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A LOOK BACK IN HISTORY

"Livestock prices continued their downward course during most of August and as the month closed new low prices in several years were uncovered on some classes. Most pressure has come on bovine stock for supplies have been very liberal. However, hog prices also declined toward the close for the first of the spring pigs were beginning to show up at Eastern markets," wrote Bob Skau in his September 1952 market report.

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USFWS asks court to remove gray wolf protections

— Appeals district court ruling

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service

(USFWS) submitted an appeal to a federal appeals court to remove protections for gray wolves in the Lower 48 states. If granted, wolves

would be managed by individual states.

In documents filed Sept. 13 with the 9th Circuit Court of Appeals,

USFWS requested the court appeal the 2022 decision by a California district court that blocked a Trump-era rule to remove Endangered Species Act (ESA) protections for wolves. The court ruled to keep wolves listed as endangered in 44 states, keep wolves in Minnesota listed as threatened and delist wolves in Montana, Idaho, Wyoming, eastern Oregon, eastern Washington and north-central Utah.

"After (a) thorough analysis, the Service concluded that no configuration of gray wolves was threatened or endangered in all or a significant portion of its range," the agency wrote in the appeal. "That analysis was well-reasoned and well-supported by the administrative record."

USFWS continued that if the court disagreed, it could remand the matter back to the agency, but the court should "correct the district court's misunderstanding of both the ESA and the role of a reviewing court under the Administrative Procedure Act."

The agency noted the appeal is, at its core, whether the purpose of



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The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service has appealed a court's decision to block a Trump-era rule to delist gray wolves in the Lower 48 states. Pictured here, a pack of wolves in the western U.S.

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Feds lose Idaho water rights case

— Forfeiture laws in question

A U.S. judge ruled against the Department of Justice (DOJ), blocking its attempt to prevent Idaho from enforcing laws that let ranchers take control of water rights held by the federal government for public lands used for livestock grazing.

In a decision issued Aug. 28, Chief U.S. District Court Judge David C. Nye for the District of Idaho rejected the request to block the forfeiture laws, which establish that unused water rights are forfeited after five years of non-use.

The federal government and its agencies can set aside water to support lands to be used for a particular purpose, such as livestock grazing.

In 2007, the Idaho Supreme Court held that a rancher could establish a water right on federal land for livestock if the rancher had authority to access the land for grazing and that Bureau of Land Management (BLM) must put water to beneficial use itself to establish ownership.

In a 2022 suit, the DOJ challenged Idaho's laws as unconstitutionally interfering with the government's water rights.

Two of the challenged statutes are procedural and apply to all water rights holders. One statute establishes that unused rights are forfeited after five years of non-use, while the other sets the procedures to follow to initiate divestment for unused rights.

Nye wrote that the laws treat the federal government no differently

CA judge rules against water board on pumping

— Said board exceeded authority

Kings County, CA, farmers have received temporary relief from potential state-mandated water restrictions after a judge halted the state's decision to designate the Tulare Lake subbasin as probationary. Superior Court Judge Kathy Ciuffini issued a preliminary injunction, ruling the California State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) overstepped its authority and imposed unlawful demands on local water managers.

"Being granted the preliminary injunction is a monumental win for Kings County Farm Bureau and California agriculture," Dusty Ference, executive director of Kings County Farm Bureau (KCFB), said in a statement. "Receiving today's ruling highlights the validity of our

claims and showcases our likelihood to win in court in the future."

KCFB filed suit in May, seeking relief from the water board's regulations requiring reporting and fees for groundwater extraction of 500 acre-feet (an acre-foot is 325,851 gallons) or greater.

Background

In April, SWRCB declared the Tulare Lake subbasin in Kings County as "probationary" under the authority given to the agency under the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA). The declaration required farmers to install meters before July 15, pay a \$300 fee per well and \$20 per acre-foot of water pumped. Farmers who failed to file on time also faced a 25% late fee and a \$500/day fine.

According to court documents,

farmers reported receiving a letter from SWRCB about the metering requirements in late May and June, making it difficult to comply with the regulations by the deadline.

On July 10, KCFB filed a request for a temporary restraining order, stating that the board improperly designated the Tulare Basin as probationary and failed to provide adequate notice to comply with the regulations. KCFB further said installing meters would require farmers to take their wells offline during the irrigation season, and the process could take months, subjecting them to fines.

Ciuffini ruled in favor of KCFB, writing that the harm would be substantial if an injunction were not issued, and the water board had not shown the regulations caused no harm.

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Cattle futures move above the 40-day average

Cattle futures traded above their 40-day moving average, buoyed by outside economic factors and the potential for steady to higher cash trade as packers and feedlot managers go head-to-head.

Live cattle futures were higher, with the October contract up \$1.83 to \$179.85 and the December contract up \$2.52 to \$181.12.

"The spot December contract is currently trading above its 40-day moving average, which has been a resistance point from which traders have mostly shied away from since the equity meltdown early in August," ShayLe Stewart, DTN livestock analyst, wrote in her midday comments on Thursday. "The market's 40-day moving average will continue to be a threshold worth monitoring as closes above that price point signal bullishness but closed beneath that point signal market skepticism and some fear."

Cash trade was light, with about 6,000 head sold. Live steers sold for \$182, and dressed steers sold for \$288.

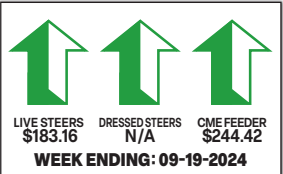
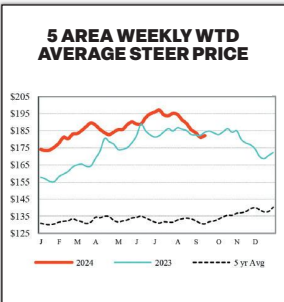
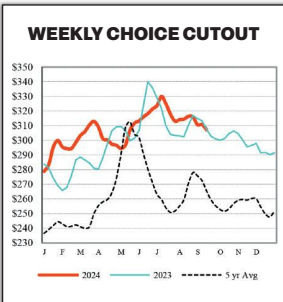
Cash trade for the week ending Sept. 15 totaled 61,496 head. Live steers averaged \$182.60, and dressed steers averaged \$290.63.

"The futures rally has emboldened cattle feeders who will be doing all possible to force cash prices higher after gains

last week in the North," Cassie Fish, market analyst, wrote on Thursday for The Beef. "Cash prices in the last two weeks have been their cheapest since February, but many believe this is the beginning of the Q4 rally. Cattle-on-Feed data suggests fed cattle supplies are adequate for Q4, but bullishness prevails."

Slaughter through Thursday is estimated to be 493,000 head, 8,000 head above the prior week. Total slaughter for last week is estimated at 620,000 head. Actual slaughter for the week ending Sept. 7 was 547,805 head. The average steer dressed weight was 941 lbs., 8 lbs. above the prior week.

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COMMENTS

New names, faces in our rural arena

The cattle industry and markets have been as strong as expected over the last two years. Yes, we have seen pressure spots along the way that cause a ripple or mild concern, but folks, it's still really good. Now, for the seedstock and purebred business, we all expected this fall bull sale season to kick off with a bang. It's absolutely been a complete firework show, exceeding all expectations as producers ante up to make their next generation of calves bigger, better and more storied. I know the bull market typically goes hand in hand with the feeder market, like the old saying goes: "four to five calves to a bull purchase." But then you add in the high-yielding cull bull market we saw late spring and summer and it opened the door that much more for you to trade up in quality for fresher genetics and more years of breeding use, and gain value-added market access.



PATTERSON

It has been a ride the last 12 days of purebred bull sales, from the first bull offered in California to kick off the season bringing \$420,000 to a young progressive Angus operation in Oklahoma. The next day we sold a paternal brother for \$300,000. So far, we have sold five bulls for more than \$50,000, and about six more sold for more than \$30,000. All these purchases are fellow purebred breeders excited to add the next promotional piece to their herd bull battery. Now, to the core group, the commercial cattlemen, we have sold nearly 1,400 bulls thus far in 13 sales to average just shy of \$8,300.

I would say, boy it's as good as it gets! So hats off to you all. Thank you for being astute producers, valuing elite progressive genetics, supporting *WLJ* customers and doing business with our local and trusted seedstock producers over the years. It means the world to all of us and helps our ranching communities' connectivity as our rural arena continues to change with new names and faces.

In recent years, the American ranching landscape has undergone quite a shift that demands our attention. Traditional, family-owned cattle operations—the backbone of rural communities—are increasingly being squeezed out by corporate conglomerates and new landowners. This consolidation isn't just a business trend; it raises profound questions about the future of agriculture, the vitality of local economies and the preservation of our rural heritage.

Family ranches have long been more than just businesses. They embody a way of life rooted in generations of tradition, stewardship and community. These ranchers have a deep understanding of the land and its ecosystems, honed through years of practice and a personal investment in their communities. When these operations are supplanted by corporate interests, we lose more than just local jobs; we lose a critical connection to our rural identity and values.

The rise of corporate ranching often means a focus on maximizing profits rather than nurturing the land. Large companies may prioritize efficiency over sustainability, using industrial practices that can lead to environmental degradation. This shift is alarming, especially in an era when climate change and ecological preservation are at the forefront of global concerns. Sustainable ranching practices not only protect our natural resources but also support local biodiversity—something that large, profit-driven entities often overlook.

Moreover, the economic impact on local communities is significant. Family-run ranches contribute to rural economies in unique ways, supporting local businesses and providing employment opportunities. When these ranches disappear, local economies can suffer, leading to a ripple effect that diminishes the quality of life for residents. Small-town cafes, supply stores and service providers that rely on ranchers as customers may find themselves struggling to survive in a landscape dominated by corporate giants.

But there is hope. Many consumers are becoming more aware of where their food comes from and are willing to support local farmers and ranchers. Initiatives promoting farm-to-table practices and local food sourcing are gaining traction. This consumer shift can bolster family-owned operations and help revive the rural economy. Additionally, policies that support sustainable agriculture and provide resources for family ranchers can make a tangible difference in leveling the playing field.

As we look to the future of American ranching, it's essential to recognize the value of family-owned operations, not just for their economic contributions but for their role in preserving the rich tapestry of our rural heritage. We must advocate for a balanced approach that supports these vital operations and ensures a sustainable, equitable future for our agricultural landscape. The choices we make today will shape the rural communities of tomorrow, and it's time to prioritize the voices that have long been the heartbeat of America's heartland.

Salute to our continued fellowship and tri-tip lunches this fall on the California bull sale run. — **JARED PATTERSON**

 GUEST OPINION

In my family, as I'm sure for many of you, fall means harvest season and football season. Where I'm from, you can't help but be a Georgia Bulldog fan. No matter who you root for, though, you want a fair game where each team has the opportunity to win.

But, imagine for a moment what would happen if your team was expected to take the field without being given the rules. And it doesn't stop there: the referees wouldn't share that important information even when the coaches and players ask. The chances of your team winning under those circumstances would be near impossible.

Of course, this idea seems absurd, because it is. But this is exactly what farmers and ranchers are facing every day with the Waters of the United States (WOTUS) rule implementation guidelines. Let me explain.

In 2023, the Supreme Court unanimously ruled in *Sackett v. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)* that the current administration overstepped its bounds in its WOTUS rule, specifically in the use of the “significant nexus test” which determines whether waterways can be federally regulated.

The Supreme Court ruled the government must follow the “relatively permanent” test. As the name suggests, only waterways that flow for most of the year and are connected to traditional interstate navigable waters can be regulated. The WOTUS rule was revised, and the latest rule went into effect in September 2023. Instead of providing clarity for clean water, however, farmers and ranchers were subjected to an even more vague and confusing rule. Ignoring the intent of the Supreme Court ruling, EPA expanded its definition of relatively permanent, incorrectly putting even more waterways under federal jurisdiction.

Adding to the confusion, EPA has never shared new implementation guidelines with farmers. That means farmers and ranchers are expected to follow the rules without actually knowing what the rules are. This has created an endless guessing game when it comes to fol-

 GUEST OPINION

Beef country is in my blood. My wife and I live in Amarillo now, but I grew up near Benjamin in north-central Texas on my grandfather's cow-calf and stocker operation. After graduating from Texas A&M in 1998, I went to work in the feedyards just to learn more about the beef industry and ended up making a career with Five Rivers Cattle Feeding. Today, in addition to working at Five Rivers, I also manage my portion of the family's dryland wheat and grass stocker operation with a business partner.

One thing I've learned over my years in this industry is that there is a need for producers to stand up and let their voices be heard. As the current vice chair of the Cattlemen's Beef Board (CBB), I'm able to help represent all phases of the industry, from cow-calf to cattle feeder, using my experience to help promote beef. I try to talk with producers all over the country—generational or new to the business—and understand their points of view.

When those producers learn about my role on the CBB, we often end up discussing the Beef Checkoff. We ask you to invest your hard-earned money to advance the entire beef industry, so many of you want to share your opinions about the Checkoff and its value. Lately, I've been referring producers to the results of the recent independent, third-party return on investment (ROI) study.

Every five years, all U.S. commodity boards commission an independent study to evaluate their programs' effectiveness, a requirement of the USDA's Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS) oversight of these programs. Even if the CBB wasn't required to commission this study, this information is essential. You wouldn't invest money without expecting—and deserving—updates on your investment's performance. Checkoff investments should be no different.

Released in early July, the latest ROI study, conducted by Dr. Harry Kaiser of Cornell University, found that each dollar invested in national Beef Checkoff demand-driving activities from 2019 to 2023 positively impacted domestic beef demand and U.S. beef exports. In fact, it

WHAT'S EPA HIDING IN ITS CLEAN WATER REGULATIONS?

lowing clean water regulations. And, if you do unknowingly break the law, you face a fine of up to \$64,000 per day and possible jailtime.

All of this has created long delays in approved jurisdictional determinations (AJD), which are required before land improvements can move forward. An AJD is also required before a home can be built, or roads can be expanded. One year after the latest WOTUS rule, many applications have yet to be processed.

Every time we ask for clear guidelines, we are met with more vague answers. It became so bad that the Waters Advocacy Coalition, which the American Farm Bureau Federation (AFBF) is a member of, filed a Freedom of Information Act request to get access to the government's official implementation guidelines. What we received was more than a thousand pages of documents, with almost all of the pertinent information blacked out. Page after page of redacted information. This isn't transparency, and it only sets up America's farmers and ranchers to fail.

Let me be clear, America's farmers are dedicated to doing the right thing by protecting the natural resources they've been entrusted with and keeping our water clean. Our farms aren't just another workplace for us. We live on the land we farm, and we raise our families on this land. We can't be expected to play by the rules, though, when the federal government refuses to let us know what those rules are.

So now we're left with a question—why is EPA hiding the critical information farmers need to ensure they are in compliance with the latest WOTUS rule? Finding an answer to that is just as impossible as finding WOTUS implementation guidelines. America's job creators, including farmers, small businesses, and road and home-builders all remain in the dark. Our government can do better. It must do better to ensure we can continue to keep our food supply strong while protecting our natural resources. — **Zippy Duvall, AFBF president**

CHECKOFF ROI STUDY PROVES VALUE, SETS BENCHMARK

created a total financial benefit of \$13.41 for producers and importers who paid into the program.

Dr. Kaiser's analysis also examined what beef demand would have been over the past five years without investments in the national Beef Checkoff. The study found that total domestic beef demand would have been 8.5% lower per year, steer prices would have been 7.8% lower per year and U.S. export beef demand would have been 11.5% lower. All in all, the national Beef Checkoff added an incremental \$3.3 billion to the beef industry in 2023 alone. That \$3.3 billion also had positive indirect effects by adding \$4.1 billion to the U.S. economy and generating a nearly \$9.5 billion increase in the U.S. GDP.

CBB's hope is that the study's findings will give more producers confidence in the Beef Checkoff and help you all trust that we're spending your money wisely. We want producers to know that by investing our national Check-off dollars into bigger and better demand-driving promotional, research and educational programs, we're creating opportunities to increase overall revenue for those who pay into the program, which can lead to greater financial benefits for everyone involved over time.

But the value of the ROI study doesn't end there. The CBB takes this data very seriously, and while a return of \$13.41 sounds great, we want to do even better. The ROI study isn't simply a platform for the CBB and the national Beef Checkoff to rest upon. It gives us information that we can use, in coordination with organizational long-term goals and the strategic initiatives of the Beef Industry Long Range Plan, to help shape current and future national Beef Checkoff programs.

As we move into the last few months of fiscal year 2024 and begin allocating national Beef Checkoff program funds for fiscal year 2025, the ROI study's data will be a tool to help make the best possible decisions on behalf of beef producers and importers—with the goal that those decisions will continue to propel the industry forward.—**Ryan Moorhouse, Amarillo, TX, vice chair of CBB**



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CED	BW	WW	YW	MARB	REA	\$M	\$W	\$F	\$G	\$B	\$C
4	2.8	97	170	1.31	1.41	109	98	147	91	238	418

Vintage Rita 4159 is a direct daughter of the \$480,000 valued Paf Rita 7096 the dam of the \$170,000 Gettysburg with over 1 million in progeny sales. Check out her \$M and \$C as she sets a new standard for 7096 daughters.



Vintage Rita 3507 • Reg 20719519

CED	BW	WW	YW	MARB	REA	\$M	\$W	\$F	\$G	\$B	\$C
8	1.7	100	167	1.43	1.14	95	103	112	97	209	366

Vintage Rita 3507 is the Jameson daughter of the \$480,000 valued Paf Rita 7096 the dam of Gettysburg and Spur Up with our 1 million in progeny sales.



Vintage Blackbird 3391 • Reg 20637155

WW	YW	MARB	REA	\$M	\$W	\$F	\$G	\$B	\$C
94	163	1.58	1.14	67	82	130	104	234	370

Vintage Blackbird 3391 bred to Kindred to calve in January this daughter of Statesman has all the tools to be a feature donor.



Vintage Rita 4256 • Reg 20898119

WW	YW	MARB	REA	\$M	\$W	\$F	\$G	\$B	\$C
114	190	1.61	.94	56	96	141	106	246	375

Vintage Rita 4256 this future donor is sired by Basin Jameson out of a VAR Power Play daughter that is one of the best females at Vintage.



Vintage Queenie 4357 • Reg 20918596

WW	YW	MARB	REA	\$M	\$W	\$F	\$G	\$B	\$C
89	146	1.68	.88	120	106	97	104	201	381

Vintage Queenie 4357 is a daughter of Basin Jameson that displays top 1% dollar combined with standing phenotype.



Vintage Rita 3543 • Reg 20719524

WW	YW	MARB	REA	\$M	\$W	\$F	\$G	\$B	\$C
84	142	1.76	1.34	76	87	136	114	240	400

Vintage Rita 3543 this big spread female is out of a dam that was purchased by Peak Genetics as a \$100,000 heifer that has gone on to be a dominate donor for \$Combined.



Vintage Queenie 4176 • Reg 20898095

WW	YW	MARB	REA	\$M	\$W	\$F	\$G	\$B	\$C
84	146	1.19	1.14	97	80	130	86	216	377

Vintage Queenie 4176 an outstanding daughter of Winchester destined to be a donor female with big \$Maternal and that cow look.



Vintage Rita 4382 • Reg 20940181

WW	YW	MARB	REA	\$M	\$W	\$F	\$G	\$B	\$C
75	136	1.60	1.07	63	76	131	101	231	363

Vintage Rita 4382 sired by True Balance her dam is a maternal sister to Paf Rita 7096. Her dam also sells on Oct 12th.



Vintage Blackbird 4398 • Reg 20940192

WW	YW	MARB	REA	\$M	\$W	\$F	\$G	\$B	\$C
86	160	1.50	1.31	53	75	153	102	255	384

Vintage Blackbird 4398 the next generation in the great Blackbird 8809 cow family that has produced over 10 million in progeny sales.



Vintage Rita 4392 • Reg 20940187

WW	YW	MARB	REA	\$M	\$W	\$F	\$G	\$B	\$C
85	154	1.46	1.43	80	77	145	101	246	399

Vintage Rita 4392 sired by Paragon this young female has all the data and phenotype to be a future donor.



Vintage First Lady 3118 • Reg 20584425

WW	YW	MARB	REA	\$M	\$W	\$F	\$G	\$B	\$C
94	161	1.20	1.29	60	88	143	85	228	356

Vintage First Lady 3118- Sired by Exponential this beautiful bred heifer has everything she needs to be a donor, sells bred to Baldridge Heat Seeker due 1-10-2025.



Pollard Blackcap 2555 • Reg 20435728

WW	YW	MARB	REA	\$M	\$W	\$F	\$G	\$B	\$C
99	167	1.00	1.09	88	94	151	74	226	381

Pollard Blackcap 2555 this fall calving female will sell with calf at side and ready to start her donor career. She has the look and the data.



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Pacific Legal Foundation calls out EPA for mandating EVs

The Pacific Legal Foundation said in a new court filing the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is doing with the tailpipe emissions rule exactly what the Supreme Court said federal agencies cannot do when it ruled the so-called Chevron doctrine was unconstitutional.

The Pacific Legal Foundation asked a federal court to toss the rule that mandates electric vehicles (EV), arguing that neither the Clean Air Act nor Congress give the agency power to change the U.S. vehicle fleet.

Earlier this year, the Su-

preme Court struck down the Chevron doctrine that let courts yield to federal agencies on interpreting federal law. Further, the Supreme Court in 2022 set the major questions doctrine that requires agencies to have clear statutory authority when issuing rules.

On Sept. 6, attorneys general from 26 states along with state politicians and many petroleum and automobile interests sued the Biden administration asking the U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit to throw out the rule.

Pacific Legal Foundation was one of a handful of groups to file amicus briefs in support of the lawsuit. Two weeks earlier, biofuels and agriculture groups joined the lawsuit, filing a brief also asking the court to reverse the rule.

“Even among the small subset of genuinely ‘major’ rules, the EPA’s attempt to remake the automobile sector stands out,” Pacific Legal Foundation said in an amicus brief.

“With conceded costs of \$870 billion, EPA’s tailpipe rule is the poster child for the doctrine. And while the rule’s

eye-popping price tag, by itself, requires—but lacks—clear congressional authorization, the rule’s forced electrification of the automobile industry also meets every other criterion to make this court ‘hesitate before concluding that Congress has intended such an implicit delegation.’”

EPA faces lawsuits on rule

The EPA faces a multitude of lawsuits on the rule that essentially has pushed bio-

fuels out of the picture when it comes to reducing carbon emissions in the transportation sector.

The Chevron doctrine was struck down by the Supreme Court in *Loper Bright Enterprises v. Raimondo*. In that case, the court recognized Congress can empower federal agencies to “fill up the details of a statutory scheme.” However, Pacific Legal Foundation said, courts have to set the boundaries of that delegation.

The foundation said EPA’s tailpipe rule is yet another example of the federal government overreaching.

“The agency’s refusal to heed the Supreme Court’s decision speaks to the source of the major questions doctrine: ever-bolder executive lawmaking,” the brief said.

“Indeed, the tailpipe rule is the latest of ‘a particular and recurring problem: agencies asserting highly consequential power beyond what Congress could reasonably be understood to have granted.’ The view that interpretation of ambiguous statutory provisions amounts to policymaking suited for political actors rather than courts is especially mistaken.”

Ethanol interest group Growth Energy also filed an amicus brief in the case. Growth Energy asked the court to throw out the tailpipe rule because it is arbitrary and capricious in its discounting of biofuels.

“EPA’s analyses treated vehicles that operate on biofuels the same as vehicles that operate exclusively on fossil fuels,” Growth Energy said in its brief.

“EPA failed to consider using or incentivizing higher biofuel blends in vehicles as a way to reduce emissions. And EPA’s cost-benefit analysis looked only at the employment and energy security impacts of the petroleum industry, disregarding the biofuels industry entirely. For the agency that Congress entrusted to promote biofuels, EPA’s total failure to acknowledge biofuels in the rule is arbitrary and capricious,” the group said.

Growth Energy said the EPA rule “inaccurately inflated the benefits of EVs” by failing to consider the emissions of electricity generation.

“Light-duty vehicles are more than just a motor; they are a system that includes the engine and the fuel or electricity that powers it,” the group said.

“For EVs, EPA ignores half

of that system, with dramatic results. While a passenger car running primarily on ethanol would have roughly similar GHG emissions as an EV charged from the current U.S. electricity grid, EPA treats an EV’s GHG emissions as zero yet treats a car using biofuel as having the same emissions as a car burning petroleum.”

EPA makes the claim that it does not need to consider emissions from power plants as part of electric vehicles’ emissions because it has separate power plant regulations.

“Regardless of how power plants are regulated, EVs use electricity that internal combustion engines do not and excluding that component from emissions calculations creates an inaccurate comparison between vehicles,” Growth Energy said.

The Center for Environmental Accountability challenged EPA’s cost analysis in the tailpipe emission rule in an amicus brief.

Despite “propping up the electric vehicle industry” for many years, the center said, EPA acknowledges electric vehicles cost far more to purchase and maintain over the life of an internal combustion engine vehicle.

“EPA has drastically undersold the true cost of electric vehicles to manufacturers, obscured the extent to which manufacturers and retailers must raise prices for internal combustion engine vehicles in order to achieve compliance with the emissions standards, and hidden this cost-shifting from the many consumers who, while having no desire to purchase an EV, unwittingly foot the bill for the small segment of Americans who do,” the amicus brief said.

The center said EPA has “not adequately conducted” a cost-benefit analysis of regulatory cross-subsidies or disclosed them to consumers, “rendering this regime arbitrary and capricious.”

They continued analyses estimate that cross subsidies cost between \$10,500 and \$60,000 per vehicle, depending on the manufacturer.

“One consequence of failing to consider and disclose these costs is that the EPA obscures an uncomfortable and inconvenient fact: These hidden cross subsidies are borne by individuals who have chosen not to purchase an electric vehicle,” the center told the court. — **Todd Neeley, DTN environmental editor**

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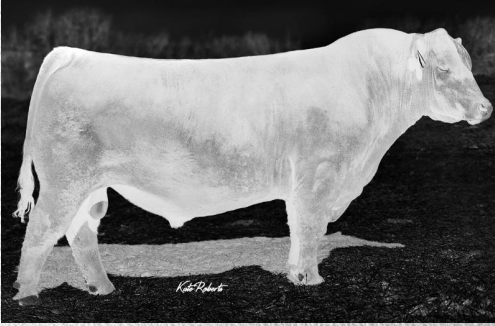
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Montana FWP wins final claim in elk management lawsuit

A state district court judge has issued a final order in a dispute over Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks' (FWP) approach to elk management. 10th Judicial District Court Judge Gregory Todd ruled that FWP and the Fish and Wildlife Commission have considered the concerns of private landowners and managed for a sustainable elk population. The order dispenses with the last remaining claim United Property Owners of Montana (UPOM) raised in a lawsuit it filed against the state in 2022. UPOM, a membership-based nonprofit that exists to promote its members' business interests, argued that the state has violated a 2003 law directing FWP to manage elk "at or below" the sustainable populations established in the state's elk management plan. Among other changes, UPOM asked the state to "remove, harvest or eliminate thousands of elk" and design and implement an emergency plan to reduce the "illegal overpopulation of elk as soon as practicable" to alleviate financial hits its membership had suffered as a result of elk numbers that exceeded population targets by as much as 914%. A coalition of hunting and public access groups troubled by that request and suspicious of UPOM's motives successfully petitioned the court to intervene in the lawsuit.

A trio of rulings issued in July narrowed the scope of the pending trial, and in an order issued last month, Todd found that UPOM had not sufficiently demonstrated the damages its members have suffered. He chastised the group for failing to provide "a single record of damage by elk to a UPOM member property," excepting Mark Robbins, who had been asked to illuminate the damages and frustrations experienced by the UPOM membership. Rob Farris-Olsen, an attorney representing a coalition of hunting and access-oriented groups in the lawsuit, said UPOM's refusal to "disclose some names and actual injuries" played a significant role in the lawsuit's outcome. UPOM will appeal the lawsuit to the Montana Supreme Court, according to Charles Denowh, the group's policy director. UPOM's appeal will likely incorporate some of the research it has conducted with its membership regarding the elk-related damages they've suffered, he said. Denowh added that UPOM's membership includes approximately 250 landowners who collectively own about 5 million acres of land in Montana. Most members are concentrated in the central and eastern parts of the state where limited-entry hunting districts have contributed to particularly large elk populations, he said. Denowh said he found it "disappointing" that the judge engaged little with the "argument we made about the plain language of the law."

In an emailed statement, FWP Director Dustin Temple said he is pleased that the court has affirmed the state's right and responsibility to manage wildlife "for the enjoyment of everyone in Montana." "This lawsuit challenged the ability of FWP to manage wildlife for the public and we successfully defended against that challenge," he said. Jeff Lukas with Montana Wildlife Federation (MWF), one of the intervening parties, said MWF is gearing up for UPOM's appeal to the Montana Supreme Court and preparing to fend off attempts to undermine the North American model of wildlife conservation at the Montana Legislature. As with other orders, Judge Todd's most recent ruling foregrounded programs designed to provide members of the hunting public access to private land to mitigate wildlife-related property damage. Todd wrote that it is "undisputed that access programs such as the Block Management program, elk hunting access agreements and public access land agreements were created to reduce elk populations through increased access." A little over a year after UPOM filed its lawsuit, the state finalized a new elk management plan to replace the 2005 plan it adopted when an estimated 100,000 elk lived in Montana. A 2022 survey put the state's elk population at 141,000 animals. —Amanda Eggert, Montana Free Press

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Judge rules several statutes are unconstitutional

IDAHO SUIT (from page 1) than any other water rights owner. "The state of Idaho, the Idaho legislature, and Idaho ranchers contend the statutes are constitutional," Nye wrote. "Today, the court finds the Idaho parties are right about the procedural statutes: they are constitutional." However, the remaining statutes add new restrictions on federally owned stockwater rights, such as prohibiting changes to their purpose or place of use, requiring livestock

ownership and altering who can use water tied to federally leased land. The court found that the federal government was correct in that the remaining statutes single out the federal government and its agencies for disfavored treatment, making the statutes unconstitutional. "Placing retroactive appurtenance, type and place of use, and livestock ownership conditions on only federally-owned water rights inflicts constitutional injury upon the United States and its agencies," Nye wrote.

Background There have been questions about the Snake River Basin Adjudication and water rights on BLM land since the adjudication's establishment in 1987. The Idaho Legislature enacted several statutes between 2017-22 modifying water rights policies that limit federal agencies' abilities to acquire and retain water rights. In May 2022, the Idaho Department of Water Resources (IDWR) issued orders requiring the U.S. to show why 57 federally owned stockwater rights should not be forfeited. A month later, IDWR added 11 more rights to the list. The U.S. then filed suit to challenge the constitutionality of the Idaho statutes. After back-and-forth motions between the feds and defendants, oral arguments were held in January. Nye ultimately ruled to uphold the statutes related to stockwater forfeiture, but enjoined the three other statutes that he ruled were unconstitutional. —Anna Miller, WLJ managing editor

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Lawmakers explore temporary fix as farm bill negotiations stall

The state of the farm economy is pushing key members of Congress to look at passing an aid package for commodity farmers because negotiations on a full farm bill are stalled.

Sen. Jerry Moran (R-KS) spoke Sept. 16 at the Kansas City Agribusiness Council's Ag Outlook Forum and suggested lawmakers are looking at passing a "mini-extension plus," to help farmers suffering from low prices.

Moran told more than 250 people at the forum that he has been a critic of Senate Agriculture Chairwoman Debbie Stabenow (D-MI) and her handling of the farm bill this year. But Moran said he had a "moment of optimism" when he spoke to Stabenow recently on the Senate floor. Moran said Stabenow is recognizing the financial situation for farmers is "dire," and farmers can't wait for Congress to reach an agreement on a five-year farm bill. "We cannot afford to wait past the end of the year," Moran said.

Stabenow also recognizes farmers can't wait for another extension of the current farm bill. One option is adding "something more" by bolstering the commodity safety net either in a farm-bill extension or an appropriations bill.

"The good news to me is that Sen. Stabenow is working to put together a plan to move forward that is an extension of some of the things in the farm bill, but most importantly, something that is added to provide assistance," Moran said.

Along with potentially

boosting commodity programs, Moran said Stabenow is looking for a way to accelerate payments. Right now, payments for the Title I Agricultural Risk Coverage (ARC) and Price Loss Coverage (PLC) programs are always a year after harvest. Any ARC or PLC payments in October, for instance, will be based on last year's harvested crop.

"So, she's looking for a path forward that would deliver agricultural aid assistance to farmers in a more timely fashion than just altering the current provisions of Title One," Moran said.

DTN reached out to Stabenow's office for comment but did not receive an immediate response.

Moran said his visits to farmers across Kansas in October highlighted some of the financial stresses producers are facing. The impacts are being felt by businesses that supply farmers as well.

"They will tell me the same thing that I've heard from other lenders in the farm arena, that things are challenging," Moran said.

Moran also pointed to the agricultural trade deficit that is looking at \$30 billion this year and \$42.5 billion in fiscal year 2025. Moran said there has to be a way to revitalize agricultural exports or farmers will continue to struggle with income.

"We can produce more than we can sell the United States, and we've got to figure out how to revitalize—whatever the next administration is—the opportunity for agricultural exports, or there is going to continue to be lack of income on the farm," Mo-

ran said.

Beyond his conversations with Stabenow, Moran said his agricultural staff also suggest "this sentiment is also developing on the House side." Moran said House members he has spoken to are either looking at a full farm-bill extension or a shorter-term extension along with added assistance for commodity producers.

"This may be the opportunity in which we can also make a difference," Moran said.

The senator also credited the various farm groups who came to Washington and lobbied lawmakers on the farm bill.

Referencing the election, Moran also said, "It's the perfect time to remind both Republicans and Democrats that agricultural interests have yet to cast their votes in November, and movement on a farm bill and a commitment to get one done might be something that would encourage rural votes for whoever is the candidate running for office, including members of Congress, the House or Senate, and the presidential race."

Rep. Tracey Mann (R-KS-01) also spoke at the forum, saying a farm bill won't address the immediate concerns facing producers, but it will provide stability going forward.

"If we were to pass a five-year farm bill today, it's not going to solve the cash-flow issues for ag producers, but at least for them and their lenders, it would lock in some certainty," Mann said. — **Chris Clayton, DTN ag policy editor**

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BLM announces public lands stewardship award winners

At the Public Lands Council (PLC) Annual Meeting in mid-September, the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) announced winners of the 2024 Rangeland Stewardship and Rangeland Innovation awards to recognize exemplary management and outstanding accomplishments in restoring and maintaining the health of public rangelands.

PLC and BLM have partnered for 19 years to honor BLM livestock grazing permittees and lessees who demonstrate exceptional management, collaboration and communication that restores, conserves or enhances our public lands and recognize their accomplishments at a gathering of their peers.

"Federal lands ranchers represent the most efficient and most cost-effective way

to maintain western rangeland, while still producing a wholesome product for consumers. Grazing permittees partner with BLM to protect and build vital wildlife habitat, improve native plant life, while reducing invasive grasses, and helping to prevent catastrophic wildfires," said PLC President Mark Roeber.

"The addition this year of the Rangeland Innovation awards builds on this legacy by encouraging new grazing methods and technologies on public lands necessary for adapting to the challenges of a changing climate," said BLM Director Tracy Stone-Manning.

The Rangeland Stewardship awards recognize the demonstrated use of beneficial management practices to restore, protect or enhance rangeland resources

while working with the BLM and other partners.

- The 2024 Rangeland Stewardship Award - Permittee Category winner is the Fitzgerald family of Fitzgerald Ranch, Inc. of Plush, OR, nominated by the Lakeview Field Office, BLM Oregon/Washington.

This fifth-generation ranch in rural southern Oregon was one of 11 operations selected as a demonstration project in 2018 for the BLM's outcome-based grazing initiative and the first to implement outcome-based terms and conditions on the landscape.

The Fitzgeralds' goal has been to improve the ecological condition of these allotments to continue operating a viable economic ranch operation for future generations. They continue to work with local BLM per-

sonnel and partners to tell their story and promote the knowledge gained from their participation in the outcome-based grazing initiative.

- The 2024 Rangeland Stewardship Award - Collaborative Team Category winner is Ranchers Stewardship Alliance (RSA) of Malta, MT, nominated by the Malta and Glasgow field offices, BLM Montana/Dakotas.

RSA has been working with the BLM since 2017 on conservation projects and recently hosted a restoration landscape coordinator to assist BLM in restoration and conservation activities in the Hi-Line Sagebrush Anchor Restoration Landscape in northeastern Montana.

Through building connections, relationships and trust between conservation organizations and the local

ranching community, RSA has brought around 120 local ranchers to discuss conservation issues and implement projects across the region.

RSA acts as an information hub using their strong relationships with more than 27 federal, state and non-government organizations, to connect and partner with interested landowners to help achieve conservation and restoration goals holistically across public and private lands.

The Rangeland Innovation awards recognize outstanding examples of demonstrated creativity, willingness to embrace change, and/or a modified perspective or approach to persistent rangeland stewardship challenges in addition to the accomplishments meriting the Rangeland Stewardship Award.

- The 2024 Rangeland Innovation Award - Permittee Category winner are the families of Niels and John

Hansen of PH Livestock in Rawlins, WY, nominated by the Rawlins Field Office, BLM Wyoming.

PH Livestock has assisted in monitoring their allotments for over 25 years and was another of the initial 11 operations chosen for the outcome-based grazing initiative demonstration projects. They've found the associated flexibility has greatly enhanced livestock management and improvement opportunities. Several range improvements have been completed to support the use of grazing flexibilities, and several more are identified for future projects.

PH Livestock thrives on innovative efforts to improve rangeland management and efficiency. They monitor water levels remotely using linked game cameras, well pump generators with timers to provide reliable water and drones to locate cattle and check fences, gates and trough water levels. — PLC

Wolves would remain 'sensitive' for five years

WOLF

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the ESA is to recover endangered and threatened species to the point where they are not in danger in extinction, or whether the ESA requires a species be restored to its historical range before delisting.

"The ESA is clear: its goal is to prevent extinction, not to restore species to their pre-western settlement numbers and range," USFWS contended. "Only species that are in danger of extinction or likely to become endangered in the foreseeable future may be listed and protected under the ESA."

The agency said it has begun a nationwide conversation to encourage wolf conservation after delisting, but Congress has not authorized the government to keep using the protections of the ESA once a species is no longer considered at risk.

the threats wolves might pose to humans in areas where wolves do not currently exist.

USFWS said the district court also incorrectly weighed threats to individual wolves instead of emphasizing the agency's analysis of the overall species.

"Putting a spotlight on the most vulnerable individuals of a species will always lead to the conclusion that those individuals are at risk," USFWS wrote. "But that does not mean that every species is in danger of extinction throughout all or a significant portion of its range now or into the foreseeable future."

If the gray wolf was to be delisted, the species would still be considered "sensitive" for a minimum of five years and remain under federal regulations.

Greens' reactions

Environmental groups disagreed with the administration's request to delist wolves.

"Wolves have made monumental progress toward recovery but have yet to re-establish sustainable populations in much of the available habitat across the Lower 48," said Ellen Richmond, senior attorney at Defenders of Wildlife. "Delisting at this time would set us on a backward trajectory, imperiling the species before it's made a full recovery."

The Endangered Species Coalition called the appeal "bewildering" and said the interpretation of the ESA would halt wolf recovery.

"The Service announced in February that they would do a first-ever recovery plan, as part of a settlement agreement for a separate court case," the group said. "If the government is successful in reinstating the Trump delisting rule, it is possible that the USFWS would abandon those efforts." — Anna Miller, WLJ managing editor

USFWS defense

"The district court misunderstood the ESA's clear mandate and compounded that error by imposing its own views of the science," USFWS said. "Its decision invalidating the rule should be reversed."

USFWS analyzed gray wolf populations in three separate configurations and found none of the configurations warranted listing wolves as endangered or threatened. The agency said the gray wolf is one of the ESA's biggest success stories and wolves thrive in two large, expanding metapopulations that number close to 5,000 wolves. The wolves were also found to interconnect with about 15,000 wolves in Canada.

Additionally, the agency argued that the court erred in its finding that USFWS failed to consider threats to wolves in regions where wolves are no longer present. The agency contended that it was illogical to require a direct analysis of

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Machine learning’s role in predicting BRD outcomes

Cattle feeders have dealt with bovine respiratory disease (BRD) for decades. Heightened through the stress brought on by transporting and co-mingling cattle, BRD has proven to be the costliest affliction within fed cattle production.

Lilli Heinen, a Kansas State (K-State) University graduate student with the Beef Cattle Institute (BCI), said that with the cattle industry a long way from an outright cure and prevention method, predictive models crafted through machine learning may soon become a mainstream option for mitigating the effects of BRD.

Machine learning is a form of artificial intelligence in which machines—in this case, computers—learn and improve from data fed into the system.

“The main objective of my doctorate program is to get a better idea of how producers can use machine learning and predictive devices with feedlot datasets, which can be diverse and messy,” she said.

Other areas of agriculture—like crop production—have been using machine learning for things such as yield prediction for a while. Last year, Heinen and the BCI set out to learn whether the same concept applies to determining the outcomes for feedlot cattle treated for BRD.

“We used the program Microsoft Azure and data collected by feedyards at different processing times to develop five algorithms to discover BRD treatment results for individual cattle.

“Our research evaluation compared all five of them against each other,” she said. “We took the true outcomes for those cattle, and then set those side by side with what the models said would happen, and then calculated the accuracy of each of them.”

Heinen said the technology shows promise but requires improvement before real-world application.

“We found that these models performed with moderate

accuracy,” she said. “Generally, more cattle live than die from BRD, so it forecasts the animals that will not die with higher exactness. We wanted to find ways to improve its ability to anticipate the animals that will perish.”

One factor that Heinen and researchers modified to improve precision includes creating models for individual feedyards.

“Originally, we had used one big dataset from multiple locations for one algorithm,” she said. “We eventually split that data up and made the models specific to each feedyard, which allowed them to make more accurate projections.”

When ready for use, predictive tools formed through machine learning may lessen the feedlot labor shortage while increasing production efficiency, according to Heinen.

“I am not saying that computers can replace a human decision, yet we do not have the needed number of people in feedyards to make

treatment decisions all the time,” she said. “Right now, many feedyards are struggling to keep cattle fed.

“If we could apply these instruments in a manner that would delegate decisions out of human hands, operators may use their time and labor resources elsewhere, where it might be more beneficial having a person make decisions.”

Heinen’s most current research regarding machine learning involves building models for groups of cattle—rather than individuals—to detect morbidity rate and limit antibiotic use.

“Depending on their morbidity rate (how many animals are sick within a group), these tools may help decide whether cattle should receive metaphylaxis, which is the administration of an antibiotic to every single animal in the group,” she said. “Hopefully, (machine learning tools) can help us lower the use of antibiotics and resistance to them.” — **K-State Research and Extension**

STORY SHORTS

Brucellosis detected in WY herd

Routine brucellosis surveillance has identified an affected cattle herd in Park County, WY. The Wyoming State Veterinary Laboratory confirmed the results, which the National Veterinary Services Laboratory later validated. The herd is now quarantined, with serial testing required for quarantine release. Testing efforts involve herd owners, veterinarians, the Wyoming Livestock Board (WYLB) and USDA personnel. Brucellosis cases are not uncommon in Wyoming’s Designated Surveillance Area (DSA), where wildlife occasionally transmit the disease to cattle. Surveillance includes mandatory testing before cattle leave the DSA or are transferred to new owners. WYLB will host two information meetings on Sept. 24 at the Park County Library in Cody and Oct. 3 at the Afton Civic Center in Afton.

Weak La Niña expected to emerge soon

NOAA’s Climate Prediction Center forecasts a 71% chance that La Niña could form between September and November, lasting through the winter months. Although a La Niña watch remains in effect, forecasters describe this upcoming La Niña as “weak and short.” This suggests a lower likelihood of typical winter impacts, though some signals may still influence the forecast. La Niña often brings a warmer, drier winter to the South, colder conditions to the northern Plains and a wetter winter in the Pacific Northwest.

First human bird flu case found in MO

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) confirmed Missouri’s first human case of avian influenza A (H5), which was detected through the state’s surveillance program. The patient, an adult with underlying medical conditions, had no contact with animals and was hospitalized on Aug. 22 and later discharged after recovery. The Missouri State Public Health Laboratory identified the H5 subtype, commonly known as bird flu, which the CDC confirmed. Despite this case, the risk of sustained transmission to the general public remains low, and further virus characterization is underway, the agency said.

Boar’s Head closing plant over outbreak

Boar’s Head announced the indefinite closure of its Jarratt, VA, plant, which was linked to the ongoing listeria outbreak. An investigation into the company identified the root cause of the contamination as a specific production process unique to the Jarratt facility, used exclusively for liverwurst. As a result, Boar’s Head has decided to discontinue liverwurst production permanently. “This is a dark moment in our company’s history, but we intend to use this as an opportunity to enhance food safety programs not just for our company but for the entire industry,” Boar’s Head said. A lawsuit against Boar’s Head seeks \$48 million in damages after a man fell severely ill after consuming their products. Additionally, a separate class action suit alleges deceptive labeling and marketing practices, while another lawsuit involves a Missouri couple claiming the deli meats caused severe illness.

Brazilian processors to pay for reforestation

A judge in Brazil has ordered two beef processors and three cattle ranchers to pay \$764,000 for environmental damage caused by purchasing cattle from a protected former rainforest area in the Amazon. The processing companies, Distriboi and Frigon, were found guilty of buying cattle raised illegally in Jaci-Parana, a once-forested area now largely converted to pasture. Jaci-Parana is one of the most devastated conservation areas in the Brazilian Amazon, The Associated Press said. The parties charged also include JBS SA, and the court has yet to decide on cases involving the company.

Cattle die in TX truck accident

A trailer carrying 83 head of cattle overturned Sept. 16 on the Baird Farm Road overpass over Interstate 30 in Arlington, TX, resulting in the deaths of at least 40 head, according to local news outlet WFAA. The accident occurred when the driver misjudged the turn space, which caused the trailer to tip over. Arlington police and fire departments closed Baird Farm Road for the investigation and recovery efforts. By morning, the trailer was removed, and some cattle were transferred to smaller trailers, though one animal was struck by another vehicle.

BLM grants for drought resilience

The Foundation for America’s Public Lands, the congressionally chartered charitable partner of the Bureau of Land Management (BLM), has introduced the Drought Resilience Fund. This grant program aims to support local partnerships with the BLM in addressing severe drought issues affecting public lands and western communities. The fund will begin by investing \$2.4 million into two initial projects in the Colorado River Basin. The Eagle County Conservation District will receive \$994,437 over three years to implement virtual fencing for cattle grazing on BLM lands in Colorado. The project aims to enhance range restoration and introduce virtual fencing and rotational grazing to Bocco Mountain, where cattle have not grazed for over 30 years due to inadequate fencing. Additionally, \$1.5 million will be allocated to the city of Sierra Vista, Friends of the San Pedro River and the Borderland Restoration Network to restore the San Pedro Riparian National Conservation Area.



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Next California water hearing set for January

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"The (SWRCB) has not shown what specific, identifiable harm will occur if (Tule Lake Subbasin) extractors do not comply with installation meters that are double calibrated and reporting requirements that won't start until December 1, 2024," Cuiffini wrote.

"(SWRCB) fails to allege what extraction data they currently have, what extraction data is missing, its importance and what extraction data will be gained by the metering and calibration requirements as well as its importance. They do not allege whether this will cause wells to go dry, land subsidence to occur or get worse."

SWRCB spokesperson Edward Ortiz said the agency disagreed with the ruling.

"The state water board believes that SGMA is clear and that the board has the authority it needs to implement SGMA, as it has in the Tulare Lake subbasin, to protect vital groundwater supplies," Ortiz said. "We are considering further legal options to uphold the board's oversight of critically overdrafted basins."

According to SJV Water, other water managers in the San Joaquin Valley are paying attention to the hearing as they face probationary hearings. The neighboring Tule subbasin had its hearing before the water board on Sept. 17. SJV Water reported board members voted to place the subbasin on probation based

on a report that showed subsidence (land sinking) continues to occur in the region, causing damage to the Friant-Kern Canal.

The water board voted to adopt a path for water agencies complying with the SGMA, allowing them to leave probation under the "good actor" clause.

Despite acknowledging the region's urgent water issues, the board exempted the Delano-Earlimart Irrigation District and Kern-Tulare Water District groundwater sustainability agencies (GSAs) from pumping reporting requirements and fees. Additionally, they left the possibility open for the Lower Tule River and Pixley Irrigation District GSAs to receive similar exemptions

within 60 days.

The Kaweah subbasin's hearing is set for Jan. 7, 2025, followed by the Kern subbasin on Feb. 20. The Delta-Mendota and Chowchilla subbasins will face probation hearings later in 2025.

Eric Limas, general manager of the Lower Tule River and Pixley Irrigation District GSAs in the Tule subbasin, expressed optimism following the ruling, saying it would "at least provide some clarity."

All requirements are now paused under the injunction until the trial concludes, with the next hearing scheduled for January. According to SWRCB, groundwater extractors are responsible for staying informed about the regulations affecting their operations and should regularly

check tinyurl.com/4pmtppzd for updates. — Charles Wal-

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Preparing calves for the auction

When preparing young calves for sale day, moving them in a hurry and not following health protocols can not only be stressful, but it can also result in lost income due to lower sale weights, according to the experts at Kansas State (K-State) University's Beef Cattle Institute.

Speaking on a recent "Cattle Chat" podcast, the experts agreed that with proper planning, young calves can make this transition with minimal stress.

K-State agricultural economist Dustin Pendell said producers first need to decide how they want to market the calves.

"Look at the marketing options to see if there is a certain program that matches with your management system, and then follow the protocols of that program," Pendell said. Examples he gave were preconditioning and vaccination programs.

K-State veterinarian Bob Larson added that a lot of special calf sales will have vaccination requirements for not only the type of vaccine to give, but also guidelines for when the vaccinations must be administered.

"Vaccines work best when they are delivered at a time when the calf isn't particularly stressed, so if we can vaccinate them and then turn them back with their mothers, they are likely to respond well," Larson said. "Also, these vaccines need time, so if they are administered the day before we co-mingle them it doesn't provide much of a benefit."

Along with making sure the calves are properly vaccinated, the experts say it is important to minimize the amount of weight lost between the ranch and the auction market.

"The main thing we are concerned about is the amount of shrink the calves

experience, so if you are pulling them away from their mothers the morning they go to the sale, be sure to follow low-stress handling techniques to reduce the amount they will defecate and urinate tied to stress," Lancaster said.

Some producers will follow a preconditioning protocol that involves weaning the calves and exposing them to a feed bunk and other water sources, Lancaster said. "The preconditioning diet should have about 30% forage, and then the morning you take them to the sale barn just hold them off of feed."

Along with giving the calves time to adjust to a new diet, K-State veterinarian Brian Lubbers said there is a benefit to exposing them to close contact with people and machinery.

"Calves that are used to seeing humans and farm equipment will make the transition to the feeding phase of production go smoother, allowing your calves to perform better and build your reputation of selling high-quality calves," Lubbers said.

Also, when you are taking the calves to an auction, Pendell suggested letting people know.

"Let your customers know when you are taking the calves to market through the community and social media channels," Pendell said.

And the last tip they offered was to make sure the person driving them to the auction is a cautious driver.

"Research has shown that the driver matters—how they approach corners and stop signs is important," Larson said. "Remember when you are delivering your calves, which is your paycheck, it is important that they arrive in the best possible shape." — K-State Research and Extension



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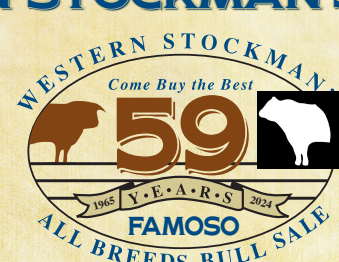
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Judge backs feds in WY ferret reintroduction dispute

A federal judge has upheld the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's (USFWS) plans for managing black-footed ferrets in Wyoming, the state where the once-presumed-extinct species was rediscovered some four decades ago.

The dispute over how the federal government managed the endangered weasel-like animal traces back nearly a decade to when federal wildlife managers officially designated the Wyoming population as "nonessential, experimental." That classification allows for more regulatory flexibility than other Endangered Species Act (ESA) designations, loosening restrictions on potentially harmful activities, like killing prairie dogs that ferrets depend upon.

WildEarth Guardians, Western Watersheds Project and Rocky Mountain Wild challenged the nonessential, experimental rule in 2021, arguing that the agency violated federal environmental laws, ignored the best-available science and improperly relaxed ESA protections in order to accommodate private landowners.

But U.S. District Judge Randolph Moss, out of the District of Columbia, sided against the plaintiffs on all arguments last week, concluding that federal wildlife managers had abided by the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and ESA.

"Ultimately, although framed as a NEPA challenge, plaintiffs simply disagree with the [Fish and Wildlife Service]'s decision about how best to facilitate the reintroduction of the black-footed ferret in the state of Wyoming," Moss wrote in a

75-page opinion. "The agency's preferred approach, however, fell well within its discretion and was both reasoned and adequately explained."

A "nonessential, experimental" population—the same approach used when wolves were reintroduced to Yellowstone National Park in the mid-1990s—is managed with more flexibility than the Endangered Species Act normally permits. There's more latitude to incidentally or directly cause ferret deaths and disrupt habitat. Because black-footed ferret diets are upwards of 90% prairie dogs, they're dependent on occupied prairie dog colonies.

WildEarth Guardians and Western Watersheds Project staffers were unable to be reached for an interview. When the plaintiffs announced their 2021 lawsuit, they took issue with leaving Wyoming in charge of recovery efforts in the state.

"Putting the state of Wyoming in charge of black-footed ferret recovery has proven to be the worst possible idea," WildEarth Guardians staff attorney Jennifer Schwartz said in a statement at the time. "Black-footed ferrets need large, healthy prairie dog colonies to survive, but Wyoming and its agencies won't give an inch in their efforts to exterminate prairie dogs."

Prairie dogs are classified as a pest in Wyoming and can be killed indiscriminately. They're oftentimes poisoned and are the subjects of recreational shooters' target practice.

Moss did not fault the USFWS for citing "political and public acceptance

issues" in its justification of a nonessential, experimental population in Wyoming.

"Factors such as acceptance by local landowners and co-existence with prairie dogs are key considerations in the viability of black-footed ferret conservation efforts," the judge wrote, "and the statute does not require the FWS to ignore such realities in its attempts to successfully reintroduce the species."

Black-footed ferret reintroduction efforts in the Meeteetse area and Shirley Basin have experienced mixed success, largely because of disease outbreaks that have knocked down prairie dog populations and directly killed ferrets. Both sylvatic plague and canine distemper are "important diseases" for ferret populations, according to the Wyoming Game and Fish Department's (WGFD) State Wildlife Action Plan.

That plan states that Game and Fish will continue to engage with the national Black-footed Ferret Recovery Implementation Team and in-state Wyoming Black-footed Ferret Working Group.

"Through this collaborative process, WGFD will work to locate and evaluate additional reintroduction sites throughout the state," Wyoming's plan for black-footed ferrets reads.

USFWS officials were unable to be reached for an interview.

The Wyoming Game and Fish Department was "pleased" to see Moss' ruling, according to an emailed statement. The litigation was a "waste of staff time and resources that could be better spent," the emailed statement said.

"It is good to see Judge Moss did not entertain the politically motivated argument that the Wild Earth

Guardians proposed," Game and Fish spokeswoman Breanna Ball wrote. "We will continue to work closely with

USFWS and private landowners in our black-footed ferret recovery." — **Mike Kosmrl, WyoFile**



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Boxed beef prices declining

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Boxed beef prices were lower, with the Choice cutout down \$7.62 to \$299.56 and the Select cutout down \$7.38 to \$288.26.

Analysts released the pre-report estimates for Friday's Cattle on Feed report release. The consensus was that cattle on feed will be 100.7% for feedlots of 1,000 head or greater in September. Placements in August are estimated to be 98.5%, and marketings for August are predicted at 96.5%.

Feeder cattle

Feeder cattle futures climbed triple digits, with the September contract up \$3.22 to \$245.27 and the October contract up slightly over \$4 to \$243.77.

"It's impressive to see the spot October contract well above its 40-day moving average, which has been a nearby hurdle in which traders have resistance up until this point, to take on as there simply hasn't been enough support in the marketplace to do so confidently," Stewart wrote on Thursday.

The CME Feeder Cattle Index gained \$2.52 to \$244.42.

Corn futures were higher, with the September contract up 19 cents to \$4.05 and the December contract up 18 cents to \$4.24.

Missouri: Joplin Regional Stockyards in Carthage sold 8,310 head on Monday. Compared to the last auction, feeder steers under 650 lbs. sold steady to \$8 lower, with heavier weights selling \$2-6 higher. Feeder heifers sold steady to \$5 higher. Benchmark steers averaging 784 lbs. sold from \$239-255, averaging \$248.32.

Nebraska: Tri-State Livestock in McCook sold 2,512 head on Monday. Compared to the last auction, steers under 600 lbs. sold \$6-10 higher and heifers under 600 lbs. traded \$10-25 higher. There were not enough sales to show a comparison of weights over 600 lbs. A group of steers averaging 783 lbs. sold for \$235.

Oklahoma: Oklahoma National Stockyards in Oklahoma City sold 6,500 head on Monday. Compared to a week earlier, steers and heifers sold \$3-8 higher. Benchmark steers averaging 779 lbs. sold from \$241-251, averaging \$246.10. — **Charles Wallace, WLJ contributing editor**



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Packers holding off on cash trade

Cluckin' cattle continue sideways trading

Farm Credit debt rating downgraded

Production costs higher in 2022, especially for livestock

China remains the world's largest meat importer



SALE REPORTS

TEIXEIRA CATTLE CO. BULL SALE Sept. 11, Pismo Beach, CA

56 Angus bulls . . \$8,263
5 Angus bred
cows 4,460
47 Commercial bred
heifers 3,225
Auctioneer: Rick
Machado

TOPS: TEX Patriarch 3141, by Tehama Patriarch F028; to Hayes Bros., Lompoc, CA, \$20,000. TEX Veracious 3278, by HPCA Veracious; to Rob Gill, Pendleton, OR, \$15,000. TEX Able 3079, by TEX Able 8528; to Shane and Karlie Kirkland, Lompoc, CA, \$11,000. — **JARED PATTERSON**

**DONATI RANCH W/
O'CONNELL RANCH
BULL SALE
Sept. 12, Oroville, CA**
145 Angus bulls . \$7,874
Auctioneer: Rick
Machado
Sale Manager: Matt

Macfarlane Marketing
TOPS: DR Commerce 3129, by Connealy Commerce; to Doug and Judy Parker, Williams, CA, \$20,500. DR Commerce 3323, by Connealy Commerce; to Terrell Storm, Biggs, CA, \$17,000. DR Commerce 3227, by Connealy Commerce; to Terrell Storm, Biggs, CA, \$17,000. DR Craftsman 3305, by Connealy Craftsman; to Spring Cove Ranch, Bliss, ID, \$15,000. DR Commerce 3139, by Connealy Commerce; to Doug and Judy Parker, Williams, CA, \$14,000. DR Judgement 3226, by DR Judgement; to Allen Renz, Hollister, CA, \$14,000. — **JARED PATTERSON**

**TEHAMA ANGUS
RANCH SALE
Sept. 13, Gerber, CA**
143 Angus
bulls \$10,245
20 Commercial open
heifers 3,200

Auctioneer: Rick
Machado
TOPS: Tehama Resilient M587, by Sitz Resilient 10208; to Elwood Ranches, Montague, CA, \$70,000. Tehama Justification M302, by Boyd Justification; to Spring Cove Ranch, Bliss, ID, \$23,000. Tehama Dynamic M072, by BARDynamic; to O'Neal's Ranch, O'Neals, CA, \$21,500. Tehama Virtue M328, by Sitz Virtue 11710; to Spickler Ranch, Glenfield, ND, \$20,000. Tehama Dynamic M074, by BAR Dynamic; to Atwood Ranch, Red Bluff, CA, \$19,000. Tehama Justification M316, by Boyd Justification; to Thomas Hamilton, Baker City, OR, \$17,000. — **JARED PATTERSON**

**ARRELLANO BRAVO
ANGUS PRODUCTION
SALE
Sept. 14, Galt, CA**
66 Bulls \$6,397
20 Bred heifers . . 3,945

3 Bred cows 2,900
17 Fall pairs 3,988
Auctioneer: Jake
Parnell
Sale Manager: Parnell
Dickinson, Inc.
TOPS—Bulls: Diablo Ratified 7734, by Poss Ratified; to Ron Spence, Altaville, CA, \$16,500. Bravo Conclusion 3403, by VAR Conclusion 0234; to Alta Genetics, Rocky View County, AB, \$15,000. Bravo Nautilus 3400, by VAR Conclusion 0234; to John

Oneto, Ione, CA, \$12,000. Bravo Conclusion 3076, by VAR Conclusion 0234; to Alta Genetics, Rocky View County, AB, \$11,500. **Bred heifer:** Bravo Prophet 3421, by VAR Conclusion 0234; to Vintage Angus Ranch, Modesto, CA, \$7,000. — **JARED PATTERSON**

**RENO SNAFFLE BIT
FUTURITY SALE
Sept. 14, Reno, NV**
32 Select

horses \$16,594
7 Saddle
horses 18,821
Auctioneers: Randy
Parnell & Jake Parnell
Sale Manager: Parnell
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Oct. 6 – Cal Poly Bull Test Sale, San Luis Obispo, CA
Oct. 19 – FAMOSO All Breeds Bull Sale, Famoso, CA
Nov. 2 – World of Bulls Bull Sale, Galt, CA

ANGUS

Sept. 24 – Thomas Angus Ranch, Bull Sale, Galt, CA
Sept. 26 – Beef Solutions, Bull Sale, Ione, CA
Sept. 28 – K Bar D Ranch, Female Sale, Redmond, OR
Sept. 28 – Gohr Cattle, Show Heifer Sale, Madras, OR
Sept. 29 – Traynham Ranches, Bull & Female Sale, Ft. Klamath, OR
Oct. 4 – Elwood Ranch, Bull Sale, Red Bluff, CA
Oct. 5 – Colyer Hereford & Angus, Female Sale, Bruneau, ID
Oct. 5 – Topline/Leachman, Bull Sale, Aromas, CA
Oct. 8 – 9 Peaks Angus Ranch, Bull Sale, Ft. Rock, OR
Oct. 8 – Coleman Angus, Female Sale, Charlo, MT
Oct. 9 – Montana Ranch, Female Sale, Bigfork, MT
Oct. 12 – Vintage Angus Ranch, Female Sale, Modesto, CA
Oct. 13-14 – EZ Angus Ranch, Dispersal Sale, Farmington, CA
Oct. 17 – Thomas Angus Ranch, Production Sale, Baker City, OR
Oct. 18 – NILE Angus Sale, Billings, MT
Oct. 19 – Basin Angus, Female Sale, Billings, MT
Oct. 19 – Fink Beef Genetics, Bull Sale, Randolph, KS
Oct. 25 – Birch Creek Angus, Bull Sale, Ruby Valley, NV
Oct. 26 – Bear Mountain

Angus, Female Sale, Palisade, NE
Oct. 28 – Dal Porto Livestock, Female Sale, Brewster, NE
Oct. 30 – Spring Lake Angus, Dispersal Sale, Lynch, NE
Oct. 31 – Marcy Livestock, Cow Dispersal Sale, Gordon, NE
Nov. 7 – Stokrose Land & Livestock, Bull Sale, Moses Lake, WA
Nov. 8 – Montana Ranch, Bull Sale, Bigfork, MT

CHAROLAIS

Oct. 19 – Fink Beef Genetics, Bull Sale, Randolph, KS

HEREFORD

Sept. 28 – Gohr Cattle, Show Heifer Sale, Madras, OR
Oct. 5 – Colyer Hereford & Angus, Female Sale, Bruneau, ID
Oct. 19 – Lambert Ranch, Bull Sale, Oroville, CA

RED ANGUS

Sept. 28 – McPhee Red Angus, Production Sale, Lodi, CA
Oct. 18 – NILE Red Angus Sale, Billings, MT
Oct. 19 – Rocking R Red Angus, Bull Sale, Bayard, NE
Nov. 2 – Bet on Red Sale, Reno, NV
Nov. 4 – Sand Dune Cattle Co., Dispersal Sale, Burwell, NE

SIMANGUS

Sept. 25 – Eagle Pass Ranch, Bull Sale, Dos Palos, CA
Sept. 26 – Beef Solutions, Bull Sale, Ione, CA
Sept. 29 – Traynham Ranches, Bull & Female Sale, Ft. Klamath, OR
Oct. 16 – Yardley Cattle Co., Female Sale, Beaver, UT

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CW	MARB	RE	\$M	\$W	\$F	\$G	\$B	\$C
+56	+1.09	+51	+86	+70	+107	+67	+175	+313

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+7	+3	+77	+123	+14	+29	+39	+38	
CW	MARB	RE	\$M	\$W	\$F	\$G	\$B	\$C
+61	+48	+95	+96	+72	+107	+43	+150	+291

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CED	+0
BW	+4.5
WW	+95
YW	+173
MILK	+24
MARB	+1.66
RE	+72
SC	+58
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DOB: 2-6-2023 AAA 20695337
EZAR Step Up 9178 x FF Rito Righteous 6R41
Sells AI bred to EZAR Gettysburg 1061

CED	+15
BW	-1.2
WW	+84
YW	+152
MILK	+26
MARB	+1.19
RE	+91
SC	+88
SB	+199
SC	+346



DOB: 1-30-2023 AAA 20664192
SG Salvation x Summitcrest Complete 1P55
Sells AI bred to EZAR Gettysburg 1061

CED	+6
BW	+2.1
WW	+62
YW	+104
MILK	+26
MARB	+1.24
RE	+53
SC	+83
SB	+189
SC	+328



DOB: 2-16-2023 AAA 20695350
Basin Jameson 1076 x Connealy Confidence Plus
Sells AI bred to EZAR Step Up 9178

CED	+14
BW	+4
WW	+96
YW	+163
MILK	+31
MARB	+1.26
RE	+99
SC	+95
SB	+216
SC	+346



DOB: 2-18-2023 AAA 20697362
SG Salvation x Connealy Confidence Plus
Sells AI bred to Basin Jameson 1076

CED	+10
BW	+7
WW	+78
YW	+133
MILK	+33
MARB	+1.11
RE	+1.38
SC	+69
SB	+220
SC	+354



DOB: 2-14-2023 AAA 20700892
Basin Jameson 1076 x MAR Innovation 251
Sells AI bred to Baldrige Heat Seeker H925

CED	+10
BW	+2.0
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