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A LOOK BACK IN HISTORY

"It might be a good idea to take a good look at beef cattle inventory statistics. There are those who have the feeling that maybe we are getting too many cattle in this country; that perhaps we'll be producing more beef than the people of the country will be able and willing to buy. We have a record number of cattle in the U.S. The Jan. 1 estimate is pointed to 88 million, including all beef and dairy cattle of all ages," wrote Nelson Crow in his April 1952 "Observations by the Publisher."

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Agencies move forward on rangeland grazing plan

As the White House celebrated National Agriculture Day last month, the Department of Interior (DOI) and USDA marked progress on an

initiative aimed at expanding the supply of American beef by supporting U.S. ranchers. Last October, USDA unveiled a

Grazing Action Plan. As part of the guidelines, federal agencies planned to enter into an agreement to streamline and expand grazing on

federal lands. While the anticipated date for a memorandum of understanding was set for last November, USDA and DOI released the memo on March 31.

"Our public lands are there for the people, and this action demonstrates the commitment at USDA and the Department of the Interior to improve our services so farmers and ranchers who use public lands can run more efficient operations," said USDA Secretary Brooke Rollins.

The memo outlines cooperation between the U.S. Forest Service (USFS) and the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) in order to "bring federal land grazing to the forefront and address the critical needs of grazing permittees."

As part of the agreement, USFS and BLM agreed to strengthen collaboration with ranchers and improve rangeland management. This includes hosting roundtables and local engagements to share information, as well as initiating ranch immersion and training programs for federal staff to bridge the gap with permittees.

The agencies will integrate a grazing permittee wildfire liaison in



White House

The Trump administration announced progress with a joint agreement between the USDA and Department of the Interior. Pictured here, a view from the Great American Agricultural Celebration held March 27 on the White House South Lawn.

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District court rejects Trump ESA revisions

A federal judge in the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of California recently vacated several provisions of Endangered Species Act (ESA) regulations, concluding key parts of rules issued in 2019 and revised in 2024 conflict with federal law.

In a March 30 order resolving cross-motions for summary judgment, the court found that four of six challenged regulatory provisions were unlawful, while upholding others and rejecting claims brought under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA).

Background

The case stems from regulatory changes finalized in 2019 by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and National Marine Fisheries Service

governing implementation of the ESA sections 4 and 7.

Environmental organizations, including the Center for Biological Diversity, the Sierra Club and WildEarth Guardians, challenged those rules, arguing they weakened protections for listed species and violated both the ESA and NEPA.

Following that remand, the agencies issued updated regulations in 2024 that modified some provisions but retained others. Earthjustice, representing the environmental groups, filed a new lawsuit challenging both the 2019 and 2024 rulemakings, arguing the regulations were inconsistent with the ESA and, in part, procedurally deficient.

The case moved forward on cross-motions for summary judgment, with the court finding that

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TX Appeals Court affirms roadway easement in Luckenbach Ranch case

A Texas Hill Country easement dispute reached a Texas appellate court, where judges upheld a trial court's recognition of a roadway easement.

The Texas 4th Court of Appeals in San Antonio affirmed a trial court judgment recognizing and defining a roadway easement in favor of Troy and Kim Bowling, rejecting challenges brought by Luckenbach Ranch LLC and Firefly Partners Land LLC.

The appeal stemmed from a ruling where a trial court determined that the Bowlings had a valid easement across the neighboring property. Luckenbach and Firefly raised three issues on appeal, arguing the trial court erred in granting summary judgment on claims of express easement, easement by estoppel and estoppel by deed. The appellate court affirmed the ruling.

Background

The case began with a family

land transaction. A 62-acre tract near Fredericksburg was originally owned by Wendy Williams, who agreed to sell approximately 15.5 acres to her brother, Troy Bowling, and his wife, Kim.

Before the sale closed in June 2019, the Bowlings' lender required proof of legal access to the property. Without an easement, the lender would not finance the purchase. To address that requirement, the parties executed a document titled "Private Road Maintenance Agreement."

The agreement granted the Bowlings access across Williams' retained property via a gated roadway. It referenced the properties by address and stated that the grantor agreed "to grant access and maintain road entry for easement purposes." The document was electronically signed and later recorded in county records.

In 2021, Williams sold the remaining acreage to Luckenbach

Ranch. That transaction expressly referenced the recorded easement agreement. Later that year, Luckenbach conveyed a portion of the land to Firefly Partners, with the deed also acknowledging roadway access across the property.

Despite these references, disputes arose when access to the roadway was restricted and the entrance was altered. The Bowlings filed suit seeking a declaration that they held a valid easement and asking the court to define its location.

The trial court granted summary judgment in favor of the Bowlings, finding they had established an express easement. Luckenbach and Firefly appealed, raising three primary arguments challenging the easement's existence and scope.

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Strong gains lift futures ahead of Easter weekend

Cattle futures posted strong gains over the week before heading into the Easter holiday weekend.

"Following the aggressive market gains earlier in the week, traders seem to be still optimistic, but much less aggressive as the week comes to a close," DTN wrote in its Thursday midday comments.

Live cattle futures found gains over the week, gaining about \$10 to close at \$246.20 on the April contract and \$246.32 on the June contract. The futures market was set to be closed April 3 in observance of Good Friday.

"The potential for firming cash cattle trade and firming beef values will continue to be watched significantly over the next couple of weeks, but currently, traders seem to be comfortable with current positions and willing to keep markets within a narrow to moderate range through the end of the week," DTN wrote.

Cash trade through Thursday totaled about 16,000 head. Live steers sold from \$240-245, and dressed steers sold from \$380-385. Cash trade for the week ending March 29 totaled 56,817 head. Live steers averaged \$236.14, and dressed steers averaged \$371.82.

"It's likely a combination of things that have jolted futures

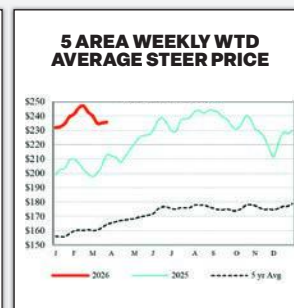
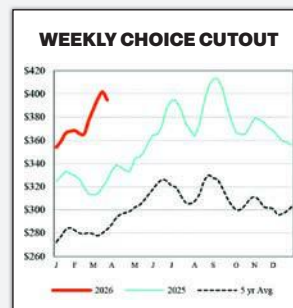
higher," Cassie Fish, market analyst in The Beef, wrote on Monday. "For one, packers' willingness to pay steady with last week's cash, despite a boxed beef market that was struggling certainly is one factor."

Slaughter through Thursday totaled about 429,000 head, compared to 412,000 head a week earlier. Total slaughter for a week earlier is projected at 520,000 head. Actual slaughter for the week ending Mar. 21 was 502,062 head. The average steer dressed weight was 984 lbs., down 5 lbs. from the prior week.

"The slaughter comparison reached a record spread year to year and brings into question some

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LIVE STEERS	DRESSED STEERS	CME FEEDER
\$238.00	N/A	\$366.82
WEEK ENDING: 4-2-26		

COMMENTS

Navigating turbulence

Just as planting season is starting, inputs have taken a drastic increase. Fuel and fertilizer are getting the most conversation time, but essentially everything has gone up in the past year. In what is shaping up to be one of the most interesting springs in agriculture, there's a lot to unpack.



IPSEN

The most recent Prospective Planting reports published by the USDA forecasts that 3.45 million fewer acres of corn will be planted, representing a 3% decrease. Wheat is also expected to be down 3%. In contrast, both soybean and cotton are expected to show a 4% increase. In comparison to previous reports, the 2021 report called for 91.1 million acres of corn while the 2026 report is calling for 95.3 million acres, even with the anticipated decline. Soybeans have an indication of 2.9 million more acres than in 2021 and 2.6 million more acres of wheat. Cotton shows a 2.4 million acre decrease since the 2021 report.

While these forecasts have yet to come to fruition, there is one major contributing factor—drought. With each passing day, the national Drought Monitor is shaping up to tell a drastic story this summer. Under current conditions, the beef industry is going to have to navigate this year with the smallest cow herd in over 70 years. With talk of retention and herd rebuilding, it doesn't appear that the cow-calf producer will get to make the decision of whether or not to retain heifers. Mother Nature might be dictating that decision as a producer eyes his heifer calves and then his hay storage for the upcoming year. As of this writing, over 80% of the nation was under drought conditions. The state of Oregon is averaging less than 50% of snowpack. High-capacity cow herd states in the South and Midwest are seeing record-low moisture and record-high heat. Prayers to those producers who have been impacted by fires—in March. That is still difficult to comprehend.

Those heifer calves will be worth quite a bit as feeder calves this summer and fall. I'd expect many to go to town. The question will be if the dam must go with them. The last thing I want is for producers to have to continue to reduce inventory, but they may not have a choice. A lot of feedlot pens across the country are already spoken for with cows and calves. As one producer told me, "It took too much to try to build the cow herd back; we can't just turn around and sell them. Hopefully these calf prices hold and justify locking them up this summer."

If the fundamentals were left alone, this market is easy to see it will be a good year to market cattle. That said, oftentimes we've seen issues out of our control as the reason for a market correction. It can be as simple as an ill-phrased quote by the president and the market trips. As of now, global conflict is throwing a gut punch into our fuel prices. This impacts everyone, and the impact is intense. As farmers and ranchers were out doing spring work, added fuel expenses of 30-40% were tacked on. Row crop producers have had a run of tough markets—this adds a lot of red to their operating expenses.

In late March, in one of the most head-scratching quotes to come from D.C., USDA Secretary Brooke Rollins said that increased fertilizer prices amid the war will not impact the majority of U.S. farmers and that 80% of farmers "had already purchased their fertilizer by last year in preparation for planting season." She went on to say there "shouldn't be too much disruption" from the increase in fertilizer costs. While this administration has been more ag-friendly than we've seen in the last several, there continues to be comments like these that make me step back. While they're making progress on reduced regulations, a favorable tax climate and grazing issues, farmers are still forced to pay 30% more in fuel and 20-30% more in fertilizer. This conflict hurts American farmers and ranchers right when natural climate conditions are already unsettling.

While the Prospective Plantings report showed some interesting data, farmers are running daily breakevens right up until planting day. This is going to impact markets this summer because producers may switch crops at the last second. What it means is that we won't really have a good handle on actual acreage until later this year. Row crop and cattle producer Shane Ryan of Illinois told me, "With margins already tight, and in many cases negative, going into the '26 growing season, higher fuel and fertilizer costs have turned agronomic decisions into risk management decisions. Because of that, crop rotations, breakevens, and yield goals will be adjusted throughout the year, leading to a more turbulent marketing season."

Cattle producers are going to be dealing with their own set of issues, so I'd recommend any effort to add value to calves will be worthwhile this summer. That extra few dollars might go to buying hay you'll have to truck in from outside your trade area. Wrapping up, we'd better pay close attention to our surroundings and make the most informed decisions possible. While this market stays good for now, it doesn't mean it's going to stay easy.

— LOGAN IPSEN

GUEST OPINION

It's still possible the Federal Reserve will slash interest rates again this year—but don't count on it. With input prices soaring, interest rates aren't the top concern for farmers and ranchers these days. Still, lower rates would be welcome. Every little bit helps.

The Fed held rates steady at its March meeting by an 11-1 vote, the dissenter being Trump-appointed Stephen Miran, who wanted a quarter-point cut. The Fed's federal funds rate is currently in the 3.5-3.75% range.

Eighteen months ago, DTN's then-lead analyst Todd Hultman said the Fed's benchmark rate needed to go below 3% "to take some of the pressure off the ag economy."

In the "dot plot" released after the Fed's March meeting, three of the 19 members of the rate-setting Federal Open Market Committee (FOMC) forecast a fed funds rate below 3% this year and 12 predicted at least one additional rate cut this year. That sounds promising.

But in the previous dot plot in December, four FOMC members forecast a rate below 3% this year. The decline in sub-3% forecasts was a subtle but clear signal that rates may not be coming down. Even Miran has turned cooler in pushing cuts; at the Fed's December meeting, he'd favored a half-point reduction.

Moreover, something startling popped up in the March dot plot: One of the 19 penciled in a rate hike in 2027. An outlier view? Perhaps not. The minutes of the Fed's January meeting said "several" officials thought rate increases could become necessary if inflation remains above the Fed's 2% target.

The FOMC members' uncertainty about cuts reflects uncertainty about the economy. No wonder. The outlook was getting murkier even before the Iran War—we'll discuss that in a minute. The war, though, has completely befogged it. Hoping the war is temporary and the economic impact ends when the war ends, Fed policymakers might be tempted to wait it out. But hope isn't a policy.

What if the war isn't temporary? What if it goes on for months or years? And what if it ends with Iran retaining control over the Strait of Hormuz? Even in defeat, Iran might be able to block the strait or scare shipping away with threats to block it. If instead there's a negotiated settlement and the Iranians promise to unblock it, they will likely retain the ability to reblock it at will. Whatever happens, markets may have to price in increased risk, elevating energy prices.

A prolonged rise in energy prices would spread to prices gen-

erally. Wages would follow, triggering further price increases. FOMC members don't have a crystal ball, but these plausible scenarios have to dampen their enthusiasm for lower rates.

The Fed has been cutting rates the last couple of years despite inflation running higher than the central bank's 2%-a-year target thanks to the public's inflationary expectations seeming "well-anchored." A prolonged rise in energy prices would unanchor them. The Fed would indeed feel compelled to raise rates.

Even before the war began, inflation wasn't cooperating. In February, the Consumer Price Index was 2.4% higher than a year earlier, still above the 2% goal. The Fed's preferred measure of inflation, personal consumption expenditures, rose 2.8% year-on-year in January, 3.1% excluding volatile food and energy prices.

In light of all this, you might wonder how Fed policymakers could still be predicting rate cuts at all. The explanation lies in the Fed's dual mandate. Congress has tasked it with achieving both price stability and maximum employment.

Employment has been far from maximum. Nonfarm employment fell by 92,000 jobs in February, the Bureau of Labor Statistics reported, and the relatively small December and January increases were revised down by 69,000 jobs. The Iran war could easily weaken the labor market further. That would justify a rate cut if inflation were under control. The "if" is a big reason a rate cut isn't guaranteed.

At his post-meeting press conference, Fed Chair Jerome Powell said his FOMC colleagues' rate-cut predictions assume inflation is coming down again. At a later discussion with Harvard students, he worried that the energy-price shock from the Iran War could unanchor inflation expectations.

Could the president's appointee to succeed Powell, Kevin Warsh, push through a cut? Well, first he has to win Senate approval. A Republican senator has vowed to stymie his nomination until the administration's criminal investigation of Powell ends. A federal judge has blocked the subpoenas a prosecutor issued, saying they were politically motivated. The administration has vowed to appeal. That leaves Warsh's nomination hanging.

Once confirmed, will Warsh be able to persuade the other FOMC voting members to go along with cuts if inflation is running hot? He's said to be a persuasive fellow. Considering the situation and the committee's recent votes and forecasts, he may not be persuasive enough. — **Urban Lehner, DTN editor emeritus**

GUEST OPINION

Montana agriculture depends on a reliable workforce to remain productive, competitive and sustainable. Yet, across our state, ranchers and farmers are facing an escalating labor shortage that threatens daily operations and long-term viability. This challenge is no longer anecdotal or isolated, it is systemic, and it demands immediate attention.

That reality was clearly reflected at the Montana Stockgrowers Association's (MSGA) Montana Agriculture Labor Summit, where producers, agribusiness leaders, educators and policymakers gathered to confront one of the most pressing issues facing our industry. Notably, this marked the first time in recent history that multiple commodity groups from across Montana agriculture sat in the same room with a shared purpose—to move beyond identifying the problem and toward advancing real, workable solutions to workforce challenges.

The significance of that unity cannot be overstated. Montana agriculture is diverse, spanning livestock, crops, allied industry and value-added industries, each with unique labor needs. Yet, at the Summit, those differences were set aside in recognition of a common reality that labor shortages are affecting every segment of the industry, and no single commodity or operation can solve the problem alone.

Labor constraints are already shaping difficult decisions on ranches and farms. A lack of skilled and dependable workers disrupts routine operations, increases costs and forces producers to reconsider scale, succession planning and long-term investment. These challenges are intensified by broader demographic trends, including declining rural populations and a shrinking pool of domestic workers entering agricultural careers.

Discussions at the Summit emphasized the importance of strengthening domestic workforce pipelines through recruitment, training and education. Producers want to hire locally when possible, but that requires sustained investment in career and technical education, apprenticeship programs and partnerships between industry and educational institutions that align with the realities of modern agriculture.

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At the same time, participants were clear that domestic recruitment alone will not meet current or future labor needs. Foreign labor programs, particularly the H-2A visa program, remain essential for many agricultural operations. However, increasing costs, administrative complexity and uncertainty have made these programs difficult to navigate. Without reforms that improve efficiency, accessibility and predictability, producers will continue to face barriers that limit productivity and growth.

The impacts of these workforce challenges extend well beyond individual operations. When agriculture cannot secure the labor it needs, the effects ripple through rural economies, affecting local businesses, schools and communities that rely on a strong agricultural base. Workforce challenges in agriculture ultimately influence food security, economic stability and responsible land stewardship across Montana.

Addressing these issues will require continued collaboration. The unity demonstrated at the Agriculture Labor Summit provides a strong foundation for progress. Producers, industry organizations, policymakers and educators must now build on that momentum to advance policies that support workforce development, modernize labor programs and recognize agriculture as a critical economic driver.

The Summit was an important step, but it cannot be the final one. The labor challenges facing Montana agriculture have been developing for years, and further delay will only deepen their impact. The time for coordinated action is now.

Montana agriculture has long demonstrated resilience and adaptability. With unified leadership and a commitment to practical workforce solutions, that strength can continue, ensuring a viable future for producers, rural communities, and the next generation of agricultural leaders.

For those interested in learning more about the Agricultural Labor Summit and the conversations shaping the future of our workforce, visit mtbeef.org. — **Lesley Robinson, MSGA president**

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THE VIEWPOINT

with Gene Copenhaver

This exclusive column found only in WLJ features unique perspectives from some of the nation's top producers, marketers, animal health experts, economists and more.



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Gene Copenhaver

For National Cattlemen's Beef Association (NCBA) President Gene Copenhaver, the cattle industry is more than policy or market trends. It is deeply personal, shaped by generations of families, a connection to the land, and the daily work of keeping an operation running.

Years spent raising cattle and working as an agricultural lender developed the perspective he now brings to the leadership role, where he sees the job as a responsibility to the industry rather than a title. Gene's story begins in southwest Virginia, just miles from the Tennessee line, where his family has ranched since the mid-1800s. A fifth-generation cattleman, Gene grew up on a diversified farm.

"We had cow-calf, stockers, sheep, hogs and burley tobacco," Gene told WLJ.

Like many family operations, the business evolved. Tobacco was phased out roughly two decades ago, and livestock enterprises were gradually streamlined. Today, Gene and his son, Will, manage a stocker operation, focusing on efficiency and adapting to the economics of modern cattle production.

Gene's agricultural foundation was further strengthened at Virginia Tech, where he earned a degree in animal science. Within days of graduating, he stepped into a career that would expand his understanding of the industry far beyond his home operation.

For 38 years, Gene worked as an ag lender, beginning with the USDA, continuing through the Farm Credit System, and eventually spending two decades in commercial banking. During that time, he helped finance cattle operations across several states, working with producers of all sizes and production models. That experience, Gene said, was formative.

"It showed me the diversity of the industry—from east to west, north to south," Gene said. "Different landscapes, different assets and different ways of doing things."

Like many cattle producers, Gene balanced that professional career with hands-on work at home, effectively working two full-time jobs for decades. Today, with his lending career behind him, he focuses on managing the family operation while serving in a

national leadership role.

Gene's involvement with NCBA was not a single step, but a progression built over years of service.

He served in leadership roles within the policy division, including chairman and vice chairman, and led key committees focused on tax, credit and international trade. From there, Gene moved through the officer team, serving as vice chair of policy, chair of policy, vice president and president-elect before stepping into the role of president at CattleCon earlier this year.

Navigating uncertainty, demand

As Gene assumes his presidency, he does so during a time when the cattle industry is managing high demand along with persistent uncertainty.

"I think the biggest challenge is not knowing where the market is going," he said.

Recent profitability across cow-calf, stocker and feedlot sectors has provided a positive foundation, but maintaining those margins will require careful attention to both market forces and policy decisions. Gene points to regulatory pressures and rising input costs as key areas of concern. Continued efforts to reduce burdensome regulations, he said, will be critical to protecting profitability. At the same time, he emphasizes the importance of strengthening risk management tools.

"We have better tools than we've had in a long time," Gene said. "But we need to keep

improving them and making sure they work for every sector."

Gene acknowledged that increasing the value returned to producers is complex, highlighting the need for systemic changes in the supply chain.

"We need to look at how we get more of those dollars back to the countryside," he said.

He stressed that all segments of the supply chain, including packers, must remain viable, noting that financial stress in any one sector can ripple throughout the system. Still, Gene believes there is room to examine how value is distributed, particularly as consumer demand for beef remains strong. That demand, he said, will be key to the industry's future growth, and Gene sees herd expansion as a logical next step.

But growth must be paired with generational transition. Gene views the next generation of producers as essential to the industry's long-term success and believes they are well equipped to lead.

"The young people I've worked with are intelligent and have a strong work ethic," he said.

To support them, Gene calls for targeted tools that address both entry and transition challenges. That includes easing financial barriers, addressing tax implications and creating opportunities for new producers to build sustainable operations over time.

Policy challenges

International trade remains a central pillar of Gene's

growth outlook.

"Good markets are going to grow the herd," he said, pointing to recent agreements with countries like Indonesia and Taiwan.

Export markets add value to cuts that may have limited demand domestically, increasing the overall value of the carcass. That value, in turn, flows back through the supply chain. Gene also points to the importance of continued product innovation and marketing efforts to maximize value.

Beyond markets and trade, Gene highlighted the looming threat of New World screw-worm. Gene said NCBA is working closely with USDA and state affiliates to prepare for that possibility, including developing response plans and expanding infrastructure. At the same time, he cautions that measures taken to prevent the pest's spread, such as border closures, could have unintended economic consequences.

"Our biggest worry is losing infrastructure," he said, pointing to the recent closure of a feedlot in Lubbock, TX, and slowdown at the Tyson plant in Amarillo.

Maintaining that infrastructure, he noted, will be critical to preserving the industry's long-term competitiveness.

Looking ahead to the next farm bill, Gene outlined several priorities that reflect the needs of cattle producers.

Labor reform, particularly changes to the H-2A program, remains a top concern. Gene supports expanding the program's flexibility to fit year-round livestock operations

better. Transportation policy is another area of focus, especially regulations that do not fully account for the challenges of hauling live animals.

"Live animals are different than anything else that's transported," Gene said.

Conservation programs, including funding for livestock-focused initiatives, also play a key role. Gene emphasized the importance of maintaining support through programs like the Environmental Quality Incentives Program.

He also raised concerns about state-level regulations such as California's Proposition 12, which he believes could set precedents affecting producers nationwide.

"One state shouldn't regulate how a product is produced in another state," Gene said.

For Gene, the presidency is ultimately about representing producers and ensuring their voices are heard.

NCBA represents a wide range of stakeholders, from cow-calf producers to feeders, packers and allied industries. That diversity is both a strength and a challenge.

"We have such a big tent," Gene said. "Every sector has needs, and sometimes those needs collide."

The challenge, he says, is managing competing priorities within a diverse membership. For Gene, leadership comes back to listening, collaboration and staying grounded in the organization's grassroots nature.

"We are a grassroots organization," he said. "That's our strength." — Charles Wallace, WLJ contributing editor

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LOT 1 - 2733M

CE	WW	YW	STAY	CW	MARB	REA	API	TI
16	91	156	18	57	0.59	0.85	166	98

ASA 4499557 - SimAngus - JC MR PONTIAC D114K son.



LOT 128 - 4521M

CE	WW	YW	STAY	CW	MARB	REA	API	TI
15	81	133	18	37	0.28	0.64	144	84

ASA 4499707 - SimAngus - CCR CHOCTAW Q289K daughter.
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LOT 4 - 1394M

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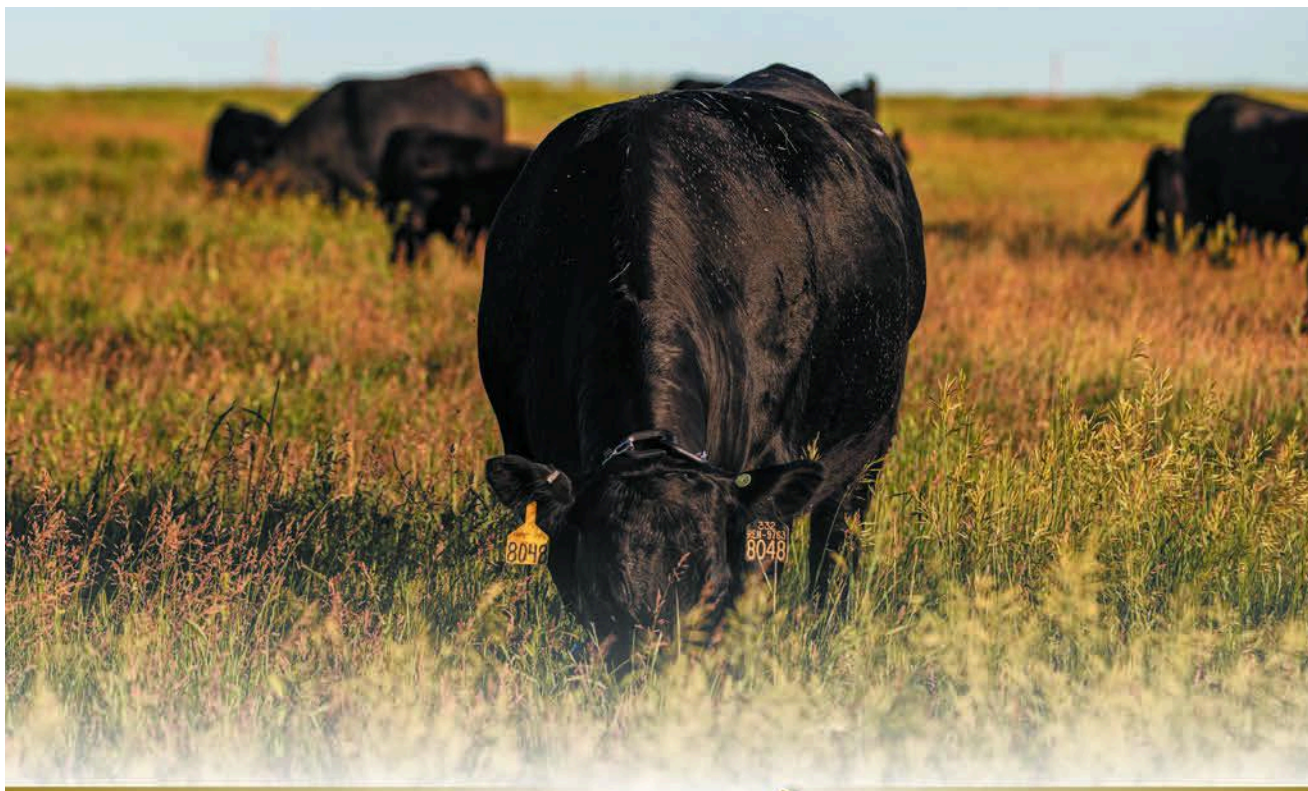


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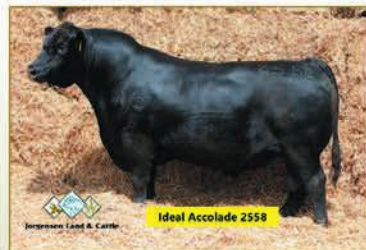
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US Forest Service HQ moved to Salt Lake City

USDA announced March 31 that it would be relocating the U.S. Forest Service (USFS) headquarters from Washington, D.C. to Salt Lake City, UT. "Moving the Forest Service closer to the forests we manage is an essential action that will improve our core mission of managing our forests while saving taxpayer dollars and boosting employee recruitment," said Secretary of Agriculture Brooke Rollins. In addition to the headquarters relocation, USFS will begin transitioning to a state-based organizational model, USDA said. A total of 15 state directors will be distributed throughout the country to oversee USFS operations within one or more states. The agency will also shift functions at regional offices to a network of service centers located in Albuquerque, NM; Athens, GA; Fort Collins, CO; Madison, WI; Missoula, MT; and Placerville, CA. USFS will also consolidate leadership for its research enterprise, bringing all research stations under one in Fort Collins, CO.

Market research act introduced

Sens. Chuck Grassley (R-IA) and Tina Smith (D-MN) on March 24 introduced legislation to research the economic impact of livestock market consolidation on farmers, ranchers and consumers. The Livestock Consolidation Research Act directs the USDA's Economic Research Service to conduct the research. "Our bipartisan legislation will work to address ag concentration by providing farmers, ranchers and shoppers a full picture of how the market is working," Grassley said. The lawmakers planned to push for the bill's inclusion in the farm bill.

Western Justice expands WOLF coalition

The Western advocacy group Western Justice announced the expansion of its multi-state Wildlife Oversight & Land Use Front (WOLF) coalition to renew its call for the delisting of the gray wolf from the Endangered Species Act. "We don't have a wolf problem—we have a management problem," a Western Justice spokesperson said. "The gray wolf has recovered in many regions. It is time to follow the science, honor the original intent of the ESA, and return management to the states." The WOLF Coalition comprises ranchers, farmers, Tribal stakeholders, sportsmen and others who live and work in wolf-affected regions. The coalition does not advocate for wolf eradication, but rather, their science-based management. For more information, visit tinyurl.com/38ptrbar.

ASI names Michener as executive director

The American Sheep Industry Association (ASI) announced the appointment of Mike Michener as its new executive director. "The industry has a strong foundation, and I look forward to working with ASI's leadership, members, and partners to expand market opportunities, strengthen competitiveness, and advance priorities that support producers and rural communities," Michener said. He most recently served as the principal consultant at Michener Strategic Advisory. Michener also served as the deputy assistant administrator in the Bureau for Resilience and Food Security at the U.S. Agency for International Development, and as administrator of the USDA Foreign Agricultural Service.

TX launches Agricultural Defense Program

On March 18, Texas Agriculture Commissioner Sid Miller announced the launch of the Agricultural Defense Program (AgDefense). The initiative intends to help protect Texan farmers and ranchers from threats by agricultural pests, diseases and depreeding animals. The Texas Agricultural Finance Authority will provide financial assistance to the Texas Animal Health Commission, Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service and Texas A&M AgriLife Research to conduct targeted control and mitigation projects. Applications will be accepted on an ongoing basis. For more information, visit tinyurl.com/yc24ajxy.

Saudi Arabia eases rules for US halal beef exports

Saudi Arabia notified the USDA's Foreign Agricultural Service (FAS) earlier in March that the Saudi Food & Drug Authority (SFDA) dropped its requirement for U.S. beef exports to be from a USDA Export Verification program. In addition, Saudi Arabia now permits bovine-derived tallow in animal feed, including ruminant feed. "The removal of the Export Verification requirement, along with tallow acceptance, is likely to lower trade barriers and increase U.S. beef exports to Saudi Arabia," a FAS report read. U.S.-based halal certification entities approved by the SFDA will be authorized to ensure all halal requirements are met.

Fertilizer industry hit with price-fixing lawsuit

Law firm DiCello Levitt filed an antitrust class action lawsuit against the country's largest fertilizer producers, alleging the companies conspired to fix, raise and maintain prices for agricultural fertilizers, forcing U.S. farmers to pay artificially inflated prices. The lawsuit was filed in the U.S. District Court for the District of Colorado and claims the companies organized a scheme to restrain competition in the markets for nitrogen, phosphorus and potassium fertilizers. The suit alleges that defendants exploited their market positions to restrict output, maintain capacity discipline and manage supplies in ways that drove fertilizer prices to unprecedented levels, beginning no later than January 2021. "When prices for an essential input are artificially inflated, the impact falls squarely on farmers and ripples across the food system," said Greg Ascioffa of DiCello Levitt. "This case is about restoring competition in a market that is foundational to American agriculture."

Federal request to pause ESA case denied

ESA RULING (from page 1)

the dispute centered on legal issues that could be decided under the Administrative Procedure Act.

Court ruling

Federal defendants asked the court to pause the case or remand it to the agencies, citing a new rulemaking effort they expect to complete in 2026. The court rejected that request, finding a delay was not warranted. Instead, the judge proceeded to rule on the merits, signaling that ongoing regulatory efforts did not justify postponing judicial review of existing rules.

On summary judgment, the court issued a mixed ruling. The court concluded that four regulatory provisions—primarily affecting ESA Section 7 consultation requirements—were inconsistent with the statute or were adopted arbitrarily and capriciously. At the same time, the court upheld other aspects of the rulemaking, including rejecting claims that the 2024 regulations violated NEPA. In its analysis, the court emphasized that agencies must act within the limits of the statute and provide reasoned explanations when departing from prior regulatory interpretations. As a remedy, the court vacated several specific provisions and reinstated earlier regulatory language.

The vacated provisions include:

- “Effects of the action” definition: The judge found the revised language narrowed what impacts agencies had to consider, making it easier to overlook indirect and cumulative effects on species. By throwing it out, the court returned to a broader standard that looks at the full range of impacts.

- “Destruction or adverse modification” standard: The court concluded the updated definition allowed agencies to discount incremental harm to critical habitat by evaluating impacts at too large a scale. The reinstated standard requires a closer look at how habitat loss affects a species’ ability to recover.

- Mitigation measures provision: The court determined the regulations allowed agencies to rely on uncertain or non-binding mitigation measures when assessing project impacts. The prior rule restores the requirement that mitigation relied upon in consultation to be sufficiently certain and enforceable.

- Reinitiation of consultation requirements: The court found the agencies acted arbitrarily in removing their obligation to request reinitiation of consultation when new information or changed circumstances arise. The court found that the decision lacked a sufficient explanation and restored the earlier requirement as a safeguard for ongoing federal actions.

ESA standards reaffirmed

According to a press release by the environmental groups, the court found that agencies must rely on the best available science, cannot disregard incremental impacts to habitat, and must adequately justify regulatory changes—particu-

larly when removing or revising long-standing requirements.

Ben Levitan, senior attorney with Earthjustice, called the decision a critical check on regulatory rollbacks.

“Extinction is forever, and today’s ruling strikes down regulations that deprived vulnerable species of a last chance at survival,” Levitan said. “This

ruling sends a strong signal to the Trump administration that its pending plans to further weaken the rules will violate the law.”

Joanna Zhang, endangered species advocate with WildEarth Guardians, said the outcome reinforces the law’s long track record.

“For more than 50 years, the

Endangered Species Act has been one of the most successful conservation laws we have,” Zhang said. “This victory gives vulnerable species and the ecosystems we all rely on a chance to recover in the face of the climate crisis and relentless pressure from extractive industries.” — Charles Wallace, WLJ contributing editor

Ag law expert stresses careful easement drafting

EASEMENT (from page 1)

Appeal court ruling

The appellants first argued that the agreement violated the statute of frauds because it lacked precise details such as metes and bounds, width or exact location. The appellate court disagreed, noting that Texas law does not require exact measurements if the property can be identified with reasonable certainty. The agreement’s reference to 5412 Ranch Road 1376 in Fredericksburg was sufficient, and appellants did not dispute the tract. The court held that general descriptions tied to identifiable property can satisfy the statute and support an enforceable easement.

In their second argument, the appellants contended that the wording of the agreement was too vague to create an easement, pointing to terms such as “road entry,” “gated entry” and “access and main-

tenance.”

The court disagreed, applying the ordinary meanings of those terms. It concluded that the language clearly demonstrated an intent to grant roadway access. Specifically, the provision stating the grantor agreed to “grant access and maintain road entry for easement purposes” was sufficient to establish an express easement, even without additional detail.

The appellants’ third issue concerned the relocation of the easement’s entrance, arguing that the trial court improperly resolved it by summary judgment.

The appellate court found this argument mischaracterized the proceedings. The location of the easement was not determined in the summary judgment order but rather in the final judgment following a bench proceeding.

Because the appellants applied the wrong standard of review and failed to properly challenge the trial court’s find-

ings from that proceeding, the court rejected the argument. And because the court affirmed the existence of an express easement, it did not address alternative legal theories such as easement by estoppel or estoppel by deed.

Takeaways for landowners

Texas A&M AgriLife Extension agricultural law specialist Tiffany Dowell Lashmet said the case underscores several important considerations for landowners.

First, legal access is essential to property ownership. Lenders generally require documented easements before financing land purchases, making access a critical component of value and marketability.

Second, when property is subdivided, written and recorded easements are key to ensuring long-term access. As land continues to be divided across Texas, overlooking this

step can create future disputes.

Third, informal arrangements—such as handshake agreements or family understandings—do not bind future buyers. While access may be granted between relatives, those agreements often break down once ownership changes. Recorded easements provide lasting protection.

Finally, Lashmet noted that while the court upheld the agreement in this case, relying on a basic template is not ideal. More detailed, professionally drafted easement agreements that clearly define location, width and permitted uses can help prevent conflicts.

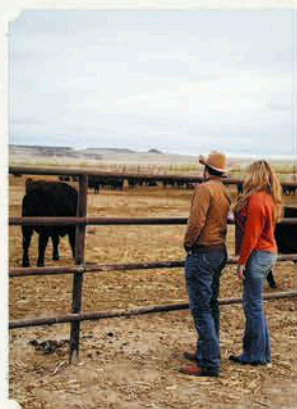
She recommends that landowners work with an attorney when drafting or reviewing easement agreements to ensure their rights are fully protected.

As of now, no petition for review has been filed with the Texas Supreme Court, leaving the appellate decision in place. — Charles Wallace, WLJ contributing editor

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SALE REPORTS

LEADORE ANGUS BULL SALE

March 6, Leadore, ID
74 Angus bulls ... \$6,652
Auctioneer: Emily Kroul

LEADORE ANGUS BULL SALE

March 12, Dillon, MT
8 Angus 2-year-old
bulls ... \$6,469
74 Angus yearling
bulls ... 5,655
Auctioneer: Emily Kroul

JR RANCH & SACKMAN CATTLE BULL SALE

March 16, Othello, WA
97 Angus bulls ... \$8,098
10 Commercial
bulls ... 6,335
3 SimAngus
bulls ... 5,000

Auctioneers: Butch Booker & Cotton Booker
TOPS: Sackmann Wide Load 5127, 8/23/2024 by Sackmann Wide Load 2028; to Gebbers Cattle, Brewster, WA, \$13,000. JR Black Pearl 19M, 4/2/2024 by McCumber Black Pearl 291; to McCumber Angus Ranch, Ro-

lette, ND, \$35,000. — **JARED PATTERSON**

7N7 RANCH & CURTISS CATTLE BULL SALE

March 17, Enterprise, OR
41 Angus bulls ... \$7,909
Auctioneer: Dave Mullins
Sale Manager: M3 Marketing

TOPS: 7n7 Conclusion N430, 1/20/2025 by V A R Conclusion 0234; to Commercial Buyer, Kuna, ID, \$20,000. 7n7 Fireproof N041, 1/18/2025 by G A R Fireproof; to WF Ranches, Enterprise, OR, \$19,000. 7n7 Fireproof N141, 1/13/2025 by G A R Fireproof; to Chris Johnstone, Homedale, ID, \$18,000. CC Jameson, 2/7/2025 by Basin Jameson 1076; to Seth Teichert, Mackay, ID, \$14,500. — **JARED PATTERSON**

LUFKIN CATTLE BULL SALE

March 18, Tendoy, ID

137 Angus
bulls ... \$11,120
Auctioneer: Trent Stewart

Sale Manager: Ron Frye Marketing

TOPS: LCC Jameson N47, 1/19/2025 by Basin Jameson 1076; to Silver Bit Angus Ranch, May, ID, \$27,000. LCC Badlands 525, 1/24/2025 by Ellingson Badlands 0285; to Northwest Livestock Brokers, Kuna, ID, \$26,000. LCC Republic 51, 1/11/2025 by Raven Republic 1564; to Pat Hendren, Montevue, ID, \$24,000. LCC Eternity 5124, 2/10/2025 by Sitz Eternity 739L; to Kyla Karoleski, Grant, MT, \$20,000. LCC Eternity 5102, 2/6/2025 by Sitz Eternity 739L; to Justin Baker, East Fork, ID, \$20,000. LCC Jameson N45, 1/18/2025 by Basin Jameson 1076; to Kyla Karoleski, Grant, MT, \$20,000. LCC Jameson N29, 1/14/2025 by Basin Jameson 1076; to Judd Whitworth, Ellis, ID, \$20,000. LCC Badlands 543, 1/26/2025 by El-

lingson Badlands 0285; to Jay Murnion, Miles City, MT, \$20,000. LCC Essential 529, 1/24/2025 by A A R Essential; to Wayne Baker, East Fork, ID, \$20,000. LCC Architect 5118, 2/10/2025 by S Architect 9501; to Ed Snook, Salmon, ID, \$20,000. — **JARED PATTERSON**

CARTER CATTLE BULL SALE

March 19, Pingree, ID
173 Angus
bulls ... \$8,832
Auctioneer: Roger Jacobs

TOPS: Carter Logo 425, 8/19/2024 by Sitz Logo 8148; to Shamon Munns, Rexburg, ID, \$17,500. Carter Extraordinary 437, 8/24/2024 by Carter Extraordinary 100H; to Clay Lloyd, Dingle, ID, \$17,000. Carter Logo 15M, 1/15/2024 by Sitz Logo 8148; to Mori Ranches, Tuscarora, NV, \$16,000. Carter Abundance 435, 8/23/2024 by Carter Abundance 741; to Lance Moss, Hamer, ID, \$15,500. — **JARED PATTERSON**

CAYWOOD ANGUS BULL SALE

March 20, Tendoy, ID
37 Angus bulls ... \$7,589
Auctioneer: Eric Drees

NELSON ANGUS RANCH BULL & FEMALE SALE

March 21, Salmon, ID
121 Angus
bulls ... \$9,744
11 Angus pairs ... 7,072
10 Commercial
pairs ... 7,000
24 Angus open
heifers ... 5,962
Auctioneer: Roger Jacobs

TOPS—Angus bulls: Nelson Feat 5119, 2/1/2025 by Sitz Feat 729H; to Rees Bros, Morgan, UT, \$29,000. Nelson Eternity 5033, 1/23/2025 by Sitz Eternity 739L; to Arntzen Angus, Hilger, MT, \$24,000. Nelson Unified 5088, 1/28/2025 by Circle L Unified; to Walker Cattle Co., Menan, ID, \$19,500. Nelson Unified 5110, 1/31/2025 by Circle L Unified; to Chip Johnson, Leadore, ID, \$19,000. Nelson Eternity 5076, 1/26/2025 by Sitz Eternity 739L; to Double R Ranches, Salmon, ID, \$18,000. Nelson Prolific 5144, 2/5/2025 by Ellingson Prolific; to 5A Cattle, Cottonwood, ID, \$18,000. **Open heifer:** Nelson Erica 5135, 2/3/2025 by Sitz Feat 729H; to Clare Armstrong, Hansen, ID, \$9,500. **Pair:** Nelson Lady 4119, 1/30/2024 by Nelson High Country 2069 with a Nelson High Country 2069 bull calf by side; to Two Cedars Angus, Blanding, UT, \$9,000. — **JARED PATTERSON**

BASIN BULLFEST SALE

March 28, Klamath Falls, OR
3 Balancer
bulls ... \$8,916
40 Angus bulls ... 8,418
1 SimAngus
bull ... 6,500
1 Simmental
bull ... 4,000
23 Angus open
heifers ... 5,043
Auctioneer: Eric Duarte

TOPS—Angus bulls: Black Oak Ashland 518, 2/23/2025 by Marda Ashland 1100; to Ty Keeler, \$12,750. Black Oak Commerce 507, 2/19/2025 by Connealy Commerce; to Dillon Flournoy, \$12,000. **Open heifer:** Forever of Black Oak 522, 2/24/2025 by Connealy Commerce; to Sweat Ranch, Bonanza, OR, \$22,000. — **JARED PATTERSON**

STAR GATE ANGUS BULL SALE

March 28, Twin Falls, ID
54 Angus bulls ... \$7,343
20 SimAngus
bulls ... 6,625

Auctioneers: Lonnie Rudd & Eric Drees
TOPS: Star Gate 104, 5/6/2024 by TAR Charlo 124; to John Josserand, TX, \$18,000. Star Gate 724, 4/8/2024 by Coleman Charlo 0256; to John Josserand, TX, \$17,500. — **JARED PATTERSON**

SILVER BIT ANGUS RANCH BULL SALE

March 30, May, ID
100 Angus
bulls ... \$8,460
69 Commercial open
heifers ... 3,322

Auctioneer: Joe Goggins
TOPS: SBAR Feat 535, 2/25/2025 by Sitz Feat 729H; to Van Orden Cattle, Idaho Falls, ID, \$17,000. SBAR Sharp Shooter 516, 2/24/2025 by Riverbend Sharp Shooter; to Steven & Chip Johnson, Leadore, ID, \$18,000. SBAR Essential 559, 2/20/2025 by A A R Essential; to Pat Hendren, Montevue, ID, \$17,000. SBAR 4039, 2/28/2025 by SBAR President 1023; to Steven & Chip Johnson, Leadore, ID, \$17,000. — **JARED PATTERSON**

WESTERN CATTLE SOURCE BULL & FEMALE SALE

March 19, Crawford, NE
64 Simmental
bulls ... \$7,402
12 Simmental
pairs ... 6,354
12 Simmental bred
heifers ... 5,958

Auctioneer: Chism Peterson
Sale Manager: Innovation Ag Marketing
TOPS—SimAngus bulls: WCS Mr Force 57N, 2/12/2025 by Chestnut Force 482; to Jerry Stearns, Edgemont, SD, \$15,500. WCS Mr Force 4401M, 9/22/2024 by Chestnut Force 482; to Commercial Bull Buyer, NE, \$15,000. **Simmental bull:** WCS Mr Good 4410M, 9/27/2024 by WHF Greater Good J45; to Bailey Livestock, Towner, ND, \$16,000. — **TY GROSHANS**

LEACHMAN CATTLE BULL & FEMALE SALE

March 23, Meriden, WY
440 Stabilizer Composite
bulls ... \$10,400
250 Stabilizer Composite
open heifers ... 5,353
Auctioneers: Ty Thompson & Eric Duarte

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DIAMOND PEAK CATTLE COMPANY BULL & FEMALE SALE
March 28, Loma, CO
102 Angus & SimAngus bulls \$10,063
99 Commercial open heifers 2,975
Auctioneer: Trent Stewart
TOPS—Angus bulls: Diamond Peak Home Free, by HomeFree; to Abernathy Ranch, Lander, WY, \$16,000. Diamond Peak Crouch Congress, by Crouch Congress; to Abernathy Ranch, Lander, WY, \$14,000. Diamond Peak Crouch Congress, by Crouch Congress; to Jim & Peggy Espy, Savery, WY, \$13,500. **SimAngus bull:** Diamond Peak Hooks, by Hooks 201; to LeValley Ranch, Hotchkiss, CO, \$13,500.—**TYGROSHANS**

GRAY'S ANGUS RANCH SALE
March 30, Harrison, NE
29 Angus older bulls \$9,275
91 Angus yearling bulls 7,521
30 Angus open heifers 3,616
1 Donation heifer for wildfire relief 14,000
6 Ranch horses 7,208
Auctioneer: Matt Lowery
TOPS: Gray's Mead 225, 1/28/2025 by Gray's Mead 612; to Commercial Bull Buyer, NE, \$20,000. Gray's Shotgun 3975, 3/11/2025

by Gray's Outright 1751; to Nicole Pfrang, Goff, KS, \$13,000.—**TYGROSHANS**

VERMILION RANCH PRODUCTION SALE
March 20, Billings, MT
494 Angus yearling bulls \$12,622
30 Angus fall bred heifers 7,242
45 Commercial 1st calf heifer pairs 6,500
5255 Commercial spring open heifers 3,294
102 Angus embryos 1,122
Auctioneers: Joe Goggins, Roger Jacobs, Greg Goggins, Ty Thompson and Bill Cook
TOPS: Vermilion Jameson N347, 2/20/2025 by Basin Jameson 1076; to Select Sires, Plain City, OH, Prairie View Angus, Gridley, IL, and Long Angus Ranch, Vinita, OK, \$100,000. Vermilion Long Teton N416, 2/2/2025 by Long Teton 107; to Grimmus Cattle Company, Hanford, CA, \$85,000. Vermilion Riverside N105, 1/6/2025 by Vermilion Riverside; to Bob Stoddard, New Castle, WY, \$46,000. Vermilion Jameson N457, 2/16/2025 by Basin Jameson 1076; to Brozik Angus, Winner, SD, \$35,000. Vermilion Long Teton N330, 3/3/2025 by Long Teton 107; to Lowell Angus, Park City, MT, \$32,000. Vermilion Unified N403, 1/28/2025 by Circle L Unified; to Kreth Angus,

Mount Vernon, SD, \$29,000. Vermilion Unified N335, 2/23/2025 by Circle L Unified; to Bobcat Angus, Galata, MT, \$29,000. Vermilion Long Teton N007, 1/27/2025 by Long Teton 107; to Edgar Bros., Rockham, SD, \$28,000.—**KEVINMURNIN**

SINCLAIR CATTLE CO. PRODUCTION SALE
March 21, Buffalo, WY
135 Angus yearling bulls \$7,655
70 Commercial Heifer spring open heifers 3,850
Auctioneer: Roger Jacobs
TOPS: Sinclair Longmire 0185, 3/10/2025 by Sinclair Longmire L507; to Peckenaugh Angus, Carthage, SD, \$29,000. Sinclair Essential 0667, 2/15/2025 by A A R Essential; to Graham Livestock, Moorcroft, WY, \$20,000. Sinclair Grass Range O201, 3/13/2025 by Sinclair Grass Range J476; to Loyning Angus, Frannie, WY, \$19,500. Sinclair Foreman O195, 3/12/2025 by Sinclair Plains Boss 5B02; to Charlie Bingham, Roosevelt, UT, \$15,000. Sinclair Emulation O136, 3/4/2025 by Sinclair Emulation L537; to Risse UV Ranch, Martin, SD, \$15,000.—**KEVIN MURNIN**

ROMANS RANCH BULL SALE
March 24, Westfall, OR
121 Charolais bulls \$7,237

Auctioneer: Dennis Metzger
TOPS: RR Yellow Rose 4339, 9/1/2024 by RR Yellow Rose 0201; to Kerry Nielson, Ephraim, UT, \$16,500. RR Bandito 4316, 9/20/2024 by RR Bandito 0267; to Jeremy Chamberlian, Vale, OR, \$13,500.—**KEVIN MURNIN**


SIDWELL RANCH AND FRANK HEREFORDS PRODUCTION SALE
March 24, Columbus, MT
42 Hereford yearling bulls \$7,518
4 Hereford fall yearling bulls 7,375
10 Hereford 2-year-old bulls 7,150
4 Black white face yearling bulls 5,625
Auctioneer: Lander Nicodemus
TOPS: SR Harvest 2500, 2/10/2025 by SR Harvest 2298; to Brownlee Polled Herefords, Pendroy, MT, \$12,500. AFH 9011604 Deviant 25109 ET, 3/19/2025; to Berry Herefords, Cheyenne, WY, \$12,500. AFH 2305 2392 Pawnee 2523, 2/9/2025 by AFH 2125 2021 Chieftan 2305; to John Noe, Absorokee, MT, \$10,500. AFH 2305 2344 Chief 2519, 2/9/2025 by AFH 2125 2021 Chieftan 2305; to Castleberry Inc., Ekalaka, MT, \$10,500.—**KEVIN MURNIN**

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HEREFORDS BULL AND FEMALE SALE
March 25, Sheridan, WY
4 Hereford fall yearling bulls \$19,250
83 Hereford yearling bulls 14,081
1 Hereford pick of heifer calves 60,000
2 Hereford fall bred heifers 31,250
41 Hereford spring open heifers 12,268
14 Black white face spring open heifers 5,700
Auctioneer: Joe Goggins
TOPS—Fall bred heifer: NJW 73S 2912 Daydream 292MET, 8/8/2024 by Birdwell New Standard; to Ground Zero Farm, Watts, OK, \$42,500. **Pick of heifer calves:** Pick of 2026 heifer calves; to Ground Zero Farm, Watts, OK, \$60,000. **Spring open heifer:** NJW 281F 35L Daydream 93N ET, 2/10/2025 by NJW 119E 142 Proud 35L; to HC Herefords, Richland Center, WI, and G4 Herefords, \$80,000. **Yearling bulls:** NJW 283H K510 Industrial 88N ET, 2/10/2025 by KCF Bennett Dominion K510; to Ground Zero Farm, Watts, OK, \$100,000. NJW 202C 2137 Wyomade 172N ET, 2/19/2025 by UPSTaylor Made ET; to Hoffman Ranch, Thedford, NE, and Fredrickson Ranch, Spearfish, SD, \$80,000. NJW 151J 3146L West 124N ET, 2/14/2025 by Churchill Laredo 3146L ET; to Rausch Herefords,

Hoven, SD, \$60,000. NJW 217J 2912 Pledge 113N, 2/13/2025 by Birdwell New Standard 2912; to Cottage Hill Farm/Triangle T Farm, Petersburg, WV, \$40,000. NJW 147JK510 Confidence 178N, 2/23/2025 by KCF Bennett Dominion K510; to Makers Cattle Company, Bradeyville, TN, Triple J Farms, Hillsborough, NC, and Parker Brothers, Bradeyville, TN, \$35,000.—**KEVIN MURNIN**

GARTNER-DENOWH ANGUS RANCH BULL & FEMALE SALE
March 26, Sidney, MT
249 Angus yearling bulls \$10,505
323 Commercial spring heifer calves 3,490
Auctioneers: Roger Jacobs and Kyle Shobe
TOPS: GDAR CJD Lucchese 5787, 2/22/2025 by RCLucchese L101; to Gerard Russell, Stapleton, NE, \$32,000. GDAR Garrison 5570, 3/10/2025 by S Garrison K38; to Whistling Winds Angus, Hingham, MT, and Nielson Angus, Lynch, NE, \$27,000. GDAR Load Up 5456, 3/3/2025; to Shawn Reiss, Dunn Center, ND, \$25,000. GDAR Heat Seeker 5127, 2/10/2025 by Baldrige Heat Seeker H925; to Gary Wilken, Meadow, SD, \$24,000. GDAR Heat Seeker 5401, 2/27/2025 by Baldrige Heat Seeker H925; to Hilltop Angus, Denton, MT, \$24,000.—**KEVIN MURNIN**




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12	-2	85	144	31	1.13	.82	115	101	203	378



LOT 2

Schaack Commerce 4381
 DOB: 9/3/24 | AAA 21369784


CED	BW	WW	YW	M	MB	REA	SM	SW	SB	SC
10	3.3	88	148	20	.84	1.22	79	80	186	320



LOT 5

Schaack Commerce 4378
 DOB: 9/29/24 | AAA 21369796


CED	BW	WW	YW	M	MB	REA	SM	SW	SB	SC
12	2.8	100	176	30	.87	.94	59	99	184	298



LOT 9

Schaack Commerce 4368
 DOB: 8/28/24 | AAA 21369744


CED	BW	WW	YW	M	MB	REA	SM	SW	SB	SC
12	-.7	70	123	22	1.32	.79	92	72	181	327



LOT 23

Schaack Satisfaction 4357
 DOB: 9/3/24 | AAA 21369019


CED	BW	WW	YW	M	MB	REA	SM	SW	SB	SC
10	1.3	88	143	28	1.23	.93	80	90	188	324



LOT 25

Schaack Satisfaction 4376
 DOB: 8/27/24 | AAA 21369034


CED	BW	WW	YW	M	MB	REA	SM	SW	SB	SC
12	1.9	85	151	34	.88	1.14	80	93	187	323



LOT 34

Schaack Foundation 4371
 DOB: 8/12/24 | AAA 21371098

CED	BW	WW	YW	M	MB	REA	SM	SW	SB	SC
6	2.2	93	154	25	1.06	.45	70	91	180	303



LOT 35

Schaack Home Run 4387
 DOB: 8/14/24 | AAA 21369017

CED	BW	WW	YW	M	MB	REA	SM	SW	SB	SC
15	-.7	78	137	34	1.55	.90	99	94	182	335

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MARKET NEWS

MARKET SITUATION REPORT

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

MARKET AT A GLANCE	This Week: 4/2/2026	Week Ago	Year Ago
Choice Fed Steers	238.00 ▲	236.00	210.00
CME Feeder Index	366.82 ▲	361.59	291.27
Boxed Beef Average	389.58 ▲	N/A	338.37
Average Dressed Steers	N/A ▲	N/A	341.25
Live Slaughter Weight*	1,477 ▲	1,473	1,430
Weekly Slaughter**	520,000 ▲	508,000	609,000
Weekly Beef Production***	467.6 ▲	455.3	528.6
Hide/Offal Value	13.16 ▲	12.34	11.79
Corn Price	4.60 ▼	4.69	4.62

*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 27	7,054	397.49	286	408.88	1,304	402.61	2,169	394.79	762	391.80	2,533	372.47
March 20	6,058	398.80	295	408.19	1,158	404.14	1,789	394.89	471	388.30	2,346	374.54
March 13	6,258	390.66	269	399.99	1,208	393.95	1,969	388.16	450	381.30	2,361	368.81
March 6	6,463	381.17	274	391.98	1,133	385.13	1,927	379.00	561	371.21	2,569	358.47

CUTOUTS						FED BOXED BEEF					
DATE	CHOICE	SELECT	COW BEEF CUTOUT		50% LEAN	90% LEAN					
April 2	389.58	387.70	349.81		174.75	N/A					
April 1	394.42	392.59	349.48		193.09	455.89					
March 31	395.49	392.93	348.75		188.93	449.91					
March 30	394.10	393.01	347.13		182.96	455.99					
March 27	392.97	389.87	348.92		185.57	N/A					

CATTLE FUTURES: CME Live Cattle							
	3/27	3/30	3/31	4/1	4/2	High*	Low*
Apr.	23850	23955	24335	24450	24633	24775	16853
Jun.	23878	24020	24348	24480	24658	24830	16668
Aug.	23605	23730	23988	24125	24260	25018	17005
Oct.	23293	23403	23615	23705	23800	25093	18068

CATTLE FUTURES: CME Feeder Cattle							
	3/27	3/30	3/31	4/1	4/2	High*	Low*
Mar.	36298	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	38103	21920
Apr.	36145	36330	36995	37283	37325	38280	22268
May	35983	36133	36900	37015	37125	38020	22460
Aug.	35780	35960	36593	36865	36995	37860	24118

*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	32	1,500	238.00	
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	96	1,575	236.00	
Live FOB Heifer	89	1,225	234.00	
Dressed Del Steer	78	938	372.00	
Dressed Del Heifer	N/A	N/A	N/A	
SAME PERIOD LAST YEAR				
Live FOB Steer	266	1,500	210.00	
Live FOB Heifer	131	1,350	210.00	
Dressed Del Steer	144	953	341.25	
Dressed Del Heifer	N/A	N/A	N/A	

NATIONAL WEEKLY FED BEEF SLAUGHTER VOLUME: MARCH 29, 2026		
	Domestic	Imported
Forward Contract	34,244	2,075
Formula	220,005	159
Negotiated Cash	57,125	228
Negotiated Grid	29,571	1,543
Packer Owned	9,998	N/A
Total	350,943	4,005

SLAUGHTER FORWARD CONTRACTS				FORWARD BEEF SALES	
Delivery Month		Neg. Sales 0-21 days	1,843	Neg. Sales 21+ days	1,379
Mar. '26	146,644				
Apr. '26	186,061	Formula sales	3,526		
May '26	90,210	Forward contract sales	306		
Jun. '26	102,744	Domestic sales	6,010		
Jul. '26	70,732	NAFTA Exports	105		

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		234.93	-1.40
Slaughter Heifers, mostly Choice & Select 1-3, 1200-1400 lbs		233.13	-0.22
Ontario Auctions			
Slaughter Steers, mostly Choice & Select 1-3, 1300-1500 lbs		228.76	N/A
Slaughter Heifers, mostly Choice & Select 1-3, 1200-1400 lbs		226.85	N/A
Slaughter Cows, Cutter and Utility 1-3, 1100-1400 lbs		154.86	+4.58

*Price comparison from one week ago.

Average feeder cattle prices (CND) for week ending Tuesday, March 31, 2026				
Steers:	Alberta	Saskatchewan	Ontario	
501-600 lbs	504.34	508.98	463.00	
601-700 lbs	447.14	449.96	435.52	
701-800 lbs	398.17	396.41	396.19	
801-900 lbs	358.40	363.33	367.48	
Heifers:				
401-500 lbs	506.83	494.41	414.64	
501-600 lbs	448.17	452.57	397.80	
601-700 lbs	410.05	395.08	357.37	
701-800 lbs	361.98	366.14	325.12	

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	3/23/2026	3/16/2026	0	230,638

IMPORTS SUSPENDED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

USDA WEEKLY IMPORTED FEEDER CATTLE			
April 2, 2026			
Mexico to United States Feeder Cattle Import Summary			
Receipts EST: N/A	Week Ago EST: N/A	Year Ago Act: 2,900	
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Feeder heifers: Medium and large 1&2		Feeder heifers: Medium and large 1&2	
500-600 lbs	N/A	500-600 lbs	N/A
600-700 lbs	N/A	600-700 lbs	N/A
700-800 lbs	N/A	700-800 lbs	N/A
Feeder steers: Medium and large 1&2		Feeder steers: Medium and large 1&2	
500-600 lbs	N/A	500-600 lbs	N/A
600-700 lbs	N/A	600-700 lbs	N/A
700-800 lbs	N/A	700-800 lbs	N/A

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

Selected Auctions										Feeder prices for steers & heifers reflect medium and large 1 cattle, unless otherwise noted; * Indicates medium and large 1-2											
Week Ending April 2, 2026																					
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	SLAUGHTER BULLS	REPLACEMENTS									
March 27	Blackfoot, ID	N/A		480-542	400-503	360-470	330-402			140-182											
March 26	Burley, ID	485	655-695	615-675	503-558	481-505	448	351	315	135-190											
No report available Emmett, ID																					
March 28	Eugene, OR	923		400-550*	385-567*	410-512*	355-440*	290-350*	240-320*	155.99-173	3,000-4,100										
March 30	Madras, OR	530		350-475*	420-519*	380-465*	310-370*	240-295*		185-202	1,900-3,500										
March 25	Vale, OR	655	605-662	580-600	550-595	500-547.50	415-440	370-385	340-380	145-184											
March 30	Davenport, WA	374	690	530-550	560-595	405-477.50	360-435	340-360	300-335	170-190	2,300-3,600										
March 26	Toppenish, WA	1,840		535-595	485-536	410-439	365-399	365-390	315-330	172-181											
March 26	Orland, CA	1,313		475-580	430-512.50	225-467	280-411	305-382.50	169-330	92-265	4,450										
March 26	Escalon, CA			305-560	245-450	350-437	225-382.50	220-340	159-292.50	171-300	1,200-3,100										
March 26	Salina, UT			670*	530-560*	440-510*	418-480*			150-161	4,000										
March 26	Orland, CA	1,313		540*	460-500*	410-466*	360-382.50*			159-202.50											
March 26	Orland, CA	1,313		400-600	350-532	325-443	300-392	285-350	265-338	150-179	2,500-5,100										
March 26	Escalon, CA			380-540	330-494	305-445	280-370	265-338	160-199	2,000-4,000											
March 30	Famoso, CA	115		440-550	425-540	380-480	350-410	310-350	270-320	70-240											
March 25	Galt, CA	723		375-470	375-470	350-430	305-360	280-319	280-319	130-209											
March 31	Turlock, CA	1,019		450-535	450-535	370-465	330-420			100-184											
March 31	Turlock, CA	1,019		440-520	440-520	400-500	335-410			150-190	3,300-4,600										
March 31	Turlock, CA	1,019		515-590	500-562.50	440-492.50	400-437	350-380	319-358	140-183.50											
March 31	Turlock, CA	1,019		440-525	435-510	425-491	380-403	320-350	314-323	165-207											
March 30	Iowa	8,671	610	530-620	457.50-595	450-540	385-480	360-418	225-376.50	130-250											
March 31	Miles City, MT	1,312		585-640	507.50-595	455-526	354-413	288-375	291.50-355.25	100-284											
April 1	Bassett, NE	4,590																			
March 28	Ericson, NE	3,460		605	575-587.50	495-530	420-485.50	386.50-422	344-397												
March 28	Ericson, NE	3,460		585	490-525	447-481	379-435.50	340-381.50	301-399												
March 28	Ericson, NE	3,460		645	532.50-575	455-565	409-469	378.50-414.50	357.75-375												
March 28	Ericson, NE	3,460		550-595	447.50-495	422.50-467.50	372.50-422.50	351-374	331.50-347												
March 25	Kearney, NE	2,500				530-562	453	417-434	376-413	169-186.50											
March 25	Kearney, NE	2,500		506-508		422-437	386-434	346-381	274-343	204-259											
March 26	Ogallala, NE	6,637				560-580	477.50-519	427.50-470	372-406	317-370											
March 26	Ogallala, NE	6,637		495-522		440-508	377.50-431	338.50-364.50	322.50-380	322.50-380											
March 27	Herreid, SD	3,894				590	535-580	457.50-542.50	419-477	385-425.25	330.75-368.50										
April 1	Torrington, WY	2,643				610	501-552	438-474	387.50-417	355-389.50											
March 26	Willcox, AZ	800	552-560	528.50-570	515-570	437-510	367-422			174-205	3,250-4,000										
March 30	Colorado	6,732	450	441-480	430-470	384-448	337-372.50			102-156	2,950-3,200										
March 25	La Junta, CO	5,622		600-675	512.50-621	437.50-527.50	383-440	352.50-394.50	305-355	145-186	2,700-4,600										
March 25	La Junta, CO	5,622		505-585	430-572.50	393-485	344-423	329-371	300-335	179-236	1,850-4,250										
March 25	La Junta, CO	5,622		5																	

Feeder futures find strong gains on the board

MARKETS (from page 1)

data regarding the on feed numbers," wrote the Cattle Report on Thursday. "During this past week, Choice cuts went discount to Select cuts, making it difficult for beef producers to earn premiums on high-grading cattle."

The JBS strike at the Greeley, CO, beef plant continued over the week.

Boxed beef prices traded mixed, up about 30 cents on the Choice cutout to \$389.58 and down about \$4 on the Select cutout to \$387.70.

Feeder cattle

Feeder cattle futures also found tremendous gains over the week. The April contract gained about \$17 to close at \$372.90, and the May contract gained about \$19 to close at \$370.62.

"With markets closed Friday and a long holiday weekend approaching, limited new buyer interest is seen Thursday morning, allowing for some end-of-the-week positioning and market squaring activity," DTN wrote.

The CME Feeder Cattle Index gained about \$5 to close at \$366.82.

Corn futures traded lower, losing about 15 cents on the May contract to \$4.52 and about 15 cents on the July contract to \$4.63.

Missouri: Joplin Regional Stockyards in Carthage sold 10,000 head on Monday. Feeder steers under 475 lbs. sold \$10-35 lower, and steers over 475 lbs. sold \$5-20 higher. Feeder heifers sold from \$6 lower to \$10 higher. Benchmark steers averaging 773 lbs. sold from \$364-389, averaging \$380.33.

Oklahoma: Oklahoma National Stockyards in Oklahoma City sold 8,000 head on Monday. Compared to a week ear-

lier, feeder steers and heifers sold \$4-8 higher. Steer and heifer calves sold mostly steady. Benchmark steers averaging 775 lbs. sold from \$358-377, averaging \$370.13.

South Dakota: Sioux Falls Regional in Worthing sold 4,000 head on Monday. Compared to a week earlier, feeder steers under 600 lbs. sold with higher undertones, and over 600 lbs. sold mostly steady, except 950-1,000 lbs., which sold \$10 higher. Feeder heifers under 850 lbs. sold mostly steady, while over 850 lbs. sold \$7-10 higher. — **Anna Miller Fortozo, WLJ managing editor**



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Reviewing the status of beef imports in the US

Beef imports increased 18% year over year in 2025. Total beef imports have increased sharply due to declining U.S. beef production and high prices as the current market developed. Total beef imports are up 61.4% since 2022. A variety of beef products are imported from a number of different countries.

Much of the imported beef is lean processing beef used to support ground beef production in the U.S. Imported lean beef supplements domestic supplies of fatty trimmings from fed cattle and lean beef from cull cows and bulls. Fed steers and heifers produce 150 or more pounds of fatty trimmings which must

be mixed with lean beef to make ground beef.

For example, it takes 7 lbs. of 90% lean beef to mix with a single pound of 50% trimmings from fed cattle to formulate an 85% lean ground beef mixture. Without imported beef, it would be impossible to maintain ground beef supplies in the U.S. Per capita ground beef supplies in 2025 were estimated at 29.4 lbs., 49% of per capita retail beef consumption of 59.8 lbs.

A total of 52% of beef imports consist of beef trimmings. Nearly every source of beef imports includes significant proportions of trimmings. Australia was the largest source of beef imports and

the largest source of beef trim, accounting for 31.5% of imported trim. New Zealand was the No. 5 source of beef imports but the second largest source of beef trimmings (16.7%) because 82.2% of beef from New Zealand is trimmings. Brazil is the second largest source of imports and accounted for 15.7% of imported trimmings. Canada and Uruguay each contributed just under 11% of beef trimmings.

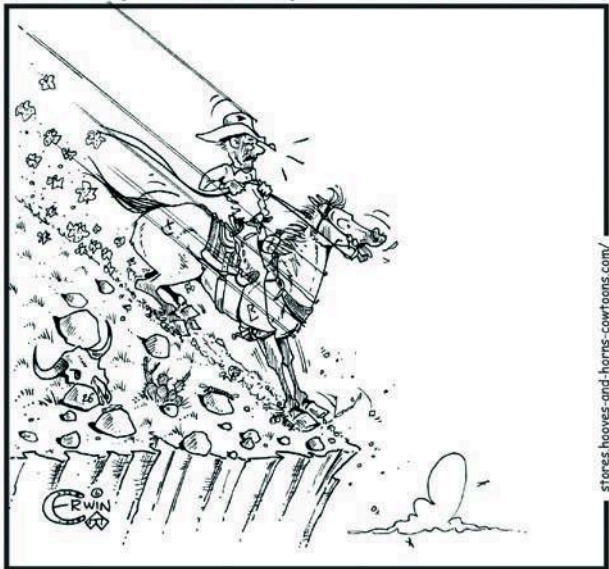
Some portion of the 21% of imports in the form of primals/subprimals are also used for ground beef production. In other cases, the primals/subprimals are used as muscle cuts. The majority of

primals/subprimals are imported from Canada and Australia.

Imported beef cuts make up 18% of beef imports and may be used in either retail grocery or food service. Mexico accounts for over 50% of imported beef cuts, much of which is sold in retail grocery markets. Imported cuts from Brazil, Australia or other countries are more likely used in food service. Minor amounts of edible offals (mostly Mexico) and cooked beef products (mostly Brazil and Canada) are imported as well. — **Derrell S. Peel, Oklahoma State University Extension livestock marketing specialist**

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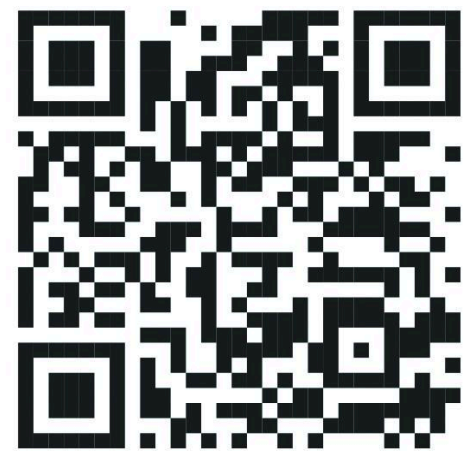
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White House hosts US ag celebration

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wildfire response efforts and maximize the use of targeted grazing as a management tool. In addition, USFS and BLM will expand outcome-based grazing practices and invest in new technologies to help lower costs for lessees and permittees.

The agencies also agreed to audit vacant allotments, ensure no net loss of animal unit months, update grazing regulations for better coordination, leverage compliance tools such as categorical exclusions under the National Environmental Policy Act, utilize emergency authorities for expedited livestock authorization, and prioritize cooperative management to enhance rangeland stewardship.

"By lowering costs and improving efficiency for ranchers, the initiative helps keep food affordable and reduces reliance on foreign imports," USDA said.

Ranching groups applauded the effort, with public lands ranchers joining Rollins and Interior Secretary Doug Burgum as they signed the memo.

The National Cattlemen's Beef Association and Public Lands Council (PLC) said they then participated in a roundtable discussing cooperative work to address challenges for public lands grazing permittees.

"By speeding up the permitting process and expanding the use of targeted grazing, the federal government is ensuring that more ranchers will keep ranching and that rangelands will face less degradation and destruction from wildfires and mismanagement," said PLC President Tim Canterbury.

White House ag celebration

During the last full week of March, the White House celebrated National Agriculture

Day and Week. The White House hosted a "Great American Agriculture Celebration" on the White House South Lawn on March 27, welcoming what leaders called the largest number of farmers ever gathered on the lawn.

President Donald Trump addressed the crowd of farmers, ranchers and agricultural stakeholders, highlighting measures taken to support the agriculture industry. Trump called out tax cuts, the rollback of Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) restrictions and ending the estate tax, among other issues.

"I'm also asking Congress to quickly pass the new farm bill. And today, I'm promising to request additional farm relief for our great patriots in the next funding bill," Trump said.

Trump also highlighted the recent new EPA guidance that gives machinery manufacturers more flexibility in how they monitor exhaust emissions. EPA will now allow manufacturers to use nitrous oxide sensors to reduce problems with equipment "de-rating" during operations. Trump called the diesel exhaust fluid shutdowns "ridiculous," and said that the new rules will save "farmers and consumers billions and billions of dollars."

Trump also briefly mentioned the Product of USA voluntary label that went into effect earlier this year. "When Americans see those words in grocery stores, they'll know that it was raised, harvested, and processed by the greatest farmers and ranchers anywhere on the face of the earth," he said.

In addition, Trump shared that the Small Business Administration is opening up "massive new loan guarantees" for farmers and food suppliers.

Rollins spoke briefly, saying there is no better job than being Trump's secretary of Agriculture. "I can't tell you the honor, the joy, the blessing of getting to fight every day," she said. — **Anna Miller Fortozo, WLJ managing editor**

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Apr. 15 – Milk River Angus, Bull Sale, Chinook, MT

Apr. 17 – DeGrand Angus, Bull Sale, Baker, MT

Apr. 17 – Timberline Angus, Bull Sale, Manhattan, MT

Apr. 18 – Lindskov's LT Ranch, Bull Sale, Isabel, SD

Apr. 20 – Jorgensen Land & Cattle, Bull Sale, Ideal, SD

Apr. 21 – Treasure Test, Bull Sale, Great Falls, MT

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CHAROLAIS

Apr. 11 – Hebbert Charolais, Bull Sale, Hyannis, NE

Apr. 18 – Lindskov's LT Ranch, Bull Sale, Isabel, SD

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Apr. 6 – Stuber Ranch, Bull Sale, Bowman, ND

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\$M	\$W	\$F	\$C					
69	88	91	261					

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0.0	74	124	0.37	31	0.42	0.41	0.76	0.76
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87	86	103	288					

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