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A LOOK BACK IN HISTORY

As markets ebb and flow, let's look back to conditions 20 years ago: "Fed cattle trade was very slow to develop last week, and through Thursday there were just 29,000 head of cattle traded between \$83-85 live, \$133-135 dressed. Most trade was expected on Friday. Feeders were holding for \$85-87, a wide spread from \$78-80 packer bids," read the April 5, 2004, WLJ issue.

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Dairy cattle, goats test positive for avian flu

— Not found in beef cattle

A mysterious illness reported recently in dairy cattle has now been

confirmed as an outbreak of highly pathogenic avian influenza (HPAI). Federal officials are investigating the outbreak that has been detected in

both dairy cattle and goats. HPAI has previously been identified in predatory mammals that prey on birds, but these are some of the first

cases identified in domestic livestock in the U.S.

USDA has confirmed there is no threat to human health and meat and milk products remain safe to consume.

"Thankfully, research to date has shown mammals appear to be dead-end hosts, which means they're unlikely to spread HPAI further," said Dr. Brian Hoefs, Minnesota state veterinarian, in a statement.

HPAI was found in older dairy cows in Texas, Kansas and New Mexico, affecting lactation and appetite and causing other symptoms. A juvenile goat in Minnesota was also found positive for HPAI after a poultry flock tested positive on the same property.

On March 25, unpasteurized, clinical samples of milk from sick dairy cattle in Kansas and Texas tested positive for HPAI. After additional testing, detections appear to have been introduced by wild birds. The National Veterinary Services Laboratories has not found the virus to be zoonotic and the current risk to the public remains low.

"Dairies are required to send

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Kirsten Strough/USDA

Animal health officials have confirmed cases of highly pathogenic avian influenza virus in dairy cattle and goats. Pictured here, Holstein milking cows in Fruitland, ID.

Rio Grande Forest sheep grazing upheld

— Authorizes use of Colorado allotment

In a win for sheep producers grazing in Colorado's Rio Grande National Forest, a federal judge ruled domestic sheep grazing may continue despite environmental groups' protests.

On March 7, Judge Daniel D. Domenico ruled against the Western Watersheds Project and WildEarth Guardians in the U.S. District Court for the District of Colorado. The environmental groups brought suit against the U.S. Forest Service (USFS) in 2019 in an attempt to halt domestic sheep grazing in southern Colorado's San Juan Mountains, arguing the sheep posed a health risk to bighorn sheep.

"The science is overwhelmingly clear that the biggest risk to big-

horn health is the diseases spread by domestic sheep grazing in and near bighorn habitat," said Jonathan Ratner of Western Watersheds Project at the time of filing suit.

The subject of the lawsuit centered around the newly created Wishbone Allotment in the national forest, bordered by three bighorn sheep populations. The allotment comprises seven pastures, spanning about 23,000 acres. Environmental groups argued domestic sheep in the allotment would transmit Mycoplasma ovipneumoniae, a respiratory bacterium that can cause pneumonia, to the nearby bighorn sheep.

The USFS studied the risk that domestic sheep would intermingle with wild herds, ultimately finding that sheep in the allotment posed a moderate risk of disease

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Feds release Cascades grizzly reintroduction plan

— Experimental 10(j) population

The Biden administration has released a final environmental impact statement (EIS) outlining plans to reintroduce grizzly bears into the North Cascade Ecosystem (NCE) in Washington.

The National Park Service and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) said the plan's purpose is to restore biodiversity, promote ecological resilience and provide benefits for current and future generations. By reintroducing grizzly bears, the plan aims to enhance their long-term survival in the NCE, contributing to their overall recovery and eventual removal from the Federal List of Endangered and Threatened Wildlife.

Following the grizzly bear's listing as threatened under the Endangered Species Act (ESA) in

1975, USFWS established six recovery zones for the bears. Grizzly bears currently occupy four of these recovery zones, and the last time they were seen in the NCE was in 1996.

The agencies said the final EIS does not signify the selection of a specific course of action. Instead, it evaluates the consequences of the three alternatives presented.

The three alternatives are a no action alternative, restoration with existing ESA protections, and the preferred alternative of restoration with an ESA 10(j) experimental population.

Both action alternatives propose restoring a population of 200 grizzly bears to the NCE by capturing individuals from healthy populations and relocating them. While both alternatives share the goal of releasing three to seven bears annually for five to 10 years, they differ

in management strategies.

The projected timeline aims to establish a population of 25 bears initially, with additional releases planned to reach 36 bears in the primary phase.

According to the EIS, achieving a population of 200 bears within 60 to 100 years does not constitute recovery under the ESA, but it contributes to the broader recovery of grizzly bears in the lower 48 states.

A 30-day waiting period began once the EIS was issued on March 21. Following the waiting period, a record of decision could be signed allowing the selected alternative to be implemented afterward.

Reactions

The Friends of the North Cascades Grizzly Bear, a coalition of

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Market closes month on lower note

Cattle markets closed over the week with red on the board and inactive cash trade. Traders may have been spooked by the speculations resulting from the news of the dairy cattle infected with highly pathogenic avian influenza.

Live cattle futures were down several dollars, with the April contract down about \$3.40 to \$185 and the June contract down \$4.25 to \$180.25.

"This last trading day of the week, month and quarter will end with an outside month and lower close, after making a new high for the year in all but April LC," Cassie Fish, market analyst, wrote in The Beef on Thursday. "This is a bearish look no matter one's fundamental leanings."

Cash trade over the week was slow to get started, with about 22,000 head sold through Thursday afternoon. Live steers sold from \$184-189, and dressed steers sold from \$297-300.

Cash trade for the week ending March 24 totaled 98,759 head. Live steers averaged \$189.93, and dressed steers averaged \$302.14.

"Packers would love to move the week's weighted average down \$1 or \$2, but feedlots are equally convicted to keeping

prices as strong as possible," ShayLe Stewart, DTN livestock analyst, wrote in her Thursday midday comments.

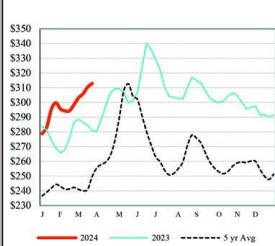
The national weekly direct beef type price distribution for the week of March 18-25 was the following on a live basis:

- Negotiated purchases: \$189.63.
- Formula net purchases: \$189.95.
- Forward contract net purchases: \$188.45.
- Negotiated grid net purchases: \$188.92.

On a dressed basis:
• Negotiated purchases: \$302.08.

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Tips for breeding success with AI

Founding Father and inventor Benjamin Franklin once said, "By failing to plan, you are preparing to fail." In the cattle business, that sentiment rings true when it comes to executing an AI breeding strategy, said the experts at the Kansas State (K-State) University Beef Cattle Institute.

Speaking on a recent “Cattle Chat” podcast, K-State veterinarian Brad White said it is important to make a schedule when considering using AI to breed cows.

“There are several time-sensitive steps to making an AI breeding protocol work, so it is important to go into this with a plan,” White said.

For some, the first step in that plan will be to attend an AI training, said K-State veterinarian Brian Lubbers.

"Training is really important, especially if you are new to AI, but even if you've been doing it a long time, attending a refresher course is a good idea," Lubbers said.

In that training, the instructors will discuss synchronization protocols, appropriate drug use and ways to inject the drugs into the animals following the beef quality assurance best practices, Lubbers said. He also stressed that producers need to fully read the product labels as part of their preparation plan.

"Reproductive drugs cannot be used in an extra label manner because the FDA (Food and Drug Administration) considers them to have a production purpose and not a therapeutic purpose, so you need to read the labels closely to understand how to administer the products and what the withdrawal times are," Lubbers said.

Another aspect of the training that is important is understanding animal handling, K-State veterinarian Bob Larson said.

“For AI to be successful, you need to have the right technician managing the process,” Larson said, adding that cattle

also should be moved through the chutes easily and calmly when placing the semen.

Along with the protocols, it is important to have cows in the correct body condition for breeding, K-State nutritionist Phillip Lancaster said.

"AI protocols often start before the green grass shows up in the pastures, so it is important that the cows maintain their body condition through calving and the months of peak lactation," Lancaster said. "Producers may need to supplement the cows so that they are on a good plane of nutrition leading up to the breeding season." — **K-State Research and Extension**

LEGAL LEDGER

Correction to 'The Viewpoint' story

In the March 25 issue of *WLJ*, the “Viewpoint” story spotlighting J.R. Vezain contained an error in the accompanying photo’s cutline. The cutline should have identified the family members as “J.R., Ryatt and Shelby Vezain.” *WLJ* apologizes for the error.

Senate blocks Paraguay beef bill

The Senate passed a Congressional Review Act resolution of disapproval on March 21 in an effort to block beef imports from Paraguay. The measure, which passed by a vote of 70 to 25, was introduced by Sens. Jon Tester (D-MT) and Mike Rounds (R-SD) and cosponsored by Sen. Kevin Cramer (R-ND). “Paraguay does not have the same history of enforcing health and safety standards that we do,” Rounds said in a statement. “There is more work that needs to be done with Paraguay before introducing their beef to American markets.” In November, the Biden administration announced it was lifting a ban on Paraguayan beef imports. The resolution is supported by the National Cattlemen’s Beef Association, U.S. Cattlemen’s Association, Livestock Marketing Association, National Farmers Union and Ranchers-Cattlemen Action Legal Fund, United Stockgrowers of America. The resolution heads to the House of Representatives for passage.

WY governor vetoes PRIME Act

Wyoming Gov. Mark Gordon (R) vetoed the Wyoming Processing Revival and Intrastate Meat Exemption (PRIME) Act, saying it would increase confusion for processors and consumers. The bill would have allowed the sale of meat products from a “custom slaughter facility” not overseen by federal regulators. “Enacting a state law without Congress having already passed the federal PRIME Act would only mislead consumers who might actually assume the provisions on the state law would be active,” Gordon wrote. “Because the actions this act contemplates only become effective if the federal PRIME Act is passed, this law would remain dormant.” He continued that if the Wyoming bill was implemented in its current form it could delay Wyoming’s implementation if Congress doesn’t pass the legislation in its current form. “Regardless of their merits, I find trigger bills to be troublesome because the Legislature is creating law on an event that is yet to occur,” Gordon said.

Central Valley water allocations increased

The Bureau of Reclamation announced an increase in California's Central Valley Project 2024 water supply allocations. Reclamation announced an initial water supply allocation in late February but has boosted allocation levels after storms have increased water supplies. "While the series of storms in Northern California improved the water supply outlook, a number of factors, particularly anticipated regulatory constraints throughout the spring, continue to limit the water supply allocation for south-of-Delta agriculture," noted California-Great Basin Regional Director Karl Stock. Water contractors north of the Sacramento-San Joaquin River Delta had their allocations increased from 75% to 100%. Irrigation water service and repayment contractors south-of-Delta had allocations increased to 35% from 15%, and municipal and industrial water service and repayment contractors south-of-Delta had allocations boosted to 75% of historical use or public health and safety, whichever is greater, up from 65%. Friant Division contractors' Class 1 allocations increased to 65% from 60% and Class 2 remains at zero.

Greens sue over national monuments

The Center for Biological Diversity sued the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) over the Gold Butte and Basin and Range national monuments, arguing the agency failed to develop management plans in a timely fashion. “Preservation doesn’t just happen,” said Patrick Donnelly of the Center for Biological Diversity. “That’s why agencies have legal mandates to develop plans for the protection of these landscapes.” The monuments were designated by former President Barack Obama in 2015 and 2017 under the Antiquities Act. Under the proclamations, BLM was tasked with preparing management plans. The group claims unmanaged cattle grazing has degraded the riparian habitats and harmed desert tortoises.

Kroger merger hearing set for August

A Denver, CO, judge will hear oral arguments on Aug. 12 regarding the state's attempt to block Kroger's \$25 billion purchase of Albertsons. District Court Judge Andrew Luxen said he will strive to rule quickly, but that he makes no promises about when the orders will be out. The hearing comes two weeks ahead of a similar hearing before the Federal Trade Commission (FTC) and other states' challenges to the merger, according to a Reuters report. The FTC's hearing will be held on Aug. 26. The state of Washington also separately challenged the merger and will have a hearing on Sept. 16. Kroger plans to divest 413 stores and eight distribution centers to C&S Wholesale Grocers and said it may need to lose an additional 237 stores to gain regulatory approval.

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5.8	1.3	91	156	29	75	1.6	0.75	0.01	283.49
90%	90%	1%	1%	20%	1%	5%	40%	90%	6%

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Court greenlights CA's flows plan, rejects all claims

A California plan that requires affected water users to leave unimpaired flows of 30-50% in each of three San Joaquin River tributaries—the Stanislaus, Tuolumne and Merced rivers—can move forward, according to a Sacramento County Superior Court ruling.

More than a dozen lawsuits, including a case filed by the California Farm Bureau in early 2019, challenged different aspects of the state's first phase of the water quality control plan update for the San Francisco Bay/Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta, known as the Bay-Delta plan.

Districts, farmers and residents of the affected region protested the plan, saying it would do little to restore salmon and other fish populations, while cutting water supplies to the northern San Joaquin Valley.

Chris Scheuring, senior counsel for the California Farm Bureau, called the March 15 ruling by Sacramento County Superior Court Judge Stephen Acquisto "discouraging." He noted that not one of the 116 claims by petitioners was granted in the case.

The Farm Bureau challenged the adoption of the plan and claimed the state's environmental review document underesti-

mated the harm the plan would cause to Central Valley agriculture.

"We thought the state greatly underestimated the impacts of the plan and didn't consider an appropriate range of alternatives and mitigation measures or standard things that the California Environmental Quality Act is supposed to do as a constraint on government to make sure that we're not just throwing everybody under the bus to get this water quality overlay into place," Scheuring said.

"The ruling begs the question: What is the tipping point in terms of regulation that will start to meaningfully impinge upon our ability to live and prosper on this landscape, whether it's where we grow our food supply or the cities we live in?" he added.

According to the court ruling, some water districts claimed that the California State Water Resources Control Board, which adopted the flow objectives in December 2018, failed to do sufficient analysis to show whether increased flows would provide reasonable protection for fish and wildlife.

Westlands Water District argued that "the board focused on securing a block of water as an end in itself, and deferred to later figur-

ing out how much water was needed and how to use it," according to the ruling.

In addition, Merced Irrigation District (MID) maintained that nonflow measures such as predation control would provide protection but were not adequately considered.

In denying petitioners' claims, Judge Acquisto concluded: "It is possible that not all claims have been addressed to the satisfaction of all parties. The court, however, has carefully considered all pending claims, and if any claims were not specifically addressed in this order, the court did not find them persuasive."

Scheuring said Farm Bureau, irrigation districts or others may appeal the ruling.

"With more than a dozen lawsuits and a number of important issues left unresolved," he said, "I think the chances are high."

One issue that needs to be reconciled, Scheuring said, is the plan puts California's water quality law in direct conflict with water rights law.

"If 40% of the flow in the San Joaquin River tributaries cannot be diverted, affected irrigators might not be able to exercise their water rights," he said.

Stanislaus County farmer Jake Wenger, whose

family farms in the Modesto Irrigation District, where he formerly served on the board of directors, said the court has set aside addressing water rights.

"The challenge—and what makes this decision so frustrating—is the court doesn't even acknowledge longstanding water rights and says, 'We'll deal with that later,' even though we know that the state wants to change water rights law," said Wenger, general manager of Salida Hulling Association, a grower-owned cooperative.

"We will push on, but for all the good-faith efforts by so many agricultural groups and irrigation districts (to develop voluntary agreements), to get a ruling like this is really just a slap in the face," he added.

The San Joaquin Tributaries Authority, whose member agencies include MID, Turlock Irrigation District (TID), South San Joaquin Irrigation District and the San Francisco Public Utilities Commission, said it is examining the court decision and discussing next steps.

Emphasizing the importance of ensuring the delivery of water and protecting the environment, the authority said it plans to continue to work with the state on voluntary agree-

ments.

"More can be done, and we are prepared to tackle that challenge but not at the wholesale risk of critical water supply for our health, homes, farms and economy," the tributaries authority said.

MID public affairs director Melissa Williams took issue with the Bay-Delta plan's singular focus on unimpaired flows.

She said the plan, if implemented, "will have devastating, long-term impacts on our region, depriving it of the water necessary to support locally grown food at affordable prices, high-quality drinking water and creating permanent economic impacts and additional burdens on our disadvantaged communities."

MID and TID, which jointly operate Don Pedro Reservoir on the Tuolumne River, signed an agreement in 2022 to work with the state to advance the Tuolumne River Voluntary Agreement. In December, the districts announced plans to design and implement a habitat restoration plan to improve conditions for salmon and other aquatic species.

Sacramento Valley water users are also working on voluntary agreements for the second phase of the Bay-Delta plan that may

require between 45-65% of unimpaired flows for the Sacramento River tributaries.

The state's plan to limit the diversion of surface water flows in the tributaries comes as farmers work to comply with a regulatory framework to achieve groundwater sustainability under the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act, or SGMA.

"You're burning the candle at both ends," Scheuring said, referring to the state clamping down on farmers' use of groundwater and surface water supplies.

To provide flexibility to meet long-term water challenges, he suggested the state consider voluntary agreements and construct new water-supply projects, such as the proposed Sites Reservoir.

"There are more than 40 million people in the state of California, so there needs to be a greater amount of measure and balance for all of us to move forward," Scheuring said. "This is about what you see in the produce section of the grocery store. This will lead to some difficult decisions about our food supply and where it comes from." — **Christine Souza, Ag Alert assistant editor, California Farm Bureau Federation**



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California pork prices spike on Prop 12

California consumers are paying higher pork prices than the rest of the country following the full implementation of the state's animal welfare law Proposition (Prop) 12 on Jan. 1. This is according to a new analysis conducted by USDA economists on behalf of the Giannini Foundation of Agricultural Economics at the University of California.

Last year, the Supreme Court issued a ruling in favor of the state on a lawsuit filed by the National Pork Producers Council. The ruling effectively gave California the go-ahead to fully implement restrictions on the sale of pork in the state only from facilities compliant with pen-size restrictions established by Prop 12.

Throughout the legal battle, which ended up at the Supreme Court, pork and other industry groups warned California consumers would pay more for pork unless the law was tossed.

Pork prices rose

"This analysis of preliminary data indicates that pork prices of products in California that are impacted by this new policy rose, on average, 20% after July 1, 2023," the new study said.

"This varies by product, with pork loins experiencing the largest impact with a 41% increase in price due to this policy. As expected, the products that are not covered by Prop 12 did not see a significant relative price change. While we do find significant impacts following the partial implementation and first month of full implementation, there is still uncertainty regarding the long-term impact on California's retail pork prices."

The study was led by USDA personnel including Chief Economist Seth Meyer; Shawn Arita, senior economist at USDA; and Hannah Hawkins, a visiting scientist in the office of chief economist at USDA.

The economists used Cir-

cana retail scanner data in the state to analyze the effects of Prop 12.

Consumption declined

They also found the state's share of national fresh pork consumption "significantly declined," falling from its historical 10% to 8% as of January 2024.

Since the Supreme Court's ruling last year, federal lawmakers from agriculture states have been pushing for the passage of the "Exposing Agriculture Trade Suppression Act," or EATS Act.

The bill introduced in both the House of Representatives and the Senate would essentially prevent states from passing laws that impede trade within the U.S.

The study found that Prop 12 has led to a decrease in the amount of North American pork, including in Canada, that complies with the law.

"Based on California's consumption of pork produced in the unified North American market, which includes Canada and pork exports, about 8% to 9% North American hogs would need to meet Prop 12 standards," the study said.

"The costs of compliance for hogs, the certification costs and added costs for assuring traceability through the supply chain raise costs of the approximately 60% of pork that comprises covered products."

The authors said the average retail pork price in the U.S. was usually slightly above the California weekly average retail price during 2022 and the first half of 2023.

That began to change starting in July 2023.

"The prices, in the sample of stores for which data were available, were declining gradually during this period of moderating hog and pork prices generally," the study found.

"Around July 1, 2023, the na-

tional prices began rising gradually, but the California prices jumped remarkably from late June through early August. In late July, the California average was more than \$1 per pound above the national average. California prices remained about \$0.85 higher than the national average in early August, but then fell by \$0.60 in one week. For the weeks from mid-August through early December, the California average prices were about \$0.20 higher than the gradually increasing national average."

The authors said the price spread between California and the rest of the country appears to remain stable. California's pork loin prices remain "significantly higher" than the rest of the U.S., exhibiting "very stable spreads" throughout January 2024.

"However, the price gaps for ribs and bacon appear to have slightly widened since full implementation, potentially indicating growing pressure from limited supply," the study

said.

When it comes to bacon in California, for example, the state's price rose \$1.04 per pound more than for the rest of the U.S.

"Earlier estimates anticipated long-run equilibrium increases of around 7.7%, but our analysis reveals increases ranging from 9% to 41% and an average of 20% for covered products," the USDA authors said.

Before Prop 12, California typically purchased about 10% of the U.S. fresh pork supply with seasonal variations.

"However, following implementation of Prop 12, this share dipped significantly, falling to below 7% in July 2023, and remained below the normal share throughout the rest of 2023," the study said.

"January 2024 indicates an even greater decrease, although it is too soon to determine what to expect following the full implementation." — **Todd Neeley, DTN staff reporter**



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conservation groups and local Tribes, applauded the agencies for actively restoring grizzly bears to the North Cascades. They emphasized the ecological role of the species and expressed excitement for their imminent return to an area the groups say their absence has persisted for too long.

"After years of advocacy, the Upper Skagit Tribe looks forward to the day the great bear returns to the rugged North Cascades, which our people previously shared with grizzlies for thousands of years," said Scott Schuyler, the Tribe's policy representative, in a statement.

Opponents expressed disappointment, stating the reintroduction of bears would impact local communities and ranchers.

"Time and again, our communities have spoken to express staunch opposition to the introduction of these apex predators, which would be detrimental to our families, wildlife, and livestock alike," said Rep. Dan Newhouse (R-WA-04), chairman of the Congressional Western Caucus. "I'm beyond disappointed that the Biden administration is ignoring our concerns by moving forward with the introduction while putting on the façade of seeking more public input after their decision has clearly been made."

The National Cattlemen's Beef Association (NCBA) and

Public Lands Council (PLC) condemned the plan, stating the 10(j) status is the administration's effort to appease the state and that the groups remain vigilant about protecting ranchers and rural families in Washington.

"Dropping new apex predators into rural Americans' backyards is not something that the federal government should undertake without consensus," said Sigrid Johannes, director of PLC and NCBA Government Affairs, in a statement. "State and local stakeholders have made their serious concerns about this proposal known for years now, and plowing forward to the detriment of local farmers and ranchers would be unwise for both conservation of the species and health of the rural economy."

Neil Kayser, a fifth-generation rancher in Washington, told Fox News that the reintroduction would threaten his livestock and the families in the area. Kayser said that while the bears might restore biodiversity, they will predate on livestock and pets when food is unavailable and threaten hikers. Kayser felt the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife should manage the bears.

"Nobody asked to house these bears in Portland or Seattle," Kayser said. "They're putting them out on our landscape that we try to make a living on to provide food and fiber and energy for the American consumer." — **Charles Wallace, WLJ contributing editor**



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.)

April 17 — Purina Animal Nutrition, along with the Land O'Lakes Foundation, has opened its scholarship program. Current high school seniors and undergraduate college students with livestock experience are eligible to apply for one of four \$5,000 scholarships. Details: www.purinamills.com/scholarship.

STORY SHORTS

Smaller horse, burro numbers recorded

The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) released its yearly estimates of wild horse and burro populations, revealing a decrease in their overpopulation on public lands. This marks the third consecutive year, starting from 2020, in which the overpopulation of wild horses and burros has declined. According to the BLM's latest estimates, there were around 73,520 wild horses and burros on BLM-managed public lands as of March 1, reflecting a decrease of 9,363 animals compared to the 2023 estimate. Despite efforts to accurately assess the population through aerial and statistical analyses, there remains a margin of uncertainty, with the estimated range spanning from 63,432 to 85,249 animals. While this reduction marks the largest one-year decrease in overpopulation since 1985, the current population still exceeds sustainable levels by nearly threefold. In response, BLM said their plan for fiscal year 2024 includes the gathering and removal of approximately 20,000 animals, along with the treatment of 1,400 horses using fertility control methods. Additionally, the agency aims to rehome 10,000 animals through adoptions and sales.

WDFW proposes to reclassify wolves

The Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW) is proposing to reclassify the gray wolf within the state. Using a population projection model crafted at the University of Washington and existing data on gray wolves, WDFW staff suggests a reclassification of wolves from state-endangered status (indicating a serious threat of extinction across all or a significant portion of their range within the state) to sensitive status. This classification denotes a species as "vulnerable or declining." According to WDFW, the reclassification of wolves to sensitive status would not affect regulations regarding the take of the species. Wolves would still be safeguarded against malicious and deliberate harassment as per RCW 77.15.130, which prohibits hunting, taking or harassing sensitive wildlife. Comments are currently being accepted until May 6 on the proposed change at tinyurl.com/mt2vujpz, graywolf2024@publicinput.com or by voicemail message at 855-925-2801 by entering project code 6505.

Canada invests in disease prevention

Lawrence MacAulay, Canadian minister of Agriculture and Agri-Food, announced on March 7 an investment of over \$1.6 million to bolster Animal Health Canada's initiatives in preventing and preparing for foreign animal diseases in Canada, notably African swine fever (ASF) and foot-and-mouth disease (FMD). Animal Health Canada will utilize a \$999,900 investment from Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada's African Swine Fever Industry Preparedness Program to sustain its coordination role in preventing ASF outbreaks and mitigating their impact on Canada's swine industry. Through its Federal Assistance Program, the Canadian Food Inspection Agency is contributing \$697,950 to Animal Health Canada to advance ASF and FMD preparedness efforts over the next two years. This funding will support activities such as analyzing surveillance data, conducting essential training, clarifying stakeholder roles during outbreaks, formulating a vaccine strategy for potential FMD incidents and conducting preparatory exercises ahead of possible ASF or FMD occurrences.

Sustainable Beef names new GM

Sustainable Beef LLC announced on March 18 that Ryan Wagnon has been appointed as the general manager (GM) of the beef processing plant in North Platte, NE. "Ryan has a very well-rounded background, and I am particularly impressed with his strong, people oriented, leadership style," said Bill Rupp, board member of Sustainable Beef. Wagnon is an Oklahoma Panhandle State University graduate with over 22 years of experience in the beef processing industry. Wagnon will be relocating to North Platte this summer as Sustainable Beef prepares to open the facility in the summer of 2025. The company also plans to recruit senior management personnel this year, focusing on roles such as accounting, human resources, plant maintenance, operations, purchasing and safety, with the hiring of line workers slated for 2025.

AFN launches grass-fed Angus program

American Farmers Network (AFN), a grass-fed beef company, has announced the introduction of a USDA Choice-graded line of antibiotic-free grass-fed Angus beef. "We are thrilled to introduce our USDA Choice graded Grass Fed Beef Program, which represents the culmination of years of dedication to sustainable agriculture and animal welfare," said Sanin Mirvic, CEO of AFN. "This program not only ensures the highest standards of quality and taste for consumers but also supports our network of small family ranchers who are the backbone of our industry." According to AFN, it is one of the first companies to offer USDA Choice grass-fed Angus beef on a large scale to national retail chains, food service providers and third-party brands. The program underscores AFN's commitment to offering consumers premium, sustainable beef choices while supporting independent small-family ranchers nationwide.

Power of Meat survey reveals consumer trends

— Majority are price-conscious

The 19th annual Power of Meat survey revealed at the Annual Meat Conference in Nashville, TN, in March showed the number of households purchasing meat remained steady from last year, but most consumers are price conscious.

The survey conducted by 210 Analytics on behalf of FMI—The Food Industry Association and the Meat Institute's Foundation for Meat and Poultry Research and Education, showed the percentage of Americans identifying as meat eaters (80%) and households purchasing meat (98%) has remained consistent since 2023.

While shopping, 73% of Americans are adjusting their meat purchases to save money, with the most common approach being the alteration of quantity bought. Among those modifying quantities, 30% opt for smaller packages for immediate savings, while 42% choose larger bulk packs

for long-term cost-effectiveness.

According to Circana's MULO+, meat department prices increased by 2.1% in 2023, lower than the overall inflation rate for food and beverages, which was 5.9%. However, due to the lasting effects of inflation, shoppers adjusted their meat and poultry purchases by prioritizing items on sale and modifying the quantity (54%), type (45%), cut (43%) and brand (40%) they bought.

As economic conditions persist, 43% of Americans are reducing their frequency of dining out. Among meat eaters scaling back on restaurant visits, 75% are trying to replicate restaurant-style meals in their homes.

"As price-conscious shoppers look for ways to continue enjoying their favorite proteins, they are cooking more at home and including meat in everything from new recipes found online to their favorite comfort meals and holiday feasts," Rick Stein, vice president of Fresh Foods for FMI—

The Food Industry Association, said in a statement. "With shoppers including meat in nearly 87% of home-cooked meals every week and looking to meat to make occasions special, the opportunities to provide great choice, taste, and value continue to grow."

The survey revealed over nine in 10 shoppers are willing to splurge occasionally, with holidays, special occasions and entertaining ranking as top reasons.

Consumers seek information from brands and grocery stores regarding the origin, production methods and welfare standards of the meat and poultry they buy. Over one-third of consumers prioritize options that consider the well-being of the planet (38%), people (36%) and animal welfare (34%). Additionally, the percentage of consumers feeling positive about animal welfare practices in the U.S. has increased to 55% from 43% in 2020.

According to data from Circana, Generation X, despite being the smallest generation,

contributes the largest share of sales at 32%. Additionally, Boomers lead in meat purchase frequency, averaging 53 times per year, while Millennials outspend other generations, spending nearly \$17 per meat purchase.

Gen Z turns to platforms like TikTok, YouTube and Instagram for meal ideas, while Boomers prefer sticking to routine meals, advice from family and friends, and recipe websites.

"When shoppers hear 'protein,' they think 'meat,' and the Meat Institute is actively working to maintain and grow Americans' confidence about meat's role in healthy, balanced diets," Julie Anna Potts, president and CEO of the Meat Institute, said. "Our Protein PACT initiative drives progress and provides transparent information about how meat contributes to the health of people, animals and the planet—which 83% of consumers are looking for when they make meat purchases." — Charles Wallace, WLJ contributing editor

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CED BW WW YW MM REA MARB BMIS CHBS
2.1 3.1 68 106 34 0.72 0.25 389 150



Lot 79 — P44474091
Polled son of BIRDWELL VANGUARD 5022 9337
CED BW WW YW MM REA MARB BMIS CHBS
8.3 -0.2 58 93 37 0.74 0.42 512 150
• Short marked, long side and deep made
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CED BW WW YW MM REA MARB BMIS CHBS
11.4 0.5 51 91 44 0.45 0.15 456 138



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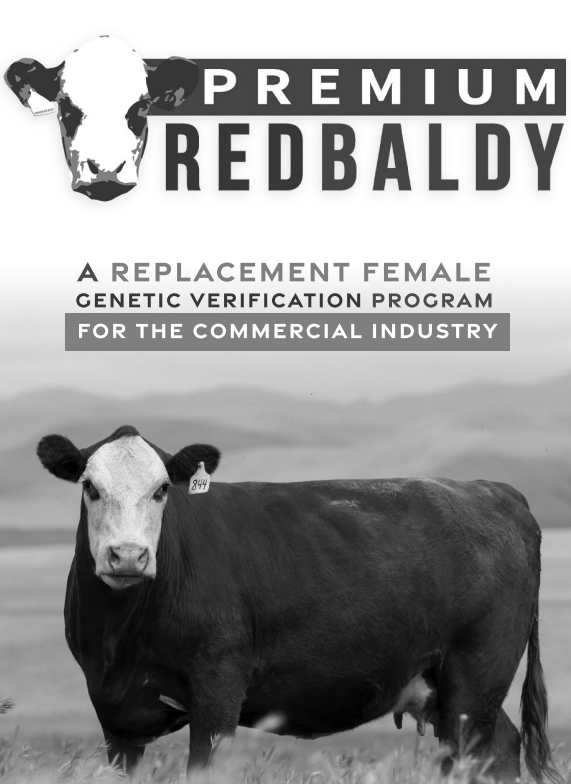
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LSU researcher develops new vaccine targeting BRD

—Declared safer than current options

A researcher at Louisiana State University (LSU) developed a groundbreaking vaccine targeting bovine respiratory disease (BRD) and its associated illnesses.

BRD results in the deaths of approximately 8 million calves annually and the financial burden costs the U.S. cattle industry \$1 billion.

Shafiqul Chowdhury, professor of veterinary medicine at LSU, genetically modified the bovine herpes virus type 1 (BHV-1) to incorporate protective proteins from other bovine respiratory viruses, namely bovine viral diarrhea virus type 1 & 2 (BVDV 1 & 2) and

bovine respiratory syncytial virus (BRSV), aiming to prevent BRD.

Most cattle producers utilize a commercially available modified live BRD vaccine containing multiple live viruses to safeguard their herds. However, despite this measure, the diseases claim more than one-fifth of all calves. Chowdhury highlighted the calf mortality rate among vaccinated animals as one area where the current vaccine cocktail falls short.

Unlike other countries, the U.S. does not mandate marker or Differentiating Infected from Vaccinated Animals vaccines, capable of differentiation from virulent field viruses, which could prevent the circulation and maintenance of vaccine viruses within the cattle population. Chowdhury's vaccine addresses this issue, ensuring that vaccine viruses cannot spread or circulate, mitigating risks of spontaneous abortions and BRD in vaccinated animals.

LSU said Chowdhury's vaccine presents several advantages. It is cost-effective because it uses a

single virus, genetically engineered BHV-1, which exhibits robust growth in cell culture. In contrast, the commercial cocktail vaccine involves growing individual viruses separately and then mixing them, necessitating rigorous quality control for each vaccine batch.

Additionally, unlike the commercial vaccine cocktail, Chowdhury's vaccine does not pose the risk of abortion, a potential adverse outcome observed in cows that reach adulthood after the commercial vaccine is administered.

"Dr. Chowdhury's vaccines could be a game-changer for the cattle industry, and we couldn't be more excited to support this kind of groundbreaking research," LSU Vice President of Research & Economic Development Robert Twilley said.

Chowdhury has applied for a patent for the vaccine, and according to DTN, once the patent is acquired, commercial manufacturing will begin as a licensing agreement has been signed. — **Charles Wallace, WLJ contributing editor**



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PLC applauds court ruling on grazing

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transmission to the neighboring bighorn sheep, rather than a high risk.

"The Forest Service therefore concluded that the Wishbone Allotment plan allowed for the 'continued long-term persistence' of local bighorn sheep 'while also providing public land grazing opportunities for local livestock producers,'" according to court documents.

Domenico wrote in the ruling that USFS did not act arbitrarily or capriciously when it issued an assessment and finding based on its analyses.

The environmental groups argued the agency should have relied solely on its computer model findings that found a high risk of exposure between the domestic and wild sheep, as opposed to also analyzing local factors.

"As the scientific literature indicates, such models may fail to 'account for habitat connectivity as well as habitat type,'" Domenico wrote. "And, as at least one other court has acknowledged, the risk of contact model is but 'one data point for analyzing the risk of disease transfer' that has various limitations."

USFS also found there would be additional spatial separation of the herds because the migration of local herds is fairly predictable and does not overlap with the grazing season.

"In particular, the Service found that the local wild herds moved away from the Wishbone Allotment (including to higher elevations) during the summer when domestic sheep would be allowed to graze," Domenico said.

He ultimately ruled that USFS's reliance on other factors in addition to the risk of contact computer model was not arbitrary or capricious.

"There is always some level of subjectivity in a relative 'risk rating,' but any such subjectivity does not render such a rating to be arbitrary or capricious, even if reasonable minds could disagree on the exact level of risk," he wrote.

The Public Lands Council (PLC) said the decision gives sheep producers in Colorado more certainty.

"This decision is an important step to reinforce the agency's discretion when it comes to best management practices and the risk of disease transmission," the Public Lands Council wrote in its Weekend Roundup newsletter.

The group continued that the decision further enforces that the risk of contact model should never be the sole deciding factor when determining domestic sheep grazing authorization. — **Anna Miller, WLJ managing editor**

Congress wants to both restrict, use USDA's CCC fund

Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack faced some criticism March 21 over how USDA uses the Commodity Credit Corporation (CCC) as a slew of lawmakers then called on USDA to use the fund to help producers in their districts.

Vilsack testified before the House Appropriations Subcommittee for Agriculture about USDA's discretionary funding request for fiscal year (FY) 2025.

Rep. Andy Harris (R-MD-01), chairman of the subcommittee, characterized that the CCC under the Biden administration "continues to be treated like a slush fund." Republicans have been especially critical of USDA using \$3.1 billion under the fund for a pilot program on climate-smart agriculture in 2023.

Pointing to comments that

Vilsack has made about Congress considering how the CCC fund could be used to help commodity programs, Harris said Vilsack continues looking for ways to spend money outside the regular farm bill process. "I'm perplexed as to how USDA would be able to do this as establishing reference prices and farm programs is done by Congress."

Vilsack later sought to correct Harris, saying he never suggested using CCC funds outside of the farm bill. "What I did say was, in order for us to have a farm bill, it's going to be necessary for members of the Ag Committee to be creative on how they could use the resources within the CCC at their instruction and direction to provide the relief and assistance they are looking for to bolster the

safety net."

Then subcommittee members on both sides of the aisle took turns asking for USDA to provide different forms of aid to farmers.

Rep. Sanford Bishop (D-GA-02), the subcommittee's ranking member, pointed to farmers struggling from higher input prices. Bishop said he had heard from peanut and cotton farmers from Georgia and he asked if Vilsack would support a one-time payment for peanut and cotton producers—money that would come from the CCC. Bishop noted there was a \$250 million appropriation for a one-time payment for rice farmers in 2022.

Rep. David Valadao (R-CA-21) then pointed to a \$12 million payment to Puerto Rican dairy farmers in 2017 under the Trump administration. He pointed to federal disaster aid for flooding last year adding, "for some reason dairy has been left out" and dairy farmers

don't qualify for some of the aid. He asked Vilsack why CCC couldn't be used for California dairy farmers.

"If one secretary was able to do that and no one challenged it, why is this different?" Valadao said.

For the CCC to work, Vilsack said, USDA has to stay within the charter. Anytime he uses the CCC, Vilsack said he asks USDA's general counsel if it is allowed in the charter. Vilsack pointed to purchases of milk and pork for school programs as one way the CCC is used. Vilsack also cited that use of the CCC fund under the Trump administration was so high Congress had to approve a provision to replenish the fund.

Valadao pointed to lower prices for some California commodities that could use CCC purchases of commodities to help prices.

Rep. Marcy Kaptur (D-OH-09) later asked about finding more ways to use

USDA programs to use more local agricultural products for direct marketing to schools. Talking about local farmers, Kaptur said, more local farms should be given contracts for linking farmers to programs that buy a lot of foods. "Why couldn't we work more closely with local schools to develop pilot programs so they could directly connect with the apples grown in our region?"

The secretary then rattled off different funding purchases and programs out there for food banks and farm-to-school programs.

Rep. Julia Letlow (R-LA-05) described that the crawfish industry in her state "is on life support with no safety net." Production has dropped as much as 90% for crawfish producers and Letlow would like USDA to provide some relief. Letlow said crawfish production is a \$300 million industry in Louisiana. Letlow wanted a commitment from Vilsack to provide some as-

sistance.

Rep. Jerry Carl (R-AL-01) then sought some aid to help shrimp producers in the state because the country is being flooded with cheaper shrimp imports. Carl wants to see if USDA can use Section 32 authority to use CCC dollars to buy shrimp for school lunch programs. Vilsack noted when it comes to Section 32, "For every dollar we have, we have \$2 in demand."

Rep. Barbara Lee (D-CA-12) also raised the need for more support for urban farming. Vilsack mentioned appropriators cut funding for urban agriculture in the FY 2024 budget passed earlier in March.

The Republican Study Committee, which released a proposed FY 2025 budget on March 20, called for requiring "any action by the Commodity Credit Corporation to have congressional approval." — **Chris Clayton**, DTN ag policy editor

Investigation into HPAI cases is ongoing

HPAI (from page 1)

only milk from healthy animals into processing for human consumption; milk from impacted animals is being diverted or destroyed so that it does not enter the food supply," USDA said. In addition, they said, pasteurization is proven to inactivate bacteria and viruses.

Of the dairy herds exhibiting symptoms, about 10% of each herd appears to be impacted, with little to no associated mortality, USDA said. Milk loss is too limited to have a major impact on supply and there should be no impact on the price of milk or dairy products.

The goat in Minnesota was found infected after a farmer reported the unusual deaths of 10 newly kidded goats. The goats shared the same space and water source as a backyard poultry flock that had been depopulated due to HPAI. Brain and tissue samples from five of the kids were found positive for H5N1.

Cattle producers are advised to monitor their herds for signs of disease. In the current outbreak, symptoms have been reduced feed in-

take and reduced milk production. Most cattle recover in two to three weeks with supportive care. The American Veterinary Medical Association urges producers to report any illness or deaths in their herd to their vet, who can coordinate with state animal health officials for investigation and response.

Producers are also encouraged to implement enhanced biosecurity measures on their operations to reduce risk. For information on animal health protocols and developing a biosecurity plan, the National Cattlemen's Beef Association recommends visiting bqa.org or usda.gov. Measures include preventing wildlife access to barns and facilities, reducing wildlife access to shared water sources and keeping feed stored away.

The USDA, Food and Drug Administration, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, and state veterinary and public health officials are conducting additional testing to characterize the HPAI strains. This is an ongoing investigation, and the virus has not been detected in beef cattle. — **Anna Miller**, WLJ managing editor

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On Jan. 1, the total feedlot inventory represented a record of 16.5% of all cattle and calves inventory in the country. However, decreased cattle numbers and herd rebuilding will inevitably lead to smaller feedlot inventories in the coming months. — **Derrell S. Peel, Oklahoma State University Extension livestock marketing specialist**

Table 1. Calf crop and cattle on feed dynamics

Year	Calf Crop	% Change	Cattle on Feed U.S., Jan. 1	% Change
	1,000 head		1,000 head	
2017	35,758.2		13,108.4	
2018	36,312.7	+1.6	14,146	
2019	35,591.6	-2.0	14,367.9	+1.6
2020	35,495.5	-0.3	14,657.7	+2.0
2021	35,165.9	-0.9	14,667.4	+0.1
2022	34,439.5	-2.1	14,694.6	+0.2
2023	33,593.0	-2.5	14,195.8	-3.4
2024			14,423.3	+1.6
6-year change	-2,719.7	-7.5	55.4	+0.3

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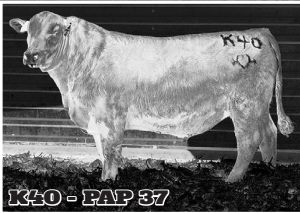


K48 - PAP 42

– LOT 2 –

MC REGIMENT K40 DTM

AAA #20754792 • DOB: 08/23/22
CED: 7 • BW: 0.8 • WW: 76 • YW: 145 • \$B: 177 • \$C: 301



K40 - PAP 37

– LOT 18 –

MC DYNAMIC 12L

AAA #20854026 • DOB: 01/08/23
CED: 5 • BW: 2.2 • WW: 100 • YW: 168 • \$B: 176 • \$C: 291



12L

– LOT 37 –

MC ICONIC 81L

AAA #20855982 • DOB: 03/07/23
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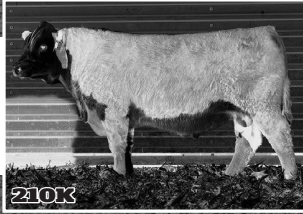


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#44528391 • DOB: 09/07/22
CED: 2.5 • BW: 4.2 • WW: 65 • YW: 101 • CHB: 164



210K

– LOT 60 –

MC RED BARON 211K

#44524897 • DOB: 09/08/22
CED: 6.4 • BW: 1.2 • WW: 67 • YW: 101 • CHB: 108



211K

– LOT 88 –

MC HOUSTON 89L

#44528536 • DOB: 03/10/23
CED: 2.3 • BW: 2.2 • WW: 66 • YW: 103 • CHB: 143



89L

– LOT 94 –

MC KING 84L

#44529004 • DOB: 03/09/23
CED: 9 • BW: 0.9 • WW: 69 • YW: 114 • CHB: 148



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SALE REPORTS

**DIAMOND PEAK
CATTLE CO. BULL SALE**
March 16, Riverton, WY
64 Bulls \$6,327
Auctioneer: Ty
Thompson

TOPS: Lot 63; to Grindstone Cattle, Daniel, WY, \$12,000. Lot 4; to Grindstone Cattle, Daniel, WY, \$9,750. Lot 26; to Grindstone Cattle, Daniel, WY, \$9,500. Lot 72; to Alvin Hyle, Lander, WY, \$9,000. — **TY GROSHANS**

**RANCHO CASINO/DAL
PORTO LIVESTOCK/
COX RANCH BULL
SALE**

March 18, Purdum, NE
13 Older bulls ... \$4,865
77 Yearling bulls .. 5,512
90 Total bulls 5,419
Auctioneers: Matt
Lowery

TOPS: Dal Porto Iconic B52, 2/16/23 by DB Iconic G95; to Ward Ranches, Gardnerville, NV, \$27,000. Casino Blockade W202, 3/18/23 by Hoffman LLL Blockade; to Grissom Livestock, Hilmar, CA, \$18,000. Casino Wildcat W113, 2/5/23 by E & B Wildcat 9402; to Mason Angus & Sim-Angus, Anselmo, NE, \$17,000. Casino Constable W136, 2/16/23 by Casino Constable T34; to Obanion Ranches, Dos Palos, CA, \$12,500. Dal Porto LLL Iconic B12, 2/1/23 by DB Iconic G95; to commercial bull buyer, NE, \$11,500. — **TY GROSHANS**

**WAGONHAMMER
RANCHES
PRODUCTION SALE**
March 20, Albion, NE

68 Angus older
bulls \$5,860
80 Angus yearling
bulls 5,787
9 Charolais older
bulls 4,194
14 Charolais yearling
bulls 4,232
3 Simmental older
bulls 6,333
30 Simmental yearling
bulls 8,800
24 Angus open
heifers 2,863
8 Charolais open
heifers 2,312
3 Simmental open
heifers 4,000

Auctioneers: Ronn
Cunningham and Cody
Lowderman

**TOPS—Simmental
bulls:** ADV Compass L3574, 3/11/23 by Hook's Galileo 210G; to River Creek Farms, Manhattan, KS, \$88,000. ADV Galileo L4799, 3/9/23 by Hook's Galileo 210G; to APEX Cattle, Dannebrog, NE, \$16,000. WR Eagle L4716, 2/2/23 by Hook's Eagle 6E; to River Creek Farms, Manhattan, KS, \$14,000. **Angus bulls:** WAR Salvation E241 L4020 ET, 3/6/23 by SG Salvation; to ADR Cattle, Roanoke, VA, \$15,000. WAR Salvation E241 L4022 ET, 3/7/23 by SG Salvation; to Rebel Ridge, Milburn, NE, \$12,000. WAR Currency L101, 2/20/23 by WAR Currency H028; to Dwayne Scar, Earlham, IA, \$12,000. — **TY GROSHANS**

**GREEN MOUNTAIN RED
ANGUS BULL SALE**
March 19, Logan, MT
84 Yearling Red Angus
bulls \$6,904
Auctioneer: Trent
Stewart

TOPS: GMRA Patriot 3204L, 1/6/23 by Brown PRA Patriot G6291; Missouri River Red Angus, Watford City, ND, \$19,000. GMRA Investment 3251L, 1/22/23 by GMRA Investment 1217J; to Bar Open A Red Angus, Hamer, ID, \$15,500. GMRA Super Duty 3262L, 1/28/23 by Brown PRA Patriot G6291; to Bar Open A Red Angus, Hamer, ID, \$13,000. GMRA King James 3225L, 1/15/23 by GMRA King James 0272H; to George & Barb Cooksley, Anselmo, NE, \$13,000. — **DEVIN MURNIN**

**BAR STAR CATTLE W/
ERNST HEREFORDS
BULL SALE**
March 21, Musselshell,
MT

52 Hereford
bulls \$6,717
33 Commercial open
heifers 2,225
Auctioneer: Greg
Goggins

TOPS: Bar Star Generate 3061ET, 3/5/23 by Loewen Genesis G16 ET; to Bohm Herefords, Miles City, MT, \$16,500. Bar Star Principal 3044 ET, 3/3/23 by Bar Star Fresh Prince 018 ET; to Ace Herefords, Senlac, SK, \$11,500. Bar Star Substantial 2251 ET, 9/17/22 by Bar Star Fresh Prince 018 ET; to Conn Forder, Highwood, MT, \$10,500. Bar Star Genre 3057 ET, 3/5/23 by Lowen Genesis G16 ET; to Riverbank Polled Herefords, Taylor, ND, \$10,000. Ernst Divergent 311, 3/12/23 by CRR 824 Divergent 170; to T Heart Ranch, Del Norte, CO, \$9,500. — **DEVIN MURNIN**

**VERMILION RANCH
SPRING
PERFORMANCE SALE**
March 21-22, Billings,
MT

449 Yearling
bulls \$8,303
23 Bred heifers . 5,228
244 Embryos 1,518
5,273 Commercial
open heifers 2,176

Auctioneer: Joe
Goggins, Roger
Jacobs, Ty Thompson,
Bill Cook and Greg
Goggins

TOPS—Bulls: Vermilion Leo L045, 2/2/23 by Vermilion Leo; to Clear Creek Angus, Chinook, MT, \$50,000. Vermilion Three Rivers L171, 2/4/23 by Ellingson Three Rivers 0065; to Hinman Angus, Malta, MT, \$32,000. Vermilion Fair-N-Square L355, 2/17/23 by Myers Fair-N-Square M39; to Schurrtop Angus, Farnam, NE, \$25,000. Vermilion Badlands L057, 1/31/23 by Ellingson Badlands 0285; to Bob Stoddard, Newcastle, WY, \$23,000. Vermilion Growth Fund L590, 2/28/23 by Deer Valley Growth Fund; to

Bob Stoddard, Newcastle, WY, \$19,000. Vermilion G017 Bomber L154, 2/11/23 by Vermilion Bomber G017; to Zentner Angus, Bridger, MT, \$17,000. Vermilion King Air L076, 1/31/23 by Connealy King Air; to Bob Stoddard, Newcastle, WY, \$17,000.

Females: Vermilion Queen 2937, 8/30/22 by Ellingson Three Rivers 0065 bred to Vermilion G017 Bomber K022; to Jocko Valley Cattle, Arlee, MT, \$6,750. Vermilion Blackcap 2897, 8/24/22 by Sitz Commerce 670F bred to SR Three Rivers 2087; to Justin Focht, Pratt, KS, \$6,750. — **DEVIN MURNIN**

**SINCLAIR CATTLE CO.
PRODUCTION SALE**
March 23, Buffalo, WY
126 Yearling
bulls \$4,811
13 Open heifers. 3,380
65 Commercial open
heifers 2,250
Auctioneer: Roger

Jacobs

TOPS—Bulls: Sinclair Emulation L537, 2/11/23 by N Bar Emulation EXT; to CCK Angus, Florence, SD, \$11,500. Sinclair Black Iron L504, 1/31/23 by Sinclair Black Iron 7UR26; to Brock Boyle, Danbury, MT, \$11,500. Sinclair X-Plus L101, 3/9/23 by Sinclair Emulation XXP; to Jake Brackett, Rogerson, ID, \$10,500. Sinclair Longmire L505, 2/1/23 by Reisig Longmire 8326; to 7 Hanging 7 Ranch, Grass Range, MT, \$10,000. **Open heifer:** Sinclair Lady L385 7X14, 3/13/23 by Sinclair Exquisite 0X2; to Brookhill Angus, Flemmingsburg, KY, \$6,000. — **DEVIN MURNIN**

**VALLEY VIEW
CHAROLAIS BULL SALE**
March 23, Polson, MT
180 2-Year-old
bulls \$6,659
Auctioneer: Rick
Machado

TOPS: VVCR Extra Lunch 2197, 4/17/22 by Free Lunch 859; to Shawn Russell, Sandpoint, ID, \$13,000. VVCR Patriot Bingo 2121, 4/4/22 by GHC Patriot 0126; to Evan Wood, Teton, ID, \$13,000. VVCR Diamond Patriot 2220, 4/20/22 by GHC Patriot 961; to Springhill

Cattle, Conrad, MT, \$12,500. VVCR Best Gridmaker 2131, 4/7/22 by Gridmaker 627; to McNeil Ranch, Hobbs, NM, \$11,000. VVCR Value Patriot 2135, 4/7/22 by GHC Patriot 9611; to Ayers Bros, Tonasket, WA, \$10,500. — **DEVIN MURNIN**

MARKET NEWS

WLJ compiles its market reports, ODJ stories and statistics from USDA and independent marketing organizations.

MARKET SITUATION REPORT

MARKET AT A GLANCE	This Week: 3/28/2024	Week Ago	Year Ago
Choice Fed Steers	185.12	▼	188.52
CME Feeder Index	248.99	▼	251.82
Boxed Beef Average	308.36	▼	313.73
Average Dressed Steers	298.00	▼	300.00
Live Slaughter Weight*	1,366	▼	1,389
Weekly Slaughter**	598,000	▼	601,000
Weekly Beef Production***	500.4	▼	501.4
Hide/Offal Value	11.90	▲	11.54
Corn Price	4.37	▼	4.41
* 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
March 22	7,557	315.72	248	337.76	1,469	319.20	2,113	313.69	734	305.11	2,993
March 15	6,471	308.78	213	331.92	1,387	312.40	1,891	308.04	648	298.75	2,332
March 8	6,165	303.85	205	325.88	1,233	308.28	1,789	302.92	702	293.45	2,237
March 1	6,276	300.66	209	322.37	1,191	304.49	1,925	299.07	624	288.67	2,327
Cutouts											
FED BOXED BEEF											
DATE	CHOICE		SELECT		COW BEEF CUTOUT		50% LEAN		90% LEAN		
Mar 28	308.36		301.17		260.83		102.46		N/A		
Mar 27	308.58		298.43		260.63		104.40		335.67		
Mar 26	311.09		300.26		260.34		103.47		N/A		
Mar 25	310.89		301.96		260.10		104.97		336.65		
Mar 22	310.72		301.47		257.10		101.65		331.39		

CATTLE FUTURES: CME Live Cattle							
	3/22	3/25	3/26	3/27	3/28	High*	Low*
Apr.	18750	18620	18310	18360	18500	19633	15310
Jun.	18290	18160	17838	17868	18025	19975	16853
Aug.	18150	17998	17643	17668	17820	18438	16668
Oct.	18445	18315	17963	17983	18138	18713	17005

CATTLE FUTURES: CME Feeder Cattle							
	3/22	3/25	3/26	3/27	3/28	High*	Low*
Mar.	24995	24945	24773	24805	24775	26833	21280
Apr.	25150	25045	24545	24688	24713	25723	21608
May	25378	25263	24725	24823	24870	26208	21920
Aug.	26455	26218	25710	25790	25883	27095	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	2,137	1,312	185.12
Live FOB Heifer	1,674	1,307	185.21
Dressed Del Steer	249	973	298.00
Dressed Del Heifer	119	851	298.00
SAME PERIOD LAST WEEK			
Live FOB Steer	1,349	1,482	188.52
Live FOB Heifer	1,699	1,351	187.66
Dressed Del Steer	395	956	300.00
Dressed Del Heifer	160	848	300.00
SAME PERIOD LAST YEAR			
Live FOB Steer	N/A	N/A	N/A
Live FOB Heifer	N/A	N/A	N/A
Dressed Del Steer	384	968	265.58
Dressed Del Heifer	N/A	N/A	N/A

NATIONAL WEEKLY FED BEEF SLAUGHTER VOLUME: MARCH 24, 2024		
	Domestic	Imported
Forward Contract	25,529	3,677
Formula	249,795	6,084
Negotiated Cash	76,205	195
Negotiated Grid	34,987	1,393
Packer Owned	82.52	N/A
Total	394,768	11,349

SLAUGHTER FORWARD CONTRACTS		FORWARD BEEF SALES	
Delivery Month		Neg. Sales 0-21 days	1,919
Mar. '24	131,512	Neg. Sales 21+ days	1,728
Apr. '24	195,410	Formula sales	3,766
May '24	108,258	Forward contract sales	144
Jun. '24	96,681	Domestic sales	6,352
Jul. '24	81,175	NAFTA Exports	102

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	173.57	+0.90
Slaughter Heifers, mostly Choice & Select 1-3, 1200-1400 lbs	169.59	-3.06
Ontario Auctions		
Slaughter Steers, mostly Choice & Select 1-3, 1300-1500 lbs	177.16	-0.05
Slaughter Heifers, mostly Choice & Select 1-3, 1200-1400 lbs	N/A	N/A
Slaughter Cows, Cutter and Utility 1-3, 1100-1400 lbs	106.83	+0.12
*Price comparison from one week ago.		

Average feeder cattle prices (CND) for week ending Friday, March 15, 2024			
Steers:	Alberta	Saskatchewan	Ontario
501-600 lbs	317.68	318.42	311.08
601-700 lbs	291.92	298.23	269.29
701-800 lbs	272.67	268.92	259.15
801-900 lbs	241.91	244.22	242.62
Heifers:			
401-500 lbs	306.85	302.80	258.32
501-600 lbs	282.33	289.52	250.76
601-700 lbs	263.46	259.40	243.24
701-800 lbs	238.34	232.53	232.38

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
	3/18/2024	3/11/2024		
Feeders	28,800	32,535	309,253	291,589

USDA WEEKLY IMPORTED FEEDER CATTLE		
March 28, 2024		
Mexico to United States Feeder Cattle Import Summary		
Receipts EST: 8,850	Week Ago EST: 8,850	Year Ago Act: 22,590
Santa Teresa, NM		
Not enough head sold on the current market to establish trend or quote prices. However, a lower undertone noted due to the sharp declines in the cattle futures early in the week. Supply consisted of mostly previously contracted steers and spayed heifers weighing 300-600 lbs.		
Feeder heifers: Medium and large 1&2		
300-400 lbs	265-275	
400-500 lbs	255-265	
500-600 lbs	237-247	
Feeder steers: Medium and large 1&2		
300-400 lbs	327-337	
400-500 lbs	307-317	
500-600 lbs	282-292	
(slide 10 cents on steers and heifers basis 300 lbs. All sales fob port of entry.)		

Selected Auctions Week Ending March 28, 2024					Feeder prices for steers & heifers reflect medium and large 1 cattle, unless otherwise noted; * Indicates medium and large 1-2					
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 SLAUGHTER BULLS	PAIRS REPLACEMENTS
March22 Blackfoot, ID	N/A			280-350 250-343	270-315 240-312	250-305 220-287	230-285 210-254	195-250 190-229	95-50 124-141	
March21 Burley, ID	813		397.50-407.50 348-350	339-399 324-338	311-313 310-317	296.50-310 264-287	270 254	203 231	92-135 135.50-150	
No report available Emmett, ID										
March23 Eugene, OR	960		280-310 220-258	220-298 215-270	220-287 220-252	205-261 202-249	190-234		90-126 110-129	1,675-2,900 800-2,000
March25 Madras, OR	218								105-130 120-140	
March20 Vale, OR	292			340-357	292-323 280-297.50				97-123 114-140	
No report available Davenport, WA										
March21 Toppenish, WA	1,530			320-325*	305-325* 291-320*	254* 242.50-265*			122-125.50 130-145	1,875

NORTHWEST

March 21	Orland, CA	1,343		280-360	270-370	240-292	220-266	200-255	110-142	
March 27	Escalon, CA	N/A		270-365	250-307	220-282	200-255	180-225	110-137	
March 18	Famoso, CA	356							75-124	
March 20	Galt, CA	877							90-131	
March 19	Turlock, CA	1,133		275-330	270-340	250-291	200-240	150-175	95-130	
March 19	Salina, UT	1,460		210-275	200-260	190-252	160-200		100-132	
				275-390	270-350	230-282	200-260	200-244	80-143	
				270-330	240-306	210-262			100-147	
March 25	Iowa	16,061		320-412.50	280-335	260-288	225-245	200-236	112-137	
				260-350	265-348	262-300	230-255	190-216	121-142.50	
				265-400	255-360	250-337.50	200-315	150-234	108-135	
				275-332.50	200-330	185-357	160-287.50	130-215	144-159	

March 25	Iowa	16,061		365-440	250-370.50	251-332	243-308	220-260.75	104-139.50	
				300-382	252-330	234.50-293	226-272.50	186-238.50	97.50-171	
	No report available Miles City, MT									
	No report available Bassett, NE									
March 23	Ericson, NE	3,990								
				341-411	306-357.50	276-331	253-284	231.25-254.75	2,350	
				297-337.50	271-307	252-284.50	237-262.75	226-245	2,160-2,400	
	No report available Imperial, NE									
March 20	Kearney, NE	3,000								
				326-344	316-339	272-324	264-291.50	807-917	120-140.25	
March 22	Lexington, NE	2,530							137-159.25	
				390	282-316	254.50-285.50	235-249.50	220-235.50		
				370	309-319.50	288.50-318	250.50-285	241-258.25		
					271-299	261-282.50	233.50-256.25	210-237		
	No report available Ogallala, NE									
March 21	Valentine, NE	2,410								
				385-392.50	352-363.50	306-335	277.50-298.50	225.50-271.75		
				317	285-308	270-299.50	245-274	210-242.50		
March 22	Herreid, SD	1,686								
				317.50-321	348	275.50-319	262-278.25	235.75-259.50		
					290	255-267	240-255.50	239.75		
March 27	Torrington, WY	2,980								
				360-400	330-357	272-318	258-288	247-248.50		
				337-346	280-314	269-289	237-252	190-235.50		

No report available Willcox, AZ										
March 25 Colorado	3,062	365-400 311-372	342-382 292-338	300-340 255-330	254.50-315 240-257	226-274 220-241	203-235	77.50-167 106-177.50	1,900-2,950 775-2,800	SOUTH CENTRAL
March 20 La Junta, CO	877	382-400 322-360	359-382 294-303	322-340 258-271	286-311 248-256	230-253		118-141 133-152.50		
No report available Loma, CO										
March 27 Dodge City, KS	1,367	362-387.50 346-347	341-356 314-332.50	335 264-295	292.50-307 240.50-267.50	238.10-264 225-232	222.85-240.50 202.50-218.75	120-151 131-175	2,375-2,850 2,000-2,275	
March 28 Pratt, KS	2,000			260-305	241.75-273.50	251-264 235-251	210-258.75 204-215			
March 21 Salina, KS	3,745	380 360-370	380-405 302.50-352	358-391 287-317.50	317.50-347 284-285.50	249-299 231-267.50	218-262.75 215-235.50			
March 28 Clovis, NM	1,114	425-434 396	380-406 296-366	306-384 258-335	271-336 251-282	227-304 224-262	236-244 195-230	184-233.50 155-206.50	1,14-145 1,000-1,825	
March 27 El Reno, OK	5,743	350	400-415 345-365	332.50-390 265-330	300-327.50 250-292.50	273-310 241-262.50	235-269 226-267	200-248 200-215		
March 26 McAlester, OK	720		373-390 301-327	338-385 300-329	283-355 265-294	245-263 228-285	228-235 203-211	181 137-167	975-2,600 1,650-1,800	
March 26 Oklahoma City, OK	6,509		372-455 312-380	331-403 281-339	302-368 253-314	226-319 229-288	241-267 220-237.50	199-249 205-221		
March 22 Cuero, TX	737	294-405 275-405	318-385 300-346	311-365 278-350	271-315 251-300	251-294 229-260	236-254 226-242	90-142 10-160	2,100-2,650 1,450-1,900	
March 21 Dalhart, TX	2,950		403 319-344	351-394 300-318	331-350 285-309	268-308 232-259	250-254 225.50-231.50	219-241.50 221.50	112-145 138-140	
March 21 San Angelo, TX	825		392.50-412.50 327.50		306-315 264-273	271-274		100-141 125-160	1,725-3,250 1,725-2,475	
March 21 Tulia, TX	1,338		353-357 310-315	271-324 259-295	261-274 242-267	254-257 210-221	211-241.25 200-208	115-125 120-150	2,000 2,400	

Research finds anthelmintic resistance in herds

Anthelmintic (dewormer) resistance is a growing concern, and given the expense of dewormers, producers and veterinarians need to be sure they are working. Recent Oklahoma State University (OSU) research has shed light on the seeming need to mitigate the challenge of internal parasite resistance in beef cattle.

OSU College of Veterinary Medicine researchers recently published findings that provided evidence of apparent internal parasite resistance in Oklahoma cow-calf herds. In this small study, thirteen of 16 (81%) participating herds had evidence of apparent anthelmintic resistance based on fecal egg count reduction testing (FECRT).

OSU research is ongoing with an expanded opportunity for Oklahoma cattlemen and veterinarians in 2024. Researchers from Veterinary Medicine, Animal and Food Sciences, and Extension are currently conducting a larger study of Oklahoma herds. The study hopes to collect data from at least 50 different groups of cattle from around the state. Samples can be collected from now through fall 2024.

The study is seeking a minimum of 20 (preferably

30) animals that are within the same stage of production. For example, classes of cattle enrolled in the study could be mature cows of approximately the same age, weaned calves, purchased growing and weaned steers or stocker heifers, or replacement heifers. Preference to participate will be given to operations with young animals between the ages of weaning and yearling. More information is needed on these age groups of cattle.

Good animal handling facilities are required where cattle can be safely restrained for fecal collection. The first collection must occur at initial processing/deworming or within seven days prior to that initial processing/deworming. The second collection must occur 10-17 days post-deworming.

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If you are interested in participating in this project, please fill out the interest form at tinyurl.com/22mc2623. Once received, the research team will be in contact to coordinate delivery of the sampling kits and other details. Questions on the project may be directed to rosslyn.biggs@okstate.edu or david.lalman@okstate.edu. — **Rosslyn Biggs, DVM, state Extension beef cattle specialist**

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MARKETS (from page 1)

- Formula net purchases: \$298.36.
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Slaughter through Thursday was estimated at 483,000 head. Projected slaughter for the week prior is expected to be 598,000 head. Actual slaughter for the week ending March 16 was 597,391 head. The average steer dressed weight was 922 lbs., the same as the prior week.

Boxed beef prices were lower over the week, with the Choice cutout down over \$5 to close at \$308.36 and the Select cutout down about \$2.50 to close at \$301.17.

"Despite kill cuts and a likely 585k head weekly slaughter this week, boxed beef prices have struggled, losing about \$5/cwt from a week ago," Fish said. "The Choice/Select spread has narrowed in to \$7.19. Lower boxes despite smaller production."

The latest Cattle on Feed report showed total cattle on feed in February at 11.8 million head, 1% higher than last year. Placements were 10% higher at 1.89 million head, the highest February placement since reporting began in 1996. Marketings of fed cattle totaled 3% higher at 1.79 million head, and other disappearance totaled 56,000 head, 3% below last year.

Feeder cattle

Live cattle futures were down several dollars, with the March contract down just over \$3 to \$247.75 and the April contract down \$7.50 to \$247.12.

The CME Feeder Cattle Index lost about \$2.80 to close at \$248.99.

Corn futures were up slightly, with the May and July contracts up two pennies to close at \$4.42 and \$4.54, respectively.

"One notable statistic is the decline currently being reported in feedlot arrival weights," the Cattle Report wrote on Thursday. "Recent placements are averaging 50 pounds under last year. This is driven by cheaper feed and competition from the feedlot for production pounds that now are frequently cheaper in the feedlot than outside on pasture."

Kansas: Winter Livestock in Dodge City sold 1,105 head on Wednesday. Compared to the previous auction, feeder steers 850-950 lbs. sold steady to \$4 higher and 650-850 lbs. sold unevenly steady. Steer calves 450-650 lbs. sold \$8-10 higher. Feeder heifers 450-900 lbs. sold \$4-8 lower. Benchmark steers averaging 780 lbs. sold between \$238.10-249.50, averaging \$244.19.

Missouri: Joplin Regional Stockyards in Carthage sold 6,500 head on Monday. Compared to a week earlier, feeder steers sold steady to \$7 lower. Feeder heifers sold from \$6 lower to \$7 higher. Benchmark steers averaging 774 lbs. sold from \$255-265, averaging \$259.61.

Oklahoma: Oklahoma National Stockyards in Oklahoma City sold 7,000 head on Monday. Compared to a week earlier, feeder steers sold \$3-6 lower, feeder heifers sold \$4-8 lower, steer calves sold steady to \$5 lower and heifer calves sold steady to \$2 lower. Benchmark steers averaging 774 lbs. sold from \$242-258.50, averaging \$252.60. — **Anna Miller, WLJ managing editor**

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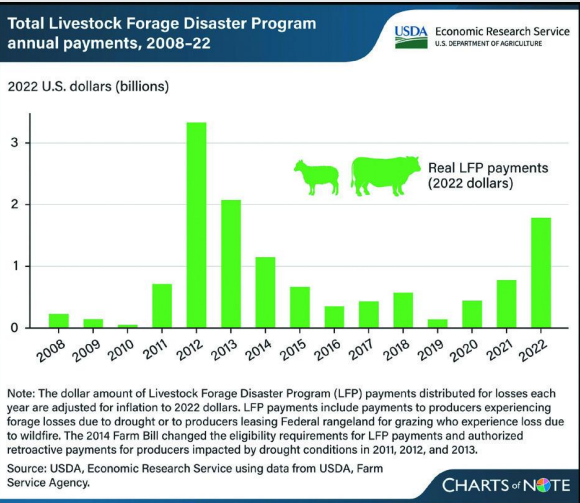
demand at fully steady to \$4 higher. Regions 1/2 feeder steers and heifers had a strong showing and saw very strong demand, an increase of \$8-12. Beef-on-dairy crosses were also in strong demand at \$3-8 higher on all classes. Regions 1/2 weaned calves were again record-setting at levels higher than the last

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