

INSIDE WLJ

CATTLE COALITION – Livestock leaders unite to tackle urgent industry challenges. Page 3

MAUDE FAMILY CLEARED – Felony charges dismissed in fight over Forest Service land. Page 3

A LOOK BACK IN HISTORY

“One week after USDA opened the border to include Canadian bone-in beef and certain variety meats, District Judge Richard F. Cebull, Billings, MT, granted a temporary restraining order (TRO) restricting those same products from entering the U.S. until an injunction hearing May 11. Cebull’s decision was in response to a lawsuit filed in his court by R-CALF USA, claiming USDA acted in an arbitrary and capricious manner and put the health of U.S. consumers at risk by opening the U.S. border to additional Canadian beef,” read the May 3, 2004, WLJ cover story.

INDEX

Opinion.....P-2

Markets.....P-8

Classifieds.....P-10

Sale Calendar.....P-11

Sale Reports.....P-11



Bob Wick, BLM
The U.S. filed support for a Utah rancher facing a lawsuit from the Ute Tribe, who alleges illegal water diversions from Tribal waters. Pictured here, the Colorado Recreational River in Utah.

US urges dismissal of water suit against UT rancher

— Tribe sues over diversions

The U.S. government filed an amicus brief in early April backing Utah rancher Gregory D. McKee in a lawsuit brought by the Ute Indian Tribe of the Uintah and Ouray Reservation in northeastern Utah. The Tribe accuses McKee and his companies of illegally diverting Tribal waters, trespassing on Tribal lands and causing environmental contamination.

Background

The dispute centers on water rights associated with the Uintah Indian Irrigation Project (UIIP), a federally constructed system established in the early 1900s to deliver water to Ute lands. Over time, land ownership shifted, and federal law allowed some water rights to be transferred under legislation signed in 1941—otherwise known as the 1941 Act—which permitted the secretary of the Interior to transfer water rights between lands within the project, with the consent of the involved landowners.

The Tribe alleges that McKee has unlawfully diverted Tribal water from the UIIP to irrigate approximately 120 acres of land. The Tribe claims that two tracts—about 80 acres—are being irrigated based on a state water right that does not authorize diversion from UIIP infrastructure. For a third 40-acre tract, McKee relies on two water transfer agreements from 1943 and 1946, which the Tribe argues are invalid and constitute illegal transfers of Indian trust property.

The agreements at issue were executed by the U.S. and McKee’s predecessor, Dewey McConkie, and transferred water rights from less productive lands to more arable ones, without altering the volume of water or its ownership.

The Bureau of Indian Affairs, after reviewing objections raised by the Tribe as early as 2015, affirmed that the agreements were valid under the 1941 Act, which authorizes water transfers within the UIIP with the consent of the interested landowners, not the Tribe. The Tribe does

See LAWSUIT on page 5

Interior plans to accelerate environmental reviews

— Reduces timelines to one month

The Department of the Interior is rolling out emergency permitting procedures to fast-track environmental reviews, limiting the process to 28 days at most. The measures are intended to align with President Donald Trump’s declaration of a “national energy emergency,” and accelerate the development of domestic energy resources and critical minerals.

The procedures will expedite the review and approval of projects related to the identification, leasing, siting, production, transportation, refining or generation of energy within the country.

Energy sources covered under the new procedures include crude oil, natural gas, lease condensates, natural gas liquids, refined petroleum products, uranium, coal, biofuels, geothermal energy, ki-

netic hydropower and critical minerals.

“The United States cannot afford to wait,” said Secretary of the Interior Doug Burgum. “We are cutting through unnecessary delays to fast-track the development of American energy and critical minerals—resources that are essential to our economy, our military readiness, and our global competitiveness.”

The department said the declaration of a national energy emergency recognizes that the current delays in energy project approvals pose risks to the U.S.’ economic stability, national security and foreign policy interests.

Procedures

The Interior plans to use emergency authorities under existing

See ENERGY on page 6

Court partially strikes down NV predator control case

— Control can continue during review

A federal appeals court has ruled that a USDA wildlife management program in Nevada violated environmental review requirements, while also upholding the agency’s authority to conduct predator control on behalf of livestock operations.

The 9th Circuit Court of Appeals partially sided with environmental groups WildEarth Guardians and Western Watersheds Project, finding that USDA’s Wildlife Services failed to comply with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) when it authorized a 2020 predator damage management plan without adequately evaluating its environmental impact. The court said the agency did not conduct the required “hard look” at potential harms and ordered a new or revised environ-

mental analysis.

However, the court rejected the groups’ argument that predator control to protect grazing operations constitutes a commercial enterprise barred by the Wilderness Act. Citing legal precedent, the panel ruled such lethal control is permissible in Wilderness Areas when tied to long-standing livestock use.

Writing for the court, Judge Morgan B. Christen found that the agency’s 2020 Environmental Assessment (EA) authorizing predator damage management (PDM) activities on public lands in Nevada was “deficient in several ways,” notably due to inconsistent descriptions of where the program would take place.

“Ambiguity concerning the inclusion or exclusion of just one of the federal land designations at issue—Areas of Critical Environmental

Concern—changes the geographic scope of the PDM program by over 1.4 million acres,” Christen wrote. “This inconsistent description left the public to guess where Wildlife Services will operate its PDM program in Nevada and thus hindered the public’s ability to comment on the agency’s proposed actions.”

While the court upheld Wildlife Services’ authority to carry out lethal predator control under the Wilderness Act when done in support of existing livestock grazing, it vacated the district court’s prior ruling on the NEPA claim. The case was remanded with instructions for the agency to reconsider whether a complete Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) is necessary and to either produce a revised EA or a more comprehensive EIS.

“We vacate the operative EA and

See PRED. CONTROL on page 4

Feeders maintain their hold on the market

Futures closed out the week higher as early cash trade prices stayed steady to higher and cattle feeders held firm in negotiations.

Live cattle futures closed higher over the week. The June contract gained \$1.65 to close at \$209.65, and the August contract gained 55 cents to close at \$204.65.

Cash trade through Thursday totaled about 85,000 head. Live steers sold from \$214-224, and dressed steers sold from \$340-350.

Cash trade for the week ending April 20 totaled 67,218 head. Live steers averaged \$211.68, and dressed steers averaged \$336.61.

“There are few times in history when cash prices have accelerated this dramatically,” wrote Cassie Fish, market analyst, in The Beef on Thursday. “Cattle feeders are holding packers’ feet to the fire in a way never seen before. The boot is on the other foot from the COVID times when packers made hundreds of dollars per head. It is the cattle feeders’ turn and they are making the most of it.”

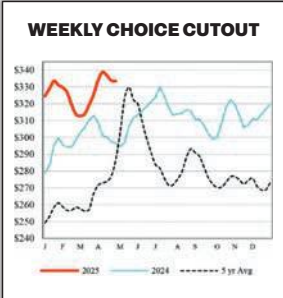
ShayLe Stewart, DTN livestock analyst, wrote on Wednesday that on the packer side of the spectrum, “Packers are desperate to get ahead of the cash cattle market and they’re throwing every trick in the book at the marketplace to dra-

matically reduce throughput, including offering bids early in the week in hopes that some feedlot managers will get antsy and let some cattle go early.”

Slaughter through Thursday totaled about 465,000 head, compared to 466,000 head a week earlier. Total slaughter for a week earlier is estimated at 555,000 head. Actual slaughter for the week ending April 19 was 577,626 head. The average steer dressed weight was 946 lbs., the same as a week earlier.

“The current cattle feeding practice of pushing days on feed more and

See MARKETS on page 9



LIVE STEERS	DRESSED STEERS	CME FEEDER
\$220.71	\$349.21	\$295.77
WEEK ENDING: 5-1-25		

Time Sensitive
Priority Handling
PERIODICAL :



WVM western
video market

**YOUR TRUSTED
REPRESENTATIVES
IN LIVESTOCK
MARKETING
SINCE 1989**

WVMCATTLE.com

UPCOMING AUCTIONS

May 22, 2025

CONSIGNMENT DEADLINE: MAY 14, 2025
WVM Headquarters - Cottonwood, CA

June 13, 2025

CONSIGNMENT DEADLINE: JUNE 4, 2025
WVM Headquarters - Cottonwood, CA

July 14-16, 2025

CONSIGNMENT DEADLINE: JUNE 26, 2025
Silver Legacy Casino Resort - Reno, NV



SCAN THE QR CODE TO LEARN MORE.

FOLLOW US



(530) 347-3793
wvm@wvmcattle.com

Historic Common Ground Summit unites ag industry to secure future

In the face of mounting challenges, 40 leaders from across the livestock industry convened at the Common Ground Summit April 21-23 at Denver's Brown Palace Hotel. Their shared mission: to safeguard rural communities, ensure America's food independence and preserve a way of life central to the nation's agricultural heritage.

Years of bridge-building culminated in this pivotal event, marking what participants described as a breakthrough for industry-wide collaboration. Attendees achieved unprecedented consensus on comprehensive policy priorities designed to fortify all segments of the livestock industry. These priorities address urgent threats—including regulatory burdens, labor shortages, tax challenges and barriers to entry for the next generation of producers—that jeopardize the sus-

tainability of family operations and rural economies.

Turk Stovall, a rancher and cattle feeder from Billings, MT, who served as the summit's moderator, highlighted the event's importance.

"The power behind the Common Ground Summit is these are real producers from across our country that represent a lot of different segments of the livestock industry," he said. "This goes beyond any one organization. It's all of us as cattle producers saying, 'These are the things we really need—and we really need them now.'"

The three-day summit tackled a stark reality: America risks losing its capacity to feed itself independently, a situation with profound implications for both national security and the agricultural sector.

Through intensive dialogue, participants reached

consensus on six critical areas for action:

• **Ag-friendly tax policy:** Extend and enhance key provisions like transfer tax exemptions, step-up in basis and accelerated depreciation to support agricultural families.

• **Risk management tools:** Improve programs like Livestock Risk Protection to better serve producers.

• **Access to labor:** Streamline and expand H-2 programs to address labor shortages.

• **Flexibility for livestock haulers:** Exempt livestock haulers from restrictive Hours-of-Service rules and the electronic logging device mandate.

• **Support for young and emerging producers:** Expand USDA loan programs, incentivize land transfers to younger producers, and foster interest in agricultural careers.

• **Innovation and sustainability:** Champion technologies and programs that enhance livestock production efficiency and sustainability.

Barb Downey, a rancher from Wamego, KS, who took part in the inaugural event, agreed with Stovall.

"I'm pleasantly surprised that we are setting aside differences and moving forward on actionable items that we can work towards together," she said. "You've got some really amazing people in this room, and we've all adopted the attitude that we're going to work on what we can agree on and get that done."

And that "we're all in this together" attitude will be the key to success, Greg Ibach said. The farmer and rancher from Nebraska previously served as USDA's undersecretary of agriculture for marketing and regulatory programs and as the director of the Nebraska Department of Agriculture.

"We seem to have more divergence of opinion on how things should take place, even within the beef industry," he said. "Bringing together members of different organizations that sometimes diverge on policy opinions and trying to find some uniformity, I think,

will help us be more effective in Washington, D.C., if we can go back with a unified ask, at least on certain topics."

A call to action

Stovall said the group—and the industry as a whole—must strike while the iron is hot and invites others to join the charge.

"As land goes out of production, as producers don't come back to the farms, at what point do we wake up in

the morning and we find out we can't feed our country, and it really becomes beyond a livestock industry issue?" Stovall asked. "It becomes a national security issue. And so right now is the most important time for us to be talking about these things."

The Summit stands as a testament to the power of collaboration, charting a path forward for America's livestock industry. For more information, visit commongroundsummit.net. — **Common Ground Summit**

Trump officials drop federal charges against Maude family

The U.S. secretaries of Agriculture and Homeland Security on April 30 shined a spotlight on a South Dakota ranch family that had been facing federal charges under the Biden administration over a fencing dispute with the U.S. Forest Service.

Republican officials leveled charges of extreme government overreach by the previous administration with attempts to "make felons out of farmers."

In a case that drew attention from cattlemen's groups and western landowners, Charles and Heather Maude were facing federal theft charges over a fence line dispute with the Forest Service that involved a center pivot on their ground that crossed over into Forest Service land.

Agriculture Secretary Brooke Rollins led a press conference outside USDA headquarters on the National Mall with the Maude family, Secretary of Homeland Security Kristi Noem—the former South Dakota governor—and other officials from South Dakota and Wyoming. They announced charges against the family had been dropped by the Trump administration.

"This family was targeted solely over what should have been a minor civil dispute

over grazing rights on 25 acres of public land was prosecuted, credibly threatened with jail sentences so extreme that they were told to find alternatives to raise their young children," Rollins said.

Rollins reached back 250 years to the battles of Lexington and Concord to point out the country was founded by average people fighting against a tyrannical government filled with people who believed they could do as they wish against everyday Americans. Rollins called the prosecution of the Maude family, "in the words of Thomas Jefferson, a fire bell in the night."

To respond to what she said was "egregious lawfare from the Biden administration," Rollins announced USDA is launching a portal on the USDA website for producers to share details about government overreach.

"We are ending regulation by prosecution in America and investigating how and why this wrongful prosecution of an American ranching family ever occurred in the first place," Rollins said.

The Maudes operate a ranch and farm that is now in its fifth generation in Pennington County, SD, not far

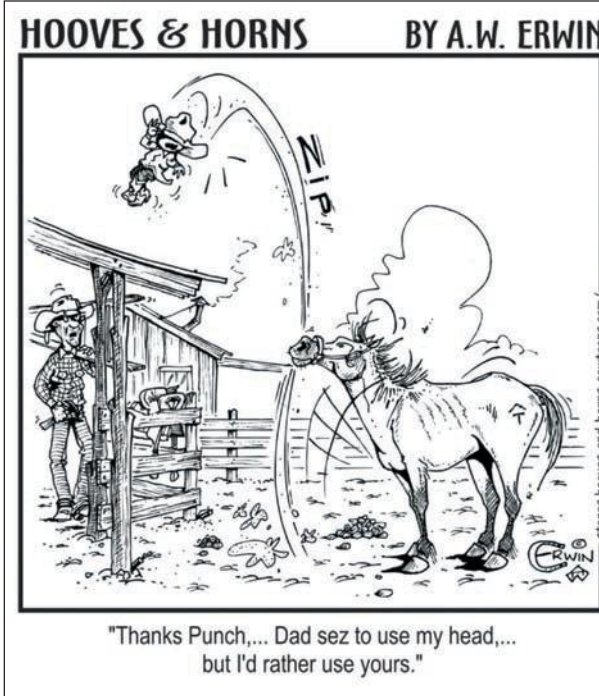
from Mount Rushmore. The couple farms 400 acres, raises 250 head of cattle and has about 40 sows. Their property is adjacent to the Buffalo Gap National Grasslands, which is administered by the Forest Service.

Heather Maude, speaking for the family, noted about their couple's family history, "Our families have a combined 250-plus years in production agriculture," she said, saying there was a pause when members of the family fought for the country in World War II. Maude became emotional thanking R-CALF USA and the National Cattlemen's Beef Association, which took up their cause.

"When this hit, it hit at the heart and soul of our place, that it's been in Charles' family since 1910," Heather Maude said.

She also thanked others, including neighbors. "Our neighbors who stood up for us at the threat of retribution to their operations that they still face until we get this completely resolved," Heather Maude said. "And we are so thankful for the efforts that are being rolled out today to help make progress in the right direction."

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



OGALLALA SANDHILL & WESTERN NEBRASKA CATTLE

OGALLALA, NE - 308-284-2071

*Regular Sale with a Special Stockcow,
1st Calf Heifer & Cow/Calf Pair Sale*

WEDNESDAY, MAY 7TH, 2025

Pairs

JUSTIN & JAMIE IMHOF (100) Ang & BWF cows w/ calves @ side, 3y/o-ST

ERIC GERMAN (50) Ang & SimAng hfrs w/ calves @ side, 1st Clf

LEU JACOBSON (37) (7) Ang hfrs w/ calves @ side, 1st Clf, (30) Ang & Char X cows w/ calves @ side, 3 y/o to SM

Bred Stockcow

STEPHEN DOUTHIT FAMILY FARMS / 4V RANCH LLC (102) (67) Herf cows, 5 y/o - ST, (35) Ang, few BWF & RWF cows, 5 y/o-ST, bred to Beran Bros. Ang bulls, due 9/16 for 60 days.

SKAVDAHL BROS (40) Ang & BWF hfrs, 1st Clf, bred to LBW Ang bulls, calving now for 40 days.

BAILEY HOOD (20) Red, RWF & few Blk cows, 3 y/o - ST, bred to Red Ang bulls, calving now.

Many more valued and high-quality consignments can be viewed at www.ogallalalive.com

Jay Nordhausen 308-289-1548 **Lance Van Winkle** 308-874-4435 **Scott Van Winkle** 308-289-0249

Proper grain monitoring, storage remain critical in springtime

As outdoor temperatures warm during spring and early summer, there is an increasing potential for grain storage problems and an increasing need for grain monitoring and management, said Ken Hellevang, North Dakota State University (NDSU) Extension agricultural engineer and grain drying expert.

“The stored grain temperature increases in parts of a bin in the spring due to solar heat gain on the bin,” Hellevang said.

Solar energy produces more than twice as much heat gain on the south wall of a bin in spring as it does during the summer. That, in addition to the solar heat gain on a bin roof, can create an environment conducive to grain spoilage. A 10-degree temperature increase reduces the allowable storage time of grain by about half. For example, the storage time of corn at 17% moisture is reduced from about 130 days at 50 F to about 75 days at 60 F and 45 days at 70 F.

Hellevang recommends periodically running aeration fans during the spring to keep the grain below 40 F as long as possible during spring and early summer if the grain is dry. In northern states, night air temperatures are normally near or below 30 F in April and 40 F in May.

Bin vents can become blocked with frost and ice when the fan is operated at

temperatures near or below freezing, which may damage the roof. Leave the fill and access door open as a pressure relief valve when operating the fan at temperatures near or below freezing.

Cover the fan when it is not operating to prevent warm air from blowing into the bin or being drawn into the bin due to a chimney effect and heating the stored grain to temperatures more prone to spoilage and insect infestations. Hellevang also recommends ventilating the top of the bin to remove the solar heat gain that warms the grain. Provide air inlets near the eaves and exhausts near the peak so the top of the bin can ventilate due to warm air rising—similar to what occurs in an attic—or use a roof exhaust fan.

Hellevang advises that stored grain should be monitored closely to detect any storage problems early. Grain temperature should be checked every two weeks during the spring and summer. A temperature increase may indicate a storage problem. Grain also should be examined for insect infestations. Check the moisture content of stored grain to determine if it needs to be dried.

Remember to verify that the moisture content measured by the meter has been adjusted for grain temperature. In addition, remember that moisture measurements

of grain at temperatures below about 40 F may not be accurate. Verify the accuracy of the measurement by warming the grain sample to room temperature in a sealed plastic bag before measuring the moisture content.

Some in-bin cables estimate grain moisture content by measuring the temperature and air relative humidity and then calculating the grain moisture content based on grain equilibrium moisture content equations. The

measured moisture may be 1-1.5% different than the true moisture content, so it is a tool that should be verified with another moisture content measurement method.

Corn needs to be dried to 13-14% moisture for summer storage to prevent spoilage. Soybeans should be dried to 11-12%, wheat to 13%, barley to 12% and oil sunflowers to 8%. The allowable storage time for 13% moisture soybeans is less than 100 days at 70 F.

Grain storage molds will grow and grain spoilage will occur in grain bags unless the grain is dry. Grain in the bags will be at average outdoor temperatures, so grain will deteriorate rapidly as outdoor temperatures increase unless it is at recommended summer storage moisture contents.

Grain bags that run east-west will have solar heating on the south side, which creates a temperature variation across the bag that will move

moisture to the north side of the bag. Continue to monitor grain stored in bags frequently.

In addition to properly storing grain, Hellevang advocates for following safety protocols when operating around grain storage.

“Everyone needs to become aware of safety hazards associated with handling grain and to apply recommended safety practices,” Hellevang stresses. — **NDSU Extension**

Court leaves livestock predator control in place

PRED. CONTROL
(from page 1)

FONSI (Finding of No Significant Impact) and remand to the district court to enter an order directing the agency to determine whether to prepare a new EA or an EIS,” Christen wrote. “Pursuant to the parties’ 2016 settlement agreement, the agency may continue PDM in other areas in the state relying on older NEPA analyses while the new NEPA analysis is conducted.”

Background

In 2012, WildEarth Guardians sued USDA’s Wildlife Services, arguing the agency was unlawfully relying on a 1994 environmental review to justify its PDM program in

Nevada. The parties settled in 2016, with Wildlife Services agreeing to halt all PDM activities in federally protected Wilderness and Wilderness Study Areas until a new environmental analysis was completed. The agency continued its predator control work in the rest of the state and, in 2019, released a draft EA outlining five options for future management—including a preferred plan, Alternative 2—that would resume limited lethal control in protected areas under specific conditions.

Alternative 2 proposed tighter restrictions in Wilderness Areas, targeting only individual predators on foot or horseback, and banning aerial and chemical meth-

ods, while allowing broader and more intensive practices in Wilderness Study Areas. Wildlife Services finalized the EA and issued a FONSI in 2020, concluding that a full EIS was unnecessary. However, public comments raised concerns about vague geographic boundaries, inadequate analysis of local and ecological impacts, risks to public health and outdated or selective science on the effectiveness of lethal control. The environmental groups asserted that the final EA dismissed many of these concerns, often without fully addressing the newer scientific studies or providing a clear explanation for excluding them.

In December 2021, the environmental groups filed a

lawsuit challenging Wildlife Services’ predator damage management program in Nevada.

Both sides filed motions for summary judgment, and the district court ruled in favor of Wildlife Services. The court cited 9th Circuit precedent allowing predator control in Wilderness Areas to support pre-existing grazing operations and found the agency’s statewide EA reasonable. It also upheld the agency’s decision not to prepare an EIS, concluding that Wildlife Services had sufficiently addressed concerns over public health risks, impacts to protected areas and the scientific debate surrounding lethal predator control. — **Charles Wallace, WLJ contributing editor**



43rd
ANNUAL

173.00 858-7

Showcase Feeder Sales

SATURDAY, May 10 • SATURDAY, May 24 • SATURDAY, June 7

ALSO SELLING CATTLE FROM THESE CALIFORNIA COUNTY CATTLEMEN'S ASSOCIATIONS:

Merced-Mariposa • Santa Clara • Napa-Solano • Madera • Calaveras • Tuolumne • Fresno-Kings • San Benito • Monterey

FEATURING A SPECIAL SECTION OF NHTC-CERTIFIED ANGUS-SIRED CALVES AND RED ANGUS AND CHAROLAIS SECTION AS WELL!

These sales will feature some of the best cattle producers the state of California has to offer, so whether your cattle are enrolled in a special program or not, these are the sales for you!

TLAY Showcase of Excellence Vaccination Program

Member ranches from your ranch to our market

Elite Level

• Top of the Line

• Stock

• Stock

• Stock

• Stock

• Stock

• Stock

• Stock

• Stock

Premium Level

• Top of the Line

• Stock

• Stock

• Stock

• Stock

• Stock

• Stock

• Stock

• Stock

Every Tuesday in May is a Special

May 13, 20, 27

These special feeder sales will feature consignments from small, medium, and large producers

TLAY Spring Feeder Sales

Special Dedicated to Showcasing Calves and Yearlings from Consignors with 50 Head or Less at 9 a.m.

July Specials - Tues., July 1

Special Female Sale

Featuring 300 Fall-Calfing Heifers and Cows including 145 4-6-year-old Fall-Calfing Red Angus Cows and 170 Fall-Calfing 1st-Calf Angus & Red Angus Heifers from Margate Ranch. 60 Black Buddy Fall-Calfing 1st-Calf Heifers from Oremundson Ranch

Call today to consign your cattle!

Max Oliver 209-277-2063

Steve Faria 209-988-7180

Justin Ramon 209-844-6372

John Bourdet 831-801-2343

Celeste Sottini 831-320-1627

John Bottoncourt 209-262-4019

Tim Stoll 209-631-6054

Travis Johnson 209-988-8645

Matt Miller 209-814-6116

John Luiz 209-480-5101

Bud Cozzi 209-652-4480

209-634-4326 • 209-867-0611 • WWW.TURLOCKLIVESTOCK.COM

LEGAL LEDGER

Mexico commits water to Texas farmers

The Mexican government committed to transferring water from international reservoirs and increase the U.S. share of water in six of the country's Rio Grande tributaries through the end of the current five-year water cycle. Mexico is obligated under the 1944 Water Treaty to meet water needs of farmers and ranchers in Texas. "After weeks of negotiations with Mexican cabinet officials alongside the Deputy Secretary of State Christopher Landau, we secured an agreement to give Texas producers the water they need to thrive," said USDA Secretary of Agriculture Brooke Rollins. The current five-year water cycle ends in October, and USDA said the U.S. welcomes further collaboration with Mexico to meet future water deliveries.

USDA demands Mexico take screwworm action

In a letter to Mexico Secretary of Agriculture Julio Antonio Berdegú Sacristán, USDA Secretary Brooke Rollins demanded the country eliminate restrictions on USDA aircraft and waive customs duties on eradication equipment that is impairing the U.S. response to New World screwworm spread. "Every delay in granting full operational authority and eliminating customs barriers undermines our collective ability to carry out this emergency response," Rollins wrote. She set a deadline of April 30 for Mexico to respond, threatening to impose animal import restrictions if the country did not take action. Mexico committed to eliminate the restrictions by the deadline, and ports will remain open to livestock imports.

Introduced wolf found dead in CO

A third wolf captured from British Columbia and released into Colorado has died. According to Colorado Parks and Wildlife (CPW) officials, a mortality alert for female gray wolf 2514-BC was received on April 20 in the Rocky Mountain National Park. The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service is investigating the cause of death and a final determination will not be released until the investigation is complete. "Mortality is a factor that plays a role in all natural populations," CPW said. "The average lifespan of a gray wolf in the Rocky Mountains is generally 3-4 years." Two other wolves captured from Canada have died in recent months; male wolf 2513 was found dead in Wyoming in early April, and male wolf 2505 was shot in Wyoming by federal official after depredating on sheep.

Appeals court ends CAFO lawsuit

The 9th Circuit Court of Appeals denied a petition by environmental groups that sought to tighten regulations on concentrated animal feeding operations (CAFOs). A February 2024 lawsuit headed by the Center for Biological Diversity and Food and Water Watch targeted the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) for rejecting a 2017 petition to increase CAFO regulations. The groups asked the appeals court to review EPA's rejection, which the court rejected further. "In response to the petition, EPA acknowledged the serious problem of CAFO-based waste discharges into U.S. waterways and it decided that the most effective way to counter the problem is to further study its effluent limitation guidelines and to commission a stakeholders' subcommittee," the court wrote in its ruling.

Pork processors settle in \$64M lawsuit

Tyson Foods, Clemens Foods and Triumph Foods have agreed to settle for \$64 million in a price-fixing lawsuit that alleged the companies worked together to manipulate pork prices. Tyson agreed to pay \$50 million, while Clemens settled at \$10 million and Triumph at \$4 million. Total settlements for the case now total more than \$180 million, with other companies—including JBS USA, Smithfield Foods and others—settling earlier in the case.

Gov. Little calls for increased forest management

Idaho Gov. Brad Little (R) issued an executive order on April 22 directing the state's Department of Lands to increase forest management on federal national forests in Idaho. "For too long, millions of acres of national forests in Idaho have remained totally untouched, creating a tinderbox of fuel that threatens communities, air quality, and the environment," Little said. Under the executive order, titled the Make Forests Healthy Again Act, the Idaho Department of Lands is directed to expand its partnership with the U.S. Forest Service to reduce fire risk in federally managed national forests. "We fully support Governor Little's executive order and look forward to cooperatively increasing the level of management of federal lands in Idaho so they will be as productive and healthy as our state lands," said Idaho Farm Bureau Chief Executive Officer Zak Miller.

CPW seeks feedback on 2026 Strategic Plan

Colorado Parks and Wildlife (CPW) is looking for public input as it develops a new 10-year strategic plan for 2026-36. The current strategic plan was adopted in 2015. "While this plan has guided the agency's efforts well since then, it's no surprise that the world has changed significantly in 10 years," the agency said. "CPW's 2026 Strategic Plan will serve as a roadmap to address current and future challenges and opportunities, enhance service to the public, and strengthen the agency's commitment to stewardship of parks and wildlife resources balanced with outdoor recreation opportunities." The public may submit feedback at engagecpw.org.

US argues case dismissal under civil procedure rules

LAWSUIT (from page 1)

not claim ownership of the lands or water rights involved in the transfers, the bureau said, and federal law supports the continuation of UIIP water delivery to non-Indian successors of allotted lands. The U.S. government maintains that the Tribe's consent was not required and that the transfers lawfully support both Indian and non-Indian landholders within the project.

In 2018, the Tribe filed two suits—one in the U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia and another in the U.S. Court of Federal Claims—alleging that the federal government had unlawfully approved water transfers under the 1941 Act without obtaining Tribal consent, thereby breaching its trust responsibilities.

The Tribe sought a full accounting of all such transfers.

Federal courts dismissed most of these claims, including the breach-of-trust allegations, with one court ruling that the Tribe had failed to show the U.S. was obligated to consult the Tribe before approving water use by non-Indians. The remaining claims were transferred to the U.S. District Court for the District of Utah, where they were also dismissed. However, the Tribe has filed a motion for reconsideration, which is now pending.

In the parallel case before the U.S. Court of Federal Claims, the government similarly prevailed on most issues, but the court later ruled in part for the Tribe, allowing limited claims to move forward regarding federal management of water infrastructure. The Tribe filed a new complaint in late 2024, and the U.S. responded with a motion to dismiss, arguing the Tribe failed to identify any specific transfer

that violated the law. That motion is currently under review, with a hearing scheduled for May.

Rule 19 arguments

In its brief to the court, the U.S. government argues that the lawsuit against McKee cannot proceed without its involvement because it has a direct interest in defending the decades-old water transfer agreements at issue. This stance, however, is based on the U.S.' sovereign immunity, which prevents it from being joined as a party.

Under Rule 19(b) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, if a required party cannot be joined and its interests would be harmed, the case must be dismissed. The U.S. argues that because the Tribe's claims target federal agreements it cannot defend, and because the Tribe already sued the U.S. separately on

similar grounds, the current lawsuit should be dismissed.

The brief cites a 10th Circuit case, Navajo Nation v. New Mexico, in which similar claims were dismissed because Tribes attempted to challenge historic federal decisions by suing private parties instead of the government.

The government has asked the court to dismiss the Ute Tribe's claims related to the McKee water transfer agreements, arguing it is an indispensable party whose interests cannot be fairly represented in its absence. Because federal law prevents the government from being joined in the case, and because proceeding without it would undermine long-established federal agreements and responsibilities, the U.S. contends the court must dismiss those portions of the lawsuit. — Charles Wallace, *WLJ* contributing editor

LEACHMAN CATTLE

BULLS THAT BUILD BETTER COW HERDS

new sale!

STOCKMAN'S \$RANCH AUCTION

**MERIDEN, WY - MAY 15, 2025 - 1:00PM MST
OFFERING 75 \$RANCH FOCUSED STABILIZERS
LOW PRESSURE LIVE & ONLINE AUCTION**

EACH BULL OFFERED IN THIS SALE HAS BEEN SELECTED FOR ABOVE-AVERAGE \$RANCH VALUES, EMPHASIZING REAL-WORLD RANCH PROFITABILITY.

THESE CATTLE ARE BRED FOR:
MODERATE MATURE COW SIZE TO REDUCE INPUT COSTS.
IMPROVED FERTILITY AND LONGEVITY TO BUILD LASTING COW HERDS.
ABOVE-AVERAGE MARBLING AND FAT, DELIVERING CARCASS QUALITY AND RETAINED VALUE.



SCAN TO VIEW
ONLINE SALE

WWW.LEACHMAN.COM | (970) 568-3983

JERROD WATSON (CO) - 303-827-1156
AARON RASMUSSEN (NE) - 308-763-1361
KURT SCHENKEL (OH) - 740-503-6270



Tying the farm bill to the budget reconciliation bill

The chairman of the House Agriculture Committee is planning to update the farm safety net and crop insurance programs in the budget reconciliation bill being worked on by Republicans in Congress.

Rep. Glenn "GT" Thompson (R-PA-15) told members of the North American Agricultural Journalists (NAAJ) on April 29 that he plans to integrate updates to reference prices and other safety net programs as part of the upcoming reconciliation bill. Thompson told reporters the House Agriculture Committee was expected to hold its markup hearing for the reconciliation bill the following week.

"We'll have our opportunity, our day in the sun, with budget reconciliation," Thompson said.

A budget reconciliation bill allows Congress to make cuts or increase spending for mandatory funding programs across the government. Republicans are crafting a bill with a focus on extending President Donald Trump's 2017 tax cuts and possibly

passing other tax cuts as well.

On the flip side, conservatives also want to make dramatic spending cuts in social programs to help offset the costs of those tax cuts. The process also allows the U.S. Senate to clear a reconciliation bill without needing 60 votes to pass it.

If the plan works, Thompson said Congress will deal with commodity programs and crop insurance for farmers and make changes to nutrition programs in the reconciliation bill. Thompson told reporters his plan would include provisions from the farm bill plan that was passed by the House Agriculture Committee last year but did not get a floor vote.

Thompson said the changes will update reference prices for the Price Loss Coverage and Agricultural Risk Coverage (PLC and ARC). The bill also would allow farmers to add base acres. Other changes will update the Dairy Margin Coverage (DMC) as well.

The House Agriculture Committee also is tasked with coming up with as much as

\$230 billion in cuts over 10 years under the House Republicans' reconciliation plan. It's expected those cuts would come through changes to the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP). Thompson said the committee will be trying to trim SNAP cuts without affecting the individual payments to people in the program.

"There's no way that we're going to be cutting benefits," Thompson said. He added, "We're not going to be hurting people who are living in poverty."

Thompson suggested the House GOP plan for SNAP could end up requiring states to cover a portion of benefits to participants. Thompson noted states are seeking changes to SNAP while paying "zero in benefits" to people.

"If I had to pick between hurting people in poverty or upsetting state legislators, I know which direction I would go," Thompson said. "If my hand is forced to stay with the \$230 billion, then I'm not cutting benefits."

If the bill language remains the same, farmers could see a 10% to 20% increase on statutory reference prices for ARC and PLC commodities. Increasing the statutory reference price also raises the "maximum effective reference price."

Also, the ARC guarantee would increase from 86% to 90% of benchmark revenue. The maximum payment rate for ARC-County and ARC-Individual also would increase from 10% to 12.5% of benchmark revenue.

At least some farmers also would get a one-time opportunity to establish base acres if they do not have base acres or their average planted and prevented planting acres do not exceed their base acres on the farm. Another provision would allow eligible acres to include a portion of acres planted to non-covered commodities.

For dairy, the bill would boost DMC from 5 million to 6 million pounds. It also provides a 25% discount for farmers that enroll in DMC for the life of the farm bill.

USDA's disaster programs would also see various enhancements, including indemnities for the loss of unborn livestock.

In crop insurance, the bill could expand premium subsidy support for beginning farmers and ranchers. The House farm bill also increased premium support for the Supplemental Coverage Option (SCO) to 80%, providing access to all commodities to a policy similar to the Stacked Income Protection Plan (STAX) in cotton while also keeping SCO for Price Loss Coverage.

Maximum coverage levels would be increased to 90% for Whole Farm Revenue Protection and SCO.

The increase in farm programs was scored last year as costing between \$50 billion and \$53 billion over 10 years.

Under Thompson's plan, the rest of the farm bill would come together after reconciliation is done. Thompson said he believes there would be bipartisan work to complete a farm bill, saying lawmakers from both parties have specific program changes they would like to see.

Rep. Chellie Pingree (D-ME-01) told reporters the committee works well together and wants to get a farm bill passed. "GT has been a great chair to work with." Still, Pingree criticized the plans to cut as much as \$230 billion from SNAP. She also noted any "state match" for SNAP would likely be a problem, including in Republican states. "That's a real problem for many of our states who don't have any money," she said.

Pingree also pointed out town halls with constituents have become more heated as people push back against some

of the early decisions of the Trump administration. Pingree said there was recently a tractor rally in Maine led by farmers.

"My farmers might be a little bit different, but they are still farmers," she said.

Sen. Amy Klobuchar (D-MN) ranking member of the Senate Agriculture Committee, said that getting a farm bill done will require the backing of the Trump administration. Klobuchar said she's been very reluctant and concerned about moves by the administration and the impacts on the rural economy.

"There must be some support from the White House in terms of want to move on a big farm bill," she said.

Klobuchar also noted rural areas are dependent on SNAP, "particularly red states," and shifting costs of SNAP to states would likely lead to states being reluctant to fill the gap in benefits.

"This is just unbelievable if you look at these numbers," she said.

Sen. John Boozman (R-AR), chairman of the Senate Agriculture Committee, said he supports updating ARC and PLC in the reconciliation package and then tweaking other programs later.

"We wouldn't do reconciliation in lieu of the farm bill. It would be in addition."

Asked about staff cuts and office closures at USDA, Boozman noted he's been part of discussions in the past in which senators ask USDA, "Do you really want to close that office?" But Boozman pointed to using technology to replace offices and noted farmers understand the national debt requires cuts in some areas. — **Chris Clayton**, DTN ag policy editor

WESTERN Summit Female Sale

**SATURDAY
MAY 17**

Cattlemen's Livestock Market
Galt, CA | 1:00 pm

Featuring 60 lots of quality Angus genetics

FALL BRED HEIFERS • FALL BRED COWS • SPRING PAIRS • HEIFER CALVES • ELITE PREGNANCIES

The Offering will include:

- Fifteen (15) Fall bred heifers carrying the service of today's name brand sires including BA7 Oaks Bold Ruler, Connealy Craftsman, HPCA Veracious, KA Kindred, and more!
- Fall bred cows bred to sires like the \$360,000 Boyd Bedrock, and the \$30,000 Westwind Doc Holliday DJH239 that was the top-gaining bull from the Great Basin Bull Test.
- An elite set of over twenty (20) open heifers from both fall-born and spring yearling divisions sired by influential bulls including Basin Keystone 2021, HPCA Veracious, BAR Dynamic, ST Velocity 1048, and the \$525,000 T/D Doc Ryan 049!
- An impressive group of embryos from top donors and exclusive performance sires including the \$400,000 Spring Cove Grant 200K, the \$295,000 Ellingson Prosper, the \$60,000 Wilks Warrior 3715, and more!

WATCH AND BID ONLINE AT:



SUMMIT BREEDERS

Hertlein Cattle Co., Farmington CA

Popovits Family Ranch, Valley Springs CA

Split Creek Ranch, Los Molinos CA

Grieb Ranch, Arroyo Grande CA

Silveira Bros. Firebaugh CA

K Bar D, Redmond OR

Avila Cattle Co., Clements, CA

Cunningham L&L, Chesterfield IL

Riverside Ranch, Fielding, UT



BA7 Oaks Bold Ruler



Basin Keystone 2021



Ellingson Prosper

**WESTWIND
RANCH ANGUS**

David J. Holden

38 Montana Ave. • Oroville, CA 95966
(530) 736-0727 • wstwind@hotmail.com
www.westwindangus.com



**PARNELL
DICKINSON**
info@parnelldickinson.com

JOHN DICKINSON 916-806-1919
JAKE PARNELL 916-662-1298
LUKE PARNELL 805-431-1267

FOR SALE BOOK TEXT ADDRESS TO: 916-806-1919

Interior will use existing emergency authorities

ENERGY (from page 1)

regulations for the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), Endangered Species Act (ESA) and the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA).

Under NEPA, Interior will be adopting an alternative NEPA compliance process that will allow for shorter documents and timelines. Projects analyzed in an environmental assessment will be reviewed within 14 days, compared to the usual one year. Projects requiring a full environmental impact statement will be reviewed in roughly 28 days, as opposed to the typical two-year process.

For the ESA, the Interior will implement an expedited Section 7 consultation process. Appropriate bureaus will notify the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service of plans to use emergency consultation procedures, which will then be approved or denied.

Under the NHPA, bureaus will follow alternative procedures for compliance with Section 106, which requires federal agencies to consider the impact of projects on historic sites. This includes giving affected historic or cultural stakeholders seven days to comment on a proposed project.

ect.

The Western Energy Alliance, representing oil and natural gas companies in the West, applauded Trump's actions to promote oil and natural gas development.

"We've seen a dramatic shift from an administration that imposed restrictive policies, limited permitting, and threatened energy projects, to one that is actively supporting development," said Kathleen Sgamma, president of the Alliance, and former nominee to lead the Bureau of Land Management.

Environmental groups objected to the announcement.

"The Trump administration declared a fake energy emergency," said Earthjustice President Abigail Dillen. "Now, they are trying to invoke it to strip away essential legal safeguards. It's a blatantly illegal move, and we will see them in court."

The procedures fall in line with Trump's Jan. 20 executive order on declaring a national energy emergency, which directed agencies to "identify and use all lawful emergency or other authorities available to them to facilitate the supply, refining, and transportation of energy in and through the West Coast of the United States, Northeast of the United States, and Alaska." — **Anna Miller**, WLJ managing editor

STORY SHORTS

Water allocation increased for CA's Central Valley

The Bureau of Reclamation (BOR) has increased water supply allocations for California Central Valley Project south-of-Delta agricultural contractors from 40% to 50%. BOR said north-of-Delta contractors remain at 100%, and all other allocations are unchanged from the March 27 update. Acting California-Great Basin Regional Director Adam Nickels said the updated allocation reflects the agency's continued support for California farmers and the communities that rely on water.

Mexican wolves lethally removed in AZ, NM

A federal wildlife agency mistakenly killed a potentially pregnant, endangered Mexican gray wolf in Arizona's Greenlee County, according to a U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service memo. The lethal removal was intended for an uncollared member of the Bear Canyon Pack following repeated livestock attacks on public land. However, the wolf killed was AF1823, the breeding female with a non-functioning radio collar. Days later, the agency also confirmed the intentional killing of a breeding male from the Hail Canyon Pack in New Mexico. This male, father to at least three pups, was targeted under another removal order. Conservationists condemned the actions, citing a pattern of poor oversight. "It's clear federal agencies have lost their way," said Brian Nowicki of the Center for Biological Diversity, urging protection of endangered wildlife on public lands.

BLM seeks input on Lahontan horse gather

The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) is seeking public input on the Lahontan Wild Horse Gather Preliminary Environmental Assessment and comments under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act. The project area spans about 304,705 acres in Nevada's Lyon and Churchill counties. According to a 2024 survey, BLM estimates that 518 wild horses currently occupy the area, far exceeding the appropriate management level of seven to 10 horses. The agency proposes gathering and removing excess horses and encourages public comments by May 12 at tinyurl.com/4nkh3b3r.

FSIS withdraws proposed salmonella framework

The USDA's Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS) has withdrawn its proposed "Salmonella Framework for Raw Poultry Products." The framework aimed to reduce salmonella-related illnesses by classifying poultry products with certain salmonella levels and serotypes as adulterated under the Poultry Products Inspection Act. It also proposed stricter microbial monitoring requirements and revised sampling methods. FSIS received over 1,400 comments, many expressing concern about legal authority, scientific justification and impacts on small processors. Citing the need for further assessment, FSIS withdrew the proposal.

US to inspect Brazilian beef plants in May

In May, a U.S. technical delegation will visit Brazil to inspect beef processing plants as part of a routine audit under the sanitary inspection equivalence agreement between the two nations, Valor International reported. The U.S. is Brazil's second-largest market for beef exports. The audit, led by the USDA's Food Safety and Inspection Service, will evaluate Brazil's overall export system rather than individual companies. Facilities operated by major exporters, such as JBS, Marfrig and Minerva, may be included. According to Roberto Perosa, president of the Brazilian Association of Meat Exporting Industries, these audits, previously conducted in 2017, 2019, 2020 and 2022, have not resulted in penalties or compliance issues. The inspections focus on technical and laboratory standards to ensure ongoing compliance with trade regulations. Perosa said Brazil's meat industry welcomes the audit, expressing confidence in its inspection system and adherence to international food safety standards.

Hungary confirms fifth farm with FMD

Hungary has confirmed a fifth outbreak of foot-and-mouth disease (FMD) at a cattle farm in Rábapordány, located near the borders with Slovakia and Austria, according to Politico. The virus, first detected in March, has led authorities to quarantine the facility housing 600 dairy cows, with plans to cull the herd under emergency protocols. A three-kilometer (km) protection zone and a 10-km surveillance zone have been established, and further testing is underway. Although FMD poses no risk to humans, it has a severe impact on livestock and the economy. Officials estimate Hungary's first outbreak in 50 years has already cost millions of euros, with long-term losses expected to rise significantly.

Rumin8 achieves a 95.2% methane reduction

A new scientific paper from the University of California, Davis has shown that Rumin8's investigational veterinary product reduced total methane emissions in cattle by 95.2%, without affecting animal health or production. The trial, led by the university's Department of Animal Science, involved 24 cattle divided into three groups and fed a total mixed ration. When Rumin8's oil-based additive was included, methane yield dropped by 93% and methane intensity by 93.4%. According to Rumin8, these findings support the potential of its feed and water-delivered additives to significantly reduce livestock methane emissions. Additional global trials are underway as Rumin8 seeks regulatory approval.

Livestock water quality likely to be impacted by drought

Many ranchers in the region still depend on surface water sources, such as dugouts and stock dams, to provide water for grazing livestock. Access to good-quality water will continue to be a challenge for ranchers in North Dakota this spring, according to Miranda Meehan, North Dakota State (NDSU) University Extension livestock environmental stewardship specialist.

"Due to drought conditions and low spring runoff, many livestock water sources have either dried up or may be toxic to livestock," said Meehan.

Water quality impacts cattle intake and weight gain. Studies have reported improved gains by as much as one-quarter of a pound per day in yearlings and one-third of a pound per day in calves drinking good-quality water.

When surface waters become low, the mineral component of the water becomes

more concentrated because minerals do not evaporate with the water. Of particular concern are increased concentrations of total dissolved solids (TDS) and sulfates, which can be toxic to livestock. For most classes of grazing livestock, the TDS in the water should be less than 5,000 parts per million (ppm).

Sulfate is part of the TDS. The recommended concentration should be less than 500 ppm for calves and less than 1,000 ppm for adult cattle. High levels of sulfate can reduce copper availability in the diet. Elevated levels of sulfates may cause loose stool, whereas very high levels of sulfate can induce central nervous system problems.

Water quality screenings conducted by NDSU Extension agents in the fall of 2024 found many water sources to have potentially toxic levels of sulfates, especially in western

North Dakota.

In preparation for the upcoming grazing season, Meehan encourages monitoring water quality and evaluating alternative water options. She recommends a couple of tools to aid in monitoring water quality: a hand-held TDS meter and sulfate test strips. Both these tools are affordable and easy to use. If the screening indicates the TDS is greater than 4,500 ppm and/or sulfates are greater than 800 ppm, sub-

mit a sample to a lab for additional analysis.

If you have encountered water quality issues in the past, Meehan said to evaluate and consider developing an alternative water source.

"Installing a water development plan can help ensure that livestock can access good-quality water throughout the grazing season and increase a ranch's drought resilience," said Meehan. — NDSU Extension



COMING EVENTS

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

June 10-13 – The 2025 Beef Improvement Federation Research Symposium and Convention will be hosted in Amarillo, TX. Details: BIFSymposium.com.

June 17-19 – R-CALF USA will host its 2025 National Convention and Trade

Show at The Lodge at Deadwood, SD. Details: www.RCALFconvention.com.

July 9 – Tyson Ventures has announced the call for applications for the fourth annual Tyson Demo Day. Interested startups and entrepreneurs are encouraged to apply online by May 2 at tinyurl.com/ytvzmsxs.

Western
Livestock
Journal®

WLJ.net

"On behalf of South Fork Outfitters, we are extremely grateful for the exposure that *Western Livestock Journal* extended to our annual production horse sale. We appreciate how accommodating, timely, and attentive to detail they were. Their first-class advertising options were just the thing we needed for our business!"

- South Fork Outfitters

It's not just an ad.

It's an

INVESTMENT.

Invest in your success with WLJ. Our field reps offer **excellent customer service**, **expertise in cattle marketing**, and **years of experience**.

Contact your area field rep today and find out how WLJ can help you succeed!



Jared Patterson

208-312-2386
WA, OR, CA, ID, UT, NV



Devin Murnin

406-696-1502
MT, N, WY, ND, MN



Ty Groshans

970-818-6016
CO, NM, KS, NE, S, WY, SD



Logan Ipsen

916-947-2392
AZ, TX, National

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: 5/1/2025		Week Ago		Year Ago	
Choice Fed Steers		220.71		▲		211.05		181.94	
CME Feeder Index		295.77		▲		288.97		245.15	
Boxed Beef Average		343.17		▲		333.70		295.66	
Average Dressed Steers		349.21		▲		N/A		290.00	
Live Slaughter Weight*		1,435		▲		1,432		1,399	
Weekly Slaughter**		555,000		▼		576,000		620,000	
Weekly Beef Production***		485.6		▼		502.8		524.3	
Hide/Offal Value		11.89		▲		11.84		11.56	
Corn Price		4.70		▼		4.78		4.38	
*Average weight for previous week. **Total slaughter for previous week. ***Estimated year-to-date figure in million pounds for previous week.									

CATTLE FUTURES: CME Live Cattle							
	4/25	4/28	4/29	4/30	5/1	High*	Low*
Apr.	21425	21565	21703	21768	N/A	21768	16853
Jun.	20825	20960	21098	21100	21070	21100	16668
Aug.	20410	20533	20663	20613	20600	20663	17005
Oct.	20198	20313	20425	20348	20368	20368	18068

CATTLE FUTURES: CME Feeder Cattle							
	4/25	4/28	4/29	4/30	5/1	High*	Low*
May	29053	29180	29480	29415	29528	29528	21920
Aug.	29430	29495	29780	29695	29755	29780	22268
Sep.	29355	29408	29658	29560	29623	29658	22460
Oct.	29178	29220	29455	29340	29413	29455	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		23,363	1,478	220.71
Live FOB Heifer		9,803	1,351	220.79
Dressed Del Steer		10,286	977	349.21
Dressed Del Heifer		1,778	885	351.34
SAME PERIOD LAST WEEK				
Live FOB Steer		413	1,448	211.05
Live FOB Heifer		98	1,514	211.84
Dressed Del Steer		N/A	N/A	N/A
Dressed Del Heifer		N/A	N/A	N/A
SAME PERIOD LAST YEAR				
Live FOB Steer		9,845	1,359	181.94
Live FOB Heifer		6,789	1,272	181.90
Dressed Del Steer		221	992	290.00
Dressed Del Heifer		N/A	N/A	N/A

NATIONAL WEEKLY FED BEEF SLAUGHTER VOLUME: APRIL 27, 2025									
	Domestic			Imported					
Forward Contract	44,762			1,753					
Formula	237,478			0					
Negotiated Cash	73,775			152					
Negotiated Grid	33,273			639					
Packer Owned	9,836			N/A					
Total	399,124			2,544					

SLAUGHTER FORWARD CONTRACTS				FORWARD BEEF SALES			
Delivery Month				Neg. Sales 0-21 days		1,877	
Apr. '25		213,516		Neg. Sales 21+ days		823	
May '25		126,245		Formula sales		3,768	
Jun. '25		140,554		Forward contract sales		64	
Jul. '25		109,632		Domestic sales		5,712	
Aug. '25		117,026		NAFTA Exports		124	

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				204.65		+2.39			
Slaughter Heifers, mostly Choice & Select 1-3, 1200-1400 lbs				203.11		+2.53			
Ontario Auctions									
Slaughter Steers, mostly Choice & Select 1-3, 1300-1500 lbs				207.03		+0.42			
Slaughter Heifers, mostly Choice & Select 1-3, 1200-1400 lbs				205.30		+0.42			
Slaughter Cows, Cutter and Utility 1-3, 1100-1400 lbs				134.27		+4.10			
*Price comparison from one week ago.									

Average feeder cattle prices (CND) for week ending Tuesday, April 29, 2025				
Steers:	Alberta	Saskatchewan	Ontario	
501-600 lbs	390.56	389.88	378.44	
601-700 lbs	346.18	336.57	350.02	
701-800 lbs	312.13	309.11	332.28	
801-900 lbs	279.10	281.23	302.15	
Heifers:				
401-500 lbs	368.84	N/A	333.70	
501-600 lbs	344.51	347.09	336.29	
601-700 lbs	312.24	307.37	319.79	
701-800 lbs	284.19	294.33	289.84	

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
	4/21/2025	4/14/2025		
Feeders	23,654	13,907	179,106	465,406

USDA WEEKLY IMPORTED FEEDER CATTLE															
April 30, 2025															
Mexico to United States Feeder Cattle Import Summary															
Receipts EST: 5,300		Week Ago EST: 4,750		Year Ago Act: 10,100											
Santa Teresa, NM - Compared to Tuesday, steer calves and yearlings sold steady to 5.00 higher. Heifers traded steady to 5.00 higher. Trade active, demand good. Supply consisted of steers and spayed heifers weighing 500-800 lbs.					Douglas, AZ - Compared to Tuesday, steer calves and yearlings sold steady. Heifers steady. Trade active, demand good. Supply consisted of steers and spayed heifers weighing 500-800 lbs.										
Feeder heifers: Medium and large 1&2					Feeder heifers: Medium and large 1&2										
500-600 lbs		280-290			500-600 lbs		275-285								
600-700 lbs		255-265			600-700 lbs		255-265								
700-800 lbs		235-245			700-800 lbs		235-245								
Feeder steers: Medium and large 1&2					Feeder steers: Medium and large 1&2										
500-600 lbs		315-325			500-600 lbs		315-325								
600-700 lbs		275-285			600-700 lbs		270-280								
700-800 lbs		250-260			700-800 lbs		250-260								
(slide 10 cents on steers and heifers basis 300 lbs. All sales fob port of entry.)															

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	
April 25	6,531	332.92	252	355.15	1,257	338.35	1,900	333.08	661	318.02	2,462	297.20
April 18	6,889	332.08	284	356.93	1,311	338.72	2,160	331.16	573	316.52	2,562	293.68
April 11	6,596	336.53	260	359.76	1,380	342.53	1,944	334.48	641	317.57	2,370	300.29
April 4	6,658	336.28	267	364.08	1,385	341.31	2,004	336.49	621	317.22	2,382	298.58
Cutouts												
FED BOXED BEEF												
DATE	CHOICE		SELECT		COW BEEF CUTOUT		50% LEAN		90% LEAN			
May 1	343.17		324.28		290.55		119.27		374.68			
Apr. 30	345.31		322.02		290.89		107.83		N/A			
Apr. 29	348.26		323.82		291.22		113.94		374.71			
Apr. 28	342.77		325.12		290.71		109.44		373.85			
Apr. 25	336.48		320.11		295.50		117.08		380.92			

Selected Auctions										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	PAIRS									
									SLAUGHTER BULLS	REPLACEMENTS									
Noreport available Blackfoot, ID																			
April 24	Burley, ID	374	382-430 330	365-377	330-347 323-354	315-353 287-316	281-318 279		111-164 157-177										
Noreport available Emmett, ID																			
April 26	Eugene, OR	740	336-369* 280-385*	320-390* 280-377*	316-326* 270-330*	260-307* 220-296*	275-280* 220-276*		124-152 148-176	2,000-3,400 1,725-2,525									
April 28	Madras, OR	1,045	450-480 430-470	423-457 393-430	375-417 350-380	340-370 270-305	272-298 265-282	267-291 235-266	127-157 160-190	2,600-3,550									
Noreport available Vale, OR																			
April 29	Davenport, WA	440	297.50-340 352.50	275-359 202.50-347.50	160-357.50 152.50-344.50	225-345 245-317.50	135-290 137.50-270	150-278.50 160-260	80-227.50 142-237.50	2,900 2,350									
April 24	Toppenish, WA	2,515	439*	400	378-405*	270-366*	255-274*		142-200 171-184	4,100									

April 24	Orland, CA	1,449		300-435 280-410	300-380 280-345	250-334 230-296	230-323 210-287		125-153 135-188	2,500-3,800 2,000-3,075									
April 30	Escalon, CA	N/A							60-124 100-137										
April 28	Famoso, CA	705	280-400 250-334	280-396 250-355	300-360 250-335	250-310 225-265	230-260	220-258 210-251	90-190 125-160										
Noreport available Galt, CA																			
April 29	Turlock, CA	2,283	355-395	365-422.50 340-403	352-402.50 333-384	323-346 295-330	295-325 250-278	250-288 240-272	119-147.50 147-190										
Noreport available Salina, UT																			

April 28	Iowa	11,261	428-552.50 385-472.50	390-505 332.50-430	335-425 305-395	323-383 279-337.50	290-335 250-313	231-302.85 217.50-277.25	120-225 130-205										
April 29	Miles City, MT	898	360	370	365-402.50 350-360	289-320	309 300	302	137-162 145-197	2,700-3,400 2,700-3,000									
Noreport available Bassett, NE																			
April 26	Ericson, NE	2,520	460-480 400-455	426-460 377.50-397.50	387.50-417.50 337-370	337-376 291-325	299-338.50 275-287	288.25-309 262.25-273.50		3,350 2,275-3,225									
April 29	Imperial, NE	881	517.50	483 430	455 382.50	374-390 317	296	295-316.50 280.75	286.50-293.50 270.75-281										
Noreport available Kearney, NE																			
Noreport available Lexington, NE																			
April 24	Ogallala, NE	3,828	465-507.50 445-470	420-447 374-437.50	378-429 328-386	331-387 301-330.50	314.50-323.50 273-291	258-299.50 249.50-274.50											
April 24	Valentine, NE	2,855	482.50-495 380-412.50	432.50-444 377.50-415	379-426 332-367	336-363 295.50-361	311-338 269-340	281-309 251.50-299											
April 25	Herreid, SD	3,030	452.50 440	460 371-377.50	345-424 338-345	339-363 310-324	299-337.50 273-309	270.50-302 261.75-287.75											
April 30	Torrington, WY	3,971	470 401	467.50-472.50 387-401	382-420 360-387	369-380 319-360	299-337 282-314	280-399 262-284											

April 24	Willcox, AZ	1,031	450-500 399.50-417.50	425.50-500 357-420	406-480 341.50-422.50	325.50-415 307-350	293.50-335 267-300		105-145 147-170	3,300-3,750 2,250-2,450										
April 28	Colorado	876	600	500		390			104-197 151-225	2,950-4,050 2,775-3,400										
Noreport available La Junta, CO																				
April 28	Loma, CO	496	410-475 385-420	385-455 390-410	345-385 315-365	320-360 295-330	285-310 240-300	185-280 190-260	135-170 160-185	3,325-3,600 2,750-3,000										
April 30	Dodge City, KS	1,462	440-450 422-447.50	447.50-455 365-402.50	360-383 328.50	294-345 296.50-301	290-316 278-288	254-284.50 243.50-274	128.50-162.50 160-192	3,100-4,075 2,225-2,950										
April 24	Pratt, KS	3,834	455-517.50 422	380-427.50 354-405	350-404 312.50-356	284-366 273-312.50	281-324 262-279.50	256-311.75 219-269	140-168.50 152-197	2,500-3,500 2,250-2,875										
April 24	Salina, KS	2,711	535	450-510 415-500	410-465 340-424	362-414 340-372	325-372.50 292-331	251-298.50 258-284	245-298.50 245.75-266											
April 30	Clovis, NM	1,090	410-460 437-475	440-480 402-426	402-450 368-406	340-408 310-362	310-340 240-388	224-280 240-282.25	220-278 229.50-255	132-152 154.50-184.25	2,550-3,050 1,250-2,900									
April 29	El Reno, OK	1,163	560-590 460	450-510 360-400	400-470 360-400	372.50-410 300-390	320-375 270-335	310 265-275												
April 29	McAlester, OK	455	423-455 411-453	415-448 375-413	350-398 315-363	303-327 299-318	302-314 266-275	247 245-253	147-172 173-198	2,175-3,125 1,700-3,025										
April 29	Oklahoma City, OK	4,921	490-500 350-457.50	407-435 344-415	363-411 275-342.50	324-365 262-326	286-324 264-293	231-290 242-273												
April 25	Cuero, TX	1,386	450-550 409-465	371-504 369-430	355-420 326-400	327-386 294-364	302-330 274-316	274-311 232-280	150-174 158-190	2,200-2,450 1,900-2,450										
April 24	Dalhart, TX	1,252		410	382.50-439.50	315-377.50 299-332.50	318-329 270-317	288-314 253-265	237-285 220-268	121-158 113-186	2,325									
April 24	San Angelo, TX	672	465-480	425	365-410	328-338 320-335	310	240-258	115-145 142-180	2,150-2,900 1,600-2,475										
April 24	Tulia, TX	494		472		330-342		254	140-145 249-258											

Study finds influenza A antibodies not uncommon in US cattle

A large study to gauge how susceptible U.S. dairy and beef cattle are to influenza A viruses found that they are susceptible to human seasonal flu strains as well as swine influenza viruses, researchers based at the University of Missouri reported in mSphere.

It has been one year since

H5N1 avian flu was first confirmed in dairy cattle, which occurred in a herd from Texas.

The new study is part of an effort to flesh out the extent of previous influenza A infection in cattle. Until the H5N1 outbreak in U.S. dairy cows, cattle weren't typically considered a natural host of influ-

enza A viruses.

Using an enzyme-linked immunosorbent assay (ELISA) targeting the influenza A virus, the investigators tested 1,724 cattle blood samples collected from 15 states, though the majority were from Missouri, since January 2023. The samples were from more than 30 different cattle

breeds.

Overall, nearly 34% of the blood samples were seropositive for influenza A, including 78 samples from 2024, and 508 from 2023.

No H5N1 found

None of the samples were positive for H5N1 avian influ-

enza, which the group said was surprising. Positive samples were tested by hemagglutination inhibition (HI) assay, which revealed 45 were positive for 2009 H1N1 and H3N2 seasonal flu strains and swine H3N2 and H1N2 viruses. Some were positive for two or three of the influenza A viruses.

The seropositive samples were detected every month of the year, though the positivity rate was higher in the winter and spring. Both cattle sexes were affected, with no significant difference in the male and female cattle.

The group said the findings underscore the importance of monitoring influenza A in cattle, given that reassortment of viruses from different species can occur in cattle, which could lead to novel influenza A viruses that could pose a threat to animals or people.

More detections in other mammals

In H5N1 outbreak develop-

ments, the USDA Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) reported three more detections in dairy cattle, all from Idaho, raising the national total since March 2024 to 993 across 17 states.

Idaho has now reported 44 outbreaks, including nine in the past 30 days, as of March.

Also, APHIS recently reported 24 more H5N1 detections in mammals, including 11 in domestic cats. Most of the samples were collected in 2025.

The infections in domestic cats were reported from six states, including Colorado (2), Texas (4), Kansas (1), Oklahoma (1), California (1) and New York (1). Also, the virus was found in a bobcat from Connecticut.

New detections were reported in skunks from Colorado and Kansas, a red fox from Pennsylvania, three black bears from New Jersey, a house mouse from Indiana, and a bottlenose dolphin from Florida. — **University of Minnesota Extension**

Regional feeder cattle prices across the country

Cow-calf production is widespread across the country. According to the Cattle report for Jan. 1, the five largest beef cow states have 39.1% of the total beef cow herd but a total of 18 states have at least 2% of the total beef cow inventory.

The majority of calves move to the middle of the country as stocker or feeder cattle and are assembled into larger groups, culminating in relatively concentrated feedlots. The top five cattle feeding states have 71.9% of total cattle on feed. Most feeder cattle change hands at least once to as many as four or five times by the time they are finished in the feedlot.

Feeder cattle prices are the thread that connects and coordinates production and marketing between sectors

that frequently have no contact beyond market transactions.

Feeder cattle prices around the country reflect local supply and demand conditions and the economic process of moving cattle to the middle of the country where feedlot production is concentrated.

The average price of 500-pound, M/L, No. 1 steers for the first three weeks of April range from a high of \$410.01/cwt in Nebraska to a low of \$362.66/cwt in Mississippi, a spread of 11.5% from high to low. It is generally true that the highest feeder cattle prices will be in Nebraska with prices declining in all directions away from Nebraska.

The pattern for bigger feeder cattle is similar. Prices range from the Nebraska high of \$315.05/cwt, to the Missis-

sippi low of \$256.81/cwt. The spread from high to low is 18.5%. Most of the regional price differences are explained by the transportation costs to cattle feeding areas with the discounts bigger for heavy feeder cattle, which cost more (on a per head basis) to ship.

Feeder cattle markets reflect the economic principle of the "law of one price." This concept states that prices are equivalent when adjusted for differences in time, place and

form. Feeder cattle prices differ according to location, weight and other factors but reflect an underlying equilibrium due to arbitrage that occurs in feeder cattle markets between cow-calf and feedlot.

The stocker industry plays a critical role in this market arbitrage, providing time, place and form functions and production value for growing cattle. — **Derrell S. Peel, Oklahoma State University Extension livestock marketing specialist**

Boxed beef prices find their rally

MARKETS (from page 1)

more, which increases the percentage of yield grade 4s and 5s, has been the single most effective tool guaranteeing leverage for the cattle feeders," Fish said. "Therefore, the packer has no choice but to undershoot slaughter plans for Q2 as cattle outdates exceed the old norms."

Boxed beef prices climbed higher over the week. The Choice cutout gained more than \$12 to close at \$343.17, and the Select cutout gained about \$8 to close at \$324.28.

"An even bigger surprise than cash jumping \$6 bucks in a week is the wholesale beef market's struggle to keep up," Fish said. "Packers have sliced production five weeks in a row counting this week and it took until this week for the boxes to rally."

Feeder cattle

Feeder cattle futures were higher over the week. The May contract gained more than \$4 to close at \$293.22, and the August contract gained \$1.75 to close at \$294.45.

"As the market seems to be showing that it's finding some technical pressure, it's likely feeder cattle prices will still be able to remain strong, despite what the board is doing, given that we are only weeks away from turnout season to grass, and that supplies are so thin," Stewart said.

The CME Feeder Cattle Index was nearly \$7 higher to

close at \$295.77.

Corn futures were lower, down 13 cents on the May contract to \$6.64 and down 12 cents on the July contract to \$4.72.

Missouri: Joplin Regional Stockyards in Carthage sold 9,000 head on Monday. Compared to the last sale, feeder steers sold \$5-10 higher and feeder heifers sold steady to \$15 higher. Benchmark steers averaging 764 lbs. sold from \$292-325, averaging \$306.63.

Oklahoma: Oklahoma National Stockyards in Oklahoma City sold 4,900 head on Monday. Compared to a week earlier, feeder steers and steer calves sold \$5-10 higher. Feeder heifers sold \$7-13 higher. Heifer calves sold \$5-10 higher. Benchmark steers averaging 771 lbs. sold from \$286-313, averaging \$302.13.

South Dakota: Sioux Falls Regional in Worthing sold 3,500 head on Monday. Compared to the previous sale, feeder steers were too limited a week earlier to offer a full comparison, but higher undertones were noted for all weights. The best comparison of heifers was those over 750 lbs., which sold \$6-8 higher.

Wyoming: Torrington Livestock in Torrington sold 3,971 head on Wednesday. There were no trends noted as there was not a sale a week earlier. Several long strings of cattle were noted with sharply highly undertones. Benchmark steers averaging 765 lbs. sold from \$299-333, averaging \$315.66. — **Anna Miller, WLJ managing editor**

27TH ANNUAL FEATHER RIVER COLLEGE PRODUCTION HORSE SALE

PREVIEW: MAY 16TH SALE DAY: MAY 17TH 2025

📍 QUINCY, CA

3 & 4 year old mares and geldings available!!

SCAN THE LINK BELOW TO ACCESS THE HORSE SALE WEBPAGE!



Facebook.com/FRCHorseSale

@FRC_Equine

📞 530-283-0202 ext. 261 or 272



HORSES Sired BY:

ROWDY YANKEE

FROSTED METALLIC

SHOOTING FROM MEMORY

PRECIOUS METAL CAT

SDP BOY NAMED SUE

METAL TAX

KF SMART SUNDAY



ROWDY YANKEE
X
WISHIN FOR CHEX



KF SMART SUNDAY
X
FEELIN GROOVEY



METAL TAX
X
TARIS DIAMOND CUTTER

Hosted by: Feather River College ~ Auctioneer: Eric Duarte ~ Online Bidding: Liveauctions.tv

CLASSIFIED CORRAL

WESTERN LIVESTOCK JOURNAL

 WWW.WLJ.NET

 720-370-7977

 1-303-722-0155

 CLASSIFIED@WLJ.NET

CLASSIFIED ADVERTISING
GENERAL INFORMATION

ADVERTISING RATES
BY THE WORD: 90 cents per word for each insertion.
MINIMUM WORD RATE: 17 words or fewer, \$15.30 one time.
MAD RATES: (Bold headline) \$2 more per insertion for your phone number, email and/or website, plus first 2 or 3 words in bold print. (Applies to word ads only)
BOXED AND BOLD: (Boxed with bold text) \$5 more per insertion. (Applies to word ads only)
BLIND BOX AD: We will assign your confidential number and forward replies to you. **Cost is \$12 per 3 issues** for mail and handling service.
BOXED DISPLAY ADS: \$30 per column inch for each insertion.
MINIMAL ARTWORK: No additional charge.
BLACK AND WHITE PHOTO: \$10, LIMIT OF ONE.
COLOR PHOTO: \$35 EACH.
DISCOUNTS: 5% for running your ad 3 to 5 times; 10% for 6 times or more; up to 35% for 52 times.
SUGGESTION FOR CORRECT WORD COUNT: Be sure to include your name, address and phone number in the count, as well as all initials and abbreviations. Hyphenated words count as two.
TEARSHEETS: Available upon request only. Can be faxed or mailed.
CONDITIONS
EMPLOYMENT WANTED ADS: Must be paid in advance.
DEADLINE: Tuesday at 4:30 p.m. MT, the week prior to publication date. Newspaper is published on Mondays.
LIABILITY: Advertiser is liable for content of advertisement and any claims arising therefrom made against the publication.
Publisher is not responsible for errors in phoned-in copy. Publisher reserves the right to refuse any advertising not considered in keeping with the publication standards.
COMMISSIONS: Classified advertising is NOT agency commissionable.

CLASSIFIED INDEX

1..... Employment Wanted	20H..... Northeast Real Estate For Sale
2..... Help Wanted	20I..... Foreign Real Estate For Sale
3..... Situations Wanted	21..... Real Estate Wanted
4..... Distributors Wanted	22... Real Estate Rent/Lease/Trade
5..... Appraisers	23..... Pasture Available
6..... Auctions	24..... Pasture Wanted
7..... Auctioneers	25..... Mineral Rights
8..... Feedlots	26..... Hay/Feed/Seed
9..... Lost Cattle	27..... Irrigation
10..... Cattle for Sale	28..... Ag/Industrial Supplies
11..... Cattle Wanted	29..... Fencing/Corrals
12..... AI/Semen/Embryos	30..... Equipment For Sale
13..... Brands	31..... Equipment Wanted
14..... Dogs for Sale	32..... Building Materials
15..... Horses/Mules	33..... Trucks/Trailers
16..... Bison/Buffalo	34..... Tractors/Implements
17..... Sheep/Goats/Hogs	35..... Business Opportunity
18..... Livestock Supplies	36..... Loans
19..... Ranch/Livestock Services	37..... Insurance
20..... Real Estate Opportunities	38..... Financial Assistance
20A..... Pacific Real Estate For Sale	39..... Tech/Books/Art/Etc.
20B . Intermountain Real Estate For Sale	40..... Miscellaneous
20C..... Mountain Real Estate For Sale	41..... Lost/Found
20D Southwest Real Estate For Sale	42..... Personal
20E..... Plains Real Estate For Sale	43..... Schools
20F..... Midwest Real Estate For Sale	44..... Auctioneering Schools
20G..... Southeast Real Estate For Sale	

CLASSIFIED CORRAL

720-370-7977 • Fax: 303-722-0155
www.wlj.net • classified@wlj.net

DO NOT PHONE IN RESPONSES TO BLIND BOX ADS.
ADVERTISERS' NAMES AND LOCATIONS ARE CONFIDENTIAL.
INCLUDE THE AD DEPARTMENT NUMBER IN YOUR EMAIL
RESPONSE OR ON YOUR ENVELOPE AND YOUR REPLY WILL BE
PROMPTLY FORWARDED.



2FOR1 PLACE A CLASSIFIED
AD, SEE IT IN PRINT
& ONLINE

CLASSIFIED ADS WORK!
www.wlj.net

Call & schedule your classified
ad today!
720-370-7977

classified@wlj.net
303-722-0155 Fax

Cattle
For Sale10

Excellent selection of Angus bulls for sale.
AI-sired from proven cow families.
Westwind Angus
(530) 736-0727

CATTLE FOR SALE
Top quality registered Angus bulls. AI bloodlines, reasonably priced.
Tara Farms, Orland, CA.
Joel: (530) 865-3600

REGISTERED TEXAS
LONGHORNS FOR SALE IN
CALIFORNIA
Fire prevention on the hoof. Brush clearing cattle. Big horns, many colors, socialized and easy to handle. Famous pedigrees, fun to show, raise and decorate your pastures. Beefy for cross breeding too.
Westhaven Ranch
Tel: 209-274-9917
Email: swestmoore@gmail.com
www.westhavenlonghorns.com



ANGUS BULLS
Emmett, ID
(208) 880-0717
cattleandsheep.com

150 Bulls For Sale
Home of 2 Bar Twenty X
2 Bar Angus Hereford, Texas
806/344-7444
877/2BAR-ANG
www.2barangus.com

Livestock
Supplies18

POWDER RIVER
LIVESTOCK EQUIP.
Best prices with delivery available.
Conlin Supply Co., Inc.
Oakdale, CA
Ask for Larry or Albert
209/847-8977

Real Estate
Pacific20A



Idaho Ranch
\$30,000,000
SALE PENDING



Buying or Selling?
Call today!
(208) 345-3163
knipeland.com

Visit
www.wlj.net
today!

Pasture
Available23

SUMMER CATTLE PASTURE
FOR RENT.
100 PAIR. LASSEN COUNTY,
CA.
HM = (530) 294-1203
CELL = (530) 260-3466

Pasture
Wanted24

Ranch lease wanted for pairs. 2025 and beyond. Up to 1500 pairs but would consider smaller deals. Anywhere in the western states. Full care or our care
(541) 377-3942

Irrigation27



HDPE PIPE for Ranch Water Systems
Fair Prices - Good Service - Rancher Owned
DELIVERY THROUGHOUT THE WEST
CALL TODAY: 775-657-1815

Ag/Industrial
Supplies28

NEW & USED PIPE
Saw Cut Post, used sucker rod, used guard rail.
Conlin Supply Company, Inc
Call Larry (209) 847-8977
Delivery available.

STAY UP TO DATE



Real Estate
Plains20E

Real Estate
Plains20E

Real Estate
Plains20E

LAND FOR LEASE



For Lease: 2,820 ACRES OF GOOD FARMLAND and Base,
FENCED, with water

in Broadview Montana,
less than an hour from Billings, Montana,
@ \$85,000.00/ANNUALLY

Owned by: **TONY RECTOR (702) 202-0339**
tonykemp@aol.com

Legal Description: All in TWP, 4 North, Range 21 East

Real Estate
Mountain20C

Real Estate
Mountain20C



SALES | AUCTIONS | FINANCE
MANAGEMENT | APPRAISALS
Dedicated to Land and Landowners Since 1946

TWO FURROW RANCH
COHAGEN, MONTANA

Quality eastern Garfield County grass ranch available for the first time in fifty years. This 8,800± acre ranch represents an excellent mix of native and improved pasture, pipelines, stock water, and improvements. It is comprised of 5,700± deeded acres plus BLM and state leases.

OFFERED AT \$4,625,000

Contact: Wes Oja | wes@hallandhall.com

WWW.HALLANDHALL.COM | INFO@HALLANDHALL.COM | 406.656.7500

Real Estate
Southwest20D

Real Estate
Southwest20D

Scott Land Company, LLC

RANCH & FARM REAL ESTATE
We need your listings on any types of ag properties in TX, NM, OK & CO.

NE NEW MEXICO – 1,120± ac. on pvmt. & on county roads, irrigated by ¼ mile pivot sprinklers, wells & underground pipe. One ¼ section in grass.

APACHE FEEDERS - UNION CO., NM – Just out of Clayton, a large feedyard w/four circles irrigated by ¼ mile sprinklers, five irr. wells, one domestic well for office & feedyard & just across the hwy. an 800 ac. grass lease.

QUAY COUNTY ALFALFA AND LIVESTOCK – 255,474 ± acres a few miles southeast of Tucumcari, NM in Quay County. A total of 112.3± acres irrigated, 107± acres of native grassland, and 40± acres of dry farmland is combined with a 20' x 80' shop with concrete flooring and electricity.

TELL TX HALF SECTION – 320± acres just a few miles south of Tell, TX on the northern end of Cottle County. With the majority of the ranch being native pasture, it lends itself to grazing opportunities, hunting or recreational use. Along with perimeter and interior fencing, a 60± acre portion of the property is tilled ground.

www.scottlandcompany.com • 800-933-9698 day/eve
Ben G. Scott – Broker • Krystal M. Nelson – NM QB

Wagon Wheel Ranch to receive CO Leopold Conservation Award

Wagon Wheel Ranch of Yuma, CO, has been selected as the recipient of the 2025 Colorado Leopold Conservation Award.

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

The Kenny and Jody Rogers family are cattle ranchers and owners of Wagon Wheel Ranch in Yuma and Washington counties. They will be presented with the award in June at the Colorado Cattlemen's Association's Annual Convention. They receive \$10,000 for being selected.

In Colorado, the award is presented annually with Colorado Cattlemen's Association, Colorado Cattlemen's Agricultural Land Trust, USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service, American AgCredit, CoBank, Farm Credit of Southern Colorado and Premier Farm Credit.

Given in honor of renowned conservationist Aldo Leopold, the award recognizes farmers, ranchers, and

forestland owners who inspire others with their dedication to environmental improvement.

The Rogers family is the hub of the aptly named Wagon Wheel Ranch. Kenny Rogers humbly acknowledges being the latest spoke in a long line of ranchers who have worked in concert with the landscape. He likens the grit of his ancestors to early homesteaders who weathered storms, both literal and figurative, and were determined to remain on the land caring for cattle.

"Their stamp on the operation cannot be overlooked," Kenny said. "Enough credit may never be given to those early generations."

"It required years of trial and error, expansion when possible, and careful nurturing what assets, land, and animals we had, to arrive where we are today," he added.

When it was Kenny and his wife, Jody's, turn to take over Wagon Wheel Ranch's day-to-day operations from his parents, Francis and Mary Rogers, they were spread thin between raising crops and

cattle. Considering the labor needs and soaring costs of inputs and equipment to grow irrigated crops, they opted to focus on raising purebred Angus cattle. Leasing their farmland allowed them to better manage their cattle and grassland.

Today, multiple herds are rotationally grazed on 1,959 acres cross-fenced into 10 paddocks (ranging in size from 150 acres to 260 acres), with a corral and water tank at the center. Cattle walk less than a mile to get water from any location.

The Rogers family has long utilized a "take half, leave half" approach to grazing the fragile soils prevalent on their ranch. In 2023, they received assistance from the Natural Resources Conservation Service to improve their grazing plan. The plan's rotational grazing system allows for proper distribution of cattle and ample rest time to aid the health and vigor of grasses. An adaptive drought contingency plan considers plant height, and local rainfall and moisture levels, when making grazing management decisions.

Wagon Wheel Ranch's stocking rates have always been under the industry standard to maintain high quality forages. The significant amounts of grass left over after cattle have grazed a paddock is attributed to an increase in deer, pronghorn, and grassland and upland birds found on the ranch.

Kenny and Jody ranch with their son, Jace, daughter, Hollie, son-in-law, Jerrod Massey, and grandsons, Mason and Carter.

The Rogers family enrolled highly erodible former crop fields and grasslands into the federal Conservation Reserve Program (CRP). The seed package they chose when planting grasses for

CRP contained native plants that benefit wildlife. Although the CRP payment is less than potential income from crops, they say the net positive in terms of conservation is immeasurable.

To conserve water in the Ogallala Aquifer, the Rogers family upgraded the nozzles on the center irrigation pivot they use to grow livestock forage. It led to a 15% reduction in their water usage.

The positive impacts of the Wagon Wheel Ranch stretch beyond the landscape and community of Yuma County. Kenny was a founding board member of the North American Weed Management Association, and past president of its Colorado affiliate.

Kenny's peers credit him with being a stalwart leader for the agriculture industry and having a knack for gently guiding young ranchers toward finding and incorporating their own best conservation practices.

"These award recipients are examples of how Aldo Leopold's land ethic is alive and well today," said Kevin McAleese, Sand County Foundation President and CEO. "Their dedication to conservation is both an inspiration to their peers as well as a reminder to all how important thoughtful agriculture is to clean water, healthy soil, and wildlife habitat." — **Sand County Foundation**



SALE CALENDAR

Sale Calendar is a service to our advertisers. There is a minimum advertising requirement to be eligible to be listed in the Sale Calendar. Contact your fieldman for more information or to have your date added to the Sale Calendar. We will only run auction sale dates or private treaty start dates.

ALL BREEDS

Jun. 21 – Visalia Livestock Market, Female Sale, Visalia, CA
Aug. 2 – Turlock Livestock, Female Sale, Turlock, CA
Aug. 9 – Cattlemen's Livestock Market, Female Sale, Galt, CA
Aug. 23 – Mobile Cattle Marketing, Bred Cow & Pair Sale, Petaluma, CA

ANGUS

May. 10 – Queen Ann Cattle, Bull Sale, Loma, CO
May. 17 – Western Summit,

Female Sale, Galt, CA
May. 22 – Dixie Valley Angus, Female Sale, Online
Jun. 28 – Baldridge Performance Angus, Female Sale, North Platte, NE
Jul. 24 – Stellpflug Cattle Company, Female Sale, Guernsey, WY
Sep. 4 – Vintage Angus Ranch, Bull Sale, La Grange, CA
Sep. 5 – Byrd Cattle Co., Bull & Female Sale, Los Molinos, CA
Sep. 6 – Parnell's Dunipace Angus w/ Bar KJ Angus, Bull Sale, Farmington, CA
Sep. 7 – Heritage Bull Sale, Wilton, CA
Sep. 9 – O'Neal Ranch, Bull Sale, Madera, CA
Sep. 10 – Teixeira Cattle, Bull Sale, Pismo Beach, CA
Sep. 11 – Donati Ranch Bull Sale, Oroville, CA
Sep. 12 – Tehama Angus Ranch, Bull Sale, Gerber, CA

HEREFORD

Jul. 24 – Stellpflug Cattle Company, Female Sale, Guernsey, WY
Sep. 8 – Genoa Livestock, Bull Sale, Minden, NV

RED ANGUS

May. 8 – Koenig Ranch Reds, Bull Sale, Glasgow, MT

STABILIZER

May. 15 – Leachman Cattle \$Ranch, Bull Sale, Meriden, WY

HORSE

May. 17 – Feather River College, Horse Sale, Quincy, CA
May. 24 – Full House Horse Sale, Newcastle, WY
Jun. 7 – Ranchers Horse Sale, Juntura, OR
Jun. 14 – Shelman Family Horse Sale, Burns, OR
Jun. 28 – Fort Ranch, Foal Sale, Promontory, UT
Jul. 12 – High Desert Quarter Horse Sale, Redmond, OR



SALE REPORT

CURRENT CREEK ANGUS RANCH PRODUCTION SALE
April 29, Miles City, MT
41 Angus bulls \$6,226
8 Red Angus bulls 5,125
2 SimAngus bulls 4,500

7 Commercial pairs 3,225
10 Commercial open heifers 2,100
Auctioneer: Collin Gibbs

TOPS: 44 Midnight 38L, 4/23/2023 by RAF
Midnight 2032; to Denny Livestock, Busby, MT,

\$9,250. CCAR Bronc M236, 4/23/2024 by OA
Bronc 886; to Allan Mathiason, Fallon, MT,
\$8,500. CCAR Hobson M317, 5/2/2024 by CAR
Hobson; to Clyde Crawford, Baker, MT,
\$7,750. — DEVIN MURNIN



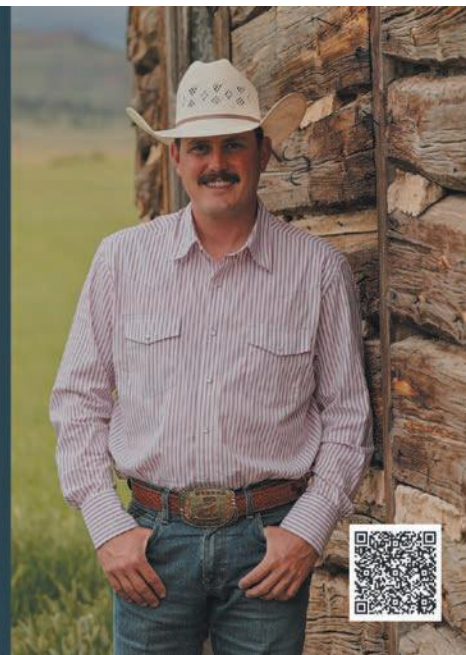
IT'S MORE THAN RANCHES, IT'S RELATIONSHIPS

Western Ranch Brokers welcomes fourth-generation Montanan and cattle rancher Ken Gaskill to the team.

If you're thinking of buying or selling a Montana ranch, find out how Ken's experience and knowledge can go to work for you.

KEN GASKILL
 Ranch Sales
 (406) 853-6752
 KEN@WRBRANCHES.COM

WESTERNRANCHBROKERS.COM



CLASSIFIED CORRAL

WESTERN LIVESTOCK JOURNAL

Equipment For Sale 30

Loans 36

Schools 43

VIRDEN Perma-BILT

We manufacture tank coating for concrete, rock or steel tanks:

Call for our free catalog.

Virden Perma Bilt Co.
 806-352-2766
 Amarillo, TX

www.virdenproducts.com

RATES AS LOW AS 5.5%!
 Business & Financial Consulting.
Designed for the Farmer/Rancher
 (Not the Banker)
www.agrionefinancial.com
303-773-3545
 You Call Steve, I'll Come to You.

AGRI-one Financial

2 for 1

Place a classified ad, see it in print and online!

Your ad runs free on our website.

Call today!

GET THOROUGH PRACTICAL TRAINING IN:

Pregnancy testing—A.I. herd health—calf delivery and care. Many additional subjects.

CATTELMEN

Our business is to help you improve your business.

Learn more by working with live animals under expert supervision.

GRAHAM SCHOOL, INC.
 641 W. Hwy 31 Garnett, KS 66032
785/448-3119
www.grahamschoolforcattlemen.com
Over 100 years of continuous service

CLM Cattlemen's LIVESTOCK MARKET

- WEEKLY SALE EVERY WEDNESDAY -

CLM REPRESENTATIVES

Jake Parnell.....	916-662-1298
George Gookin.....	209-482-1648
Rex Whittle.....	209-996-6994
Mark Fischer.....	209-768-6522
Kris Gudel.....	916-208-7258
Steve Bianchi.....	707-484-3903
Jason Dailey.....	916-439-7761
Brett Friend.....	510-685-4870
Tod Radelfinger.....	775-901-3332
Bowdy Griffen.....	530-906-5713

AUCTION MARKET

Address.....	12495 Stockton Blvd., Galt, CA
Office.....	209-745-1515
Fax.....	209-745-1582
Website/Market Report.....	www.clmgalt.com
Web Broadcast.....	www.lmauctions.com

WEDNESDAY WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Butcher Cows.....	8:30am
Cow-Calf Pairs/Bred Cows.....	11:30am
Feeder Cattle.....	12pm

SPECIAL AMADOR ELDORADO SACRAMENTO COUNTY CATTELMEN'S FEEDER SALE

MONDAY, MAY 19 & MONDAY, JUNE 9

ALSO FEATURING CONSIGNMENTS FROM CONTRA COSTA, ALAMEDA, SAN JOAQUIN, STANISLAUS, MADERA, FRESNO, KINGS, TAHOE, SONOMA, MARIN & OTHER LOCAL CATTELMEN'S ASSOCIATIONS.

PROUDLY SELLING FOR & CONTRIBUTING BACK TO LOCAL CATTELMEN'S ASSOCIATIONS FOR OVER 40 YEARS!

SPECIAL CATTELMEN'S FEEDER SALES

- WEDNESDAYS -

MAY 7	JUNE 18
MAY 28	JULY 9

UPCOMING WESTERN VIDEO MARKET SALES

CALL NOW TO CONSIGN TO THESE WVM SALES.

MAY 22 - COTTONWOOD, CA
 CONSIGN BY MAY 14

JUNE 13 - COTTONWOOD, CA
 CONSIGN BY JUNE 4

PLEASE CONTACT JAKE OR ANY CLM REP FOR PROPER VACCINATION PROTOCOLS.



Tag! We're It

Allflex ID tags work harder for you. A tool kit of sizes, colors, and types serve the unique ways you sort, manage, and market your cattle. Showcase your herd with the industry's leading tags in quality, retention, and durability. Available as blanks, prenumbered, or customized with a unique management number, Allflex has a solution for all the unique ways you manage your cattle.

It All Starts With A Tag.

www.allflexusa.com
Copyright ©2024 Merck & Co., Inc., Rahway, NJ, USA and its affiliates. All rights reserved.

