue to buy lots of it even if prices are much higher than those of pork and chicken. The other hope is that exports rebound from their year-on-year decline in 2023 versus 2002. This will largely depend on stronger economies in the key Asian markets of South Korea and Japan.

Cash live cattle prices ended the year on a welcome uptrend, which cattle feeders hope will continue in January. Prices advanced the week before last and again last week despite packers buying for two holiday-shortened weeks. Prices from the last week of October had declined \$17.98/cwt live from \$186.15/cwt live in eight weeks. But they increased by \$1.80/cwt the week before last to average \$170.51/cwt live and looked set to advance again last week. Dressed price meanwhile arrested their seven-week decline to average \$270.38/cwt, up \$2.95/cwt from the prior week. The price advance before Christmas came despite only 43,919 head reported sold by USDA on the cash market.

In contrast, boxed beef cutout values continued to struggle to gain any traction. The comprehensive cutout (cuts, grinds and trim) the week ended Dec. 22 averaged \$282.44/cwt, up 8 cents from the prior week. The Choice cutout averaged \$284.11/cwt, down 11 cents. The prices of fatty (50CL) and lean (90CL) trimmings both declined sharply during the week. The 50CL price averaged \$49.72/cwt. It was down \$4.14/cwt from the prior week, and it was the first time it fell below \$50/cwt all year. It was also down 48.6% on the same week a year earlier. The 90CL price

averaged \$243.81/cwt, down \$5.83/cwt from the prior week and down 1.3% from the same week a year earlier. The week saw spot market sales represent 28% of the total volume, with formula sales at 51.4%, forward sales at 20.1% and export sales at 11.5%.

Beef buyers last week appeared in no mood to either order a lot of beef or pay higher prices despite the holiday-shortened week and the same for this past week. One reason for the slow sales, as in past weeks, was that prices remain well above year-ago levels. The comprehensive cutout the week before last was up 8.9% on the same week last year, while the Choice cutout was up 9.5%.

The biggest barrier to higher live cattle prices in the first half of 2024 is the near-record large front-end supply of cattle. The ongoing weakness in feedlot marketings amid still large placements means the Dec. 1 Cattle on Feed (COF) report total was close to a record for the date. It also meant that front-end cattle supplies continue to increase and remain a risk to first quarter live cattle prices.

Front-end fed cattle supplies (COF 150-plus days) continued to build into the new year, says Andrew Gottschalk, HedgersEdge.com. The record-high level trumps the previous January record established during the COVID-19 year of 2021 by 305,000 head. The record-high level is a factor that will provide a challenge to first quarter price histories. Since 2010, in only one year (2015) did first quarter prices fail to average above the respective prior fourth quarter price average. Will record-high supplies allow this year to add to the string of years that first quarter prices averaged above the prior fourth quarter? Weather may prove to be the kingmaker to determine this outcome, he says.

The buildup in supplies, which is ongoing, is the direct result of reduced marketings, not larger placements as others may have indicated, says Gottschalk. Marketings in the last three quarters of 2023 declined 751,000 head more than placements, leading to the record-high front-end cattle supply. Marketing levels need to increase to limit the carryover into the second quarter of the new year, he says. That will depend a lot on demand, from packers and consumers. — **Steve Kay, WLJ columnist**



OBITUARIES



Norm A. Timmerman; 1946-2023

Norman "Norm" Alois Timmerman, age 77, of McCook, NE, passed away surrounded by his loved ones, in McCook on Dec. 18.

Norm was born on Sept. 24, 1946, in Omaha, NE, to parents Leo Otto and Irene Gertrude (Meister) Timmerman. He was one of seven children who grew up in Omaha, graduating from high school in 1964. Norm learned the virtue of hard work at a young age and actively contributed to his family's operation from adolescence, often hauling cattle to the stockyards in the morning before school.

After attending the University of Nebraska-Lincoln and serving in the U.S. Marine Corps from 1966-68, Norm returned home to fulfill his lifelong ambition of feeding cattle. On June 15, 1968, in Omaha, Norm married the love of his life, Sharon Kathryn (Guthrie) Timmerman. The couple was blessed with three children.

Norm always had a deep passion for the cattle feeding industry. In 1971, together the brothers, Gerald, James, Norman and Ronnie, with the support of their spouses and sisters spent the next 50-plus years successfully continuing to build their family business. Timmerman & Sons Feeding Co, Inc. included a network of feedyards, ranching operations, cow-calf and stocker leases in seven states. In 2012, NA Timmerman, Inc. was formed. It is a family operation that Norm and Sharon owned jointly with their immediate family. NA Timmerman includes feedyard locations in Nebraska, Colorado and Kansas, as well as multiple grass

leases and backgrounding partners. Norm loved the cattle business and the people in it; many business partners became great friends. Norm was extremely honored to be inducted into the Cattle Feeders Hall of Fame in 2022.

Norm's passion for the cattle industry was only matched by his passion for his family, his faith, the communities he lived in and charitable causes. Norm shared his passions and love of life with everyone he met. Norm would tell you "... Hard work will give you a lot of luck."

Norm was preceded in death by his parents; brother, Jerome; and brother-in-law, John Red McManus.

Those left to celebrate his life include his wife, Sharon Timmerman of McCook, NE; children, Jason (Wendy) Timmerman of Indianola, NE, Kristin (Jeff) Stagemeyer of McCook, CO; and Ryan (Nicole) Timmerman of Sterling, CO; and brothers, Gerald (Lynn) Timmerman of Springfield, NE, James (Margie) Timmerman of Omaha, NE, Ron (Jaye) Timmerman of Castle Rock, CO; and sisters, Mary Jean McManus and Barbara (Robert) Redmond, all of Omaha, NE; eight grandchildren, Peyton (Katie) Stagemeyer, Holland Stagemeyer, Presley, Katherine, Charli, Leo, Levi and Adley Timmerman, with one on the way; and a host of extended family members and lifelong friends.



Jarold Callahan; 1954-2023

Jarold Eldon Callahan of Edmond,

OK, passed away on Dec. 23.

Jarold was born on Sept. 17, 1954, to Joe and Maxine (Spurgeon) Callahan, who instilled in him commitment to family, work ethic and integrity. He grew up on a diversified family farm and cattle operation northwest of Welch, OK. As a youth, his passion for farming and ranching was evident as he was driving a tractor as soon as (or maybe before) his father would let him. He attended Welch High School, where he excelled at academics, livestock judging and basketball (although he probably wouldn't have ranked it in that order). He continued his livestock judging career at Northeastern Oklahoma A&M where he received his associate's degree in 1974. He later went on to receive a bachelor's of science degree in animal science from Oklahoma State University (OSU) where he was a member of the 1975 OSU livestock judging team and graduated as one of the Top Ten Seniors in the College of Agriculture in 1976. He later received his master's degree in animal science from the University of Arkansas.

Jarold coached the livestock judging team at Northeastern Oklahoma A&M (NEO) from 1976-82, where he also served as chair of the Agriculture Division. Jarold served as an instructor and coached the livestock judging team at OSU from 1982-91, where he was promoted to assistant professor in 1990. He impacted the lives of many students through his coaching in his time at both institutions and he later served on the Oklahoma A&M Board of Regents. During his tenure at NEO and OSU he was blessed to coach, advise and mentor many talented young students and build lifelong relationships as those students became friends and colleagues.

Jarold served as the executive vice president of the Oklahoma Cattlemen's Association (OCA) from 1991-95. A life-long learner, Jarold's time at the OCA found him exploring new roles as an advocate for the beef cattle industry.

He became president of Express Ranches, one of the largest purebred cattle operations in the world, from 1996 to 2023. Bob Funk and Express Ranches gave Jarold the opportunity to innovate and help shape the future of the purebred beef cattle industry. He was truly thankful to be a part of such a talented, loyal and dedicated team.

Jarold's many accomplishments and contributions were most recently recognized by being selected as the 2023 inductee to the Saddle & Siroloin Portrait Gallery.

Jarold dedicated his whole life to being a loyal, hard-working and generous person who prioritized his family, friends, education and beef cattle improvement. He loved Oklahoma, OSU, cattle, his wife and partner Jennifer, and his family. Of all of Jarold's accomplishments, he was most proud of his children, Brian, Tracie and Ryan.

He was preceded in death by his father, Joe E. Callahan, in 2015 and his grandparents.

The surviving family includes his wife, Jennifer Callahan of the home; his mother, Maxine Callahan of Welch; his children, Brian Callahan and wife, Angie of Dallas, TX, Tracie Poage and husband, Lenny of Yukon, OK, Ryan Callahan and girlfriend, Taylor Gazda of Edmond, OK; brother, Tommy Callahan and wife, Sherri of Welch, OK; sisters, Linda Hogan and husband, Leon of Tulsa, OK, Shirley Cunningham and husband, Gene of Pittsburg, KS, Nancy Callahan of Stillwater, OK; six grandchildren, Michael, Kathryn and Jake Callahan, and Cody, Sydney and Bryce Poage.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to the Jarold Callahan Memorial Fund, a Lasting Legacy established with Cattlemen's Congress with the designation Callahan Memorial Fund. Contributions can be mailed to: Cattlemen's Congress, Attn: Kass Newell, 21 Land Rush St, Oklahoma City, OK 73107.

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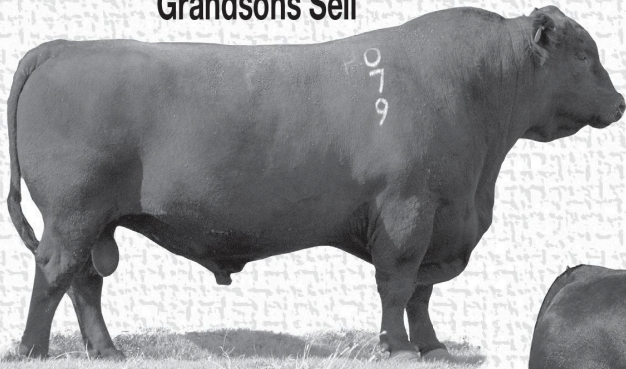
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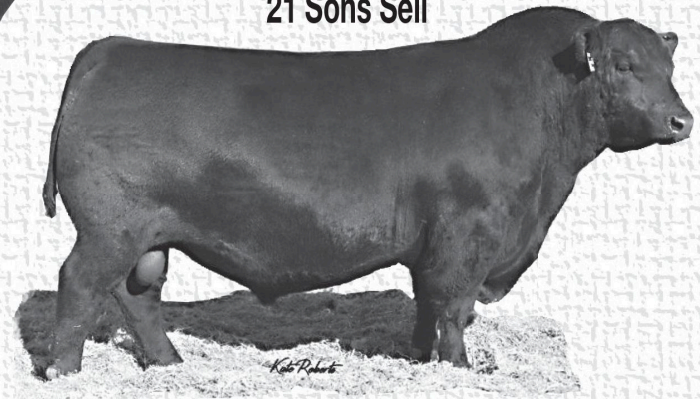
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USDA wants input on foreign ag land

USDA issued a request for public input on how foreign owners file agricultural land holdings in the U.S. Following a great deal of congressional, state and public attention about foreign land holdings, the Farm Service Agency (FSA) is proposing to update the Agricultural Foreign Investment Disclosure Act reporting form.

Under the proposal, USDA would be expanding reporting to "include data on long-term lessees, data to assess the impacts of foreign investment on agricultural producers and rural communities, and to gather geospatial information."

"USDA seeks to improve the

information that we are collecting about foreign ownership and leasing of U.S. agricultural land," said Under Secretary for Farm Production and Conservation Robert Bonnie. "This process, which includes public input on changes to the form, will lead to more insightful reporting to Congress and the public."

Producers or other interested parties have until Feb. 16 to offer their recommendations.

The public can submit input through the Federal eRule-making portal, docket FSA-2023-0017. All comments will be posted without change and will be publicly available on

www.regulations.gov.

The proposed revisions to the FSA-153 Agricultural Foreign Investment Disclosure Act (AFIDA) Report form will:

- Capture additional data on long-term lessees who are required to report their transactions to USDA.

- Propose to collect data to assess the impacts of foreign investment on producers and rural communities, as required by AFIDA.

- Ask filers to voluntarily provide data that will help identify their land locations geospatially.

Foreign land ownership numbers

Attacks on foreign investors didn't stop them from expanding their acreage holdings in the U.S. in 2022, according to the latest USDA report on foreign land ownership.

In 2022, foreign investors acquired more than 3.4 million acres of land, and now hold interest in more than 43.4 million acres of agricultural land, which is considered both forests and farm ground. That equates to about 3.4% of all privately held agricultural land in the U.S.

Foreign investment in U.S.

agricultural land has become more attractive in the past six-plus years. Since 2017, foreign land holdings in the U.S. have increased between 2.4 million acres and more than 3.4 million acres annually. In the five years before 2017, foreign land acquisitions averaged around 600,000 acres per year.

States with most foreign-owned land (rounded):

- Texas, 5.4 million acres.
- Maine, 3.5 million acres.
- Colorado, 2.5 million acres.

States with largest foreign agricultural land purchases in 2022:

- Colorado, 557,000 acres.
- Alabama, 514,000 acres.
- Michigan, 461,000 acres.

Timber or forest land makes up nearly 21 million acres, or 48.3% of the foreign interest land, followed by crop land at 12.28 million acres, or 28.3%, and pasture at 9.2 million acres, or 21.3%.

Over the past year, Congress has moved to ban ownership by certain countries, including China, Russia, North Korea and Iran, though those bills have not passed into law. Congress also has sought to change how USDA collects its data on foreign ownership and provide better USDA reporting on the issue.

Canadian investors own 14.2 million acres in the U.S. of both agricultural and non-agricultural land, or about 32% of all foreign holdings. Netherlands owns 12%, followed by Italy and United Kingdom each with 6% and Germany with 5%. Combined, those four countries have about 13 million acres. The remaining 17.1 million acres is held by various other countries.

USDA cited some issues with its forms. For instance, if investors from multiple countries are listed on FSA-153 form, and the primary shareholder country cannot be determined, the form lists, "no predominate country." Any

acreage from any country should be viewed as the minimum acreage and the interest of certain countries would be under-represented.

Chinese ownership

Over the past year, a major focus on policy has been Chinese ownership of farmland. Multiple states have passed legislation requiring the reporting of the sale of land owned by Chinese entities. Arkansas, for instance, ordered Syngenta Seeds to pay a \$280,000 fine and sell 160 acres for failing to file paperwork on a piece of farm ground.

Chinese ownership of U.S. agricultural land was 349,442 acres as of Dec. 31, 2022, down from 2021. USDA had a footnote in its report that it had incorrectly overstated Chinese ownership by roughly 27,000 acres in the 2021 report.

The report had more detail breaking out Chinese ownership. Five companies, for instance, account for 86% of Chinese acreage in the U.S. There are no filings directly from the Chinese government.

Those five companies include:

- Brazos Highland Properties LP, 102,345 acres.
- Murphy Brown LLC (Smithfield Foods), 97,975 acres.
- Murphy Brown of Missouri (Smithfield Foods), 42,716 acres.
- Harvest Texas LLC, 29,705 acres.
- Walton International Group Inc., 29,437 acres.

The states with the largest holdings, accounting for 85% of Chinese-owned acreage, include:

- Texas, 162,167 acres.
- North Carolina, 44,776 acres.
- Missouri, 43,071 acres.
- Utah, 32,447 acres.
- Virginia, 14,382 acres.

— **Chris Clayton, DTN ag policy editor**

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USCA hosts 16th Annual Meeting in Texas

On Dec. 1-2 the U.S. Cattlemen's Association (USCA) hosted its 16th Annual Meeting in Fort Worth, TX.

Attendees discussed needed improvements to transparency and true price discovery in the cattle marketplace, advancements in truth in labeling efforts on beef and alternative protein products, developments in animal health and identification programs, and more.

Speakers included Commodity Futures Trading Commission Chairman Rostin Behnam; U.S. Department of Agriculture Undersecretary for Marketing & Regulatory Programs Jenny Moffit; USDA Farm Service Agency Administrator Zach Ducheneaux; Makenzie Billings, manager of Agricultural & Alternative Investment Products at the CME Group; and Texas Agriculture Commissioner Sid Miller.

Special guests included American Angus Association CEO Mark McCully, Livestock

Marketing Association President Mark Barnett, Cattlemen's Beef Board CEO Greg Hanes, Texas Beef Council Executive Vice President Molly McAdams and more.

USCA raised over \$15,000 at the annual live auction and nearly \$31,000 during the organization's first drawdown raffle fundraiser. Mike Simon of Anipro Xtraformance Nutrition, won the drawdown's grand prize—a brand new Kubota utility vehicle.

"Thank you to those who bid on items and purchased raffle tickets, making this the most successful fundraising year on record for the organization," said USCA President Justin Tupper.

"We couldn't have done it without the support from our members and partners who believe in the mission and vision of USCA to be the most effective voice for U.S. cattle producers on Capitol Hill. We look forward to putting these dollars to work and making significant progress on the issues that matter most to our members in 2024." — **USCA**



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Park Farming Organics receives CA Leopold Conservation Award

Park Farming Organics of Meridian, CA, is the 2023 California Leopold Conservation Award recipient.

The award honors farmers, ranchers and forestland owners who go above and beyond in their management of soil health, water quality and wildlife habitat on working land.

Park Farming Organics' owners, Brian and Jamie Park, and Scott and Ulla Park, were presented with the award during the California Farm Bureau Federation's Annual Meeting. The Park family received \$10,000 and a crystal award for being selected.

Sand County Foundation and national sponsor American Farmland Trust present the Leopold Conservation Award to private landowners in 27 states. In California, the award is presented with Sustainable Conservation and the California Farm Bureau Federation.

Scott and Ulla Park placed their bets on regenerative farming practices long before they were trending.

They spent the 1980s conventionally growing processing tomatoes before deciding to switch to organic production. Fueled by their love for agriculture and nature, coupled with a healthy dose of skepticism and common sense, they embarked on a journey of exploration and discovery.

In their effort to mimic the natural world, the Parks chose gentler tillage methods, grew a variety of cover crops and adopted a thoughtful rotation of crops. Their use of fertility inputs produced naturally balanced soils that help grow disease and pest-free plants. They noticed their once sterile soils became rich in earthworms and microbial life.

The Park's farm, Park Farming Organics, grew to 1,350 acres, and is now run by their son, Brian, and his wife, Jamie. What hasn't changed is the family's openness to experimentation and willingness to adapt to changing consumer demands, market dynamics, environmental variability and

regulatory shifts.

Each year Park Farming Organics grows between 15-20 types of crops including rice, corn, wheat, sunflower, flax, alfalfa, barley, squash, cantaloupe, watermelons, cucumbers, and fresh market vegetables. It is governed by what the Parks call their "nine Cs of conservation": critter cover, compost, controlled traffic, crop rotation, cover crops, conservation tillage, crop residue, conserving inputs and crew care.

Their use of cover crops, compost applications and crop residue annually returns an average of 15 tons of organic biomass per acre back to the soil. Growing sunn hemp as a cover crop helps improve soil properties, reduce soil erosion, conserve soil moisture, and recycle plant nutrients. The Parks' unique border management of their fields includes growing diverse hedge rows that benefit wildlife and installing owl boxes to help control rodents.

Innovation and adaptability

of farm equipment has been required to meet their production and conservation goals. Flotation tires on tractors help minimize compaction of rice fields. By modifying many core pieces of their farm equipment, the Parks have become leaders in developing specially adapted implements that other growers now rely on.

Exploring novel conservation practices has not been devoid of challenges and unexpected consequences. Scott and Brian participate in workshops, conferences and field days where they eloquently break down the challenges of organic and sustainable practices. Their expertise and will-

ingness to share has made Park Farming Organics a go-to destination in northern California for students, scientists, journalists and food sector professionals.

Collaborative partnerships with their local conservation district and universities have led to new innovations and provided regional context for adopting conservation practices. The impacts of their efforts to improve soil health are documented in a variety of peer-reviewed scientific journals. Promoting environmental stewardship among fellow farmers, educators, and environmental professionals is the purpose of the Parks' involve-

ment with the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service's Conservation Education and Awareness Center.

Through dedication, passion, and the ability to put their ideas into practice, the Parks have trailblazed a path for other farmers to begin their conservation journeys.

"These award recipients are examples of how Aldo Leopold's land ethic is alive and well today. Their dedication to conservation shows how individuals can improve the health of the land while producing food and fiber," said Kevin McAleese, Sand County Foundation president and CEO. — **Sand County Foundation**

USFWS launches 'national dialogue' on wolf conservation

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dialogue" on working landscapes and gray wolves to prevent conflict and ensure long-term stability and community security. The agency is hiring an outside third-party to lead the conversation: Francine Madden with Constructive Conflict LLC.

"By engaging Ms. Madden and her team, the Service intends to participate as one among equals with citizens, Tribes, states, environmental groups, livestock producers, hunters and other contributors in this national dialogue," USFWS said. "Ms. Madden's team will work with people from all sides to convene and guide the conversation."

Background

In 2020, USFWS decided to remove ESA protections from most gray wolves. A federal court vacated the rule in February 2022 and restored the wolf's protections in the lower 48 states, with the exception of wolves in the northern Rocky Mountains.

The environmental group alleged that because of "government-sponsored killing programs," wolf numbers

have decreased to fewer than 1,000 head, mostly residing in northeastern Minnesota.

"Federal protections have allowed the nation's wolf population to increase slowly, but only to about 1% of their historical numbers and occupying only about 15% of their historical range," the group claimed. "Despite this the Service has routinely attempted to remove protection from the species."

USFWS' recovery plan for the gray wolf was originally adopted in the early '90s and was last revised in 2012. The plan lists separate management for Minnesota's eastern timber wolf, wolves in the northern Rocky Mountains and the Southwest's Mexican gray wolf.

"The Fish and Wildlife Service can no longer rely on its decades-old, piecemeal recovery plans for gray wolves," Adkins said. "The agency needs to stop neglecting places where wolves live and could recover, like the West Coast, southern Rocky Mountains and northeastern United States." — **Anna Miller, WLJ managing editor**



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COMING EVENTS

(Send calendar of events information to editorial@wlj.net.)

Jan. 10-13 – Registration is now open for the 2024 American Sheep Industry Association Annual Convention at the Sheraton Denver Downtown Hotel in Denver, CO. Early bird rates apply through Dec. 8 and all online registrations must be completed by Dec. 18.

Details: tinyurl.com/33x26zdm.

Jan. 21-Feb. 2 – Mark your calendars for the 2024 Cattle Industry Convention & National Cattlemen's Beef Association Trade Show, which is heading to the Orange County Convention Center in Orlando, FL. Additional information is available at convention.ncba.org.



YOUTH OPPORTUNITIES

(In an effort to serve the next generation of livestock producers, WLJ's Youth Opportunities calendar lists internship and scholarship information for agricultural- and livestock-focused students, listed by application deadline. If you have an internship or scholarship to announce, please email it to editorial@wlj.net.)

Jan. 10 – Applications for the Angus Foundation's spot at the Young Cattlemen's Conference (YCC) can be found at tinyurl.com/3etp6sdu. YCC is a

program developed for up-and-coming cattle producers who are interested in seeing every part of the supply chain from production to marketing, to Capitol Hill.

Jan. 15 – The Sandhills Task Force's Ranch Internship Program is now accepting applications for summer 2024. The program is open to those older than 19 years old who have an interest in hands-on ranching. Details: sandhillstaskforce.org/ranch-internship.

STORY SHORTS

USDA to conduct national sheep study

From now until July 2024, USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) and Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service's National Animal Health Monitoring System (NAHMS) are conducting a national study focusing on sheep and lamb health and management. The study, conducted every 10 years, consists of two phases: biological sampling and two questionnaires. The survey outcomes will enhance comprehension of the health status of sheep across the U.S., offering valuable insights into management practices, disease preparedness and identifying educational needs and opportunities related to sheep health, the agencies said. Dr. Natalie Urie, NAHMS sheep 2024 study lead, said the study is crucial for shaping policy using real and accurate data. The objective is to pinpoint the effects of prevalent diseases, management and biosecurity practices, patterns of antimicrobial use and resistance, and the management strategies that producers employ to control internal parasites, among other factors. The survey is available through NASS' online portal at accounts.usda.gov. In addition to completing the survey, producers can view historical reports and access other resources.

RMA hosting insurance workshops

USDA's Risk Management Agency (RMA) is hosting a series of workshops called the Livestock Roadshow to provide livestock producers with information about available insurance resources and address any inquiries they may have. These sessions will focus on updates and enhancements to various livestock risk management products, incorporating feedback from livestock producers nationwide. The Livestock Roadshow topics encompass Annual Forage; Dairy Revenue Protection; Livestock Gross Margin; Livestock Risk Protection; Pasture, Rangeland, Forage; and Weaned Calf Risk Protection. RMA is hosting two online workshops on Jan. 8 at 12 p.m. CST and Jan. 17 at 7:00 p.m. PST. Additionally, the agency is hosting in-person sessions at several locations throughout the U.S. in the next few months. To view the schedule and to find out more information, visit tinyurl.com/4uem89rv.

Ground beef recalled for E. coli concerns

USDA's Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS) announced that Colorado-based Scanga Meat Company is recalling approximately 563 pounds of ground beef products that may be contaminated with E. coli. The following products subject to recall were produced on Dec. 11: 6-lb. plastic tubes with the label "It's a treat to eat Scanga Meat Our Regular Ground Beef" and "It's a treat to eat Scanga Meat Our X-L Ground Beef" label. Additionally, under the recall are 1-lb. chubs containing "Scanga Meat Hamburger" and 1-lb. trays containing "It's a treat to eat Scanga Meat Ground Round." All products have the lot code 3345 on the label and bear the establishment number "EST. 6460" inside the USDA mark of inspection. These items were sold at the establishment's retail location and shipped to restaurant locations in Colorado. Consumers with questions regarding the recall can contact Ben Scanga, president of Scanga Meat Company, at 719-539-3511 or rbscanga@scangameat.com.

WFCF acquires Upcycled Certified

Where Food Comes From, Inc. (WFCF) announced on Dec. 27 it acquired the Upcycled Certified Program from the Upcycled Food Association. According to the announcement, Upcycled Certified is the world's first and largest certification for upcycled food. As one of the fastest-growing certification seals in the food industry, Upcycled Certified offers consumers a tangible means to make sustainable choices, the release said. Presently, 93 companies, including firms like Del Monte and Kerry Ingredients, have certified over 480 products, collectively diverting an average of 390,000 tons of food waste annually since the program's inception less than three years ago. "The upcycled food movement is closely aligned with broader sustainability trends in the United States and around the world," said John Saunders, chairman and CEO of WFCF. "This acquisition enables Where Food Comes From to meet growing consumer demand for products that contain upcycled food ingredients."

Fine suspended for JBS owner

A Brazilian Supreme Court justice has temporarily halted a 10.3 billion reais (\$2.10 billion) fine imposed on J&F, the controlling entity of JBS. The court's decision, not publicly disclosed, follows J&F's plea to suspend the fine, asserting prosecutorial bias and "clearly persecutory actions." In 2017, J&F agreed to the fine as part of a leniency deal linked to corruption scandals, with its founders admitting involvement in a political bribery scheme. The recent ruling by Justice Dias Toffoli cites "reasonable doubt" regarding J&F's voluntary adherence to the agreement, justifying the suspension of payments pending further investigation. According to Foodmarket, a source revealed that J&F has already paid 2.9 billion reais of the fine. Toffoli has additionally granted the company the authority to reassess the terms of its agreement with prosecutors, facilitated by the national Comptroller General's office, to rectify any potential abuses that may have occurred.

NGFA warns about plans to breach Snake River dams

The National Grain and Feed Association (NGFA) on Dec. 15 raised concerns that a \$1 billion conservation plan and settlement from the Biden administration to deal with salmon in the Columbia and Snake river system is an eventual setup to remove four navigational dams on the Lower Snake River.

The \$1 billion, provided in a court settlement with Oregon and Washington tribes, will be used to look at how to deal with the loss of hydropower and navigation on the river system should Congress ever make the call to remove the dams.

The four dams—Ice Harbor, Lower Monumental, Little Goose and Lower Monumental dams—are

upriver from the convergence of the Snake and Columbia rivers at Richland, WA. The dams provide roughly 3,000 megawatts of hydropower as well as support shipments from 13 grain elevators along the Snake River. The dams support about 100 million bushels of wheat exports out of the Pacific Northwest.

For farmers, the dams typically provide 40-60 cents of positive basis on wheat.

But the dams are considered as a key reason for the decline of salmon runs, which are threatening the salmon and violating agreements between the federal government and Tribes to protect the fishing rights.

NGFA declared its opposition to the Columbia-Snake conservation plan or any proposal to breach the dams. The group pointed to the ripple effects and impacts on grain exports.

"Barges are the most environmentally friendly mode of transportation for grains and oilseeds with one four-barge tow moving as much grain as 140 rail cars or 538 semi-trucks," NGFA stated. "Removing the Lower Snake River dams would hurt producers and negatively impact the operations and livelihoods of NGFA members and their employees who have made investment decisions based on the ability to utilize barge transportation."

They continued, "Studies

have been completed that show the significant, negative impact that would occur in the Pacific Northwest (PNW). In addition to the impact on agriculture in the PNW and throughout much of the western and northern United States, reduced exports could also impact global food security."

NGFA added, "Agricultural stakeholders have been ready and willing to share these insights throughout the mediation process. As major stakeholders in this decision, NGFA members hope the agricultural industry is included in any study that is conducted or proposed as a result of this announcement." — **Chris Clayton**, DTN ag policy editor

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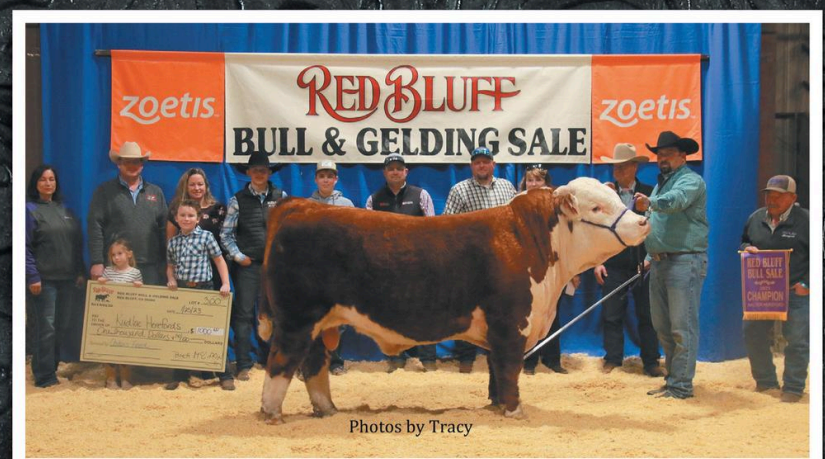
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- 9:00 AM Sifting & Grading of all HALTER CALVING EASE AND HALTER BULLS, Don Smith Pavilion.
- 12:00 PM Trade Show & Art Show Open. Close at 7:00PM.
- 1:00 PM Working Stock Dogs, presented by Merck.
- 4:30-6:30PM Western Art Show Reception, presented by Tehama County Cattlewomen, Jr. Art Bldg.
- 5:30 PM Buyer & Consignor Dinner. \$20/person. Cocktails 5:30PM. Dinner at 6:30PM. B.S. Casino 7-10PM, Tyler Jelly Building.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 25, 2024

- 9:00 AM "Healthy Heifers" Seminar, presented by Boehringer-Ingelheim, Don Smith Pavilion.
- 9:00 AM GELDINGS - Shown at halter, in age order, youngest to oldest. Pauline Davis Pavilion.
- 9:00 AM GELDINGS - Dry, Trail and Cattle Works, Pauline Davis Pavilion.
- 9:00 AM Trade Show & Art Show Open. Close at 7:00PM.
- 11:00 AM WVM INTERNET FEEDER/FEMALE SALE, presented by Boehringer Ingelheim, Don Smith Pavilion.
- 12:30 PM GELDINGS Work Under Saddle, Dry, Trail and Cattle Works, Pauline Davis Pavilion.
- 3:00 PM GELDINGS Calf Branding, presented by Skinner Livestock Transportation, Pauline Davis Pavilion.
- 5:00-6:15 PM "Justin Wright Cowhorse Clinic", presented by Triple Crown Feed, Pauline Davis Pavilion.
- 6:30 PM GELDINGS - Conformation Horse Selected, Pauline Davis Pavilion.
- WORKING STOCK DOGS presented by Merck, Pauline Davis Pavilion.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 26, 2024

- 8:00 AM GELDINGS - Cutting, Snaffle Bit/Hackamore, Stock Horse & Team Roping Contests. SELECTION OF THE CRAIG OWENS IDEAL RANCH HORSE, Pauline Davis Pavilion.
- 9:00 AM Replacement Selection Genetics with Jed Hutchison, presented by Zoetis, Don Smith Pavilion.
- 9:00 AM Trade Show & Art Show Open. Close at 9:00PM.
- 1:00 PM WORKING OF STOCK DOGS, presented by Merck - Final Round.
- 3:30 PM SALE OF STOCK DOGS, presented by Merck, Don Smith Pavilion.
- 4:00-7:00 PM Ag Social Sponsored by Chico State College of Agriculture, Fairgrounds Cafeteria. Information: Mackenzie Bressler (530) 898-3737 / Shelley Macdonald (530)519-5377
- 5:30 PM DOORS OPEN FOR GELDING SALE, Pauline Davis Pavilion.
- 5:30 PM Vic Woolery's Famous Tri-Tip BBQ before & during the Gelding Sale. \$15/person. Pauline Davis Pavilion.
- 6:00 PM Youth Fund Drawing, Pauline Davis Pavilion.
- 7:00 PM SALE OF QUARTER HORSE & PAINT GELDINGS, presented by Rolling Hills Casino. Pauline Davis Pavilion.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 27, 2024

- 9:00 AM Trade Show & Art Show Open. Close at 7:00PM.
- 9:30 AM SALE OF ALL BULLS, presented by Zoetis, Don Smith Pavilion.
- 7:00 PM Red Bluff Bucking Battle, Party & Dance immediately following.
- Pre-Sale General Admission: \$30/person, \$35 at the door; Arena Floor Seating Pre-Sale \$40/person, \$45 at the door; V.I.P. Premier Seating, Reception, Appetizers: \$100/person



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A few IRS tax changes coming in 2024

As farmers begin looking ahead to the new year, there are a few tax changes the IRS has lined up for 2024 farmers should keep on their radar.

Farmers should make sure they aren't at risk for underpayment penalties for the 2023 tax year. The IRS in early October 2023 increased its underpayment penalty on estimated taxes to 8% interest. The penalty was just 3% in 2021, but it moves with the federal interest rate.

For most tax filers, there is no underpayment penalty if the tax balance due is less than \$1,000. There is also no penalty if tax filers paid at least 90% of the taxes shown for 2023, or 100% of the taxes on the 2022 return, whichever is less. The tax payment increases to 110% of 2022's taxes for couples with more than \$150,000 in adjusted gross income, or individuals above \$75,000.

Farmers who have at least two-thirds of their gross annual income for the year or the

following year would fill out IRS Form 2210-F to determine if they owe a penalty for underpaying their estimated taxes.

Farmers can avoid making estimated tax payments by filing their returns and paying any amount due on or before March 1. Farmers who choose not to file by March 1 should make an estimated payment by Jan. 15 to avoid a penalty. To avoid a penalty, qualifying farmers are required to pay at least two-thirds of their taxes, or 100% of the taxes on their prior year returns, whichever is less.

Owe the IRS? Check your mailbox

While the penalties are higher this year, the IRS recently also waived nearly \$1 billion in penalties for 4.7 million people and businesses who owed back taxes from 2020 and 2021.

The IRS made the move because it had stopped send-

ing out automatic reminders for overdue tax bills when the pandemic hit in early 2022. The average penalty savings is about \$206. The failure-to-pay penalties will start back up on April 1, 2024.

Section 179

The ever-popular Section 179 expensing option increases to \$1.2 million for 2024 for farmers and other small businesses that buy under \$3,050,000 in total equipment. The 179 deduction gets reduced for every dollar spent over that \$3.05 million cap.

Section 179 applies to business assets with a depreciation schedule that is less than 20 years.

Bonus depreciation

The value of bonus depreciation falls from 80% in 2023 down to 60% in 2024. It will then fall to 40% in 2025. Bonus depreciation can apply to purchases that Section 179 does

not. Bonus depreciation remains popular for buildings such as machine sheds because they normally have a 20-year depreciation schedule. In 2024, producers can still take 60% of those costs off the top.

Electric vehicle tax credits

Buying an electric vehicle (EV) in 2024 will provide an immediate tax credit of up to \$7,500 when consumers buy their EVs, but the rules are tightening over which vehicles qualify. The IRS has a list of vehicles that qualify for \$7,500 and others that qualify for up to \$3,750. It depends on the vehicle meeting certain requirements for critical minerals and battery components.

Along with those rules, the manufacturer's suggested retail price must be \$80,000 or less for SUVs or pickups, or \$55,000 for other vehicles.

Also, to get the tax credit,

your modified adjusted gross income cannot exceed \$300,000 for a married couple filing jointly or \$150,000 for a single filer.

Estate taxes

For 2024, the estate tax exemption for people who die increased to \$13.61 million, up from \$12.92 million for individuals who passed away in 2023. That value also doubles for married couples to exempt up to \$27.22 million in assets in 2024.

The taxes can start to jump after reaching those exemptions. An estate with \$249,000 in taxable assets pays 32%, an estate with \$751,000 in taxable assets pays 39%, and every estate with more than \$1 million in taxable assets pays 40%.

The estate tax will also start drawing more attention because without a change in law, the asset exemption will roll back to under \$7 million starting in 2026.

The annual exclusion for gifts bumps up to \$18,000 in 2024 as well.

Payment apps

This probably doesn't apply to a lot of farmers unless they or their spouses have a steady side hustle that uses Venmo, PayPal or some other type of payment app or online company such as eBay.

In November, the IRS again delayed a requirement that these third-party payment businesses send IRS Form 1099-K to everyone who made more than \$600. Instead, the IRS set the threshold for the 2024 tax year at \$5,000 to phase in the reporting requirements. The IRS stated it would also look to tweak its standard 1040 income tax form in 2024 to make it easier for taxpayers to record that income.

Already, the IRS expects roughly 44 million Form 1099-Ks will be sent to taxpayers for the 2023 tax year. Still, the IRS stated in November that reporting will not be required unless the taxpayer receives more than \$20,000 and has more than 200 transactions in 2023. The IRS noted there were going to be issues figuring out the complexity of separating taxable and non-taxable transactions. — **Chris Clayton, DTN ag policy editor**

Suit claims violation of Fourth Amendment

GOAT SUIT (from page 1)

rights" to disaffirm any contract between her and the fair concerning the goat.

On June 26, following the auction, Long removed the goat from the fairgrounds and sent it approximately 200 miles away to a farm in Sonoma County, noting the action would "be a point of controversy" and she "feared that deviating from a 4-H program through resisting the slaughter of livestock would upset other 4-H members and community members."

The suit continued that fair officials refused to recognize the minor's rights and insisted the goat must be killed. The suit contends the sale had not occurred, and Long made efforts to pay for any potential losses to the fair association, but officials refused the offer and demanded the goat be returned. The lawsuit said Macfarlane and members of the Shasta Fair Association were removed by Long's pleas, and Silva rejected Long's offer.

Long sent a notice of intent to sue on June 29, and the suit claims fair officials "elected to avoid the courts and instead resort to the strong-arm tactics involving law enforcement."

According to the complaint, the sheriff did not refer the matter to the civil court and instead applied for a search warrant for an animal sanctuary in Napa County. The complaint states the search warrant required the sheriff to retain the goat in their possession as required in the penal code.

On July 8, two sheriff deputies drove to Napa County to take back the goat and discovered it was not at the animal sanctuary but at a farm in So-

noma County. Long's attorneys said the search warrant was for the animal sanctuary in Napa County and not for the farm in Sonoma County. Therefore, the deputies took the goat without authorization.

Claims

Lawyers for Long claim the sheriffs violated the Fourth Amendment of the U.S. Constitution by unreasonably searching for the goat when no crime had been committed and no probable cause existed. The suit contends fair officials violated the amendment by seizing and confiscating the goat and disposing of and destroying Long's property interests in the goat.

They further assert that sheriffs violated the Fourteenth Amendment under the U.S. Constitution by confiscating the goat and then disposing of and destroying the plaintiffs' property interests without notice or hearing. The suit states once fair officials had possession of the goat they had a constitutional duty to provide notice the property would be destroyed and to provide an opportunity for the plaintiff to be heard.

Lawyers for Long also claim a denial of due process, unreasonable search and seizure under the California Constitution and negligence against all the parties.

The countersuit seeks "indemnification and to be held harmless and safe from any and all liability." They also seek a declaration from the court for the percentage of fault attributable to them and indemnification from costs of the suit incurred and any other relief the court deems. — **Charles Wallace, WLJ contributing editor**



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LEGAL LEDGER

DOJ, FTC release 2023 merger guidelines

The Department of Justice (DOJ) and Federal Trade Commission (FTC) recently released the 2023 Merger Guidelines, which detail the factors and frameworks the agencies use when reviewing mergers and acquisitions. The new guidelines come after a nearly two-year long stakeholder engagement process and should reflect "modern market realities, advances in economics and law, and the lived experiences of a diverse array of market participants," the agencies said. "These finalized Guidelines provide transparency into how the Justice Department is protecting the American people from the ways in which unlawful, anticompetitive practices manifest themselves in our modern economy," said Attorney General Merrick B. Garland. The new guidelines are a modification of an earlier draft released last summer. The agencies received more than 30,000 comments on the draft and as a result held three workshops to revise the guidelines. "Like the prior horizontal and vertical merger guidelines they replace, the 2023 Merger Guidelines are not themselves legally binding, but provide transparency into the Agencies' decision-making process," the agencies noted. To view the new guidelines in their entirety, visit tinyurl.com/mpteyb4w.

CO releases five more wolves

The Colorado Parks and Wildlife (CPW) has completed their wolf capture and release plan from the state of Oregon, introducing a total of 10 wolves into Colorado. On Dec. 22, the agency released an additional five wolves captured in Oregon into Colorado's Summit and Grand counties. This now completes the agreement between the states for Oregon to provide up to 10 wolves during the December 2023 to March 2024 capture season. "We will continue our plan to release animals for the next few seasons in order to ensure that wolves don't just survive but thrive in Colorado as they did a century ago," said CPW Director Jeff Davis. CPW will continue sourcing wolves until up to 15 wolves have been brought into the state by mid-March. The new wolves will be managed by CPW by using the Colorado Wolf Restoration and Management Plan.

EPA fines Swift Beef for CWA violations

The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has fined Swift Beef Co. for \$275,000 in civil penalties for violating the Clean Water Act (CWA). The agency contends the company failed to follow CWA permit limits for numerous pollutants at its Grand Island, NE, facility. EPA alleges Swift Beef exceeded permit limits for biochemical oxygen demand, chloride, ammonia, nitrogen and total suspended solids at least 50 times from 2018-23. Suspended solids are fine particles dispersed in water, according to EPA. "In addition to paying the penalty, the company agreed to perform an analysis to determine the root causes of the facility's Clean Water Act violations and to submit to EPA a compliance work plan to eliminate future violations," EPA said. In 2011, Swift Beef paid a fine of \$1.2 million for similar violations.

OR county restricts CAFO sites

Linn County in Oregon is the first county in the state setting new regulations restricting where confined animal feeding operations (CAFOs) can be sited, according to a local Statesman Journal report. The regulations come following a proposal to build a poultry operation with the capacity of 580,000 birds between Jefferson and Scio. The county adopted a new rule on Dec. 12 that requires the location of large CAFOs to be at least one mile from the property line of a neighboring property that includes a residential structure, according to the media outlet. Under the new rules, there are now 89 locations in the county where a CAFO could be located; if the commission had voted for its original plan to have a three-quarter of a mile setback, there would have been 386 sites where a CAFO could be built, the journal said.

USFS proposes old growth forest plan

The U.S. Forest Service (USFS) is proposing a plan to conserve and steward old-growth forest conditions on national forests and grasslands. The agency said the proposal will provide consistent direction related to old-growth forest conditions by "using the best available science, including Indigenous knowledge." The proposal is part of President Joe Biden's spring 2022 executive order to conserve and restore old and mature forests. "The amendment would prohibit vegetation management within old-growth forest conditions when the primary purpose is to grow, tend, harvest, or regenerate trees for economic reasons," USFS said. A 2023 initial inventory report showed that the agency manages nearly 25 million acres of old growth and more than 68 million acres of mature forests, USFS said. To view the proposal and to submit public comments by Feb. 2, visit tinyurl.com/594ste5a.

A year in review of the industry

The end of 2023 arrives at a time when we, as cattle producers, have a great deal to be thankful for. Strong cattle prices and historically strong profit opportunities have made headlines in the past year. Overall, 2023 should close out as a profitable year for all segments of beef cattle production (cow-calf producers, stocker operations and cattle feeders). This is historically rare.

Current low cattle inventories indicate high value of cattle of all classes for the next several years. The market value of purebred seedstock should be supported in the future as the nation repopulates with cows. The drought released its grip on Oklahoma during 2023, timely rains and good management permitted recovery of grazing lands and our hay inventory ebbed back higher.

As we look forward to 2024 in the cattle business, keep the following in mind:

1. When the nation's cow herd inventory will start to increase remains in question. What is certain however is the opportunity to "rebuild better." Sound selection and mating

decisions now will enable you to regrow cow numbers with a biological type that fits your production environment, management and marketing plan. Mature cow size, level of milk, fertility and breed composition all contribute to cows that best fit your production environment.

2. It's not just the cattle; remember to manage and care for your soil and plants. Grazing ecosystems can take several years to recover from drought. At the beginning of future grazing seasons, manage to give your rangeland a competitive advantage over grazing pressure. Don't restock until your pasturelands are ready.

3. Low cow inventories support higher value of cattle. That being said, keep input cost, interest rates and inventories of feedstuffs in mind when making future business decisions.

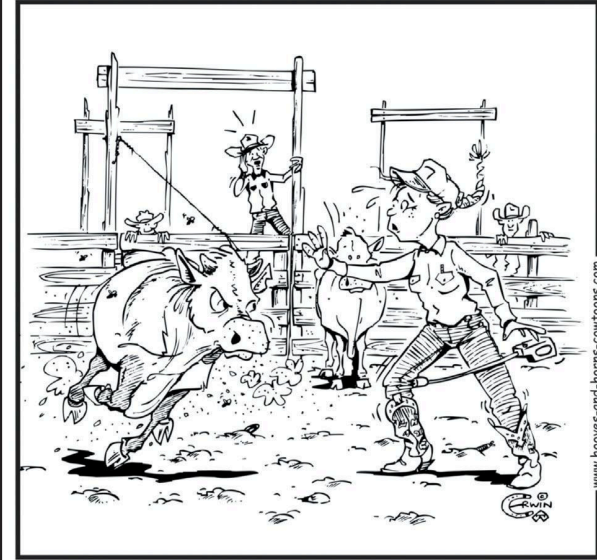
4. Finally, the cattle business is based on having an available forage base that cattle can graze and turn into beef. The key to profitability is to find a long-term balance of forage produced, other input expenses

and production levels.

It is the ingenuity, perseverance, work ethic and "can do" attitude of America's cattlemen and women and ag producers that permit us to enjoy the highest quality beef produced

in the world and spend a relatively small percentage of our disposable income on food. — **Mark Z. Johnson, Oklahoma State University Extension beef cattle breeding specialist**

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MARKET SITUATION REPORT

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MARKET AT A GLANCE	This Week: 12/28/2023	Week Ago	Year Ago
Choice Fed Steers	N/A ▲	170.07	157.62
CME Feeder Index	217.71 ▼	219.80	179.84
Boxed Beef Average	291.28 ▲	291.13	278.86
Average Dressed Steers	N/A ▲	270.09	248.91
Live Slaughter Weight*	1,398 ▲	1,386	1,396
Weekly Slaughter**	621,000 ▼	649,000	562,000
Weekly Beef Production***	524.3 ▼	546.6	470.4
Hide/Offal Value	11.93 ▲	11.77	14.28
Corn Price	4.74 ▲	4.73	6.80

*Average weight for previous week. **Total slaughter for previous week. ***Estimated year-to-date figure in million pounds for previous week.

BEEF REPORT: Weekly Composite Boxed Beef												
WEEK ENDING	COMPREHENSIVE Loads/Price		PRIME Loads/Price		BRANDED Loads/Price		CHOICE Loads/Price		SELECT Loads/Price		UNGRADED Loads/Price	
December 22	6,811	282.44	238	315.71	1,188	293.90	2,053	284.11	742	258.65	2,590	241.55
December 15	7,399	282.36	207	317.30	1,288	292.61	2,343	284.22	864	259.67	2,697	238.51
December 8	7,254	286.22	232	320.47	1,341	296.38	2,294	290.87	884	260.41	2,504	241.81
November 30	6,872	289.86	233	322.59	1,194	300.16	2,100	294.00	803	266.06	2,542	248.15

Cutouts						FED BOXED BEEF			
DATE	CHOICE	SELECT	COW BEEF CUTOUT		50% LEAN	90% LEAN			
Dec 28	291.28	259.24	200.43		62.30	246.55			
Dec 27	291.48	260.32	208.56		50.73	260.19			
Dec 26	293.31	261.19	198.69		47.98	242.42			
Dec 25	N/A	N/A	N/A		N/A	N/A			
Dec 22	292.93	261.15	202.85		43.77	N/A			

CATTLE FUTURES: CME Live Cattle							
	12/22	12/25	12/26	12/27	12/28	High*	Low*
Dec.	17005	N/A	17058	17073	17120	19183	15388
Feb.	16853	N/A	17040	16928	16893	19633	15310
Apr.	17213	N/A	17345	17298	17228	19975	16853
Jun.	17013	N/A	17100	17070	17015	18270	16668

CATTLE FUTURES: CME Feeder Cattle							
	12/22	12/25	12/26	12/27	12/28	High*	Low*
Jan.	22275	N/A	22355	22448	22248	26833	21280
Mar.	22440	N/A	22458	22540	22313	25723	21608
Apr.	22953	N/A	23008	23090	22893	24613	21920
May	23395	N/A	23500	23580	23445	23580	22268

*High and low figures are for the life of the contract.

FED CATTLE TRADE	Head Count	Avg. Weight	Avg. Price
WEEKLY WEIGHTED AVERAGES			
Live FOB Steer	N/A	N/A	N/A
Live FOB Heifer	N/A	N/A	N/A
Dressed Del Steer	N/A	N/A	N/A
Dressed Del Heifer	N/A	N/A	N/A
SAME PERIOD LAST WEEK			
Live FOB Steer	7,821	1,527	170.07
Live FOB Heifer	2,470	1,367	169.98
Dressed Del Steer	3,476	980	270.09
Dressed Del Heifer	1,169	889	268.76
SAME PERIOD LAST YEAR			
Live FOB Steer	967	1,542	157.62
Live FOB Heifer	862	1,319	157.25
Dressed Del Steer	417	932	248.91
Dressed Del Heifer	149	810	247.00

NATIONAL WEEKLY FED BEEF SLAUGHTER VOLUME: DECEMBER 24		
	Domestic	Imported
Forward Contract	25,646	4,016
Formula	274,605	1,870
Negotiated Cash	69,202	300
Negotiated Grid	45,603	0
Packer Owned	12,063	N/A
Total	427,119	6,186

SLAUGHTER FORWARD CONTRACTS		FORWARD BEEF SALES	
Delivery Month		Neg. Sales 0-21 days	1,910
Dec. '23	141,905	Neg. Sales 21+ days	1,175
Jan. '24	114,686	Formula sales	3,504
Feb. '24	90,244	Forward contract sales	221
Mar. '24	113,441	Domestic sales	6,029
Apr. '24	148,363	NAFTA Exports	81

CANADIAN LIVESTOCK PRICES & FEDERAL INSPECTED SLAUGHTER FIGURES			
Alberta Direct Sales (4% shrink)		Price	Weekly Change
Slaughter Steers, mostly Choice & Select 1-3, 1300-1500 lbs		164.25	-1.18
Slaughter Heifers, mostly Choice & Select 1-3, 1200-1400 lbs		N/A	N/A
Ontario Auctions			
Slaughter Steers, mostly Choice & Select 1-3, 1300-1500 lbs		168.91	-0.99
Slaughter Heifers, mostly Choice & Select 1-3, 1200-1400 lbs		N/A	N/A
Slaughter Cows, Cutter and Utility 1-3, 1100-1400 lbs		86.96	-3.2

*Price comparison from one week ago.

Average feeder cattle prices (CND) for week ending Friday, December 15, 2023				
Steers:	Alberta	Saskatchewan	Ontario	
501-600 lbs	279.09	279.78	257.39	
601-700 lbs	255.48	251.76	241.53	
701-800 lbs	237.44	237.63	230.54	
801-900 lbs	222.23	215.93	224.24	
Heifers:				
401-500 lbs	262.30	261.52	209.44	
501-600 lbs	241.45	239.77	211.35	
601-700 lbs	223.13	223.78	203.17	
701-800 lbs	213.38	208.44	177.10	

USDA MEXICO TO U.S. WEEKLY LIVESTOCK IMPORTS				
Feeder cattle imports weekly and yearly volume.				
Species	Current Week	Previous Week	Current Year-to-date	Previous Year-to-date
Feeder Cattle	35,856	39,060	1,240,611	866,869

USDA WEEKLY IMPORTED FEEDER CATTLE			
December 28, 2023			
Mexico to United States Feeder Cattle Import Summary			
Receipts EST: 1,900	Week Ago Act: 9,300	Year Ago Act: 4,620	
Columbus, NM		Santa Teresa, NM	
N/A		Compared to last week, steer calves and yearlings sold steady. Heifers steady to 1.00 lower. Trade and demand moderate. Supply consisted of steers and spayed heifers weighing 300-600 lbs.	
Feeder heifers: Medium and large 1&2		Feeder steers: Medium and large 1&2	
300-400 lbs	N/A	300-400 lbs	222-232
400-500 lbs	N/A	400-500 lbs	212-222
500-600 lbs	N/A	500-600 lbs	202-212
Feeder steers: Medium and large 1&2		Feeder steers: Medium and large 1&2	
300-400 lbs	N/A	300-400 lbs	265-275
400-500 lbs	N/A	400-500 lbs	245-255
500-600 lbs	N/A	500-600 lbs	225-235

(slide 10 cents on steers and heifers basis 300 lbs. All sales fob port of entry.)

Selected Auction											
Week Ending December 28, 2023											
DATE	MARKET	200-300 lb.	300-400 lb.	400-500 lb.	500-600 lb.	600-700 lb.	700-800 lb.	800 lb. -up	SLAUGHTER COWS	PAIRS	
		Feeder prices for steers & heifers reflect medium and large 1 cattle, unless otherwise noted; * Indicates medium and large 1-2								SLAUGHTER BULLS	REPLACEMENTS
No report available	Blackfoot, ID										
No report available	Burley, ID										
No report available	Emmett, ID										
No report available	Eugene, OR										
No report available	Madras, OR										
December 20	Vale, OR	291			225-272				79-98.50	92-112.50	
No report available	Davenport, WA										
No report available	Toppenish, WA										
December 21	Orland, CA	2,239		250-376	220-319	200-274	185-235	170-207	94-107	3,700	
December 22	Escalon, CA	N/A		230-305	200-267	180-232	165-202	150-183	75-98	90-125	
December 18	Famoso, CA	502		225-250	230-250	210-240	185-240	160-175	110-115	120-125	
No report available	Galt, CA										
No report available	Turlock, CA										
December 19	Salina, UT	1,041	205-245	225-277.50	215-270	205-280	195-258	182.50-223	138.50-210	73.35-105.50	
			195-245	182.50-259	175-248	162.50-235	160-202	117-190.50	108.75-140		
December 26	Iowa	4,840	340	305-330	292-304	233-313	225-267.50	200-240.50	182.50-204	73-119	
			285-340	240-290	240-274	220-263	190-242	192.50-194.50	80-145		
No report available	Miles City, MT										
No report available	Bassett, NE										
December 18	Ericson, NE	2,250								1,225-3,275	
No report available	Imperial, NE										
December 20	Kearney, NE	3,200		314-346	286-329.50	252.50-286	235.50-249	205-229.50	88-100	100-109.50	
				270-294	246.50-279	237.50-252.50	218.50-238	199.50-214.75			
December 22	Lexington, NE	1,877		313.50	283-289	237-265	220-228.50	209-228.35			
				288	240-269	217.50-249	201.50-218	182-208.50			
No report available	Ogallala, NE										
December 22	Valentine, NE	1,855		320-350	299.50-327	251-299.50	243-254	237-244			
				272-293	251.50-281	242-257					
No report available	Herreid, SD										
No report available	Torrington, WY										

No report available	Willcox, AZ									
December 26	Colorado	6,093	280-331	280-330	250-303	230-260	203-236.50	187-227	71-170	1,150-2,000
			280-287.50	247.50-290	222-259.50	214-236	193-204	155-211	76-137.50	460-3,225
December 20	La Junta, CO	2,163	290-331	260-330	251-272	230-260	187-224	78-99.25	181-201	91-107
			241-275	211-239	211-239	207-225	181-201	91-107		
December 18	Loma, CO	592	255-300	240-275	235-255	225-250	200-250	150-200	84-97	
			235-250	240-255	210-225	195-210	180-205.50	165-190	93-115	
No report available	Dodge City, KS									
December 26	Pratt, KS	2,554	261	314-324	260.50-314.50	238-267.75	201-251	204.50-225	190-197.50	84-116
				335-347.50	330-336	273-327	237-256	230-238.50	209-231.75	
December 21	Salina, KS	1,500	310	285-288	249-287	219-244.50	200-211.50	183-205		
December 22	Clovis, NM	1,498	348	322-350	270-324	239-291	198-248.50	185-210	173-202	86-100
			265	257-291	232-264	225-244	193-223	184-191		84-120.50
No report available	El Reno, OK									
No report available	McAlester, OK									
No report available	Oklahoma City, OK									
No report available	Cuero, TX									
No report available	Dalhart, TX									
No report available	San Angelo, TX									
December 21	Tulia, TX	422		330	240-267	216-239	215	207-215	90-95	
				245-255	209-219	195-208		180		

December 22	Alabama	7,832	240-260	250-302	240-280	210-270	198-241	192-221	172-177	81-109
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Wrapping up the cattle market in 2023

The final Cattle on Feed report of 2023 showed that December feedlot inventories were 102.7% of 2022 at 12.006 million head. Among the four largest cattle feeding states, Texas (2.91 million head) and Kansas (2.50 million head) were up the most, with Texas up 4% and Kansas inventories up 7% year over year. Nebraska (2.58 million head) and Colorado (1.03 million head) were both down 1% in feedlot totals compared to a year earlier.

The top four states represent 75.1% of Dec. 1 feedlot inventories. Feedlot inventories in No. 5 Iowa were up 2% year over year at 640,000 head, and California, the sixth largest cattle feeding state, had a December feedlot total of 510,000 head, up 1% over

one year earlier. Oklahoma, Idaho, Washington and Arizona round out the top 10 cattle feeding states.

November feedlot placements were 98.1% of 2022, smaller than 2022 after two months of year-over-year higher placements in September and October. The placement total was a little larger than average expectations at the top end of pre-report estimates. Although feedlot inventories were 2.7% larger than a year earlier, total feedlot placements the last six months (which account for 96.2% of the December feedlot inventory), were down 0.3% from the same June-November period in 2022.

This means that the larger feedlot inventory now is due to a slower feedlot turnover

rate and not because of increased total feedlot production. This is reflected in the November feedlot marketings that were down 7.4% year over year. A slower feedlot marketing rate raises concerns that feedlots may not be staying current in marketings. Steer carcass weights pushed to new record levels with weekly weights at 940 pounds in late November and early December.

Heifer carcass weights peaked at 854 lbs. recently, just one pound shy of the largest weekly heifer carcass weight in January 2022. However, indications are that the heavier carcass weights reflect deliberate marketing intentions (feeding cattle longer) rather than a systemic lack of currentness in feedlots.

Feeder and fed cattle prices increased the week before Christmas. The five-market cash fed price on Dec. 22 was \$170.50/cwt, up roughly \$2/cwt from the previous week. On a weekly basis, fed cattle prices averaged 22% above year-earlier levels in 2023.

Feeder cattle prices were sharply higher in Oklahoma auctions for the final week of sales in 2023.

The price of 475-lb., medium/large, #1 steers was \$317.52/cwt, up 44% from one year earlier, and averaged 37% higher year over year across all

weeks in 2023. The price of 775-lb. steers was \$225.87/cwt, up 28% year over year. These big feeder cattle have averaged 31% higher year over year on a weekly basis in 2023. — **Derrill S. Peel, Oklahoma State University Extension livestock marketing specialist**

Auction markets take holiday break

MARKETS (from page 1)

On a dressed basis:

- Negotiated purchases: \$270.37.
- Formula net purchases: \$275.17.
- Forward contract net purchases: \$284.47
- Negotiated grid net purchases: \$281.08

"The slaughter at 621,000 head this past week was 28,000 smaller than the previous week but exceeded the early forecast and held beef prices firm," the Cattle Report wrote on Thursday. "The number exceeded last year by 69,000 head. Slaughter volumes for December will exceed last December."

Slaughter through Thursday totaled 350,000 head due to the holiday-shortened week. Total slaughter for a week earlier is estimated at 621,000 head. Actual slaughter for the week ending Dec. 16 was 647,172 head. The average dressed steer weight was 941 lbs., 2 lbs. above the prior week.

"Carcass weights 'should' be topping and typically would have by now," Fish said.

"No doubt the slow slaughter pace the majority of the time since April has destroyed front-end currentness and taken the edge off of upside potential for fed cattle prices."

She added, "Not to say cash cattle prices won't rally in Q1, it's highly probable they will, but the upside is and will be limited because of the lack of currentness."

Boxed beef prices were steady with a week earlier. The Choice cutout gained 15 cents to close at \$291.13, and the Select cutout lost about \$2 to close at \$259.24.

Feeder cattle

Feeder cattle futures also traded mostly steady over the week. The January contract gained 77 cents to close at \$222.47, and the March contract lost 25 cents to close at \$223.12.

"Limited volume is seen across the complex, allowing for markets to move in a more volatile and wide trading range, with little to no fundamental indications at this point," DTN said.

The CME Feeder Cattle Index lost about \$2 to close


at \$219.80.

Corn futures also traded sideways, with the March contract up two pennies to \$4.74 and the May contract up a penny to \$4.86.

"Many traders look for the basis to fall following year end as farmers turn loose of stored grain," the Cattle Report said. "Business has generally been good on the farm the past few years and farmers are inclined to push sales into next year hoping to avoid paying taxes on this year's income."

New Mexico: Roswell Livestock Auction in Roswell sold 1,192 head on Tuesday. Compared to a week earlier, steer calves 300-400 lbs. were \$5-7 lower and 400-600 lbs. sold \$12-20 higher. Feeder steers 600-700 lbs. sold \$1-3 higher. Heifer calves 300-350 lbs. were \$29 lower while 300-400 lbs. sold \$5 lower and 400-450 lbs. sold \$10 higher. Heifers 450-500 lbs. were \$14 lower, and 500-600 lbs. sold \$7-21 higher. Feeder heifers 650-700 lbs. were \$8 higher. A small group of benchmark steers averaging 714 lbs. sold from \$183-190, averaging \$186.15. — **Anna Miller, WLJ managing editor**

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728 Commercial SimAngus bred cows 2,600
75 Commercial SimAngus fall pairs 2,675

Auctioneer: Charly Cummings
TOPS—Bred heifers: Top group, \$3,600. **Open heifers:** Top group, \$1,585. **Bred cows:** Top group, \$2,600. — **TY GROSHANS**

CROSS DIAMOND CATTLE CO. PRODUCTION SALE
Dec. 11, Bertrand, NE
225 Red Angus bulls \$8,983
364 Commercial

bred heifers 2,925
50 Commercial bred 2-coming-3-year-old cows 3,300
Auctioneers: Charly Cummings and Joel Birdwell

TOPS: CRS Diamnd Level Best 2263, 5/9/22 by SSS Big Shot 703G; to Right On Cattle Co., Bertrand, NE, \$37,000. CRS Diamnd Likable 2086, 4/23/22 by Beckton Likable D654N4; to M3 Cattle Co., Henryetta,

OK, \$32,000. CRS Diamnd Authority 2058, 4/22/22 by HXC Authority 7794E; to Right On Cattle Co., Bertrand, NE, \$28,000. CRS Diamnd Merit 208, 4/8/22 by CRS Diamnd Merit 8211; to Right On Cattle Co., Bertrand, NE, \$28,000. CRS Diamnd Reinvented 2042, 4/21/22 by CRS Diamnd Rebourne 9100; to Gilroy Land and Cattle, Alliance, NE, \$25,000. — **TY GROSHANS**



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Jan. 23-27 — Red Bluff Bull & Gelding Sale, Red Bluff, CA
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Jan. 23 — Huwa Cattle, Bull

Sale, Roggen, CO
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Feb. 10 — EZ Angus Ranch, Bull Sale, Madras, OR
Feb. 12 — BB Cattle Co., Bull Sale, Connell, WA

Feb. 13 — South Mountain Cattle, Bull Sale, Caldwell, ID
Feb. 14 — Jindra Angus, Bull Sale, Clarkson, NE
Feb. 14 — Meadow Acres, Bull Sale, Stanfield, OR
Feb. 15 — Krebs Ranch, Bull Sale, Gordon, NE
Feb. 16 — Hoffman Ranch, Bull Sale, Thedford, NE
Feb. 16 — Rees Brothers, Bull Sale, Morgan, UT
Feb. 17 — Great Basin Bull Sale, Fallon, NV
Feb. 17 — Sandhills Source, Bull Sale, Thedford, NE
Feb. 17 — Schiefelbein Farms, Bull Sale, Kimball, MN
Feb. 19 — Frank Cattle & Genetics, Bull Sale, Chappell, NE
Feb. 19 — Teixeira Cattle, Bull Sale, Terrebonne, OR
Feb. 19 — Weaver Ranch, Production Sale, Fort Collins, CO
Feb. 20 — Kessler Angus, Bull

Sale, Milton-Freewater, OR
Feb. 20 — Rooney Angus/7 Triangle 7 Cattle Co., Bull Sale, Brush, CO
Feb. 21 — Shaw Cattle Co., Bull Sale, Caldwell, ID

CHAROLAIS

Feb. 20 — V-A-L Charolais, Bull Sale, Vale, OR
Feb. 22 — Small Livestock, Bull Sale, Winnemucca, NV

GELBIEH

Feb. 5 — Taubenheim Gelbvieh, Production Sale, Amherst, NE

HEREFORD

Jan. 15 — Van Newkirk Herefords, Bull & Female Sale, Oshkosh, NE
Feb. 1 — Ridder Hereford Ranch, Bull Sale, Callaway, NE
Feb. 2 — Elkington Polled Hereford Ranch, Bull Sale, Idaho Falls, ID
Feb. 9 — CX Ranch & Dutch



VIDEO AUCTION

Dec. 14, Hudson Oaks, TX
 Superior Livestock Auction hosted their video auction live on Dec. 14 from the Superior Livestock Auction Studio in Hudson Oaks, TX. Cattle producers offered 38,874 head of calves, yearlings and bred stock from 25 states for this auction. Cattle were sold on contract to deliver immediately through September 2024. Regions 3/4/5/6 feeder steers had a very selective buyer base, leading the way with strong genetic base steers selling steadily to \$8 lower than the last auction. Average quality steers were \$5-15 lower. Heifers followed trends equal to prices seen on their contempo-

aries. Regions 1/2 feeders were in short supply selling \$7-10 lower. Regions 1/2 calves were well received on lighter weights with moisture on the forecast for western grazing regions. Prices were \$10-12 lower, but an optimistic trend was apparent. Regions 3/4/5/6 witnessed strong demand for weaned calves weighing in under 600 pounds in grazing condition at prices \$8-15 lower with aggressive bidding at these levels. Heavier weights over 600 lbs. on growing rations were under pressure at levels \$10-15 lower than the last auction. Beef-dairy crosses were lower than the last auction. Bred stock demand remained fully steady.

Flat Angus, Bull & Female Sale, Lewiston, ID
Feb. 9 — Lambert Ranch & Bar KD, Bull Sale, Alturas, CA
Feb. 10 — BB Cattle Co., Bull Sale, Connell, WA
Feb. 13 — South Mountain Cattle, Bull Sale, Caldwell, ID
Feb. 16 — Hoffman Ranch, Bull Sale, Thedford, NE
Feb. 16 — Rees Brothers, Bull Sale, Morgan UT
Feb. 21 — Shaw Cattle Co., Bull Sale, Caldwell, ID

RED ANGUS

Feb. 19 — Frank Cattle & Genetics, Bull Sale, Chappell, NE
Feb. 21 — Shaw Cattle Co., Bull Sale, Caldwell, ID

SIMANGUS

Jan. 29 — APEX Cattle, Bull, Bred Heifer & Fall Pair Sale,

Dannebrog, NE
Feb. 22 — Small Livestock, Bull Sale, Winnemucca, NV

SIMMENTAL

Jan. 29 — APEX Cattle, Bull, Bred Heifer & Fall Pair Sale, Dannebrog, NE

COMMERCIAL


Jan. 10 — Maternal Merit, Bred Heifer Sale, NWSS, Denver, CO
Jan. 25 — Red Bluff, Replacement Female Sale, Red Bluff, CA

HORSE

Jan. 23-27 — Red Bluff Bull & Gelding Sale, Red Bluff, CA

DOG

Jan. 23-27 — Red Bluff Stock Dog Sale, Red Bluff, CA







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MT producers call for focus on producer profitability

Unification of the livestock industry and a call for collaboration in the name of producer profitability themed the Montana Stockgrowers Association's (MSGA) 139th Annual Convention and Trade Show held Dec. 6-8 in Billings, MT.

Members of the Beartooth Stock Association, a local affiliate of MSGA, brought forward multiple policies for the membership to discuss during the organization's policy meetings around producer profitability. One specific policy addressed the federal estate tax and the current exemption levels set to sunset in 2025. The organization's members support an extension of the current levels, if not a complete elimination of the federal estate tax.

"Congress is really good at doing nothing and the

bottom line is that's all they have to do to revert us back to our previous levels of exemption," shared Rusty Ellis, owner of 21 Mile Cattle Company and a member of the Beartooth Stock Association. "If we allow for the estate tax to be reverted back to previous levels, it not only affects everyone in the room, but I don't care what town you are from in Montana, it affects every business on Main Street."

Additionally, Beartooth Stock Association membership brought a suite of policies to address the need to create business opportunities and a political environment which allows for young producers to transition or enter into the industry and be competitive and profitable.

"It seems that we are in a political environment where we like to talk about what we don't agree on with each other and we don't spend any time talking about what we do agree on," noted Turk Stovall, MSGA second vice president. "It's got me thinking about how we get this next generation back and help them prevail. How can we create more unity in our industry so we can work more together? The last thing we need to do is confuse our politicians. If we are all coming to Capitol Hill with different agendas, what are politicians supposed to do for the beef industry? Let's try to get a unified voice to get the next generation involved in our industry."

All policies presented by the Beartooth Stock Association became MSGA policy with support from producers of all ages, operation sizes and geographic locations, indicating producer profitability is top of mind for many within the livestock industry.

In addition to policy discussions, a panel on producer profitability was held on the Western Ag Network Stage, on Thursday of the event. Panelists included Rusty Ellis, of 21 Mile Cattle Company; Turk Stovall, MSGA second vice president and owner of Stovall Ranches and Yellowstone Cattle Feeders; and Jake Parnell, owner of Cattlemen's Livestock Market and a member of the Livestock Marketing Association.

The panel emphasized the need for all livestock organizations to join together to work towards improving producer profitability. The panel also addressed the limitations the next generation is facing and how the industry can work to make ranching a sustainable way of life for generations to come.

"I realize that each of us (agricultural organizations) can have our differences ... those are such small pieces that we seem to spend more time talking about than we do talking about all of the stuff we agree on," noted Jake Parnell. "The most important thing is the idea of producer profitability and our nation's food supply. We're a world super power for two reasons, we've got a good military and we can feed people cheaply and nutritiously. If we allow other organizations and the government to push us out, we've got big problems in the near future."

Following the convention, the MSGA Board of Directors met and voted to create the Montana Producer Profitability Task Force to provide the organization with a strategy and next steps on this initiative. The task force will be meeting in the coming weeks to begin their work. — MSGA



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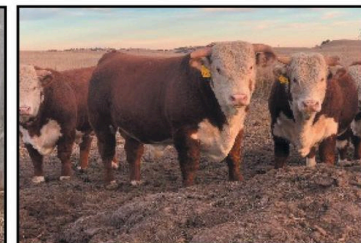
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EPA: New regs would reduce pollutants

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approximately 100 million pounds of pollutants discharged annually by MPP facilities.

Chris Young, executive director of the American Association of Meat Processors (AAMP), released a statement after reviewing the proposed guidelines from EPA.

AAMP expressed appreciation for the EPA's efforts in safeguarding small business entities, a significant majority of its members. Despite initial apprehensions about potential compliance costs for small and very small processors, AAMP was pleased that the EPA addressed these concerns,

minimizing the rule's impact on these businesses.

However, AAMP remains cautious about the rule's overall industry impact and suggests that a more extensive collaboration between the industry and EPA, involving data from a broader range of plants, would have provided more comprehensive and common-sense solutions to wastewater concerns.

EPA will accept written comments from the public for 60 days and will also offer two public hearings, an online-only hearing on Jan. 24 and an in-person hearing on Jan. 31. To view the proposed regulation, visit tinyurl.com/mtvcjxk. — Charles Wallace, WLJ contributing editor