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A LOOK BACK IN HISTORY

Seventy-nine years ago, Otto V. Battles wrote about concern for problems marketing purebred livestock. "Few of us, probably realize the vast amount of capital that is invested in purebred livestock of all kinds in our nation today. It will run into billions of dollars at present market values. This fact, alone, should give the business of livestock improvement a standing of no little importance amongst the other important industries of our country, but there is much more back of the purebred industry than is represented in actual monetary values," read the *WLJ* September 1944, issue.

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CO to establish experimental wolf population

— Allows management flexibility

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service has determined that while wolf introduction will be happening in Colorado, it will be done by establishing a nonessential experimental population, providing more management flexibility.

On Sept. 15, the agency released its final Environmental Impact Statement and draft record of decision to establish a nonessential experimental population under Section 10(j) of the Endangered Species Act (ESA). The decision comes nearly three weeks ahead of the planned schedule. The 10(j) rule is now expected to be in place more than a month prior to the wolf introduction deadline of Dec. 31.

"This demonstrates a sincere and effective commitment by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to accomplish this task on a very accelerated timeline," said Colorado Parks and Wildlife (CPW) Director Jeff Davis. "National Environmental Policy Act work typically takes 2-3 years, and it was accomplished in a little over a year-and-a-half."

What does this mean?

CPW requested the designation of an experimental population to be allowed more flexibility in managing wolves when they are brought in. The agency published a Final Wolf Restoration and Management Plan,

which provides a plan for management strategies based on recovery targets.

"As the state achieves these recovery targets, tools available to the public under state laws and regulations may be more restrictive than what is allowable under the Service's

proposed federal rule," the agency said.

In an experimental population designation, the population is treated as threatened under the ESA regardless of the species' designation

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Adobe Stock

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service has decided to establish an experimental population of gray wolves in Colorado.

Greens criticize grazing in 13 western states

— Faults BLM for shirking duties

Western Watersheds Project (WWP) is bringing suit against the Bureau of Land Management (BLM), alleging the agency has failed to conduct environmental analyses to ensure livestock grazing is not harming public lands.

The suit challenges 35,000 grazing permits covering 155 million acres across 13 western states.

"For decades, the BLM has been ignoring the reality that permitted grazing causes significant environmental impacts that must be addressed through a transparent, public, science-based process," claimed Josh Osher, public policy director at WWP. "Instead, the BLM has been exploiting a loophole in the law that was intended to fix the problem of unregulated grazing while the hole the agency has dug for itself just gets deeper and deeper."

The group claims BLM has violated the Federal Land Policy and Management Act, which mandates the secretary of the Interior determines the priority and timing for completing environmental analyses. WWP contends BLM has failed to make the required determination setting the priority and schedule for National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) reviews, "allowing it to sidestep NEPA analysis for allotments that contain significant environmental resources—sometimes for more than a decade—while still authorizing grazing to continue."

The group continued that BLM has not prioritized federal lands containing greater sage-grouse, bighorn sheep and species listed under the Endangered Species Act (ESA), or lands set aside as national monuments or national conservation areas.

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CA water rights bill now on Newsom's desk

— Would strengthen water board

A water rights bill giving the California State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) authority to investigate whether any water right or riparian water right is valid has passed the legislature and is now on Gov. Gavin Newsom's (D) desk.

Senate Bill (SB) 389, introduced by Sen. Ben Allen (D-Santa Monica-24), faced opposition from agricultural groups when the measure was first proposed.

Kirk Wilbur, vice president of Government Affairs for the California Cattlemen's Association (CCA), told *WLJ* they had two main concerns about the measure.

"First, the bill would have upended due process by placing an evidentiary burden of proof on a water rightholder when the State

Water Board instituted an investigation alleging the invalidity of a water right—a burden made all the more problematic by the fact that specific records for pre-1914 water rights were never required until 2009," Wilbur said in an email. "Secondly, the bill would have allowed the board to revoke a water right even when there is no competing claim to the water in question, contrary to existing court precedent."

Agricultural organizations, the Association of California Water Agencies and the California Chamber of Commerce changed their stance to neutral after Allen removed the provisions from the bill, according to CalMatters.

The bill still gives SWRCB the ability to investigate any water rights holder, including senior rights holders, and ask for information regarding prior diversions and use, includ-

ing direct diversions and diversions to storage. If the board determines any diversion or use of water is unauthorized, it shall be deemed as trespass and the board can curb usage following notice and hearing.

Need for bill

Allen's office told *WLJ* SB 389 is about "good governance" as the state has never verified claims to water and worked off data that is self-reported.

"We worked really hard with many folks who were initially skeptical of this effort and, thanks to those compromised-focused conversations, we passed a policy that ensures the board has more common-sense tools that will help with the proper management of the state's

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Boxed beef prices fall back to summer lows

Packers remain unincentivized to purchase and slaughter cattle amid weaker cutout prices.

Live cattle futures traded mostly steady, but ultimately closed a hair lower over the week. The October contract lost 50 cents to close at \$184.97, and the December contract lost 85 cents to close at \$189.50.

It was another week of waiting for packers to buy fed cattle, with about 25,000 head sold through Thursday afternoon. Live steers sold from \$183-187, averaging \$185. Dressed steers sold from \$285-293, averaging \$290.

"Last week's increase in cattle price of \$1.24 and the continued weak wholesale beef market has packers attempting to hold cash this week at steady if they can," wrote Cassie Fish, market analyst, in *The Beef* on Thursday.

Cash trade through Sept. 17 totaled 74,039 head. Live steers averaged \$184.21, and dressed steers averaged \$282.35.

The national weekly direct beef type price distribution for the week of Sept. 11-18 was the following on a live basis:

- Negotiated purchases: \$184.28.
- Formula net purchases: \$185.36.
- Forward contract net purchases: \$179.47.

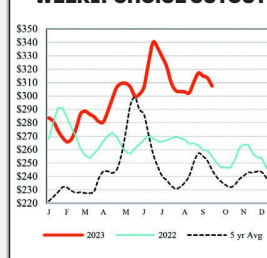
- Negotiated grid net purchases: \$183.81.
- On a dressed basis:
- Negotiated purchases: \$292.56.
 - Formula net purchases: \$289.75.
 - Forward contract net purchases: \$277.34.
 - Negotiated grid net purchases: \$296.18.

Slaughter through Thursday totaled about 498,000 head, compared to 502,000 head a week earlier and 511,000 head a year earlier. Projected total slaughter for a week earlier is 632,000 head. Actual slaughter for the week

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Time Sensitive
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WEEKLY CHOICE CUTOUT



5 AREA WEEKLY WTD AVERAGE STEER PRICE



LIVE STEERS	DRESSED STEERS	CME FEEDER
\$185.93	\$288.35	\$254.09
WEEK ENDING: 9-21-23		

COMMENTS

More cattle coming

It was a busy week in Washington, lawmakers are attempting to finish appropriations bills before the Sept. 30 deadline. It appears that the Senate Ag Committee has finished ag appropriations, while the House Ag Committee has run into a wall with the Republican fiscal hardliners. The feds do need to get a handle on spending.



CROW

Now legislators are attempting to get their pet bills in the appropriations process, including the Opportunities for Fairness in Farming Act, and Sen. Josh Hawley (R-MO) just introduced the Strengthening Antitrust Enforcement for Meatpacking Act, which amends the Packers and Stockyards Act and is intended to measure and stop any monopolistic activity in the meatpacking sector.

Meanwhile, cattle markets are charging along. There isn't as much of a disparity between southern and northern cattle prices: \$183 in the South and \$186 in the North. Future markets had a big rally late in the week, supporting higher cash prices, but gave some of it back early last week. October live cattle were trading in the \$186 range, which may support even higher fed cash prices.

Beef demand over Labor Day was disappointing—packers are trying to support cutout values with lower production levels; packer margins are near zero. Fed cattle supplies are starting to grow and the poor marketings in August will start adding to the front-end supply of finished cattle. Right now, packers seem to pay the most for heavyweight steers, 1,500 pounds. Soon, packers will start processing for the holiday middle meat markets and slaughter levels should pick up seasonally.

The boys at HedgersEdge are telling us, "Front-end fed cattle supplies project to exceed year ago levels during the fourth quarter as a result of lower-than-projected harvest rates during the past several months. This lighter harvesting has also added to front-end fed cattle supplies during the fourth quarter. Last week's harvest level was reported at 632,000 head, down 6.1% from the prior year. The harvest level this week may be challenged to exceed 625,000. Seasonally, improving beef demand during the fourth quarter should offset the expected increase in front-end fed cattle supplies. Carcass weights for steers are 2 pounds above a year ago, while heifer weights remain 2 pounds below a year ago. Average carcass weights (inclusive of cows) are equal to the prior year due to fewer cows in the harvest mix. YTD total cow harvest is down 257,600. For the balance of this month, weekly harvest levels should be able to challenge 625,000. Harvest YTD is 1,026,000 below a year ago, with approximately one-fourth of the drop due to reduced cow harvest."

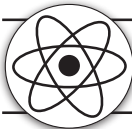
Roughly 60% of the beef consumed in the U.S. is ground beef. The ground beef markets are at record levels with the 90% trim trading at \$312.29, and the 50% lean trading at \$124.51. With the current beef supply situation, beef imports are rising to meet ground beef demand.

The big calf runs should be starting and the folks at the Cattle Report made some good observations. "Relief from the intense heat and humidity of the past few weeks is here bringing with it needed moisture. The timing is good for setting the stage for winter grazing. Stocker operators will be challenged with nosebleed levels of prices on light calves for grazing. Hanging in the background is the prospect for a severe winter in the southern Plains. While northern feeding locations suffered last winter, the last few winters have been mild in the southern Plains.

The spread between weaned and unweaned calves is beginning to widen. Many operators are aware of the health risks present in unweaned calves this time of year and representations by sellers sometimes are misleading. A 30-40 day weaned calf sometimes means very little. Even longer weaned periods sometimes come with risks. The variances between daytime highs and nighttime lows can create dangerous pathogens in the animals.

"Auction markets are a perfect location for testing the spreads between weight classes of cattle. Cattle of similar flesh and quality but of varying weight sell for different prices and those differences set established trade standards for country trading of cattle and accompanying slides up and down for weight differences. Traditional slides have been established and applied to the final weights at delivery. The recent rise in stocker and feeder prices will force those industry standard slides to move higher to properly account for true value. Sellers will resist larger slide and may be in a position to prevail this year."

The Cattle on Feed report was expected to show 2.4% fewer cattle on feed, placements down 6.4% and marketings down 5.6%. The beef cutout is in position to violate the support level of \$302. — **PETE CROW**



RESOURCE SCIENCE

Readers of *WLJ* know that the western states are growing in population (see the *WLJ* March 12, 2021, issue). High real estate values seen in the *WLJ* Properties magazine reflect this as investors and people looking to move to the West are creating high demand for land. As Mark Twain said, "Buy land, they're not making it anymore."

The big cities in the U.S. are crowded and getting more so. Traffic is growing along with the number of people. Even smaller towns, like Bozeman, MT, where I live, are getting bigger with frustrating traffic. I think many of us agree that crowded cities and heavy traffic are not desirable.

How many people are there and how fast are they increasing in number? I researched the numbers of people in the U.S. and the world on the U.S. Census Bureau website. These numbers are not exact and are based on computer models with some uncertainty, but they're the best available at this time.

I checked the Census numbers three times this year:

- Jan. 11 — U.S. population: 334,266,871, world population: 7,944,739,880.

- July 18 — U.S. population: 335,089,880, world population: 7,982,832,010.

- Sept. 7 — U.S. population: 335,376,874, world population: 7,996,169,920.

The U.S. population increased by more than 1 million people (1,110,003) in about 8 months between January and September, or about 139,000 people per month. The world population increased by about 51 million people (51,430,040), or about 6,430,000 people per month between January and September. So, the U.S. population is more than 335 million and the world population is approaching 8 billion.

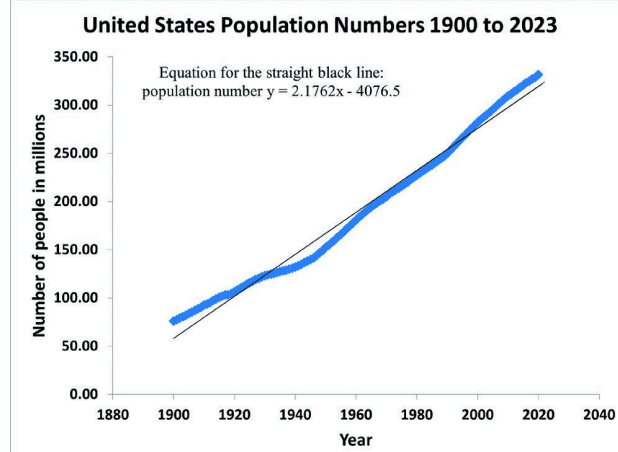
The Census website provided additional data for September 2023 in the U.S. There's one birth every 8 seconds, and one international migrant every 31 seconds. That's about one migrant per four births. There's also one death every 11 seconds, and a net gain of one person every 15 seconds.

They don't say if the number of migrants includes unauthorized immigrants or not, but there were an estimated 11,390,000 unauthorized immigrants in the U.S. in 2018. With a 2018 population of 327,170,000 and 11,390,000 unauthorized immigrants, approximately 3.5% of the U.S. population was unauthorized immigrants in 2018.

I also obtained the Census numbers for 1900 through September 2023 that show the U.S. population growth over the last 123 years (see the graph). The straight black line in the graph is the best-fit straight line of the data from which the equation in the graph is derived. Using this equation and assuming the future rate of population growth will be the same as from 1900 to 2023, I predicted the population number for the year 2050.

Using 2050 as X in the equation, the predicted number of people in the U.S. in 2050, Y, is 384,710,000. The Census Bureau website has a projection of 388,922,000 people in 2050. My esti-

RESOURCE SCIENCE: US POPULATION GROWTH



U.S. population numbers (in millions) from 1900 to Sept. 7, 2023. The blue curved line is for Census numbers, the black straight line is the best-fit line with its equation shown.

mate is 4,212,000 less than the Census projection, which was done with different and complex computations. In any event, the U.S. will be approaching 400 million people by the midcentury.

The U.S. currently has the third largest population in the world, behind China and India, each with more than 1 billion people. The Census data show the U.S. population is continuing to grow. Fertility and birth rates vary widely in different countries, and the U.S. has a relatively low birth rate but a high immigration rate. In 2020 there were more than 40 million immigrants living in the U.S. that comprised about 14% of the population, so immigration is contributing to population growth.

An increasing population might be good for agriculture markets and labor supply, but is also a primary contributor to environmental impacts, including greenhouse gasses, climate change and the loss of wide-open spaces that are valued by people in agriculture as well as by environmentalists.

I think the size of the U.S. population and its impact on the availability and accessibility of land is an important topic for people in agriculture and environmentalists to consider. After all, many places are getting overcrowded, agriculture needs land to operate, and environmentalists and all Americans need land on which to live, work and recreate. I don't want more regulations (we have way too many already), except for the only aspect of our population the government is authorized to regulate: immigration. We have laws about immigration, how many immigrants we allow, and what's legal and illegal immigration. Maybe a discussion on this topic will show that people in agriculture and environmentalists have a common goal of regulating immigration, legal and illegal, according to our laws. — **Dr. Matthew Cronin**



GUEST OPINION

One of the most rewarding aspects of my role in the American Farm Bureau Federation (AFBF) is the chance to see firsthand how farmers and ranchers across the country are developing and implementing new innovative solutions as we work together to feed, fuel and clothe the world. These solutions are the driving force behind the resilience of American agriculture, and it's important to recognize and celebrate the agricultural businesses that help get us there. Just as the businesses in our communities rely on us, we must also rely on them, working hand-in-hand toward one common mission.

That is why nearly a decade ago, Farm Bureau created the Ag Innovation Challenge, a national business competition that showcases startups and their innovative solutions to meet challenges on the farm. Launched in 2014, this competition was the first of its kind to focus on rural entrepreneurs. Now, thanks to a strategic partnership with Farm Credit and the support of our sponsors, we've been able to invest more than \$1.3 million in ag businesses over the past 10 years.

Recently, we announced the top 10 teams in the 2024 Ag Innovation Challenge. They represent various regions of the country and will now advance in the challenge, with \$10,000 each to invest in their businesses. Each of these businesses focuses on helping farmers and ranchers solve the challenges we're facing both today and tomorrow.

Many of the companies selected this year are working toward advancements in farm safety and efficiency. For instance, in Iowa, Appanoose Manufactured Products found a solution to reduce on-the-farm fires by designing a portable device that provides on-the-ground fire suppression resources. In Nebraska, Idem Irrigation is developing a precision irrigation system for targeted water, fertilizer and pesticide delivery to improve water management. In California, UAV-IQ Precision Agriculture has designed

a drone system for precise aerial releases of beneficial insects and mites to combat harmful pests.

Others are working in the field of animal agriculture to promote animal health and well-being. In Indiana, ReproHealth Technologies is enhancing bovine reproduction efficiency with a device for advanced continuous embryo culture media. Udder Ways LLC, in New York, is improving sanitization for dairy cows with a new system to sanitize and prepare udders for milking. And in Texas, Smooth Ag is improving overall pasture management with autonomous robots that monitor livestock and alert farmers when health problems arise.

Lastly, several competitors have developed solutions for small and beginning farmers to grow their businesses. Anu, in Indiana, designed a Keurig-style device enabling consumers to grow their own produce at home. In Washington state, Share Farms has established a platform connecting minority, women and veteran farmers directly with potential buyers. In Colorado, Barn Owl Precision Agriculture is supporting small and midsize farms with its autonomous robot that assists in planting, soil sampling, weed control and spraying. And lastly, in North Carolina, Secret Garden Bees is boosting the pollinator population and providing reintegration opportunities for veterans through their bee and honey operation.

These semifinalists can now take their innovations to the next level as they advance through the competition and build their networks. Next they will participate in pitch training from Cornell's SC Johnson College of Business and work directly with representatives of the USDA's Rural Business Investment Companies. Then, in January, they will join us at the AFBF Convention in Salt Lake City, UT, to compete in the final rounds of the Challenge on our trade show floor. I hope you will join me there to cheer them on! — **Zippy Duvall, AFBF president**

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Sire. HCC Whitewater 9010
MGS. G A R Sure Fire

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MGS. Thomas Big Data 7435

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Sire. Thomas Big Data 7435
MGS. S A V Final Answer 0035

Heifer calf at foot by Thomas Gunsmoke 1218

CED	BW	WW	YW	Milk	Marb	RE	\$G	\$B	\$C
8	1.8	70	129	23	.76	.80	62	176	274



\$B 186 • \$C 305

1517 • AAA# 20417963
Sire. Baldrige Alternative E125
MGS. V A R Discovery 2240

Heifer calf at foot by GB Fireball 672

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Congestive heart failure is becoming a growing issue in finishing cattle

Congestive heart failure in finishing beef calves is increasing, a condition that used to be known as “brisket disease” and only described in cattle populations at higher elevations of over 5,000 to 7,000 feet. Recently, deaths from congestive heart failure have been reported in feedlots at low and moderate elevations.

It has been estimated that congestive heart failure is responsible for 4% of feedlot mortality, causing significant economic losses to the feedlot industry, because the majority of these deaths occur late in the finishing period right before slaughter and there appears to be more impact on the highest performing cattle of mostly Angus ancestry.

An analysis in the Journal of the American Veterinary Medical Association of the risk factors and timing of

heart failure in feedlots in the U.S. and Canada showed that average heart failure occurred at 179 days on feed. Beef breeds had higher rates than dairy or dairy/beef crosses in each year of the analysis.

The impact of risk category for bovine respiratory disease (BRD) was influenced by feedlot elevation, where high risk cattle for BRD had the lowest heart failure rate at low elevation, but risk categories for BRD did not affect rate of heart failure in moderate and high elevation. The authors concluded that risk of heart failure has increased over the last 10 years and that these deaths are occurring later in the feeding period.

Another study published in the journal *Frontiers in Genetics* analyzed a heart scoring system and showed that increasing heart scores

were correlated with the percentage of Angus ancestry in commercial finishing cattle and can be used as a selection tool to reduce heart failure risk that would not interfere with selection for carcass and production traits.

Pulmonary arterial pressure (PAP) is also considered a marker for congestive heart failure risk. PAP has been used as an indicator trait for pulmonary hypertension at high altitudes (i.e., brisket disease) and the American Angus Association publishes an EPD for PAP as a selection aid. It is thought that PAP can also be used as a selection tool for heart failure at lower altitudes.

The relationship between PAP and feedlot and carcass performance at moderate elevations was examined by Briggs and others at Colo-

rado State University. This analysis also shows that PAP is similar in heritability to production traits like feedlot performance and feed intake and will not negatively affect feedlot performance and carcass quality.

The increasing incidence of congestive heart failure in feedlot cattle is a challenge to the beef industry for economic reasons like death loss and reduced performance but also because of reduced animal welfare. The genetics of heart failure appear to be unrelated to performance and carcass quality traits, so genetic selection and breeding will reduce heart failure rates without compromising performance and beef quality. — **Paul Beck, Oklahoma State University Extension beef cattle nutrition specialist**

LEGAL LEDGER

Bill to limit national monuments

A group of legislators has introduced the Congressional Oversight of the Antiquities Act in an attempt to reduce the number of national monuments designated by the president. The bill would require congressional approval for a monument to be designated; currently, the president has the sole authority to designate national monuments. “The text of the Antiquities Act was clear—to protect significant archaeological and historic sites, but to do so with discretion and to ensure that the designated area was confined to the smallest size necessary for their protection,” Sen. Mike Lee (R-UT), a sponsor of the Senate companion legislation, said in a news release. “Regrettably, we have seen designations that far exceed this directive, impacting millions of acres and the lives of many in the West.” The bill would require congressional approval of a proposed monument within six months or before the end of the last session of Congress—whichever comes first. If unapproved by Congress, a monument could not be reviewed for designation for the next 25 years.

Allowing CAFO samples during outbreak

A bill recently reintroduced by Sen. Cory Booker (D-NJ), the Expanded Food Safety Investigation Act, would allow the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) to collect microbial samples from concentrated animal feeding operations (CAFOs) during disease outbreaks. “Despite these dangers posed to public health by the animals in the country’s food system, public health agencies like the FDA and CDC face limitations in their ability to fully investigate and understand the problem since they lack the authority to enter farms and conduct microbial sampling,” Booker said in a news release. “This bicameral legislation is a necessary step towards addressing the threats posed by foodborne illnesses stemming from animal agriculture and ensuring better transparency in our food system.”

BLM proposes protecting NM land

The Bureau of Land Management has proposed a plan to protect more than 4,000 acres in Sandoval County, NM. The Department of the Interior said the plan would safeguard Tribal lands, boost recreation opportunities and support wildlife habitat connectivity. The plan would prevent new mining claims and oil and gas development for a 50-year period. More than 4,000 acres would be protected on four separate tracts. “The Pueblos of San Felipe and Santa Ana have long sought protections for the Placitas area, which they consider ancestral and sacred lands,” according to the Interior. A comment period will be open until Dec. 19. To leave a comment, visit tinyurl.com/rcdkbcw8.

Bill to break up packer monopolies

Sen. Josh Hawley (R-MO) has introduced the Strengthening Antitrust Enforcement for Meatpacking Act to break up meatpacking and poultry monopolies. The legislation comes following Tyson Foods’ announcement that it will shutter its poultry plants in southern Missouri, eliminating more than 2,000 jobs, Hawley said in a news release. “Today’s meatpacking monopolists are making massive profits while shutting down competition,” Hawley said. “Congress must give antitrust prosecutors the power to end anti-competitive behavior without lengthy court battles. It’s time to hold monopolies accountable and empower farmers.” The bill would establish thresholds for market concentration and disincentivize packers from buying up competitors.


Greens sue over tortoise protections

The Western Watersheds Project recently sued the Bureau of Land Management, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and the National Park Service for not protecting the Mojave desert tortoise and 77 other species. “Between the impacts of Cliven Bundy’s thirty years of trespass livestock grazing in Gold Butte National Monument and the conversion of ungrazed desert habitats to solar farms, the desert tortoise and other species are getting cheated out of their side of the Habitat Conservation Plan bargain,” said Erik Molvar, executive director of Western Watersheds Project. “These species were supposed to be getting increased protection on public lands in Clark County in exchange for having their habitat on private lands permanently destroyed, but the federal agencies have failed to deliver.” The Habitat Conservation Plan was created to offset the development of nearly 170,000 acres outside of Las Vegas, NV, the group said.

Major funding granted for ESA projects

The Department of the Interior has announced more than \$40.6 million in grants to support grants and planning projects through the Cooperative Endangered Species Conservation Fund (CESCF). The funding covers over 7,200 acres of habitat for 65 listed and at-risk species. The grants will be matched by more than \$17.6 million in partner funds. “This year’s awards, totaling more than \$36.6 million, will fund the acquisition and permanent protection for 10 projects over 7,200 acres of habitat across six states and one territory for the benefit of 32 listed and at-risk species,” the Interior said. An additional \$3.9 million is being granted to five states under the Conservation Planning Assistance Grant Program.

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Farm bill: Which chamber goes first?

Seeing Congress heading toward a government shutdown led by House members, Sen. Debbie Stabenow (D-MI), chairwoman of the Senate Agriculture Committee, said Sept. 19 that her chamber will take a lead in passing the farm bill ahead of the House.

"I worry when I look at the next two weeks that there is going to be a government shutdown—self-inflicted," Stabenow said at an event hosted by the Bipartisan Policy Center.

Asked about when she expects a farm bill would pass, Stabenow said, "I am aiming towards December."

Noting that farm-bill writers are facing "a complicated set of issues"—led by the lack of needed funds—Stabenow indicated she didn't have confidence the House could pass a farm bill.

"Despite the House Committee's best efforts, I think it's going to be very difficult," Stabenow said. "Watching it from the outside, it makes me nervous."

At a separate event early on Sept. 19, House Agriculture Committee Chairman Glenn "GT" Thompson (R-PA-15) said prospects are still good for passing a bipartisan farm bill and that he has never seen such strong support from leadership—despite the conflicts on federal spending.

Thompson said his committee is still waiting for more scores of farm bill programs from the Congressional Budget Office (CBO), but the CBO has been doing a good job analyzing the proposals the committee has made.

At an Axios live event, Thompson also noted that while the farm bill expires Sept. 30, "the functional deadline" for most of the farm bill is Dec. 31, and for crops, the dates next year are tied to the growing season.

"We want to avoid any significant disruption in a program that impacts the American farmer," Thompson explained. "There are a few things that come to a screeching halt on Oct. 1," he added without going into details.

He urged support for the bill, telling a mostly young audience the bill is far different from those passed in the 1980s that he described as "taking a grain shovel" and pouring out money, hoping it would solve problems.

The next farm bill, Thompson said, "is based on public-private partnerships and is vital to national security. That bill should not only serve (the farmers) through 2028 but be a platform for the future."

Stabenow perspective

Stabenow pointed to the annual USDA funding bill that

came out of the House committee with funding dollars at 2006 levels. The bill stalled before it could reach a floor vote at the end of July. Republicans have argued that funding is roughly the same as 2023 levels after all the Inflation Reduction Act (IRA) money and some other funds were clawed back in the bill.

"So that's the backdrop we are dealing with here," Stabenow said. "The only way, ultimately, we are going to get this done is if a bipartisan bill gets done and working with our House colleagues on that."

As of now, cobbling together the baseline dollars to increase any major program has been difficult. Stabenow said the funding isn't there to deal with all the needs, reiterating a comment she has repeated lately about "looking under every rock" for funding.

Stabenow also pointed to a letter she and Sen. John Boozman (R-AR) sent to Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack to boost funding for trade promotion using leftover funds from the Commodity Credit Corporation. "And we can do that without taking away from the baseline," she said.

Stabenow noted the CBO has forecast that the number of people who use the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) is projected to drop from 41.5 million at the height of the pandemic to 35 million people. "It's cyclical. It depends on who needs help and what's going on."

Still, the senator was asked by an audience member about calls from Puerto Rico to move the island residents from receiving food aid from a block grant to adding lower-income island residents to SNAP. Stabenow did not seem hopeful.

"There's not the resources at the current time," she said, pointing to pushback from the GOP over expanding SNAP. "It will be difficult to try to do this."

While fertilizer costs have come down from their peak, Stabenow pointed out that other costs for farmers right now remain high. Farmers that grow some major commodities also continue to see stronger prices even as USDA forecasts farm income dropping from 2022's record levels.

"Prices are doing well now, but we know how that goes," she said. "It's up and down, up and down."

The senator pointed out that farm groups have repeatedly called for more crop insurance program options and ways to lower the costs of crop insurance.

"We're in a situation where we need to make crop insurance more affordable," she said.

The conservation programs already have new funding under the \$19.5 billion provided

to USDA under the IRA. Stabenow wants to take those IRA funds and focus on carbon emissions and address climate change but move the dollars into the baseline for the USDA conservation programs going forward.

"That would be ideal," she said.

Stabenow said she will not put the money into the farm bill without those dollars focusing on climate issues. "That would be moving us backward," she said.

She also is not willing to

send any of those dollars to help with other areas of the farm bill such as boosting reference prices in commodity programs. Stabenow maintains more farmers are supported nationally by keeping those funds tied to conservation and climate-smart efforts. She noted farmers are "clamoring" for those conservation funds.

"Everybody wants conservation, and it is one of the top risk-management tools, right after crop insurance," she said.

She also wants to reduce the

complexity of program applications and streamline them, especially for beginning and small farmers.

Reflecting on the lack of new money for the farm bill, Stabenow was asked about more funding for research programs. Research backers such as land-grant universities have called for boosting baseline dollars for research from roughly \$1 billion to \$5 billion a year. While saying she thinks U.S. agriculture needs a "moonshot" in research, the senator indicated adding more

funding for research programs would be a heavy lift.

"I worry we don't have those resources to do that," Stabenow said, adding she has talked to senators from other committees to look for ways to increase agricultural research funding outside the farm bill. "This is an area where we aren't where we should be, and we won't, in my judgment, have the resources to do what we really need to do." — **Chris Clayton, DTN ag policy editor, and Jerry Hagstrom, DTN political correspondent**



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Enrolling in the Oklahoma Quality Beef Network

The Oklahoma Quality Beef Network (OQBN) is a joint project of the Oklahoma Cooperative Extension Service and the Oklahoma Cattlemen's Association. It is a network of beef producers, educators, veterinarians and industry professionals committed to increasing producers' access to value added marketing opportunities.

Cow-calf operators selling the calves, and buyers alike, benefit from the OQBN program. The program results in producing heavier, healthier and higher-performing calves. Calves that have been managed according to a Vac-45 program show reduced stress and shrink, an improved immune system and increased sale weight.

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calculated to be \$76/calf, a \$26 calculated net return on the investment in better calf quality and welfare.

At present, there are nine OQBN sale dates scheduled for calves weaned this fall. The first sale, for calves weaned by Sept. 23, is at OKC West Livestock Market in El Reno, OK, on Nov. 7. The complete set of sale dates and weaning dates for each sale can be found at tinyurl.com/bdfh4z2m.

To enroll calves into the OQBN program, producers should visit the website referenced above to purchase ear tags and initiate the enrollment process. Once the transaction of ear tag purchase is complete you will be contacted by an OQBN representative to schedule a verification. Producers can either complete the enrollment/vaccine records form in the link at the website, or the hard copy of the form included with ear tags purchased.

Keep the enrollment/vac-

cine records form for the OQBN representative that conducts the onsite verification of calves and vaccine records. Certification is complete upon approval from OQBN personnel.

Requirements for enrolling calves in the OQBN program include:

- Raised on the ranch of origin.
- Weaned a minimum of 45 days.
- Bull calves must be castrated and healed.
- Dehorned and healed.
- Vaccinated with two doses of 5-way respiratory vaccine.
- Vaccinated with two doses of (at least) 7-way clostridial vaccine (black-leg).
- Vaccinated with one dose of Pasteurella/Haemolytica (shipping fever).
- Identified with an OQBN ear tag.
- Must follow one of the three vaccination protocols (options on the health protocol sheet).

In addition:

- Producers must be Beef Quality Assurance certified.
- Calves must be third-party verified by Oklahoma State University (OSU) Extension personnel.

If you are interested in improving the profit potential of your cow-calf operation by capturing the premiums available through OQBN sales or have questions about the

program, contact Paul Vining, OQBN Coordinator at 405-744-4268 or paul.vining@okstate.edu. — **Mark Z. Johnson, OSU Extension beef cattle breeding specialist**

Newsom has until Oct. 14 to decide on water bill

WATER BILL (from page 1)

water allocations while respecting valid senior water rights," Allen said in an email.

Allen told the Los Angeles Times the bill was "about giving the water board the tools that it needs to do its work."

The bill is a part of water reforms recommended by a SWRCB-funded report and by the bill's sponsor, the Planning and Conservation

League, a nonprofit environmental lobbying organization.

The report, titled "Managing Water Scarcity: A Framework for Fair and Effective Water Right Curtailment in California," states curtailment options are effective for drought response and the state needs routine curtailments, and effective enforcement options are ineffective.

While the report says the board has tools to implement curtailments, "clarifying and solidifying the SWRCB's authorities in statute and upgrading its statutory tool set to better reflect the agency's critical role in managing water scarcity may be crucial for enabling effective curtailments in the future."

Last year, the Planning and Conservation League published a 43-page report of recommendations for updating the state's water laws to address climate change and drought. Among the 11 recommendations was allowing the state board to "investigate and determine whether a water right claimant, diverter, or user is diverting or using water under a defensible claim of right."

Water fights ahead

SWRCB has pursued control over pre-1914 water rights since the drought in 2012-16. Water agencies sued and a California appellate court in 2022 ruled SWRCB exceeded its enforcement authority under the state's Water Code.

According to SJV Water, SWRCB Chairman Joaquin Esquivel said at a May 2022 Water Association of Kern County Water Summit, "We know we have to change the system. Water rights can be

there as a tool to be able to manage supplies through not just a drought but when there is water again."

Senior water rights came under fire during this legislative session. Initially, three bills were introduced giving SWRCB more authority over water diversions.

Assembly Bill (AB) 1337, introduced by Assemblymember Buffy Wicks (D-Oakland-14), would "authorize the board to issue a curtailment order for any diversion, regardless of basis of right, when water is not available under the diverter's priority of right."

Wilbur said the bill would destroy farmers' and ranchers' ability to reliably plan for water availability even in years with no drought declaration.

AB 460, introduced by Assemblymember Rebecca Bauer-Kahan (D-San Ramon-16), would allow the board the authority to issue an interim relief order for a violation of "the Constitution, water quality objectives, water right permits and licenses, and fish and wildlife."

Wilbur said the bill would impose fines 20-fold, and equally troubling was any "interested party"—including anti-grazing groups with no real interest in the water in question—could petition the board for such an order."

The bills were withdrawn at the request of the authors, but could be introduced in the next legislative session.

Wilbur said CCA will "fight just as hard to curb any future efforts to diminish the senior water rights that form the foundation of California's world-leading agricultural community."

Newsom has until Oct. 14 to sign or veto SB 389. — **Charles Wallace, WLJ contributing editor**

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

Oct. 1 – Applications for the 2023 California Cattlemen's Association (CCA) scholarships are being accepted now. Current CCA members that are currently enrolled at a university or college are eligible to apply. Details: calcattlemen.org/scholarships.

Oct. 6 – The New Mexico Cattle Growers' Association Allied Industry Committee will be hosting college interns at the upcoming 2023 Joint Stockmen's Convention. To apply, visit www.nmagriculture.org, call 505-247-0584 or email nmcga20@gmail.com.

Oct. 10 – Internship applications are

open for the 2023 California Cattlemen's Association Convention happening Nov. 29-Dec. 1 at the Nugget Casino Resort in Sparks, NV. Apply here: calcattlemen.org.

Oct. 12 – Purina Animal Nutrition, along with the Land O'Lakes Foundation, is announcing its new scholarship program designed to assist students involved in agriculture and livestock production in pursuing their passions and furthering their education. Details: learnmore.scholarsapply.org/purina.

Nov. 3 – Purina Mills and the New Mexico Cattle Growers' Association's Young Cattlemen's Leadership Committee (YCLC) will be awarding two Purina Mills \$1,000 scholarships and two YCLC \$500 scholarships during the 2023 Joint Stockmen's Convention in December. Details: www.nmagriculture.org.



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MARKET NEWS

MARKET SITUATION REPORT

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

MARKET AT A GLANCE	This Week: 9/21/2023	Week Ago	Year Ago
Choice Fed Steers	185.93 ▲	183.81	144.90
CME Feeder Index	254.09 ▲	251.21	179.75
Boxed Beef Average	301.93 ▼	306.37	248.40
Average Dressed Steers	288.35 ▲	287.87	228.47
Live Slaughter Weight*	1,356 ▼	1,367	1,367
Weekly Slaughter**	632,000 ▲	559,000	667,000
Weekly Beef Production***	519.6 ▲	458.8	546.5
Hide/Offal Value	13.69 ▼	13.70	13.92
Corn Price	4.75 ▲	4.64	6.89

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

BEEF REPORT: Weekly Composite Boxed Beef												
WEEK ENDING	COMPREHENSIVE Loads/Price		PRIME Loads/Price		BRANDED Loads/Price		CHOICE Loads/Price		SELECT Loads/Price		UNGRADED Loads/Price	
September 15	6,599	306.18	164	344.07	1,236	313.15	1,926	306.65	845	288.53	2,428	267.22
September 8	5,725	308.59	146	347.50	1,142	317.96	1,709	309.96	721	290.73	2,006	272.22
September 1	5,917	312.36	177	350.76	1,136	320.13	1,685	312.54	759	294.26	2,160	273.63
August 25	6,147	310.79	174	347.09	1,158	317.40	1,737	311.40	780	296.64	2,298	267.47

Cutouts						FED BOXED BEEF					
DATE	CHOICE	SELECT	COW BEEF CUTOUT		50% LEAN	90% LEAN					
Sep 21	301.93	279.00	241.63		124.05	305.29					
Sep 20	301.26	278.68	245.57		115.94	313.41					
Sep 19	302.12	281.78	244.96		124.51	312.29					
Sep 18	305.32	283.41	243.80		133.94	310.20					
Sep 15	305.71	283.12	245.98		130.37	313.74					

CATTLE FUTURES: CME Live Cattle							
	9/15	9/18	9/19	9/20	9/21	High*	Low*
Oct.	18693	18633	18568	18678	18498	18693	14003
Dec.	19183	19100	19048	19153	18950	19183	15388
Feb.	19633	19575	19493	19585	19408	19633	15310
Apr.	19975	19888	19828	19935	19755	19975	16853

CATTLE FUTURES: CME Feeder Cattle							
	9/15	9/18	9/19	9/20	9/21	High*	Low*
Sep.	25738	25425	25350	25418	25328	25738	17595
Oct.	26448	26095	25935	26058	25778	26448	18303
Nov.	26813	26543	26503	26558	26270	26813	18755
Jan.	26833	26615	26570	26700	26445	26833	22750

*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	3,763	1,547	185.93
Live FOB Heifer	405	1,250	184.01
Dressed Del Steer	824	1,000	288.35
Dressed Del Heifer	121	840	292.33
SAME PERIOD LAST WEEK			
Live FOB Steer	6,507	1,513	183.81
Live FOB Heifer	638	1,316	183.40
Dressed Del Steer	253	934	287.87
Dressed Del Heifer	183	810	288.00
SAME PERIOD LAST YEAR			
Live FOB Steer	4,777	1,518	144.90
Live FOB Heifer	1,329	1,358	144.98
Dressed Del Steer	1,407	955	228.47
Dressed Del Heifer	341	843	229.32

NATIONAL WEEKLY FED BEEF SLAUGHTER VOLUME: SEPTEMBER 17		
	Domestic	Imported
Forward Contract	19,598	5,655
Formula	287,299	2,065
Negotiated Cash	70,617	268
Negotiated Grid	36,205	843
Packer Owned	12,208	N/A
Total	425,927	8,831

SLAUGHTER FORWARD CONTRACTS		FORWARD BEEF SALES	
Delivery Month		Neg. Sales 0-21 days	1,930
Sep. '23	103,524	Neg. Sales 21+ days	1,044
Oct. '23	104,415	Formula sales	3,575
Nov. '23	136,821	Forward contract sales	50
Dec. '23	100,516	Domestic sales	5,932
Jan. '24	96,026	NAFTA Exports	91

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		169.94	-1.32
Slaughter Heifers, mostly Choice & Select 1-3, 1200-1400 lbs		N/A	N/A
Ontario Auctions			
Slaughter Steers, mostly Choice & Select 1-3, 1300-1500 lbs		170.17	-1.63
Slaughter Heifers, mostly Choice & Select 1-3, 1200-1400 lbs		N/A	N/A
Slaughter Cows, Cutter and Utility 1-3, 1100-1400 lbs		104.13	-2.48

*Price comparison from one week ago.

Average feeder cattle prices (CND) for week ending Friday, September 8, 2023				
Steers:	Alberta	Saskatchewan	Ontario	
501-600 lbs	285.26	277.88	273.13	
601-700 lbs	261.34	261.90	259.04	
701-800 lbs	250.44	247.75	246.52	
801-900 lbs	240.94	234.70	231.85	
Heifers:				
401-500 lbs	280.81	271.54	233.52	
501-600 lbs	255.99	248.12	231.17	
601-700 lbs	237.87	230.31	219.08	
701-800 lbs	225.14	226.89	206.31	

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
	9/11/23	9/4/23		
Feeders	16,681	23,089	795,992	566,519

USDA WEEKLY IMPORTED FEEDER CATTLE			
September 21, 2023			
Mexico to United States Feeder Cattle Import Summary			
Receipts EST: 16,450	Week Ago Act: 13,600	Year Ago Act: 7,144	
Columbus, NM		Santa Teresa, NM	
Compared to Tuesday, steer calves and yearlings sold steady. Heifers steady. Trade moderate to active, demand moderate to good. Supply consisted of steers and spayed heifers weighing 300-600 lbs.		Compared to Tuesday, steer calves and yearlings sold steady. Heifers steady. Trade moderate to active, demand moderate to good. Supply consisted of steers and spayed heifers weighing 300-600 lbs.	
Feeder heifers: Medium and large 1&2	Feeder heifers: Medium and large 1&2		
300-400 lbs	250-260	300-400 lbs	250-260
400-500 lbs	240-250	400-500 lbs	240-250
500-600 lbs	230-240	500-600 lbs	230-240
Feeder steers: Medium and large 1&2	Feeder steers: Medium and large 1&2		
300-400 lbs	301-311	300-400 lbs	301-311
400-500 lbs	281-291	400-500 lbs	281-291
500-600 lbs	261-271	500-600 lbs	261-271

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

Selected Auction										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	NORTHWEST
									SLAUGHTER BULLS	REPLACEMENTS	
September 15	Blackfoot, ID	N/A	275-296 210-285	260-303 210-287	240-290 205-267	225-250 200-239	210-240 195-236	190-236 190-229	97-119 113-128		
September 14	Burley, ID	401	271	290-322.50 261.50-270	245-272.50	175	242 246-253.50		87-130.50 125.50-257		
No report available											
September 16	Emmett, ID										
September 16	Eugene, OR	888	230-275* 205-261*	230-285* 215-255*	220-256* 203-245*	215-239* 160-210*	146-180*		90-102.80 103-111	1,000-2,000 770-1,350	
September 18	Madras, OR	249		230-245	225-240	225-250 220-235	205-225	200-230 190-205	105-129.50 120-134.50		
September 13	Vale, OR	270		252-272.50	263-281 225-248		226-253	190-220	94-122 120-137		
September 19	Davenport, WA	299	300-525 325-400	150-232.50 140-525	125-270 115-230	175-229 102.50-230	100-227.50 167-220	160-213 100-207	121-207.50 132-181	20-130 61-214	
September 15	Toppenish, WA	1,740		250-260* 260-275*	278* 244-250*	266-275.50*	182.50*	195*	100-116.50 107.50-128.50	1,250-1,410	
FAR WEST											
September 14	Orland, CA	1,499		220-291 200-285	200-290 180-283	200-281 180-272	180-261 160-239	160-245 140-222	75-126		
September 18	Escalon, CA	N/A	200-275 175-225		200-260 175-215		160-215 115-175	115-145 90-120	80-110 80-134	800-1,500 700-1,300	
September 18	Famoso, CA	350	250-300 180-260	250-300 180-275	250-285 180-250	250-264 200-240		165-240 170-200	105-150 110-139		
September 13	Galt, CA	1,596		250-320 220-300	240-300 200-270	220-270 200-261	200-259 175-251	180-235 100-149.50	85-125 100-149.50	1,700-2,500 1,500-2,400	
September 19	Turlock, CA	999		290-330 260-274	275-307 230-247.50	250-277.50 220-246.50	210-237 190-220	195-238 180-217	98-120 105-134		
September 12	Salina, UT	1,189	300-370 305-400	295-397.50 285-362.50	260-355 240-310	235-280 180-270	225-272.50 175-237.50	225-257 170-218.50	160-235 151-202.50	96.15-128.85 126-174.50	
NORTH CENTRAL											
September 19	Iowa	13,939	297.50-402.50 276-345	295-372.50 252.50-319	270-372.50 247.50-327	250-299 230-280	247-283 223-260	221-260.25 210-245			
September 19	Miles City, MT	1,332	352.50-397.50 312.50-350	330-352.50 285-322.50	291 268	271-285.50 265	263.50 253.50-261.50	227.50-255.50 221-245.50	93-117.50 95-124	1,700	
September 20	Bassett, NE	3,070		302-312 271-277	299-311.50 276-280	291-301 253-275.50	286.50-294.50 255-265	238.50-264.50 226.50-261			
September 16	Ericson, NE	3,890	392.50 322.50-365	325	297-312 273-300	283-304 250-276	244-295.50 247.50-274.50	231-261 223.75-255			
September 18	Imperial, NE	1,615		271	269 267	265 254.50	272.75 245-248	241.75-258.75 231-242			
No report available											
September 15	Kearney, NE				298	284	268.50	239.10-254.50			
September 15	Lexington, NE	1,613				257-266	240.50-257	233-236			
September 14	Ogallala, NE	915			265.50	261.50	254.50-272.50 246.50-258.50	235-265 224-250.50			
September 14	Valentine, NE	2,700				297.50	262.50-294.50 249	250-280.50 219.50-246			
September 15	Herreid, SD	2,525					261-282.50 242-259	238.50-272.50 232-243.50			
September 20	Torrington, WY	2,851	370-372.50 282	332-333 301-303	279-322 271	268 249	265-278 239-244	236-269 230-242			
SOUTH CENTRAL											
September 14	Willcox, AZ	1,764	312-338 299-306	314-540 266-299	270-319 247-294	250-286.50 236-256.50	235-256 210-226.50		80-125 116-137.50	1,375-1,850	
September 18	Colorado	4,129	311 290	292.50-352.50 278-301	281-296 262-271	277-293 253-261	267-275 244-254	252-264.75 233-248	192-247.75 129-238	1,500-2,300 1,075-2,100	
September 13	La Junta, CO	1,683		287-352.50 244-271	251-285 238-257		235-250	221-251 211-234	92-117 121-138	1,425-1,625 1,425-1,625	
No report available											
September 20	Dodge City, KS	2,793									

Factors affecting slaughter cow values

As of mid-September, cull cow prices at Oklahoma auctions are an average of 33.1% higher year over year across all grades and dressing percentages. Higher slaughter cow prices are the result of strong lean beef markets and the related growth in breeding demand for cows.

Beef cow slaughter increased annually from 2015-22 and, after rising sharply the past two years to the highest level since 1996, is declining year over year in 2023. Beef cow slaughter is falling more sharply in the second half of this year and may end the year down in the range of 15-17% from year-earlier levels. The declining supply of lean beef is driving higher processing beef prices. The current price of 90% lean beef is 17.3% higher year over year.

With fall culling decisions approaching, producers should be aware of factors affecting cull cow value and consider opportunities to increase cull value. Table 1 shows the average percent difference in price of slaughter cows compared to a base of average dressing, Boner cows.

The price of average dressing Boner cows in mid-September is \$108.38/cwt which means that the prices would be expected to vary from a high of \$120.74/cwt for high-dressing Breaker cows to a low of \$91.80/cwt for low-dressing lean cows.

Slaughter cow grade is a function of age, weight and

condition of cows. The Agricultural Marketing Service uses the following guidelines to grade slaughter cows:

- Breaker: Slaughter cows expected to yield carcasses in the range of 75-80% lean. Typically, a cow with more than 0.35 inch of backfat at the 12th rib.

- Boner: Slaughter cows expected to yield carcasses in the range of 80-85% lean. Typically, a cow with between 0.15-0.35 inches of backfat at the 12th rib.

- Lean: Slaughter cows expected to yield carcasses in the

range of 85%-plus lean. Typically, a cow with less than 0.15 inch of backfat at the 12th rib.

As a rough guide, cows will be about 100 pounds heavier for increases in each grade from Lean to Boner to Breaker. Each grade increase is roughly equivalent to an increase of one body condition score. Additionally, the live weight of cows will change by roughly 25-30 lbs. above and below the weight of average dressing cows for high- and low-dressing cows. Producers can often impact the value of cull cows by managing the weight and condition of

cows before marketing.

Cull cows have the most pronounced seasonal price pattern of any class of cattle ranging from highs in June and July to lows in November and December (Figure 1). Cull cows that are thin (Lean, low dressing) in the fall and are retained and fed until spring may sell as Boner cows at average dressing by March with an increase in value of \$400-600/head due to added weight, grade and condition. Of course, the feasibility of holding cull cows depends on time and management considerations and the

availability of surplus feed.

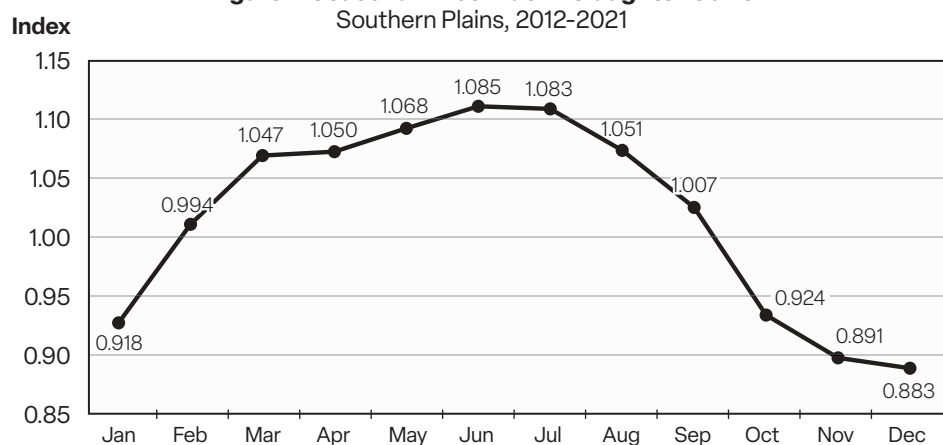
Going forward, many culled cows will likely be screened for the possibility of producing another calf and selling later for slaughter value. Leaving the cull cows with a bull while adding weight after weaning may

produce another increment of added value if she can be sold as a bred cow next spring at seasonally high bred cow prices. — Derrell S. Peel, Oklahoma State University Extension livestock marketing specialist

Table 1. Impact of Grade and Dressing Percentage on Slaughter Cow Value

Dressing Grade	High	Average	Low
Breaker	+11.4 %	+5.1 %	-2.2 %
Boner	+5.6 %	BASE	-8.0 %
Lean	-0.9 %	-6.6 %	-15.3 %

Figure 1. Seasonal Price Index - Slaughter Cows
Southern Plains, 2012-2021



Demand for feeders continues

MARKETS (from page 1)

ending Sept. 9 was 558,921 head. The average dressed steer weight was 917 lbs., 9 lbs. higher than the prior week.

"With boxed beef values struggling mightily, having sagged back to the summer lows, packers are rumored to have trimmed this week's harvest," Fish said. "Expectations for this week are now 620k head, compared to last week's 632k head, which followed a tiny Labor Day week harvest the prior week. Packers are defending margins by reducing product availability to stabilize the cutout."

Boxed beef prices were several dollars lower over the week. The Choice cutout lost about \$4.45 to close at \$301.93, and the Select cutout lost close to \$8 to close at \$279.

"What is needed for another leg up in this bull market is a seasonal improvement in Q4 beef demand," Fish said. "The spring Choice boxed beef rally exceeded \$340 by just a bit and the August boxed beef rally stopped short of \$320. Typically, the Q4 boxed beef rally exceeds the August push, so reaching \$320 to \$340 in November still seems achievable. But that will require a brisk rally to lead the way."

Feeder cattle

Feeder cattle futures gained a few dollars over the week, with the September contract up about \$2 to \$253.27 and the October contract up about \$4 to \$257.77.

The CME Feeder Cattle Index gained about \$3 to close at \$254.09.

Corn futures have been

headed steadily lower. The December contract lost 5 cents to close at \$4.75, and the March contract also lost 5 cents to close at \$4.90.

"Yes, demand still remains strong in the countryside as thin supplies of feeders keep the buying environment hot, but from a technical sense, the market is cold and cautious," ShayLe Stewart, DTN livestock analyst, said on Thursday.

Kansas: Winter Livestock in Dodge City sold 2,482 head Wednesday. Compared to the previous auction, feeder steers and heifers 750-900 lbs. sold steady. Steers and heifers 450-750 lbs. sold \$8-10 higher. However, reputation and thin-fleshed calves sold \$20-23 higher. Benchmark steers averaging 736 lbs. sold between \$251-260.50, averaging \$254.37.

Missouri: Joplin Regional

Stockyard in Carthage sold 8,000 head on Monday. Compared to a week earlier, feeder steers and heifers sold \$2-4 higher. Benchmark steers averaging 768 lbs. sold from \$252-267, averaging \$259.72.

Nebraska: Tri-State Livestock in McCook sold 2,250 head Monday. There were not enough sales at the last auction for an accurate comparison. A group of steers averaging 877 lbs. sold between \$240.50-250, averaging \$247.06.

Oklahoma: Oklahoma National Stockyards in Oklahoma City sold 7,500 head on Monday. Compared to the last sale, feeder steers and heifers sold \$2-5 higher. Steer and heifer calves sold \$4-8 higher. Benchmark steers averaging 784 lbs. sold from \$254-268, averaging \$257.86.

South Dakota: Sioux Falls

Regional Cattle in Worthing sold 2,961 head Monday. Compared to the last auction, steer and heifer calves sold with steady to higher undertones. Yearling feeder steers 650-750 lbs. and 800-850 lbs. sold \$6-8 higher; other weights were mostly steady. Yearling heifers sold with steady to higher undertones. Benchmark steers averaging 733 lbs. sold between \$273-287, averaging \$283.17. — Anna Miller, WLJ managing editor

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As one CA insurance bill becomes law, a bigger fix awaits

Some farmers and other property owners who have had to turn to the California FAIR Plan, the state's insurer of last resort, may soon have better coverage options thanks to a new law approved this month.

On Sept. 8, Gov. Gavin Newsom (D) signed legislation to improve commercial property insurance options for people who have struggled to access coverage due to the impact of wildfires.

Over the past several years, farmers have suffered a double blow to fires, losing crops and farm properties to the flames and losing the ability to insure their properties and commercial assets as insurance companies refused to cover them.

"Many farm and ranch insurance policies have been terminated due to wildfire risk," Napa Valley winegrape grower Johnnie White said last month at a congressional hearing on wildfires and forest health. "While a few policies

have been retained, they come with much higher premiums."

In some cases, White said, farmers saw their insurance premiums more than quadruple. In others, the policies were dropped altogether, threatening farms' ability to continue operating.

As a result, some farmers sought coverage under the California FAIR Plan, the state's insurer of last resort, which is funded by a levy on insurance companies.

The FAIR Plan initially excluded commercial farm structures such as tasting rooms, outbuildings, packinghouses and storage facilities until a 2021 bill backed by farm groups enabled farmers to bring those properties under their FAIR Plan policies.

Without insurance, business owners, similar to homeowners, are generally ineligible for the loans they need to purchase properties along with the structures and equipment

their businesses require.

"California's farmers and ranchers need insurance options to safeguard their ability to continue producing the food that America needs," said California Farm Bureau President Jamie Johansson.

The FAIR Plan gives farmers an option, but the policies, intended only as a temporary last resort, are expensive and do not provide comprehensive coverage.

"Our members, unfortunately, experience sticker shock when they get those FAIR Plan policies," said Peter Ansel, policy advocate for the California Farm Bureau. "They're seeing policies that are substantially more expensive than the policies they were non-renewed on and often provide substantially less coverage."

A typical policy from an insurance company, for example, would cover a packinghouse or a wine storage facility

and everything in it. But the FAIR Plan offers coverage only on the structure, not the equipment or commodities inside it. "That's a pretty big distinction," Ansel said.

To help policyholders leave the FAIR Plan, the program has a clearinghouse where insurance companies can browse its policies and make coverage offers. However, the clearinghouse lists only residential policies, not commercial ones, preventing farmers from bringing all their properties back under the same, competitive insurance policy.

Now signed into law, Senate Bill (SB) 505 will add commercial policies to the FAIR Plan clearinghouse so that they can re-enter the competitive market and get better insurance coverage.

"The bill is important because it will help depopulate the number of policies inside the FAIR Plan," Ansel said. He added that it will not impact people who are not already FAIR Plan policyholders or prevent people from having their insurance policies in the competitive market non-renewed.

SB 505 was authored by state Sen. Susan Rubio (D-Baldwin Park). It was sponsored by the California Farm Bureau and the California Department of Insurance and drew support from insurance companies.

"California businesses do best when they have more choices for insurance coverage," said California Insurance Commissioner Ricardo Lara, who co-sponsored the bill with California Farm Bureau. "Giving them more options must be our top priority."

The new law goes into effect amid a broader reckoning on insurance access and wildfires in California.

Earlier this year, State Farm and Allstate announced they had stopped accepting new applications for home insurance in California, and Farmers Insurance said it was limiting new policies. The companies said it had become too risky to operate in the state due to the frequency of natural disasters over the past several years.

White, the Napa winegrape grower, who serves on the California Farm Bureau board, told members of Congress that "while only a few companies have made public announcements," the Farm Bureau is aware of at least 22 companies that are no longer writing insurance policies in California.

Altogether, insurance companies responsible for covering an estimated 85% of the market have pulled back from taking on new residential and commercial policies.

"This is a waving red flag issue," Newsom said recently in an interview with Politico.

Several newspapers reported that a last-minute deal between lawmakers to push through a bill addressing the state's insurance problems collapsed before the legislative session ended Sept. 14. The legislature will not return until January.

State Sen. Bill Dodd (D-Napa) told the San Francisco Chronicle that a bill being discussed would have raised property insurance rates for all California policyholders in exchange for allowing more people, including those in areas at risk to wildfire, to gain access to insurance.

Lara said on a podcast hosted by state Sen. Steve Glazer (D-Orinda) that "the ideal here is to give availability of insurance to every Californian, so then the costs

come down when insurance companies are back fighting for your business." The bill faced resistance from consumer advocates due to concerns it would benefit the insurance industry at the expense of policyholders.

"Affordability is critical," Lara said. "But right now, availability is more important. We want insurance companies to increase their market share given the ongoing risk that we live in every day."

Following news reports of the failed deal, Lara released a statement saying the state government continues to work towards a solution. "Our current path is unsustainable," he said.

Lara added that passing new legislation is only "one of many options that we have been pursuing." He said the government is also "moving forward with a package of regulatory solutions that will streamline the department's rate review process, opening it equitably to public input."

Meanwhile, Assembly Speaker Robert Rivas (D-Hollister) announced a series of public hearings on property insurance that will take place this fall.

"We hear loud and clear from our residents that access to insurance is a problem," Rivas said.

Should the government succeed in getting insurance companies to return to writing new policies in California, SB 505 would "take on heightened significance," Ansel said, by providing an avenue to move more policies out of the FAIR Plan and back into the competitive market.

— **Caleb Hampton, assistant editor of AgAlert, California Farm Bureau Federation**

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Practice diligence to avoid being scammed

Scammers, it often seems, never rest. Whether it be by phone, email or suspicious website, consumers face an onslaught of characters aiming to cash in on an easy buck, or even steal an identity.

But Kansas State (K-State) University family finance specialist Elizabeth Kiss says knowing the tangles that scammers often use will help consumers stay safe.

"The Federal Trade Commission has a lot of great information for consumers about fraud and they highlight signs for things that might be a scam," Kiss said.

Some of the common signs consumers should look for include:

- The scammer pretends to be from an organization you might know.

Some examples include the Social Security Administration, the IRS or Medicare. Or, Kiss notes, the caller may represent themselves as being from a utility company or charity. "They have used technology to change their phone numbers," Kiss said, "so it looks like what you're seeing (on your phone)."

- The scammer indicates there is a problem that needs your attention.

You might be told that you owe money or someone in your family had an emergency and needs your assistance immediately. On a computer, you may get an urgent message about a virus infecting your files. Another form of scam indicates that you've won a prize and you must act immediately to claim it.

- The scammer pressures you to act immediately.

Scammers don't want you to have time to think; they want to get your attention now. There is an urgency to the claims the person is making, whether it's by phone or computer.

- The scammer indicates you owe money and says there is only one way to pay.

You may be aware that you owe money and so the claim seems legitimate. But the caller indicates you must pay right away and that there is only one way to pay—such as crypto currency or wiring money to a company or with a specified app. Recent scams tried to lure consumers into

paying with gift cards.

Kiss urges consumers to resist making decisions quickly. Investigate claims being made against you, whether it is by phone, email or other computer application.

"You can avoid a scam by not even opening yourself up to those potential communication channels," Kiss said. "For example, you can block your number, or filter unwanted text messages. Don't give your personal or financial information in response to a request that you didn't expect."

If you're on the phone, "Hang up and check out their story."

If you're on email, "There's no hurry, right? Check out the story online and verify if this is legitimate or not," Kiss said.

"I think we have to watch our footprint across the web, too," Kiss said. "And we can protect our personal information by protecting our devices, which includes updating software regularly so that it has new patches and security protection." — **K-State Research and Extension**

STORY SHORTS

Grocery merger progresses

Kroger Co. and Albertsons Companies Inc. announced an agreement to sell assets to C&S Wholesale Grocers LLC as part of its proposed merger. The agreement with C&S includes the sale of 413 stores, eight distribution centers, two offices and five private label brands across 17 states and the District of Columbia. The transaction includes the sale of the QFC, Mariano's and Carrs brand names and the exclusive licensing rights to the Albertsons brand name in Arizona, California, Colorado and Wyoming. Founded in 1918, C&S is a wholesale grocery supply company that operates supermarkets under Grand Union and Piggly Wiggly in the Midwest and North and South Carolina. According to a news release, "C&S also brings experience with the merger process, having been an FTC-approved divestiture buyer in prior grocery transactions with a strong track record of successfully transitioning union employees and their associated collective bargaining agreements." Prior to the closing of the merger, Kroger may require C&S, in connection with securing governmental clearance, to purchase an additional 237 stores in certain geographies.

USDA recalls meat products for safety

USDA's Food Safety and Inspection Service announced it is recalling 29 tons of ground beef shipped to distributors in Georgia, Michigan and Ohio, and SPAM Classic shipped to Texas. American Foods Group, LLC, doing business as Green Bay Dressed Beef, LCC, is recalling 58,281 pounds of ground beef products that may be contaminated with Shiga toxin-producing E. coli. The ground beef was manufactured on Aug. 14 and is in 80-lb. cases containing 10-lb. plastic tubes. The tubes contain the following labels: "90050 BEEF FINE GROUND 81/19" with lot code D123226026, "20473 BEEF HALAL FINE GROUND 73/27" with lot code D123226027 and "20105 BEEF FINE GROUND 73/27" with lot code D123226027. These items were shipped to distributors in Georgia, Michigan and Ohio. Consumers who have purchased these products are urged not to consume them. These products should be thrown away or returned to the place of purchase. SPAM Classic is being recalled due to underprocessing. The 12-oz. cans were produced on Aug. 17 with the "BEST BY AUG 2026" date and lot code A08173 printed on the bottom of the can. The canned meat product was shipped to H-E-B retail locations in Texas.

NRCS opens conservation signups

USDA's Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) is accepting applications from agriculture producers and landowners in Florida, Idaho and Oregon for its conservation programs. In Florida, NRCS is accepting applicants for the Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP), Conservation Stewardship Program (CSP), climate-smart practices through EQIP and CSP funded by the Inflation Reduction Act, and the Regional Conservation Partnership Program through Nov. 17 for the 2024 cycle. Idaho and Oregon are accepting applications for the Agricultural Conservation Easement Program, which helps producers enroll wetlands, grasslands and farmlands into conservation easements. The deadline in Idaho is Oct. 13, and Dec. 15 for Oregon. Producers can contact their local NRCS field office to apply for these programs.

ASF infection gene discovered

Researchers have discovered a gene in the DNA needed for African swine fever (ASF) to cause infection. The research by the Friedrich-Loeffler Institute and Roslin Institute in Europe provides insight into the biology of the ASF virus. The identified gene known as SLA-DM is essential for the replication of ASF. The editing of SLA-DM will offer an approach to developing effective therapeutics against ASF infections or ASF-resistant pig breeds. "Our study identifies target genes for editing to develop pigs resistant to African swine fever," said Dr. Finn Grey, Roslin Institute, one of the institutions in the study. "Although more work is required, this finding represents an important first step towards the generation of ASF-resistant pigs." In July, the Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development in Vietnam issued a document approving a vaccine against ASF.

USDA seeks board nominations

USDA announced it is seeking nominations to the Advisory Committee on Beginning Farmers and Ranchers. The committee advises the secretary of Agriculture to enhance USDA's new farming and ranching operations goals. Organizations from the ranching and agriculture sectors can nominate an individual from within or outside their membership, or an individual can nominate themselves. Nomination packages should include a cover letter describing the nominee's interest, a résumé that documents the nominee's background and experience, and a completed USDA Advisory Committee Membership Background Information Form (AD-755). All nominations received by Oct. 10 will be considered. More information: tinyurl.com/bdcmw6y3.

Russia's actions threaten global food security

The Russian invasion of Ukraine in early 2022 caused wheat and corn prices to spike 30% and 13%, respectively, and threatened a worldwide food crisis. International efforts to mitigate a food security crisis via the Solidarity Lanes and the Black Sea Grain Initiative (BSGI) have successfully allowed grain exports out of Ukraine.

However, Russia's recent withdrawal from the BSGI, coupled with increased bombings of Odesa and Danube River ports, caused another price spike for these grains. Further aggression in the region risks halting Russian wheat and Ukrainian corn exports across the Black Sea, the main export channel for both countries.

Russia accounts for about 18% of global wheat exports and 2% of worldwide corn exports, while Ukraine provides 15% of global corn exports and only 9% of wheat. Why have these statistics spooked the grain commodity markets?

Colin A. Carter, distinguished professor with the Department of Agricultural and Resource Economics at the University of California, Davis, explains that "the simple answer is that Russia's aggression in the Black Sea region increases the risk of the world grain market losing the No. 4 corn exporter (Ukraine) and the No. 1 wheat exporter (Russia) if grain vessels on the Black Sea become targets of drone strikes."

If all grain shipped through the Black Sea by Russia and Ukraine were halted, it would cut off 27% of global wheat exports and 17% of global corn exports.

Carter's analysis of the corn and wheat markets shows a notable increase in market uncertainty since the start of the Russia-Ukraine War, as evidenced by measuring "implied volatility." Implied volatility is the expected price volatility of a commodity like corn or wheat in options trading. In March 2022, shortly after


the invasion of Ukraine, the implied volatility of corn jumped from 25% to 60%, while wheat rose from 40% to 160%. There was also a second peak in volatility in July 2023, after Russia pulled out of the BSGI, suggesting further fears that grain exports through the Black Sea could be cut off from world markets.

When Russia withdrew from the BSGI, there was another brief price spike in wheat (up 15%) and corn (up 10%). Wheat markets have consistently been more affected by conflict in Ukraine, specifically in the Black Sea, than corn prices. This difference can be explained by the fact that 95% of Russian grain is exported through the eastern portion of the Black Sea, while around a quarter of Ukrainian grain is shipped by truck and rail and would not be as affected by the conflict in the Black Sea.

By volume, there is around 1.7 times more wheat than corn shipped from Black Sea ports. The

wheat market is more politically charged than the corn market because wheat is primarily a food grain. Therefore, the greatest risk to global food security moving forward may no longer be getting grain out of Ukraine—due to the continued success of the Solidarity Lanes—but rather the loss of wheat exports to the world market that could result from Russia backing out of the BSGI.

To learn more about how Russian aggression in the Black Sea might affect global food security, read the full article by Carter and Sandro Steinbach, associate professor in the Department of Agribusiness and Applied Economics and the director of the Center for Agricultural Policy and Trade Studies at North Dakota State University. The article, "Russian Weaponization of Food Rattles Global Markets," can be found at tinyurl.com/5n9b7my8. — **Gianni Foundation of Agricultural Economics**



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Wolves still set to be introduced by end of year

WOLVES (from page 1)

elsewhere in its range. Treating the population as threatened will allow the USFWS

the discretion to create specific management programs and regulations for the population.

Under a nonessential designation, as USFWS has de-

termined in this case, the take prohibitions and consultation requirements of the ESA are relaxed, easing the regulatory burden. This makes it easier for landown-

ers to manage their lands without worrying about violating the ESA by accidentally harming the species.

The management flexibility of the experimental popu-

lation will help coexistence between wolves and landowners, CPW said, while still conserving the species and reducing potential impacts.

"Thank you to our members and stakeholders who engaged during the public comment period to ensure the interests of our industry were represented," the Colorado Cattlemen's Association wrote in an e-newsletter. "Your engagement made a difference in securing more management flexibility for impending wolf introduction."

Environmental groups expressed their disappointment with the decision to designate an experimental population, saying it doesn't offer enough protection and will lead to more wolf killings.

"The proposed nonessential experimental population rule creates perverse incentives for ranchers to forego established non-lethal tools for coexistence in favor of shooting first and asking questions later," said Michael Saul, Colorado director with Western Watersheds Project. "Such an approach undermines the Colorado voters' mandate for a science-based restoration program aimed at restoring ecological balance."

The Center for Biological Diversity noted, "The state wolf plan and this new federal authorization will probably need to be revised before too long to truly protect both wolves and livestock by mandating non-lethal prevention."

What's next?

The next step is for USFWS to issue a 10(j) experimental population designation no sooner than 30 days after its initial announcement. The agency plans to publish the final record of decision and 10(j) rule to be effective before the end of the year.

"This is critically important for protecting our industry and giving producers more tools for wolf management," CCA said.

There will be no public comment period, as it already took place.

CPW emphasized that although the 10(j) rule was published ahead of schedule, this does not necessarily mean capturing wolves to bring into the state will begin sooner than expected. CPW said it plans to wait until capture conditions are ideal before beginning operations, but the first reintroduction is still expected to happen prior to the end of the year.

CPW has asked several western states to provide wolves to begin introductions but hasn't made much progress in receiving a firm "yes" answer. According to a report by local media outlet 9News, CPW has asked Wyoming, Idaho, Montana, Washington, Oregon and the Nez Perce Tribe of Idaho for wolves. Washington said "maybe," but definitely not by the end of the year; Oregon is in consideration; and Montana, Idaho and Wyoming each rejected the request. It is not yet known what stance the Nez Perce Tribe has taken. — **Anna Miller, WLJ managing editor**

\$5M in funding allocated for bison restoration in Tribal communities

— Restoring the grassland ecosystem

The Biden administration has announced \$5 million to restore bison and grasslands in Tribal communities in the Great Plains.

The funding from the Interior Department is part of the new Grasslands Keystone Initiative, which is working to restore and protect grasslands in the "Central Grasslands," or the Great Plains.

Using Indigenous knowledge, the initiative will set priorities and invest in projects that conserve and restore cultural heritage and ecosystems.

"The Interior Department recognizes the crucial role of utilizing Indigenous

knowledge in our biggest resource conservation and management challenges, including our work to preserve and enhance Tribal bison herds," said Assistant Secretary for Indian Affairs Bryan Newland. "Through historic funding from the Biden-Harris administration, we can support Tribes in maintaining and rebuilding their herds, which are central to their cultural, spiritual and nutritional traditions, while also improving and preserving the ecosystems that sustain both bison and Tribal communities," Newland continued.

The funding will be distributed through a variety of programs, including \$3.5 million to support the InterTribal Buffalo Council's herd development and \$1.5

million through the Bureau of Indian Affairs to support Tribal bison herd expansion interests.

The Interior Department is utilizing funding from the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law and Inflation Reduction Act to support grassland conservation as part of the America the Beautiful initiative.

American bison once numbered 60 million animals in North America and diminished to fewer than 500 due to hunting, according to the Interior. Through restoration efforts, it is estimated the population is now 15,000 head.

The Interior Department manages 11,000 bison across 4.6 million acres in 12 states. — **Charles Wallace, WLJ contributing editor**

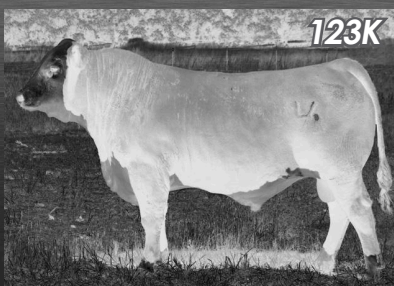
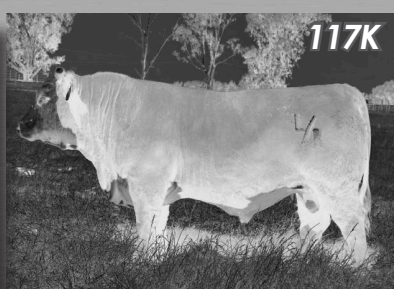
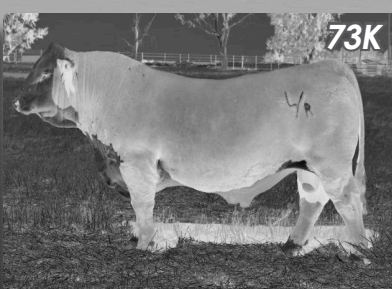
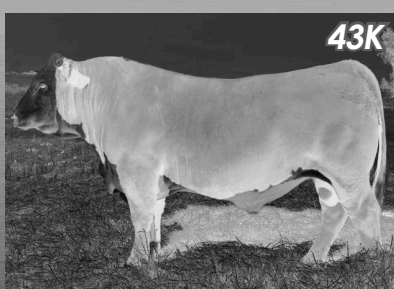
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Management options for open and pregnant cows

For cow-calf producers, knowing the pregnancy status of their cows is important information to have as they decide which animals they are going to keep and which ones they are going to sell, according to the experts at Kansas State (K-State) University's Beef Cattle Institute. This was the topic for a recent discussion on the "Cattle Chat" podcast.

"As forage availability becomes more limited, pregnancy checking in the first 60 to 90 days of gestation allows producers to make the culling decision sooner rather than later, and that helps keep the feed costs down," said A.J. Tarpoff, K-State Research and Extension beef cattle veterinarian.

Along with knowing if they are pregnant or open, K-State veterinarian Bob Larson also stresses the importance of knowing when the cows conceived.

"I want as many cows as possible to get pregnant in the first 21 days of the breeding season because they will raise the biggest calves to sell at weaning," Larson said. He also shared that the cows that calve early are more likely to re-

sume their heat cycles on time for the next breeding season.

Another benefit of bringing the cows off the pasture for pregnancy checking is that producers can also evaluate the body condition of the cows, said K-State beef cattle nutritionist Phillip Lancaster.

"Body condition scoring the cows at weaning allows producers to make decisions about how to manage the cows nutritionally ahead of the calving season," Lancaster said. "At the start of the calving season, mature cows should be at a body condition score between five and six and first calf heifers should be at a body condition score of six."

If the cows are thin at weaning, there is still time for them to add weight ahead of calving, Lancaster said.

"It is a lot cheaper and easier to put weight on the thin cows going through the fall than in the winter when bad weather can make it a challenge for them to overcome the additional maintenance requirements," Lancaster said. — **K-State Research and Extension**

ASI investigates trade case against lamb imports

The American Sheep Industry Association (ASI) released a video podcast sharing the status of a legal process initiated several months ago to-

ward the possible filing of a U.S. trade law violation by lamb importers.

ASI Executive Director Peter Orwick offers an update as the

association awaits the results of a preliminary investigation by the law firm of Kelly Drye. Those results will be shared with the ASI Executive Board the final week of this month.

"We are specifically looking for the estimate of trade case strength, which depends on two parts, with one as injury to the industry—the entire industry, the sheep producer, the lamb feeders and lamb companies," Orwick said. "The second piece is estimate of any violation including dumping or subsidy margins

so the board can project an impact on American lamb returns should a case filing result in tariffs on imported lamb meat."

Pursuing a trade case against lamb importing countries would cost a minimum of \$1.3 million in legal expenses alone and require nearly a year to see the case through to the end, Orwick said. He appreciates volunteer leaders of ASI taking part in multiple meetings and interviews of legal firms this spring to secure the research and guidance

from professionals on U.S. trade law.

Due to investment costs, the ASI Executive Board has indicated it will require a vote of the full board of directors to move forward with any litigation. While a virtual meeting is an option in the coming months, the board will meet in person at ASI's Annual Convention in Denver, CO, on Jan. 10-13.

Eight of ASI's 44 state member associations joined the National Lamb Feeders Association in April of this year

in requesting that the association investigate lamb imports. A law firm was selected in May and conducted confidential financial surveys of American sheep producers, lamb feeders and lamb companies as part of the initial investigation. International analysis of lamb meat pricing and production costs will also be a key piece of the recommendation to be considered by the ASI Executive Board.

To watch the video, visit tinyurl.com/4hnxtwv. — ASI

WWP requests deadlines for BLM allotment reviews

GRAZING (from page 1)

"Rather than prioritizing allotments with these significant resources, BLM is avoiding conducting NEPA review for such allotments," WWP wrote in the lawsuit.

The organization claims that over the last 10 years, the number of permits issued without a NEPA analysis has increased, and BLM Rangeland Administration System data shows that 63% of all current BLM grazing permits were issued with no NEPA analysis.

WWP also called out specific states for most frequently deprioritizing NEPA for environmentally significant allotments, such as Oregon, Idaho, Nevada and Wyoming deprioritizing sage grouse habitat; Utah and Arizona deprioritizing ESA-designated critical habitat; and Colorado, Nevada and California deprioritizing bighorn sheep habitat.

"Not only is BLM failing to prioritize allotments with these significant resources, it is also failing to prioritize al-

lotments that are not meeting Land Health Standards," WWP further contended in the suit. "For almost three-quarters of allotments that BLM determined were violating standards due at least in part to impacts from livestock grazing, BLM has not conducted NEPA analysis to evaluate the management changes necessary to improve resource conditions."

WWP requests the court impose deadlines for BLM to complete the required prioritization and schedule determinations, and also complete NEPA analyses on allotments that have not had an environmental review for more than a decade.

"It is clear the agency is intentionally avoiding environmental analysis on allotments containing important natural and cultural resources and imperiled species," said Laurie Rule of Advocates for the West, WWP's attorneys. "The goal of this lawsuit is to force BLM to prioritize and set deadlines to complete analyses for these important allotments." — Anna Miller, WLJ managing editor

Showcase your talents at NCBA's CattleCon24

Whether you are pitch perfect or know how to make beef sizzle, CattleCon24 has a variety of contents to showcase your hidden talents. Applications are now open for the Beef It Up Recipe Contest, National Anthem Contest and Beef's Got Talent at convention.ncba.org.

Beef It Up Recipe Contest

New at CattleCon24 is the Beef It Up Recipe Contest, which invites entrants to feature beef in their best tasting recipes. Entries will be accepted in categories including appetizer, utilizing ground beef, flank steak or top sirloin, which will be served during the convention welcome reception; and entree, using ground beef or chuck roast, which will be featured during Thursday or Friday lunch.

Contest winners will receive convention registration for two, and the recipe will be featured during convention, highlighted in the onsite program, promoted through social media and featured in National Cattlemen's Beef Association (NCBA) National Cattlemen magazine. Contest submissions will be accepted through Oct. 15 and winners will be notified by Nov. 30.

National Anthem Contest

The 11th annual National Anthem Contest is accepting

entries through Oct. 15. The contest winner will perform the "Star-Spangled Banner" at the convention's Opening General Session and will receive round trip airfare to Orlando, a hotel room for three nights, free convention registration, plus a pair of boots, jeans and a shirt from Roper or Stetson.

Any member of the NCBA, American National Cattle-Women, Cattlemen's Beef Board, or family member are eligible to participate in the contest. Previous NCBA National Anthem Contest winners are not eligible. The top four finalists will be chosen by Oct. 20, and videos will be posted to the convention website. Voting will be open to the public from Nov. 1-15 (one vote per person per day), and the winner will be announced Nov. 17.

Beef's Got Talent

Solo singers, bands and others with unique talents are encouraged to enter Beef's Got Talent. Selected acts will receive a complimentary registration, invited to perform on stage during convention and will be recognized through social media. One winner will also perform at the opening of the Friday night event.

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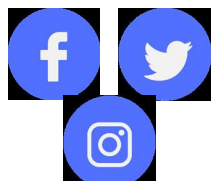
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SALE REPORTS

HOLDEN HEREFORDS MISS ADVANCE FEMALE PAGEANT

Sept. 14, Valier, MT
7 Donor cows \$12,107
5 Bred heifers 7,850
18 Bred cows 7,486
18 Fall heifer calves 5,542
100 Straws of semen 206
13 Embryos 1,269
Auctioneer: Joe Goggins
TOPS: HH Miss Advance 116U, 1/15/21 by HH Advance 8010FET; to Dan Bixler, Newton, IL, \$27,000. HH Miss Advance 8339F, 8/11/18 by HH Advance 3297A ET; to Sadler Ranches, Tryon, OK, \$26,000. HH Miss Advance 2241K, 2/22/22 by CL1 Domino 0176H1ET; to Dan Bixler, Newton, IL, \$13,000. HH Miss Advance 0002H ET, 12/28/19 by HH Advance 6092D ET; to Engelhard Farms, Carpio, ND, \$26,000. HH Miss Advance 90166G ET, 12/28/18 by HH Advance 5019C ET; to Friedt Herefords, Mott, ND, \$11,000. — **DEVIN MURNIN**

CHURCHILL CATTLE CO. WORLD CLASS FEMALE SALE

Sept. 15, Manhattan, MT
111 Total females \$8,194
14 Spring open heifers 14,018
4 Fall open heifers 12,500
39 Bred heifers 8,788
54 Bred cows 5,935
48 Embryos 1,275
Auctioneer: Joe Goggins
TOPS: Churchill Lady 3173LET, 2/2/23 by RST Final Print 0016; to W4 Ranch, Fort Worth, TX,

\$47,500. Churchill Lady 280K, 1/17/22 by Churchill Red Baron 8300F ET; to El Centro Ranch, Guadalajara, JA, MX, \$28,000. Churchill Lady 3152L ET, 1/30/23 by RST Final Print 0016; to Stellpflug Cattle Co, Glenrock, WY, \$27,000. Churchill Lady 2302K ET, 8/15/22 by Churchill Desperado 029H; to El Centro Ranch, Guadalajara, JA, MX, \$23,000. Churchill Lady 316L ET, 1/7/23 by HH Advance 0159H; to Cooper Hereford Ranch, Willow Creek, MT, \$22,500. Churchill Lady 2294K ET, 2/6/22 by TH Masterplan 183F; to Sommers Herefords, Pinedale, WY, \$21,000. Churchill Lady 2324K ET, 12/27/22 by RST Final Print 0016; to Stellpflug Cattle Co., Glenrock, WY, \$20,000. Churchill JR Lady 231K, 1/11/22 by Birdwell Vanguard 5022 9337; to Netherhall Herefords, Kirkby Lonsdale, Cumbria, ENG, \$20,000. Churchill W4 Lady 2152K, 2/5/22 by CL1 Domino 0186H; to Jennings Land and Cattle, Palmyra, IL, \$20,000. — **DEVIN MURNIN**

WEAVER QUARTER HORSES 28TH ANNUAL PRODUCTION SALE

Sept. 16, Great Falls, MT
82 Total horses \$7,543
76 Total weanling colts 7,460
40 Fillies 7,825
4 Broodmares 6,375
2 Yearling colts 13,000
Auctioneer: Lynn Weishaar

TOPS: Weavers Pretty One, 5/7/23 red roan filly by One Gun At A Time; to Walter Sullivan, San Francisco, CA, \$24,000. Weavers Boon Time, 5/9/23 bay roan stallion by One Gun At A Time; to OBox O Quarter Horses, Gordon, NE, \$18,000. Weavers Mr Busy, 5/23/23 buckskin stallion by Genuinely Busy; to Larry and Marilyn Hued, Jenner, AB, CA, \$16,500. Weavers ThisShowGirl, 5/2/23 red roan filly by Smart Topaz; to Gwinnup Crazy K Ranch, LLC, Connersville, IN, \$16,000. Weavers Peppy Time, 5/3/23 blue roan filly by One Gun At A Time; to Gwinnup Crazy K Ranch, LLC, Connersville, IN, \$15,000. — **DEVIN MURNIN**

JORGENSEN LAND & CATTLE FEMALE SALE

Sept. 16, Ideal, SD
177 Total registered females \$4,311
Auctioneer: Roger Jacobs
Sale Manager: American Angus Hall of Fame
TOPS—Bred heifer: Ideal 2157 Marj of Revolve, 2/10/22 by Rito Revolve OR5; to Clark Farms, Houston Town, PA, \$15,000. **Open cow:** Ideal 5143 of RES Marjorie, 3/5/15 by SAV Resource 1441; to Voss Angus, Dexter, IA, \$10,000. **Bred Cow:** Ideal 7574 of 1281 Marjorie, 2/26/17 by Ideal 1281 of 6469 Jilt; to Voss Angus, Dexter, IA, \$20,000. Ideal 8721 of 5760 Jilt, 2/11/18 by Ideal Encore of 9524 Lady; to Jace Jensen,

Ralph, SD, \$10,500. — **TY GROSHANS**

GENOA LIVESTOCK BULL & FEMALE SALE

Sept. 11, Minden, NV
46 Hereford bulls \$6,503
11 Hereford females 3,186
Auctioneer: Rick Machado
TOPS—Bulls: Genoa G16 Genesis 22178 ET, 3/27/22 by Lowen Genesis G16; to R & R Farms, CA, \$15,000. Genoa 8094 Belle Heir 22140 ET, 3/18/22 by C CJC Belle Heir ET; to Park Livestock, Topaz, CA, \$11,000. Genoa 173D Endure 22117 ET, 3/3/22 by NJW 79Z 2311 Endure 173D ET; to Crown Ranches, Modesto, CA, \$10,750. **Females:** Genoa Miss 4013 WHR 22159, 3/22/22 by Innisfail WHR X651/723 4013; to White Hawk Ranch, GA, \$5,000. — **JARED PATTERSON**

O'NEAL RANCH BULL SALE

Sept. 12, Madera, CA
81 Older bulls \$6,207
Auctioneer: Jake Parnell
Sale Manager: Parnell Dickinson Inc.

TOPS: O'Neals Power Play 2229, 1/15/22 by 44 Power Play 9309; to Newton Ranch, Tollhouse, CA, \$9,000. O'Neals Achievement 2228, 1/15/22 by Poss Achievement; to Mike Blasingame, Clovis, CA, \$8,750. O'Neals Cash 2260, 1/26/22 by Sitz Cash 11445; to Simon Cattle, Cathy's Valley, CA, \$8,500. O'Neals Payweight 2311, 2/10/22 by Bar R 1024 Payweight 7046; to Sunset Enterprise, Ojai, CA, \$7,750. O'Neals Real Tank 2321, 2/15/22 by SA V Real Tank 4736; to Bidart Bros, Bakersfield, CA, \$7,500. — **JARED PATTERSON**

TEIXEIRA CATTLE CO. SALE

Sept. 13, Pismo Beach, CA
56 Older bulls \$6,919
200 Commercial pairs . . 2,847
Auctioneers: Rick Machado
TOPS: TEX Safe Deposit 2122, 2/9/22 by Basin Safe Deposit 9324; to True Ranches, Casper,

WY, \$11,000. TEX Patriarch 2099, 2/6/22 by Tehama Patriarch F028; to Tom Minetti, Guadalupe, CA, \$9,000. TEX Teton 2151, 2/15/22 by TEX Teton 9052; to Hearst Ranch, San Simeon, CA, \$9,000. TEX Able 2106, 2/8/22 by TEX Able 8528; to Nikki Hartzell, Caycos, CA, \$8,500. TEX Deposit 2120, 2/9/22 by Basin Deposit 6249; to Marty Gill, Lucile, ID, \$8,250. — **JARED PATTERSON**

DONATI RANCH & O'CONNELL RANCH BULL SALE

Sept. 14, Oroville, CA
149 Angus bulls \$7,706
Auctioneer: Rick Machado
Sale Manager: M3 Marketing

TOPS: D R Optimum 2159, 7/13/22 by Deer Valley Optimum 9246; to Silvera Cattle Co., San Jose, CA, \$16,000. O'Connell Exponential 2028, 6/18/22 by KC F Bennett Exponential; to Doug & Judy Parker, Williams, CA, \$15,000. D R Triumph 2029, 3/7/22 by D R Triumph F348; to San Benito Cattle Co., Hollister, CA, \$14,000. D R Surpass 2400, 8/17/22 by BJ Surpass; to Doug & Judy Parker, Williams, CA, \$14,000. D R Exponential 2244, 7/22/22 by K C F Bennett Exponential; to Renz Ranch, Tres Pinos, CA, \$12,750. D R Rawhide 2030, 3/9/22 by Poss Rawhide; to DP Ranch, Hollister, CA, \$12,750. D R Patriarch 2286, 7/26/22 by Tehama Patriarch F028; to IZ Ranch, Canyon City, OR, \$12,500. D R Triumph 2245, 7/22/22 by D R Triumph F348; to Silvera Cattle Co., San Jose, CA, \$12,000. D R Eminent 2131, 7/8/22 by D R Eminent H003; to RC Bar Ranch, San Jose, CA, \$12,000. O'Connell Exponential 2014, 6/11/22 by K C F Bennett Exponential; to IZ Ranch, Canyon City, OR, \$11,500. O'Connell Exponential 2007, 6/9/22 by K C F Bennett Exponential; to Hewitson Cattle, Avenal, CA, \$11,500. D R Surpass 2110, 7/3/22 by BJ Surpass; to Faith Ranch, Modesto, CA, \$11,500. — **JARED PATTERSON**

TEHAMA ANGUS BULL SALE

Sept. 15, Gerber, CA
55 Older bulls \$7,872
82 Yearling bulls 7,835
20 Commercial open heifers 2,700

Auctioneer: Rick Machado
Sale Manager: Rance Long

TOPS: Tehama Patriarch L114; 2/9/22 by Tehama Patriarch F028; to Mitchell Cattle Co., Willits, CA, \$20,000. Tehama Patriarch L132; 2/12/22 by Tehama Patriarch F028; to Bill Barboni, Blue Lakes, CA, and Pete Bussman, CA, \$15,500. Tehama Patriarch L229, 8/4/22 by Tehama Patriarch F028; to Elwood Ranches, Montague, CA, & Rancho Casino, Purdum, NE, \$14,000. Tehama Patriarch L138; 2/13/22 by Tehama Patriarch F028; to Bengard Ranch, Cottonwood, CA, \$13,500. Tehama Niagara L193, 1/21/22 by S S Niagara Z29; to Sammie Ranch, MacDoel, CA, \$12,500. — **JARED PATTERSON**

ARELLANO BRAVO ANGUS & DIABLO VALLEY BULL SALE

Sept. 16, Galt, CA
64 Angus bulls \$6,257
Auctioneer: Jake Parnell
Sale Manager: Parnell Dickinson Inc.

TOPS: Bravo Precedent 2454, 8/24/22 by V A R Conclusion 0234; to Gilliland Livestock, Davis, CA, \$16,000. Bravo Summation 2409, 2/5/22 by K C F Bennett Summation; to John Oneto, Lone, CA, \$13,000. Diablo Enforcer 6688, 8/1/22 by S S Enforcer E812; to Gilliland Livestock, Davis, CA, \$13,000. Bravo Blackstone 2099, 5/24/22 by V A R Blackstone 9226; to Hearn Livestock, Rio Vista, CA, \$9,500. Bravo Hometown 2410, 2/12/22 by G A R Home Town; to Hearn Livestock, Rio Vista, CA, \$9,500. Bravo Verdict 2412; 2/12/22 by K C F Bennett Summation; to John Oneto, Lone, CA, \$9,000. — **JARED PATTERSON**



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ANGUS

Sept. 25 — Gardiner Angus Ranch, Production Sale, Ashland, KS
Sept. 26 — Thomas Angus Ranch, Bull Sale, Galt, CA
Sept. 27 — Eagle Pass Ranch, Bull Sale, Dos Palos, CA
Sept. 28 — Beef Solutions

Bull Sale, Lone, CA
Sept. 29 — Jorgensen Land & Cattle, Bull Sale, Ideal, SD
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SIMANGUS

Sept. 27 — Eagle Pass Ranch, Bull Sale, Dos Palos, CA
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RODEO STANDINGS



PRCA September 2023 world standings

The top five contestants and earnings are listed as provided on the Professional Rodeo Cowboy Association (PRCA) website, www.prorodeo.com, as of Sept. 19.

All Around

1. Stetson Wright, \$403,913.47, Milford, UT. **2.** Nelson Wyatt, \$141,429.69, Clanton, AL. **3.** Brushton Minton, \$130,995.99, Witter Springs, CA. **4.** Paul David Tierney, \$118,342.31, Oklahoma City, OK. **5.** Coleman Proctor, \$113,609.80, Pryor, OK.

Bareback Riding

1. Keenan Hayes, \$246,895.60, Hayden, CO. **2.** Leighton Berry, \$156,785.05, Weatherford, TX. **3.** Kade Sonnier, \$154,476.63, Carencro, LA. **4.** Clayton Biglow, \$148,120.09, Clements, CA. **5.** Tim O'Connell, \$143,945.44,

Saddle Bronc Riding

1. Stetson Wright, \$239,881.48, Milford, UT. **2.** Sage Newman, \$231,263.50, Melstone, MT. **3.** Zeke Thurston, \$219,363.46, Big Valley, AB. **4.** Kade Bruno, \$187,759.17, Challis, ID. **5.** Dawson Hay, \$150,918.54, Wildwood, AB.

Bull Riding

1. Stetson Wright, \$324,127.51, Milford, UT. **2.** Ky Hamilton, \$240,667.41, Mackay, QL. **3.** Josh Frost, \$229,478.42, Randlett, UT. **4.** Tristen Hutchings, \$178,636.63, Monteview, ID. **5.** Trey Holston, \$172,265.06, Fort Scott, KS.

Steer Wrestling

1. Dalton Masse, \$185,887.64, Hermiston, OR. **2.** Tyler Waguespack, \$145,542.91, Gonzales, LA. **3.** Jesse Brown, \$136,613.04, Baker City, OR. **4.** Ty Erickson, \$117,969.85, Helena, MT. **5.** Dakota Eldridge, \$115,887.46, Elko, NV.

Team Roping (Headers)

1. Kaleb Driggers, \$160,185.89, Hoboken, GA. **2.** Nelson Wyatt, \$145,083.21, Clanton, AL. **3.** Dustin Egusquiza, \$135,480.57, Marianna, FL. **4.** Tyler Wade, \$133,436.25, Terrell, TX. **5.** Rhen Richard, \$123,372.09, Roosevelt, UT.

Team Roping (Heelers)

1. Junior Nunes Nogueira, \$160,185.89, Presidente Prudente, SP. **2.** Wesley Thorp, \$150,663.52, Throckmorton,

TX. **3.** Levi Lord, \$135,480.57, Sturgis, SD. **4.** Colter Todd, \$132,997.73, Willcox, AZ. **5.** Jeremy Buhler, \$123,372.09, Arrowwood, AB.

Tie-Down Roping

1. Riley Webb, \$277,96.17, Denton, TX. **2.** Haven Meged, \$191,642.57, Miles City, MT. **3.** Shad Mayfield, \$165,946.70, Clovis, NM. **4.** Shane Hanchey, \$154,877.02, Sulphur, LA. **5.** Ty Harris, \$139,391.98, San Angelo, TX.

Steer Roping

1. Cole Patterson, \$113,128.17, Pawnee, OK. **2.** Cody Lee, \$90,449.69, Gatesville, TX. **3.** Scott Snedecor, \$85,658.98, Fredericksburg, TX. **4.** Jess Tierney, \$74,848.38, Hermosa, SD. **5.** Slade Wood, \$69,553.47, New Ulm, TX.

Barrel Racing

1. Brittany Pozzi Tonozzi, \$208,868.23, Lampasas, TX. **2.** Jordon Briggs, \$141,353.67, Tolar, TX. **3.** Kassie Mowry, \$130,029.01, Dublin, TX. **4.** Lisa Lockhart, \$120,870.14, Oelrichs, SD. **5.** Taycie Matthews, \$107,521.03, Wynne, AR.

Breakaway Roping

1. Hall Williams, \$125,846.50, Comanche, TX. **2.** Shelby Boisjoli, \$120,406.27, Stephenville, TX. **3.** Sarah Angelone, \$102,539.77, Lipan, TX. **4.** Martha Angelone, \$96,002.43, Stephenville, TX. **5.** Taylor Munsell, \$94,876.80, Alva, OK.



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- 57 Carrying bull & heifer calves by Connealy King Air
Calve Feb 23-25
- 60 Carrying bull calves by Connealy King Air Calve March 4-6
- 79 Carrying heifer calves by Connealy King Air ... Calve March 4-6
- 49 Carrying bull calves by Vermilion Leo..... Calve Feb 13-15
- 48 Carrying heifer calves by Vermilion Leo Calve Feb 13-15
- 32 Carrying bull calves by Vermilion Leo Calve Feb 19-21
- 36 Carrying heifer calves by Vermilion Leo Calve Feb 19-21
- 81 Carrying bull calves by Vermilion Leo Calve March 1-3
- 57 Carrying heifer calves by Vermilion Leo Calve March 1-3

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CED Acc % Prog	BW Acc % Prog	WW Acc % Prog	YW Acc % Prog
+14	-.2	+74	+120
.38	.56	.48	.44
4%	20%	20%	35%



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Registration #19468964 | Born 7/27/2018

CED Acc % Prog	BW Acc % Prog	WW Acc % Prog	YW Acc % Prog
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1%	10%	80%	70%
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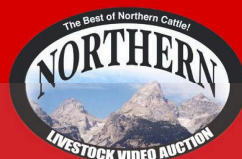


* All cows and heifers have been on a sound health and mineral program. Vira-Shield-6-VL5, Ivermectin Pour On and a Multi-Min shot in the spring.



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