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“The existing wildfire situations across the state of Texas have The Texas Animal Health Commission (TAHC) emergency responders currently working in Bastrop, Travis, Cass and Waller counties. The TAHC is the lead state agency for livestock related disaster response and continues to provide assessments of animal needs in the affected areas while working closely with local authorities to resolve those needs. The TAHC staffed the State Operations Center (SOC) in support of response operations,” read the Sept. 19, 2011, WLJ article.

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Screwworm cases move closer to US border

— Market promotion plan announced

A new case of New World screw-

worm (NWS) was detected south of the U.S./Mexico border in late September, marking the closest case yet at just 70 miles away.

On Sept. 21, Mexico's National Service of Agro-Alimentary Health, Safety, and Quality (SENASICA) confirmed an NWS case was found

in the state of Nuevo León in Sabinas Hidalgo, less than 70 miles away from the closest point of the border. Sabinas Hidalgo is located near a major highway that connects Monterrey, Nuevo Leon, to Laredo, TX, which is a heavily trafficked commercial thoroughfare.

Preliminary reports from SENASICA indicated the case was found in an 8-month-old heifer moved to a feedlot in Nuevo León from a region in southern Mexico with known active NWS cases. The potential link to animal movement “underscores the non-negotiable need” for Mexico to follow the U.S.-Mexico Joint Action Plan for NWS in Mexico, USDA said.

“This is a national security priority,” emphasized USDA Secretary Brooke Rollins in response to the news. “We have given Mexico every opportunity and every resource necessary to counter NWS since announcing the NWS Bold Plan in June 2025.”

Rollins said that the department is executing its five-pronged plan to protect the border, “even in the absence of cooperation.” Key segments of the plan include investing



Clint Austin

A case of New World screwworm was detected in a heifer less than 70 miles south of the U.S./Mexico border in late September.

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Beef trade recalibrates as Brazil, US shape market

— Overall production is lower

Global beef markets are tightening as Brazil's record-setting exports collide with rising U.S. tariffs and shrinking domestic supply, according to RaboResearch's Q3 2025 Global Beef Quarterly report. The study warns that geopolitics and seasonal conditions are reshaping trade flows and pushing global cattle prices higher even as production volumes contract.

“Northern Hemisphere countries continue to stand out at record prices,” said Angus Gidley-Baird, senior analyst of animal protein for RaboResearch. “But prices in the U.S. and Canada have moderated in recent weeks, suggesting some of the heat is going out of the market. Meanwhile, prices in Southern Hemisphere

countries continue to increase.”

He continued, “The reduced volumes of beef in the North American market, plus what appears to be a slight improvement in the Chinese market, have generated stronger demand for Southern Hemisphere beef suppliers. This demand is now flowing through to cattle prices.”

Brazil's record exports

Brazil's beef industry is setting new records even as it confronts mounting trade barriers. According to the report, Brazilian beef exports surpassed 300,000 metric tons (mt) in July, a 17% year-over-year increase, while export revenues surged 46% to \$1.7 billion. Year-to-date exports have grown by 13% in volume and 30% in value.

China and the U.S. remain Brazil's largest buyers, together

New reports highlight animal activists' tactics and trends

— Collected \$865M in revenue

The Animal Agriculture Alliance released two updated reports exposing the tactics and vast funding of vegan and animal rights groups in the U.S.

The Major Animal Activist Groups Web report illustrates the strategic, interconnected nature of these organizations, while the Radical Vegan Activism report highlights trends and incidents of extremist action.

“Animal activist group tactics are becoming more extreme in nature, putting farmers, ranchers, and food workers—not to mention food security—at risk,” said Hannah Thompson-Weeman, president and CEO of the Alliance.

“While some groups may outwardly appear more moderate in goals and beliefs, they are all con-

nected by one key mission: to eliminate animal agriculture and take a nutrient-dense food group off of the menu.”

Collectively, the profiled groups bring in over \$865 million in annual revenue, money the Alliance said is used to drive anti-animal agriculture campaigns and legal actions aimed at dismantling the U.S. food production system.

Documented attacks

According to the updated Radical Vegan Activism report, nearly one in four animal rights extremist attacks now target farmers and food workers. In 2024 alone, the Alliance documented 189 actions against agriculture and 62 against food services, including:

- Fifty-nine acts of vandalism.
- Forty-three incidents of animal theft or release.

- Thirty-one trespasses.
- Five cases of arson.

These actions spanned the U.S., with Massachusetts (37 incidents), California (36 incidents) and New York (34 incidents) among the most targeted states. Globally, the U.S. ranked second behind the United Kingdom for such attacks, recording more than 300 incidents last year.

Key players

In addition to the activism report, an updated group profile report provides detailed profiles of leading organizations driving anti-agriculture campaigns, showing how they operate and fundraise on a massive scale.

• American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (ASPCA): With \$279 million in revenue,

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Cattle markets volatile over shifting dynamics

The market opened the week on a higher note following a bullish Cattle on Feed report on Friday, but trading was more volatile over the week.

Markets reacted also to the news of the latest detection of New World screwworm, waiting to see USDA's response after it teased a “significant plan” on Sunday to help rebuild the American cattle supply. “This is only the beginning with many more announcements coming this week as USDA restores American strength, protects food security, and supports America's ranchers and farmers,” USDA said.

Live cattle futures traded mostly sideways over the week. The October contract lost 32 cents to close at \$232.05, and the December contract gained 15 cents to close at \$234.30.

Cash trade through Thursday totaled about 30,000 head. Live steers sold from \$231-237, and dressed steers sold from \$360-365.

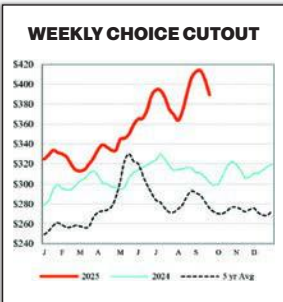
Cash trade for the week ending Sept. 14 totaled 56,656 head. Live steers averaged \$237.39, and dressed steers averaged \$370.82.

Slaughter through Thursday totaled about 466,000 head, compared to 460,000 head a week earlier. Total slaughter for

a week earlier is estimated at 552,000 head. Actual slaughter for the week ending Sept. 13 was 573,378 head. The average steer dressed weight was 959 lbs., up 1 lb. from the previous week.

Boxed beef prices continued their seasonal decline. The Choice cutout lost nearly \$14 to close at \$371.97, and the Select cutout lost nearly \$8 to close at \$353.45.

“Multiple packers have been performing plant maintenance as of late, which has curtailed their demand for cattle,” wrote Cassie Fish, market analyst, in The Beef on Thursday. “Plus, margins are red again after a brief



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| LIVE STEERS          | DRESSED STEERS | CME FEEDER |
| N/A                  | \$364.87       | \$361.31   |
| WEEK ENDING: 9-25-25 |                |            |

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COMMENTS

Too early to tell

The latest Cattle on Feed report, released Sept. 19, immediately shifted some analysts’ thinking. For starters, the report was right on point with expectations at first. Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter totaled 1% below last year’s volume. No surprises there. Then, things shifted. Placements in feedlots fell sharply by 10%. Keep in mind, March showed 18% less placements with somewhat skewed data. Also, the last three months have been 6% down, 8% down and 8% down, respectively. Immediately, analysts touted the “heifer retention has started” chant. I do feel that everything needs to stay in check.

For starters, with the New World screwworm inching its way closer to the U.S. every single day, the southern border trade has nearly halted. As of this writing, the latest confirmed case was within 70 miles of the border. According to data quoted in an interview on Fox News with Agriculture Secretary Brooke Rollins, from January through July, the U.S. has imported 63% less head from Mexico. The latest Cattle on Feed report showed this data quite expressively with Texas being one of the most impacted states across all three measured categories: on feed, placements and marketings. This is just one factor.

On the herd expansion front, there are two major factors that we don’t truly have a grasp on that only time will tell. First, over the past several years—especially when the market was tougher and much of the nation was in severe drought from 2016-22, which caused the overwhelming herd reduction that led us to current national cow herd levels—we don’t truly know how many operations exited. Furthermore, now that the market has truly turned, total herd dispersals have continued. Ranchers looking at this market as an opportunity to disperse while the market is high has been an enticing factor for a lot of people. As a nation, we simply don’t know how many operations have fully exited the marketplace. The secondary effect this has is what is happening to these operations’ resources? Clearly this is a case-by-case basis, but the question must be asked. Are the ranches being sold to other ranchers? Are they being sold to developers? Are the owners just selling cows and leasing the ranch out? I think we all know places that fall into each individual category. So begs the question: who will be operating on these acres? The two obvious answers are current larger operations or young producers trying to get in the business. Currently, I think the answer is that big operations are going to get bigger. They have the established cash flow, have had multiple years of better markets and have established relationships with lending institutions. The younger producer has a set of limitations that could make it extremely difficult for someone to enter and grow in this marketplace. Agricultural lending institutions are dealing with depressed farming income, so lending to a young producer in the highest market ever with relatively high interest rates carries a substantial amount of risk.

Second, urban sprawl has continued regardless of higher interest rates, mortgage concerns and a slower economy in the same time span. Acreage for both farming and livestock production have continued to be chewed up outside city limits and eliminating productive agricultural ground. With interest rates expected to come down substantially over the next few years, this will continue to impact producing acres as real estate buying has tempered but could surge in more favorable lending conditions.

In Paul Dykstra’s latest CAB Insider newsletter, he quotes the carcass weights trend in our industry. According to his data, our industry has put on 46 pounds per carcass in the last two years. Additionally, the data shows at least a 68-lb. weight increase per carcass since 2019. This summer’s row crops and feedstuffs are going to help keep rations quite affordable, and cattle are going to continue to get bigger this year. This trend isn’t slowing down. With the southern border closed and the Trump administration trying to limit beef imports, the product will need to come from somewhere, and it most likely will be made up in this area.

While I do think that some producers are looking to retain heifers or build their cow herds back, I don’t think it’s a sweeping feeling. It’s too early to tell what producers are doing this year with their replaceable females. We don’t know the void the previous concerns have left. Lance Zimmerman of Rabobank’s Research arm (RaboResearch) in an article shared with industry partners said he expects herd expansion of 200,000 head in 2026 and an additional increase of 500,000 head the following year. However, these numbers still do not reach the peak from 2019. I concur with this thought that market levels will eventually come down some but will do so with a smaller overall cow herd size. Factoring in heavier carcass weights, we should still see a favorable market condition for an extended period of time with an obvious correction coming at some point, but for now, growth needs to be steady with high-quality females. This market is too good to breed a low-quality heifer. — **LOGAN IPSEN**



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UNITED WE STAND



with John Austel

This monthly column highlights the common ground in the livestock industry, uniting us around the issues that impact us all.

I have been asked to share some of my personal thoughts on wildfire and specifically, the use of livestock in proactively managing wildfire risk on our rangelands. First, I should let you know that I have a diverse background spanning from a retired insurance broker to working a large commercial cow-calf range operation, to now working a range cow-calf yearling operation with my wife and sons. We use our cattle to manage an ecological reserve and wildlife area through rotational grazing for wildlife habitat maintenance and restoration, soil health and wildfire fuel removal on a historic Spanish land grant in the East County of San Diego. Not necessarily in that order. But I think you will understand the point of my background. Also, not bragging, but completely humbled by all the learning I received and still receive from others in this area as well.

Wildfires in 2003 and 2007

were a complete disaster for our county. They were, at that time, a couple of the largest fires in California. However, California has managed to significantly exceed those figures since then. The full extent of complete wildfire disasters, both to ranching operations and as a major public safety issue, became really apparent to us during a wildfire in 2017. We were about to lose all our feed for the year when the wind changed direction at the last minute before jumping across the highway onto our pastures, saving our range and feed. After the 2017 fire, I visited our local CAL FIRE office to say thank you and to ask what we were able to do on our end to reduce our wildfire risk. Although the two wildfires mentioned in this article started in the middle of the property, the fire captain mentioned prioritizing grazing the pastures that are along the highway first and then graze to the middle of the ranch. He indicated that most fires are started by the highway and move into the vegetation from that point and grow to be big problems quickly, especially if there is a lot of wind. So, simply put, proactively creating defensible space on our lease with our cattle became part of our annual wildfire grazing plan since we already had our rotational pastures set up. Now, not that I really wanted to test this wildfire grazing plan, but the wildfire in January was the big test that we passed. I just didn’t think about having to be evacuated so that CAL FIRE could fight the fire on the ungrazed range on the other side of my grazed pasture fence and use my place for an incident command center. Our

adrenaline was pumping the entire day, evacuating cows and calves and then our yearlings. I dreamed about it that night as well. You get temporary wildfire PTSD from all the action. It was not a good night of sleep at all.

The reality is that we were very fortunate and didn’t lose any cattle like some of the other producers’ nightmare stories you have read. We had a few calves get weaned early, but overall, we were safe due to all the sweat we put in moving cattle around to pastures we grazed already. In summary, we don’t all need to have a Ph.D. in math to figure out that proactively managing large rangeland is substantially less expensive (even if there must be a one-time expense of infrastructure to make it work) than the huge overwhelming expense occurring of reactive wildfire fighting. What bothers me more is that I am seeing wildfires that used to be just on large rural rangelands that are now starting in rural areas and moving into the urban areas, significantly threatening public safety along with massive property damage occurring. During our 2003 and 2007 wildfires, insurance companies were investing in more firefighting engines and air support with the understanding that if they could save more homes in a wildfire, they would be ahead of the game financially after paying for new firefighting equipment and not having to pay out as much money in claims. Now, wildfire-area consumers simply get their insurance non-renewed and are forced to turn to the state’s insurer of last resort, where they face premiums five

to eight times higher, with less coverage and annual increases as wildfire claims continue to be paid out. So, we as consumers, are now paying for the devastation of these wildfires. It’s a downward economic spiral that we are in and it’s not just happening in our state now.

“The definition of insanity is doing the same thing over and over again and expecting different results.” I understand not all operations are set up like ours, but I do know that producers are very creative in problem solving on their own operations just from onsite visits to other operations and seeing the outstanding thinking they have done. It’s just super impressive. However, I do feel that we as producers need to look at our own operations, no matter the size or scale, to identify changes we can make for proactive wildfire management that don’t create a major negative financial impact. It’s not the whole answer to wildfires, but we are leveraging ourselves in a business that has many risks from wildfires, drought, markets, etc. The list goes on. Using our livestock to manage this risk just seems like a practical way to start.

We as producers can also do so much. It is still important that we communicate and educate about the environmental advantages of grazing and the use of livestock as a practical, proactive management tool to local, state and federal governments, as well as other entities, and encourage them to rely on up-to-date, science-based information when making grazing management decisions. — **John M. Austel, 4J Horse & Livestock Co., Jamul, CA**

GUEST OPINION

There haven’t been major changes in tax law for the longest time, then July hit. Now, my problem is trying to figure out what to write about, because there is an avalanche of topics. Since the One Big Beautiful Bill Act (OBBA) is all over the news, I thought I’d dissect some tax provisions that relate to farming.

One of the most impactful changes to farms is the return of bonus depreciation and the increase to Section 179 expense. Although bonus depreciation is back, it’s a bit tricky. To qualify, the asset must be acquired and placed into service after Jan. 19, 2025. So, if you signed a contract to buy a tractor on Jan. 10, 2025, and it was delivered April 25, it would not qualify for 100% bonus depreciation.

This also might affect clients who signed a construction contract for a new barn in 2024 to be completed in 2025.

For those in the processing side of agriculture, bonus depreciation may be used for “qualified production property” that would otherwise be a 39-year asset if certain requirements are met. In the OBBA, the term “production” is limited to agricultural production and chemical production.

In addition to extending bonus depreciation, Section 179 was increased from \$1.25 million to \$2.5 million, and the phaseout is increased from \$3.1 million to \$4 million. This is particularly important if your state has bonus depreciation addbacks.

Starting in 2022, the Business Interest Deduction Limit prevented the addback of depreciation, amortization and depletion. As a result, many highly leveraged farming operations could not deduct all the interest paid. Under the OBBA, starting in 2025, depreciation, amortization and depletion are added back to adjusted taxable income ... increasing the amount of interest that a farm can deduct.

ONE BIG BEAUTIFUL BILL TRANSFORMS FARM PLANNING

OBBA increased the state and local tax deduction for those who itemize to \$40,000 starting in 2025. If your modified adjusted gross income is more than \$500,000, the deduction will be phased out but will not fall below \$10,000 (the previous cap). For those who live in high-tax states like California, Minnesota or New York, this is a welcome change. Also, the pass-through entity tax work-around was not limited in the OBBA, which helps farms structured as pass-through entities.

Many farmers have been aggressively doing estate planning in fear that the exemption might go back down in 2026. The OBBA permanently increases the gift/estate exemption to \$15 million indexed starting in 2026. That means that with some planning, most farmers can transfer around \$40 million (with discounts) to the next generation without federal estate tax. However, those who live in states that have an estate or inheritance tax still need to proactively plan to avoid potential state tax.

To go along with estate planning, many farms were structured as general partnerships because of Farm Service Agency payment limitations. The OBBA allows pass-throughs (LLC, LLP, LLLP and S corporation) to be treated like general partnerships for FSA payment limitations. Because general partnerships offer little personal liability protection, those that used a general partnership should now consider changing to an LLC.

Just as I thought, I only scratched the surface of the OBBA. Hopefully, this will give you a little information on some of the changes. And, remember: When we have substantial tax law changes, you should proactively do tax planning in order to take advantage of opportunities. — **Rod Mauszycki, DTN tax columnist**

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# State coalition urges Supreme Court to take up property rights case

North Dakota and 11 other states are advocating for the U.S. Supreme Court to consider the arguments of North Dakota ranchers in a dispute with an energy company.

WBI Energy used eminent domain to take a portion of the northwest North Dakota landowners' property for a pipeline project in 2018. The ranchers were compensated for their land under a confidential settlement with WBI in 2021, though the parties disagreed as to whether the group was also entitled to legal fees.

A North Dakota federal judge initially ordered WBI to pay the landowners about \$380,000 in legal expenses, though the 8th Circuit Court of Appeal overturned that decision earlier this year.

In early August, the landowners filed a petition asking the U.S. Supreme Court to review the appellate court's decision. They ultimately want the high court to reverse the circuit court's ruling.

Twelve Republican-led states in a friend-of-the-court brief took the landowners' side.

Bob McNamara, the lead attorney representing the McKenzie County property owners, said it's "remarkable" to see so many states come together in support of the ranchers' petition.

The dispute centers on whether the parties have to follow federal or state law.

WBI took the ranchers' land under a federal law called the Natural Gas Act, which allows

private businesses to use the federal government's eminent domain power for public natural gas infrastructure. While the landowners were paid for their land, the act doesn't say whether that sum must also include landowners' legal expenses.

Both the plaintiffs and the 12-state coalition that filed the brief take the stance that when federal law is silent, state property law governs.

Under North Dakota law, WBI is required to pay their

attorney fees, the ranchers say.

WBI and the 8th Circuit Court of Appeals disagree. The 8th Circuit in its ruling said that because WBI wielded the federal government's eminent domain power when it took the land, state law does not apply. When the federal government exercises eminent domain, it doesn't have to cover property owners' legal costs.

Allowing the appellate court's ruling to stand would upset the balance of power

between states and the federal government, the states argue in their filing.

"Under the Eighth Circuit's decision, landowners in seven states no longer have the benefit of state law property rights that landowners in the rest of the country have," the brief says.

The states expressed concern that the 8th Circuit's legal interpretation could allow the federal government to quietly assume more regulatory authority over property-related

matters.

WBI has to file a response to the landowners' petition sometime in October, McNamara said. WBI declined a request for comment.

The U.S. Supreme Court is expected to consider the petition sometime in November, he added.

It's extremely rare for the U.S. Supreme Court to agree to review a case, though the justices have shown an interest in eminent domain and property rights issues, McNamara said

previously.

He said the states' brief could help put the case on the high court's radar.

"The court listens to states when they say, 'This creates a big federalism problem,'" McNamara said.

The 11 states that signed onto the brief with North Dakota are Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Idaho, Indiana, Louisiana, Nebraska, South Carolina, South Dakota, Tennessee and Texas. — **Mary Steurer, North Dakota Monitor**

## Preventing anaplasmosis in cattle

With cattle at record values, it is more important than ever to eliminate risk and protect the health of our cattle inventory. Anaplasmosis is a common disease in cattle with worldwide distribution. Accordingly, anaplasmosis will occur every year with some variation of intensity based on the strain of *Anaplasma marginale*. *Anaplasma marginale* is a bacteria that infects red blood cells and once an animal becomes infected, they are infected for life.

Anaplasmosis is transmitted through the bite of ticks and flies, as well as blood-contaminated instruments like needles, tattoo tools, castration equipment and dehorning instruments. This bacteria does not harm the red

blood cells directly but the cow's immune response recognizes it when it reaches certain levels, which then causes anemia due to the immune system killing the red blood cells that are infected. This will limit the amount of oxygen that is transported throughout the animal's blood, which can then lead to aggressive behaviors exhibited by normally docile cows or bulls.

Other clinical signs that animals are infected with the bacteria are extreme lethargy, yellowing of the mucous membranes, abortions, weight loss and difficulty breathing. Most producers will not know they have an anaplasmosis problem until they see dead cows or bulls that are older than 2 years of

age. This disease can be devastating with death losses in some herds approaching 50%. Fortunately, anaplasmosis can be effectively controlled through several management practices outlined in this article.

### Best management practices

First, consult with your veterinarian so that they can develop a comprehensive plan to limit the impact of anaplasmosis. This relationship is critically important because the most commonly utilized control plan is to administer tetracycline antibiotics through mineral supplements or feed and the only access to this preventative treatment is

to obtain a Veterinary Feed Directive.

Clinical signs of infections can be treated with injectable antibiotics via an intramuscular injection of oxytetracycline administered multiple days and should be given under a veterinarian's directions. Successful antibiotic therapy curing the clinical signs of infection results in a carrier animal.

Carrier cattle will be immune to further disease from anaplasmosis but will remain a source from which needles, flies and ticks can spread the disease. A vaccine is available in some states. This vaccine does not prevent infection, but anecdotal evidence demonstrates a reduction in clinical signs.

Additional best manage-

ment practices to prevent and control the transmission of this disease include:

- Feeding tetracycline antibiotic during the fly and tick seasons (essential).
  - Rotating pastures (when possible) to avoid pastures with a history of tick issues during tick season.
  - Burning pastures in the spring to control ticks.
  - Controlling fly and tick populations to the extent possible.
  - Changing needles and disinfecting any instruments which may result in transmitting blood from animal to animal when working cattle.
- **Mark Z. Johnson, Oklahoma State University Extension beef cattle breeding specialist**



### KERN PRIDE 214

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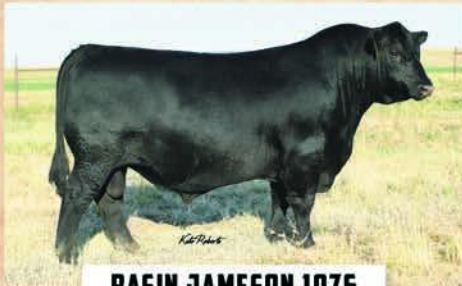
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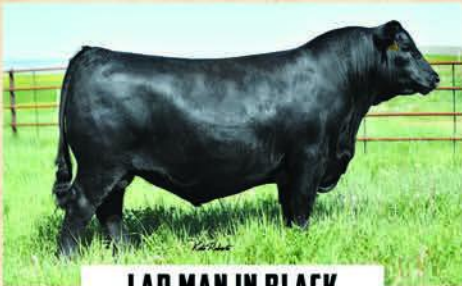
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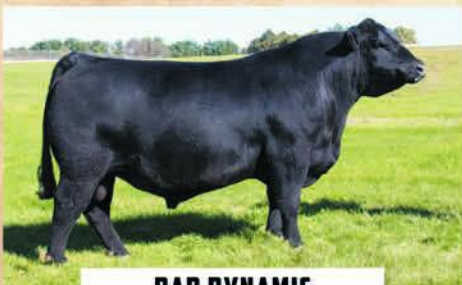
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The Department of the Interior (DOI) allocated more than \$54 million from the Migratory Bird Conservation Fund for the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to conserve 21,737 acres of waterfowl habitat and increase public access on four national wildlife refuges. The funding mostly came from the sale of Federal Migratory Bird Hunting and Conservation Stamps, also called Duck Stamps, and import duties on imported arms and ammunition. The funds will benefit the Bear River Migratory Bird Refuge in Utah, the Lower Hatchie National Wildlife Refuge in Tennessee, the Red River National Wildlife Refuge in Louisiana and the Upper Ouachita National Wildlife Refuge in Louisiana.

## USDA ends food insecurity survey

USDA announced it is terminating the Household Food Security Reports, also known as the food insecurity survey. The department called the reports costly, redundant, politicized and extraneous. “For 30 years, this study—initially created by the Clinton administration as a means to support the increase of SNAP eligibility and benefit allotments—failed to present anything more than subjective, liberal fodder,” USDA said. “Trends in the prevalence of food insecurity have remained virtually unchanged, regardless of an over 87% increase in SNAP spending between 2019-2023.” The California Association of Food Banks said the report termination will limit the ability to track food insecurity and advocate for people served by food banks.

## CO wild horse management bill in effect

Colorado House Bill 25-1283 went into effect in early August, which guides wild horse management in the state. The Colorado Horse Council said the new law could have long-term implications for land use, equine welfare and rural outreach. The bill dissolved the Wild Horse Project nonprofit and appointed oversight to the Colorado Department of Agriculture, and established a Wild Horse Advisory Committee. The law also prioritizes immunocontraception (PZP vaccines) over roundups to manage herd populations. Initial implementation will be funded with the \$555,000 remaining from the previous nonprofit contract. "This legislative change represents a shift toward science-based and humane population control methods. While the program is primarily state-led, its direction will likely affect Colorado's equine landscape—including adoption efforts, public perception, and land-sharing concerns," the Colorado Horse Council said.

## Greens file to open Columbia Basin suit

A coalition of environmental groups filed a motion in mid-September in a district court to end a pause on litigation to protect wild salmon and steelhead fish from dams in the Columbia Basin. The states of Oregon and Washington and several Tribes joined the request to lift the stay. The Resilient Columbia Basin Agreement was signed in December 2023 by the federal government, Oregon and Washington, the four lower Columbia Basin Treaty Tribes and Earthjustice plaintiffs, which paused the litigation. The agreement paused litigation for five years as long as the federal government worked with the states and Tribes on a plan to restore the basin's fish. In June, the Trump administration withdrew the agreement.

## Plan released for NM checkerspot butterfly

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service released a draft recovery plan for the endangered Sacramento Mountains checkerspot butterfly, which is found in New Mexico's Sacramento Mountains. The plan's goal is to recover the butterfly so it no longer needs Endangered Species Act protections. The plan is not a regulatory document, but guides actions to recover the species, establish downlisting and delisting criteria, and estimate recovery time and cost. The plan's strategy is to use captive rearing to expand wild populations, reintroduce butterflies, engage with partners to develop conservation plans and conduct further research. To view the draft plan and submit comments by Oct. 23, visit [ecos.fws.gov/ecp/species/1546](https://ecos.fws.gov/ecp/species/1546).

## Greens call for release of Mexican gray wolves

A coalition of 30 environmental groups called on the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Arizona Game and Fish Department and New Mexico Department of Game and Fish to release captive Mexican gray wolves. "Federal and state agencies need to stop killing wolves with important genes and start releasing captive breeding wolves in family packs to give wolves the best chance at survival and recovery," said Michael Robinson of Center for Biological Diversity. The groups asked the agencies to release male/female pairs with their pups, stop removing wolves from the wild and allow pair formations and matings between Mexican gray wolves and northern gray wolves.

## Protections sought for CA songbirds

The Center for Biological Diversity petitioned the California Fish and Game Commission in mid-September to list the Bendire's thrasher and LeConte's thrasher under the state's Endangered Species Act. "These shy birds can't cope with rapid climate change and other threats that are reducing their sparse habitats in Southern California deserts," said Jeff Miller of the Center. "Without state protection, there's a real risk California could lose both desert thrashers." The group said thrasher habitat has been lost to sprawl development and agriculture.

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## PLC honors awardees as annual meeting closes

During their 57th Annual Meeting, the Public Lands Council (PLC) honored two individuals who have made significant contributions to the federal lands ranching community. PLC Secretary and Colorado grazing permittee Robbie LeValley was selected for the 2025 President's award and Dr. Karen Launchbaugh, a professor at the University of Idaho, was selected as the 2025 Friend of PLC.

PLC President Tim Canterbury recognized PLC Treasurer Brenda Richards, who runs a cow-calf operation in Reynolds Creek, ID, for her outstanding leadership on the local, state and national levels. As a fourth-generation rancher in the state, Richards has set the standard for Colorado ranching. When she's not working on the ranch, she vol-

unteers her time with several different livestock industry organizations. She volunteers her time to the National Cattlemen's Beef Association, Idaho Cattle Association, Nevada Cattlemen's Association and Boise's District Bureau of Land Management Resource Advisory Council.

"When I started to attend national industry meetings Brenda was already an established leader and had been effectively fighting for our industry for years. From testifying in Congress, leading PLC and working on ranching issues—grazing permittees are all better off because of her leadership," said PLC President Tim Canterbury. "Spending time away from the operation can be costly but her work to cut government red tape is essential to advancing this

industry. There is no one more deserving of the President's award and I am proud to serve with her as a PLC officer."

PLC Vice President Ron Cerri recognized Dr. Karen Launchbaugh as the 2025 Friend of PLC. Launchbaugh has worked as a professor of rangeland ecology at the University of Idaho, providing ranchers with the latest research on grazing and rangeland management as well as educating the next generation on the benefits of grazing. Her immense research and teaching career has advanced rangeland education further than anyone and her work studying livestock behavior while grazing has been hugely beneficial for ranchers and students alike.

"The Friend of PLC award is for the rare individuals, that

while they may not be ranchers, they advance the ranching industry to that next level. Dr. Karen Launchbaugh is not only a great friend to grazing permittees, but she is also a friend and mentor to students looking to work in the field of rangeland and ecological research,” said PLC Vice President Ron Cerri. “Livestock producers owe so much to Dr. Launchbaugh for her work advocating for and advancing this industry—whenever a rancher says science-based, chances are it is because of her work that we get to definitively say that. Future generations of ranchers will learn from her extensive work on rangeland and grazing research, becoming better ranchers because of it and that is a true friend to the ranching industry.” — **PLC**

## Court: CA ag drains may operate without permit

In what has been described as a resounding legal victory for agriculture, a federal appeals court has ruled that irrigation return flows discharged to waters of the United States through agricultural drains remain exempt from federal permitting requirements.

The 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals decided earlier this month that operation of a large-scale Central Valley agricultural drainage system does not require a permit under the federal Clean Water Act because the discharge is composed entirely of return flows from irrigated farmlands.

The three-judge panel upheld the dismissal of a lawsuit alleging that the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation and the San Luis & Delta Mendota Water Authority's operation of the Grassland Bypass Project and the San Luis Drain violated the Clean Water Act (CWA).

At issue is whether the project, which comprises an extensive underground tile drainage system that takes in water used for crop irrigation, should be exempt from federal National Pollution Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permitting requirements. The appeals court said yes.

While the CWA generally prohibits the discharge of pollutants into surrounding waters without a permit, it does not regulate agricultural return flows, which refer to irrigation water that doesn't get absorbed by plants or evaporate but flows back into streams and rivers or infiltrates into groundwater.

Under the federal exemption, the project—which serves 97,400 acres of land within the Delta-Mendota subbasin of the San Joaquin Valley—has operated without an NPDES permit since 1997. In place of a permit, the project's discharges have been subject to state and local environmental regulations that set water quality standards for pollutants, require monitoring and establish management practices.

Fishing and environmental groups sought to undo the project's exempted status, saying it should be revoked because the irrigation return flows commingled with "non-point source" pollution such as groundwater seepage, road runoff or dust that's unrelated to irrigated agriculture prior to discharge.

The court rejected their argument, concluding “that the exemption applies because the alleged pollutants are either added to the Project via non-point sources or via a point source related to crop production.” The opinion said the groups’ reading of the statute “is inconsistent with the purpose and

structure of the (Clean Water Act), and as a practical matter would render the irrigated agriculture exemption a dead letter.”

Kari Fisher, senior director and counsel for the California Farm Bureau, said the organization has been following the case since 2011, "given the enormous impact on California growers if the Clean Water Act's irrigated agricultural exemption was narrowed."

Farm Bureau and other agricultural groups filed a "friend of the court" brief in support of the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation, San Luis & Delta-Mendota Water Authority and the Grassland Water District, "pointing out that the lawsuit conflicts with the congressional intent of the Clean Water Act and threatened irrigated agriculture in the West," Fisher said.

The brief noted that agricultural drainage systems much like the San Luis Drain operate throughout the West and are a necessary part of irrigation infrastructure, and that irrigation is indispensable to farming in the West. As such, the case may have far-reaching impacts on farmlands that use and rely on irrigation drainage facilities.

The ruling contains numerous points raised in the brief, including recognition of the broad scope of "irrigated agriculture" and the practical impossibility of excluding diffuse, nonpoint source pollutants.

“The court’s determination of this issue is of utmost importance to every one involved with irrigated agriculture because without the exemption, thousands of growers and water management entities may be forced to apply for NPDES discharge permits or face immediate discharger liability under the (Clean Water Act),” agricultural groups said in their filing.

California growers already comply with the state's Irrigated Lands Regulatory Program, which regulates discharges from commercial irrigated lands. If the federal exemption were nullified, Fisher said, they would also be required to apply for federal discharge permits under the CWA.

Though the 9th Circuit reaffirmed a key protection for irrigated agriculture, irrigators and managers of agricultural drains still must ensure that other sources of pollution are not discharged to agricultural drains. The ruling made clear that the federal exemption does not apply if agricultural drains accept pollutants from sources such as municipal stormwater, wastewater effluent or industrial discharge. — **Ching Lee, Ag Alert editor, California Farm Bureau**



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# Cattle groups call for halt in livestock movements

## SCREWORM (from page 1)

in technology, building a domestic sterile fly dispersal facility and a production facility, increasing surveillance, enhancing public awareness and coordinating with Mexico and other international partners.

Secretary of Agriculture and Rural Development Julio Berdegué was in conversations with Rollins upon the case detection, and SENASCIA immediately implemented actions according to the joint action plan, the Mexican government said in a news release translated from Spanish. The animal was the only one detected with NWS in a shipment of 100 head and was treated early enough that larvae were in an early stage, Mexico said. The trapping system in northern Mexico has also not yet detected any NWS flies, the country added.

"Mexico has established an identification and communication protocol at approved feedlots in the north of the country to immediately detect and eliminate cases and prevent any further incidents," the news release concluded.

"This is only the beginning with many more announcements coming this week as USDA restores American strength, protects food security, and supports America's ranchers and farmers."

—USDA

Cattle industry groups expressed concern with the latest case and urged stricter measures from USDA.

"Now is the time for USDA to expedite construction of the domestic sterile fly facility and eradicate this pest from our doorstep," said National Cattlemen's Beef Association CEO Colin Woodall in a news release. "We also ask USDA to continue holding Mexico accountable and urge them to reduce animal movements that could spread screwworm north."

The Ranchers-Cattlemen Action Legal Fund, United Stockgrowers of America (R-CALF) also said all northward movement of livestock within Mexico should be halted.

"The NWS presents a serious threat to U.S. livestock, and both our nation's cattle and sheep herds have already declined to historically low levels, as have the numbers of U.S. cattle and sheep farms and ranches," said R-CALF CEO Bill Bullard in a statement.

The U.S. border has remained closed to livestock imports from Mexico after a previous case of NWS was detected in July in Veracruz, Mexico, about 370 miles away from the border.

Since July, USDA has been

monitoring close to 8,000 traps across Texas, Arizona and New Mexico. More than 13,000 screening samples have been submitted, with no NWS flies detected, the department said.

"USDA is analyzing all new information related to the recent case in Nuevo León and will pursue all options to release sterile flies in this region as necessary," USDA said.

The Texas Animal Health Commission (TAHC) said in a news release that producers located near the border and travelers from NWS-affected areas should closely monitor animals for signs and immediately report suspected NWS cases. Any suspected cases can be reported to a local TAHC region office or the 24-hour vet on-call line, 1-800-550-8242.

## New plan to support farmers, exporters

In addition to continuing its five-pronged plan efforts, USDA teased the release of a "significant plan" aimed to help rebuild the American cattle supply, incentivize ranchers and revitalize the U.S. beef industry.

National Association of State Departments of Agriculture held Sept. 14-18 in Rogers, AR.

"Market promotion support, rapid response to reciprocal trade agreements, and better financing programs will translate to progress in chipping away at the \$50 billion agricultural deficit," said Under Secretary for Trade and Foreign Agricultural Affairs Luke J. Lindberg in a news release.

The One Big Beautiful Bill Act authorized \$285 million per year for trade promotion programs beginning in fiscal year 2027. As part of the first prong of USDA's plan, called the America First Trade Promotion Program, USDA will begin the program one year early with \$285 million allocated in fiscal year 2026.

U.S. Meat Export Federation (USMEF) President and CEO Dan Halstrom said the program will allow farmers and ranchers to continue to build value for U.S. meat products and grow diversity in global demand. "The reciprocal agreements are expected to provide new opportunities in the ASEAN region, the United Kingdom and the European Union, and USDA's positioning to help industry capture this additional potential is much appreciated," Halstrom said.

The second prong of the plan, coined T.R.U.M.P. Missions (Trade Reciprocity for U.S. Manufacturers and Producers), aims to target reciprocal trade deal countries and new market access opportunities.

"The focus of these will be determined country-by-country to maximize high-return, low-risk agricultural export prospects and connect buyers and sellers," USDA said.

The final prong of the plan, revitalizing export finance opportunities, will reinvigorate the GSM-102 credit guarantee program, USDA said. "By reducing financial risk to lenders, credit guarantees encourage exports to buyers in countries that have sufficient financial strength to have foreign exchange available for scheduled payments."

— Anna Miller Fortozo, WLJ managing editor



## YOUTH OPPORTUNITIES

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

**Oct. 1**—The application period for the California Cattlemen's Association 2025 scholarships is now open. Any young, regular or feeder member is eligible to apply. Details: calcattlemen.org/scholarship.

**Oct. 6**—The National Cattlemen's Beef Association has opened applications for spring 2026 semester internships in the association's Colorado headquarters and Washington, D.C. office. All internships run

from January to May 2026 and are paid positions. Details: jobs.keldair.com/ncba.

**Oct. 15**—The New Mexico Cattle Growers' Association, in partnership with Purina Mills and Depot Farm and Ranch Agency, is thrilled to announce fall scholarship applications are open. Details: www.nmagriculture.org.

**Oct. 15**—The New Mexico Cattle Growers' Association will welcome college interns at its 2025 Joint Stockmen's Convention in Albuquerque, NM. Details: 505-247-0584.

**Oct. 19**—Students can compete to win up to \$15,000 in scholarship dollars during the Farming for the Future Social Media Scholarship Contest sponsored by South Dakota Farmers Union. Details: tinyurl.com/2jzvh9.

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# Alliance: Activist groups also harm food security, nutrition

## ACTIVISTS (from page 1)

ASPCA engages in pressure campaigns and consumer-targeted initiatives such as “Shop With Your Heart” to steer buyers toward plant-based products. Its campaigns aim to ban common animal production practices and reduce animal product consumption nationwide.

In 2021, the organization faced criticism for using misleading fundraising tactics that led many donors to believe it was connected or affiliated with local SPCAs, when in fact

no such affiliation exists.

- Humane World for Animals (formerly The Humane Society of the United States): Rebranded in 2025, Humane World for Animals reported \$174.9 million in revenue and \$454.7 million in assets. The group seeks to ban animal production practices through legislation, ballot initiatives, lawsuits and shareholder activism. Leadership has expressed abolitionist goals: “My goal is the abolition of all animal agriculture,” said senior director John “J.P.” Goodwin in a 1996 internet activist listserv.
- People for the Ethical

Treatment of Animals (PETA): PETA, the world’s largest animal rights organization with \$85.2 million in revenue, openly opposes the use of animals in food, clothing entertainment, and research.

“There is no nutritional need for humans to eat any animal product,” the group states on its website. PETA buys stocks in companies to introduce shareholder resolutions targeting animal agriculture practices and claims the industry is “humane-washing” consumers into believing animals are raised humanely.

- Mercy for Animals: Mercy for Animals, which reported \$12.5 million in revenue, promotes veganism and employs undercover and drone investigations to influence food companies. President Leah Garcés has said the organization aims “to end industrial animal agriculture and construct a just and sustainable food system.”
- The Humane League: The Humane League, with \$10.5

million in revenue, focuses on corporate pressure campaigns and legislative action to reduce or eliminate animal agriculture. Its former executive director urged activists to “find a vulnerable target... the crueler it is, the quicker the fight is over,” highlighting the group’s aggressive tactics.

- Animal Outlook: Formerly known as Compassion Over Killing, Animal Outlook had \$2.1 million in revenue and is known for undercover investigations and urban anti-meat campaigns. The group claims “animal agriculture practices are places of cruelty, abuse and sometimes criminal acts” and actively works to reduce animal protein in food systems.
- Animal Recovery Mission (ARM): ARM reported \$2.3 million in revenue and specializes in undercover investigations, sometimes conducting raids and offering rewards for arrests. Founder Richard Couto has declared, “The only way to end atrocities against ani-

mals is to work toward ending the consumption of and use of animal products altogether.”

- Direct Action Everywhere (DXE): This Berkeley-based group has a stated mission to “achieve revolutionary social and political change for animals in one generation,” and founder Wayne Hsiung has said, “We are trying to destroy animal agriculture.”

level—from farms and restaurants to state legislatures and shareholder meetings.

The Major Animal Activist Groups Web also documents growing legal coordination among these organizations. New connections include Animal Activist Legal Defense Project, The Brooks Institute, Legal Impact for Chickens and Simple Heart Initiative.

“The production of meat, poultry, dairy, eggs, and seafood is continuously improving through the animal agriculture community’s commitments to advancing environmental sustainability, animal care, food safety, and nutrition.”

— Animal Agriculture Alliance

DXE, designated extreme risk, is notorious for trespassing, animal theft (“open rescues”) and online tools like Project Counterglow to map U.S. farms for protests. The group reported \$432,193 in revenue, although the Alliance noted DXE is primarily funded by Friends of DXE, which does not publicly release its tax filings.

These profiles reinforce what the Alliance calls a coordinated strategy to disrupt animal agriculture at every

The Alliance argues that these activist campaigns threaten not only farmers and ranchers but also the nation’s food security and nutrition.

“The production of meat, poultry, dairy, eggs, and seafood is continuously improving through the animal agriculture community’s commitments to advancing environmental sustainability, animal care, food safety, and nutrition,” the Alliance said. — Charles Wallace, WLJ contributing editor

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(Send calendar of events information to [editorial@wlj.net](mailto:editorial@wlj.net).)

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**Nov. 12-14** – The Washington Cattlemen’s and Cattlewomen’s associations’ 100th Annual Convention and Tradeshow will be held at the Wenatchee Convention Center in Wenatchee, WA. Details: [washingtoncattlemen.org/convention](http://washingtoncattlemen.org/convention).

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# STORY SHORTS

## AGA announces new indexes and EPDs

The American Gelbvieh Association (AGA) announced three new economic indexes and four new EPDs to help cattle producers make more informed selection decisions. The Maternal Profit Index (MPI) supports herds that sell calves at weaning and retain replacements, with a focus on traits such as calving ease, milk production and mature weight. The Feeder Profit Index (FPI) is strictly terminal, weighting carcass and feed efficiency traits for finished beef production. The Total Profit Index (TPI) combines maternal and terminal qualities to achieve balanced herds. New EPDs include Mature Weight, Cow Energy Requirement-Yearly, Dry Matter Intake and \$GAIN, improving efficiency and profitability. Updated indexes and EPDs are now available on animal profiles at Gelbvieh.org. For more information, contact the AGA office at 303-465-2333.

## FSIS supports faster meat exports to Mexico

USDA's Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS) endorsed a new agreement to speed rail exports of U.S. meat and poultry to Mexico. Under the plan, Mexico's National Service of Agri-Food, Health, Safety and Quality inspectors will work inside selected federally inspected U.S. plants to reinspect and clear shipments at the source. This eliminates routine border checks, cutting delays and costs while ensuring product safety. The voluntary program, a first for the sector, imposes no new requirements on exporters. Mexico is America's top meat and poultry buyer, importing over \$5.5 billion in 2024.

## Colorado raises brand inspection fees

Starting Oct. 1, the Colorado State Board of Stock Inspection Commissioners will increase brand inspection fees, with five-year brand assessment fees set to rise in January 2027. The Brand Inspection Division, funded entirely by user fees, has faced inflation-driven costs and a projected \$3 million deficit, as rates have remained unchanged since 2016. "Brand inspection is vital to Colorado's \$3 billion livestock industry," said Brand Commissioner Todd Inglee. "These necessary fee adjustments will help the Brand Inspection Division remain on solid financial footing and provide the livestock industry the needed loss protection services we offer." Despite the adjustments, Colorado's fees will stay below those of neighboring states. More details are available at tinyurl.com/2efwsf9z.

## Processing plant opens in Fort Worth Stockyards

Four generations of the Rosenthal family have guided Standard Meat Company through 90 years in Fort Worth, and now they are opening a major new facility at the Fort Worth Stockyards, the Fort Worth Star-Telegram reported. Located at 1101 NE 23rd St., the 180,000-square-foot plant is the largest local meat production site since Swift Company closed in 1971. Designed to double the Dallas plant's capacity and potentially process 125 million pounds annually, it will feature a sous vide cooking line and supply roast beef to Arby's. Ben Rosenthal said the location reflects their commitment to community roots and employees living in nearby northside neighborhoods while restoring meatpacking to its historic home.

## Utah signs Strawberry Valley water agreement

In a landmark step for Utah County's future, federal, state and local leaders signed the Strawberry Valley Project 1920 Act Conversion Contract at the Bureau of Reclamation's Provo office. The agreement allows up to 61,000 acre-feet of irrigation water—long used for commercial agriculture and residential landscaping—to be converted for municipal and industrial use, supplying about 183,000 homes annually. Developed in collaboration with agricultural water users and cities such as Spanish Fork and Payson, the plan supports rapid population growth while preserving the farming heritage. By relying on existing infrastructure, it avoids new construction and promotes sustainability, ensuring a reliable water and agricultural balance for decades to come.

## USDA offers aid to Idaho producers

Fourteen contiguous Idaho counties are eligible for USDA Farm Service Agency emergency loans after a secretarial natural disaster designation linked to severe drought. According to the U.S. Drought Monitor, these areas faced D2-D4 drought conditions for extended periods. Producers can use loans to replace equipment or livestock, reorganize operations or refinance debt, with eligibility based on losses and repayment ability. Parts of Montana and Washington also qualify. Applications are due May 8, 2026. Producers should contact their local USDA Service Center to report losses and explore assistance programs.

## Indonesia restores US Halal beef certification

The Indonesian Halal Authority (BPJPH) has reaccredited the only U.S. halal certifier approved for Indonesia, reopening a key export market that had been closed since March, according to Meat+Poultry. BPJPH had questioned whether U.S. slaughter practices met Indonesia's halal standards, suspending accreditation and effectively halting American beef exports worth \$93 million in 2024. After the audits resolved those concerns, shipments can now resume. Cattle-men's Beef Board CEO Greg Hanes sees a strong opportunity in Indonesia, citing its growing population, rising disposable income, and expanding cold-chain infrastructure, though some non-tariff barriers remain. "Southeast Asia, and especially Indonesia, have tons of opportunity for the U.S. beef industry," Hanes said.

# Better beef for your budget

Taking a bite of tender, juicy beef is all part of the dining experience. But what exactly makes beef taste the way it does? Kansas State (K-State) University meat science extension specialist Erin Beyer said the answer lies in beef palatability—a combination of tenderness, juiciness and flavor.

Beyer focuses her research on fresh meat quality and cooked meat color. If you've seen meat trials conducted at K-State, there's a good chance you've seen her work in action. As part of her studies, participants evaluate a variety of beef cuts for their sensory qualities.

According to Beyer, meat palatability is often compared to a three-legged stool with tenderness, flavor and juiciness being the legs. While some factors impact the eating experience more than others, it is the combination of all three factors that is pivotal for that elite eating experience for consumers.

"Tenderness is now considered the second most important sensory property after flavor," Beyer said. "Flavor is the most complex and opinionated sensory property, with significant differences based on species, cooking method and seasoning."

"For decades, tenderness was considered the most important palatability trait, but newer research done at K-State indicates flavor is now the most important. While tenderness is the most variable, flavor is the most complex, being impacted by such factors as quality grade, cooking method, or just muscle type," she said.

Juiciness also plays a critical role in the eating experience.

"Juiciness is defined as the initial and sustained moisture in the mouth, impacted by quality grade and cooking method," Beyer said.

Cooking methods, Beyer notes, can dramatically

change the palatability of beef.

"There are high-heat methods, such as grilling or broiling, and lower-heat methods like braising or roasting," she said. "Low and slow methods are best for budget-friendly cuts that are thicker or tougher, like a roast. The collagen in the muscle structure has to break down for the meat to become tender."

Collagen is the most prevalent protein in the body, and it is found in skin and nails, but also in the connective tissue layers that support muscle structure. Collagen has a rubber band texture and is generally considered to be only soluble in high heat or acid, so when cooking, it becomes difficult to break down.

"The way we accomplish this is with low and slow cooking methods, which gives the collagen molecules time to convert to gelatin that is soft and able to be chewed

easily," Beyer said. "This process is responsible for turning the brisket, one of the toughest muscles in the body, to a fork tender cut."

Beyer explained some examples of budget-friendly cuts include chuck eye roll, tri tip, flank steak, coulotte and beef plate cuts. These cuts can be roasted in the oven and take around two hours to cook, or smoked for about the same time.

The oven and a smoker will not brown the exterior, therefore, a browning step needs to be included either before or after the low and slow cooking step. This combination will develop the rich and beefy flavor consumers love with a tender roast texture.

Beyer said by understanding how tenderness, juiciness and flavor interact—and how cooking methods affect them—consumers can make the most of every beef cut on their plate. — **K-State Research and Extension**

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MARKET SITUATION REPORT

| MARKET AT A GLANCE                                                                                                                            | This Week: 9/25/2025 |   | Week Ago | Year Ago |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------|---|----------|----------|
| Choice Fed Steers                                                                                                                             | N/A                  | ▲ | 237.49   | 185.59   |
| CME Feeder Index                                                                                                                              | 361.31               | ▼ | 361.36   | 244.20   |
| Boxed Beef Average                                                                                                                            | 371.97               | ▼ | 385.81   | 296.37   |
| Average Dressed Steers                                                                                                                        | 364.87               | ▲ | N/A      | N/A      |
| Live Slaughter Weight*                                                                                                                        | 1,422                | ▲ | 1,417    | 1,399    |
| Weekly Slaughter**                                                                                                                            | 552,000              | ▼ | 561,000  | 610,000  |
| Weekly Beef Production***                                                                                                                     | 481.7                | ▼ | 487.4    | 520.3    |
| Hide/Offal Value                                                                                                                              | 11.50                | ▼ | 11.60    | 11.32    |
| Corn Price                                                                                                                                    | 4.28                 | ▲ | 4.28     | 4.15     |
| *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 19                             | 6,983                     | 393.06 | 200               | 449.47 | 1,293               | 401.68 | 2,105              | 391.87 | 591                | 372.65 | 2,793                | 346.49 |
| September 12                             | 6,793                     | 404.37 | 195               | 456.22 | 1,235               | 412.13 | 2,069              | 402.71 | 774                | 380.60 | 2,520                | 354.37 |
| September 5                              | 5,747                     | 409.20 | 185               | 459.04 | 1,082               | 416.17 | 1,583              | 409.54 | 601                | 385.31 | 2,297                | 362.78 |
| August 29                                | 6,471                     | 404.37 | 219               | 452.60 | 1,198               | 411.59 | 1,850              | 403.63 | 705                | 380.12 | 2,498                | 363.76 |
| Cutouts                                  |                           |        | FED BOXED BEEF    |        |                     |        |                    |        |                    |        |                      |        |
| DATE                                     | CHOICE                    |        | SELECT            |        | COW BEEF CUTOUT     |        | 50% LEAN           |        | 90% LEAN           |        |                      |        |
| September 25                             | 371.97                    |        | 353.45            |        | 340.15              |        | N/A                |        | 435.37             |        |                      |        |
| September 24                             | 377.39                    |        | 356.42            |        | 339.98              |        | 144.87             |        | 432.98             |        |                      |        |
| September 23                             | 380.80                    |        | 359.90            |        | 339.66              |        | 151.23             |        | 432.94             |        |                      |        |
| September 22                             | 381.39                    |        | 362.09            |        | 338.47              |        | 150.66             |        | 431.24             |        |                      |        |
| September 19                             | 382.05                    |        | 359.92            |        | 338.81              |        | 147.00             |        | N/A                |        |                      |        |

| CATTLE FUTURES: CME Live Cattle |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |
|---------------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
|                                 | 9/19  | 9/22  | 9/23  | 9/24  | 9/25  | High* | Low*  |
| Oct.                            | 23358 | 23715 | 23788 | 23578 | 23373 | 24678 | 16853 |
| Dec.                            | 23573 | 24023 | 24098 | 23905 | 23650 | 24208 | 16668 |
| Feb.                            | 23745 | 24235 | 24345 | 24118 | 23853 | 24358 | 17005 |
| Apr.                            | 23763 | 24215 | 24343 | 24175 | 23915 | 24428 | 18068 |

| CATTLE FUTURES: CME Feeder Cattle                       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |
|---------------------------------------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
|                                                         | 9/19  | 9/22  | 9/23  | 9/24  | 9/25  | High* | Low*  |
| Sep.                                                    | 35915 | 36273 | 36593 | 36563 | 36648 | 36648 | 21920 |
| Oct.                                                    | 35410 | 36135 | 36475 | 36245 | 35920 | 37000 | 22268 |
| Nov.                                                    | 35093 | 35990 | 36378 | 36163 | 35723 | 36938 | 22460 |
| Jan.                                                    | 34393 | 35318 | 35815 | 35563 | 35078 | 36765 | 24118 |
| *High and low figures are for the life of the contract. |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |

| FED CATTLE TRADE         | Head Count | Avg. Weight | Avg. Price |
|--------------------------|------------|-------------|------------|
| WEEKLY WEIGHTED AVERAGES |            |             |            |
| Live FOB Steer           | N/A        | N/A         | N/A        |
| Live FOB Heifer          | N/A        | N/A         | N/A        |
| Dressed Del Steer        | 2,260      | 987         | 364.87     |
| Dressed Del Heifer       | 196        | 863         | 365.00     |
| SAME PERIOD LAST WEEK    |            |             |            |
| Live FOB Steer           | 1,121      | 1,541       | 237.49     |
| Live FOB Heifer          | 323        | 1,342       | 237.29     |
| Dressed Del Steer        | N/A        | N/A         | N/A        |
| Dressed Del Heifer       | N/A        | N/A         | N/A        |
| SAME PERIOD LAST YEAR    |            |             |            |
| Live FOB Steer           | 234        | 1,462       | 185.59     |
| Live FOB Heifer          | 375        | 1,385       | 184.34     |
| Dressed Del Steer        | N/A        | N/A         | N/A        |
| Dressed Del Heifer       | N/A        | N/A         | N/A        |

| NATIONAL WEEKLY FED BEEF SLAUGHTER VOLUME: SEPTEMBER 21, 2025 |          |          |
|---------------------------------------------------------------|----------|----------|
|                                                               | Domestic | Imported |
| Forward Contract                                              | N/A      | N/A      |
| Formula                                                       | N/A      | N/A      |
| Negotiated Cash                                               | N/A      | N/A      |
| Negotiated Grid                                               | N/A      | N/A      |
| Packer Owned                                                  | N/A      | N/A      |
| Total                                                         | N/A      | N/A      |

| SLAUGHTER FORWARD CONTRACTS |     | FORWARD BEEF SALES     |       |
|-----------------------------|-----|------------------------|-------|
| Delivery Month              |     | Neg. Sales 0-21 days   | 2,093 |
| Sep. '25                    | N/A | Neg. Sales 21+ days    | 1,088 |
| Oct. '25                    | N/A | Formula sales          | 3,709 |
| Nov. '25                    | N/A | Forward contract sales | 93    |
| Dec. '25                    | N/A | Domestic sales         | 6,301 |
| Jan. '26                    | N/A | NAFTA Exports          | 102   |

| CANADIAN LIVESTOCK PRICES & FEDERAL INSPECTED SLAUGHTER FIGURES |        |               |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------|--------|---------------|
| Alberta Direct Sales (4% shrink)                                | Price  | Weekly Change |
| Slaughter Steers, mostly Choice & Select 1-3, 1300-1500 lbs     | 228.90 | +2.10         |
| Slaughter Heifers, mostly Choice & Select 1-3, 1200-1400 lbs    | 224.88 | -0.29         |
| Ontario Auctions                                                |        |               |
| Slaughter Steers, mostly Choice & Select 1-3, 1300-1500 lbs     | 233.95 | -0.75         |
| Slaughter Heifers, mostly Choice & Select 1-3, 1200-1400 lbs    | 232.03 | -0.26         |
| Slaughter Cows, Cutter and Utility 1-3, 1100-1400 lbs           | 160.88 | -1.59         |
| *Price comparison from one week ago.                            |        |               |

| Average feeder cattle prices (CND) for week ending Tuesday, September 23, 2025 |         |              |         |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------|--------------|---------|
| Steers:                                                                        | Alberta | Saskatchewan | Ontario |
| 501-600 lbs                                                                    | 476.97  | 522.47       | 453.25  |
| 601-700 lbs                                                                    | 427.19  | 442.78       | 398.17  |
| 701-800 lbs                                                                    | 387.09  | 392.13       | 368.51  |
| 801-900 lbs                                                                    | 361.54  | 369.55       | 347.84  |
| Heifers:                                                                       |         |              |         |
| 401-500 lbs                                                                    | 479.57  | 522.12       | 461.80  |
| 501-600 lbs                                                                    | 427.06  | 435.87       | 412.70  |
| 601-700 lbs                                                                    | 390.41  | 391.48       | 372.76  |
| 701-800 lbs                                                                    | 360.61  | 364.10       | 342.42  |

| 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 |
|                                                 | 9/15/2025    | 9/8/2025      |                      |                       |
| Feeders                                         | 0            | 0             | 230,638              | 998,763               |

| USDA WEEKLY IMPORTED FEEDER CATTLE                                                                                      |     |                                      |                      |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----|--------------------------------------|----------------------|
| September 25, 2025                                                                                                      |     |                                      |                      |
| Mexico to United States Feeder Cattle Import Summary                                                                    |     |                                      |                      |
| Receipts EST: N/A                                                                                                       |     | Week Ago EST: N/A                    | Year Ago Act: 14,950 |
| THIS REPORT WILL NOT BE PUBLISHED AFTER MAY 12TH. THE BORDER WILL BE CLOSED FOR LIVESTOCK IMPORTS UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE. |     |                                      |                      |
| Feeder heifers: Medium and large 1&2                                                                                    |     | Feeder heifers: Medium and large 1&2 |                      |
| 500-600 lbs                                                                                                             | N/A | 500-600 lbs                          | N/A                  |
| 600-700 lbs                                                                                                             | N/A | 600-700 lbs                          | N/A                  |
| 700-800 lbs                                                                                                             | N/A | 700-800 lbs                          | N/A                  |
| Feeder steers: Medium and large 1&2                                                                                     |     | Feeder steers: Medium and large 1&2  |                      |
| 500-600 lbs                                                                                                             | N/A | 500-600 lbs                          | N/A                  |
| 600-700 lbs                                                                                                             | N/A | 600-700 lbs                          | N/A                  |
| 700-800 lbs                                                                                                             | N/A | 700-800 lbs                          | N/A                  |
| (slide 10 cents on steers and heifers basis 300 lbs. All sales fob port of entry.)                                      |     |                                      |                      |

| Selected Auctions<br>Week Ending September 25, 2025 |             |                    |                       |                       | Feeder prices for steers & heifers reflect medium and large 1 cattle,<br>unless otherwise noted; * Indicates medium and large 1-2 |                    |                    |                                   |                       |
|-----------------------------------------------------|-------------|--------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|-----------------------------------|-----------------------|
| DATE<br>MARKET                                      | 200-300 lb. | 300-400 lb.        | 400-500 lb.           | 500-600 lb.           | 600-700 lb.                                                                                                                       | 700-800 lb.        | 800 lb. -up        | SLAUGHTER COWS<br>SLAUGHTER BULLS | PAIRS<br>REPLACEMENTS |
| No report available<br>Blackfoot, ID                |             |                    |                       |                       |                                                                                                                                   |                    |                    |                                   |                       |
| September 18<br>Burley, ID                          | 342         | 471-525            | 449-509<br>445-460    | 382-451<br>365-406    |                                                                                                                                   |                    | 291-342            | 124-181<br>179-185                |                       |
| No report available<br>Emmett, ID                   |             |                    |                       |                       |                                                                                                                                   |                    |                    |                                   |                       |
| September 20<br>Eugene, OR                          | N/A         | 350-465<br>280-417 | 335-414<br>302-380    | 285-390<br>265-344    | 270-332<br>235-311                                                                                                                | 265-327<br>230-300 | 235-306<br>212-260 | 150-170<br>160-185                |                       |
| September 22<br>Madras, OR                          | 2,117       | 550-590<br>460-505 | 480-520<br>450-520    | 450-495<br>385-460    | 411-450<br>375-411                                                                                                                | 397-426<br>342-372 | 350-390<br>290-321 | 145-167<br>160-187                |                       |
| September 24<br>Vale, OR                            | 938         | 505-555<br>450-462 | 460-525<br>420-455    | 430-495<br>362-387    | 380-420                                                                                                                           | 338-369<br>325-339 |                    | 165-178<br>175-208                |                       |
| September 23<br>Davenport, WA                       | 570         | 558<br>495-650     | 145-530<br>400-527.50 | 397.50-510<br>200-486 | 350-456<br>320-416                                                                                                                | 340-402<br>180-358 | 200-361<br>270-337 | 234-337.50<br>225-312             | 110-305<br>141-220    |
| September 18<br>Toppenish, WA                       | 1,484       |                    | 500*<br>380*          | 395-455*<br>350-373*  | 395-415*<br>345-352.50*                                                                                                           | 305*               |                    | 167.50-169<br>161-194.50          | 2,200<br>3,700-3,750  |

|                          |       |                    |                    |                    |                       |                       |                    |                    |                                |  |             |
|--------------------------|-------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------------------|--|-------------|
| September 18 Orland, CA  | 1,471 |                    |                    | 350-527<br>330-450 | 300-480<br>280-425    | 275-442<br>255-378    | 275-378<br>255-332 | 270-359<br>250-318 | 145-176<br>145-199             |  | 2,400-3,400 |
| September 19 Escalon, CA |       |                    |                    |                    |                       |                       |                    |                    | 110-160<br>140-185             |  |             |
| September 22 Famoso, CA  | 525   |                    | 400-525<br>400-440 | 425-523<br>375-450 | 400-511<br>375-460    | 375-429<br>350-408    | 350-391<br>300-346 | 285-330<br>300-346 | 85-230<br>150-192              |  |             |
| September 24 Galt, CA    | 1,713 |                    | 500-575<br>450-535 | 450-530<br>425-500 | 425-510<br>370-460    | 370-440<br>310-395    | 350-400<br>285-362 |                    | 110-204<br>165-200             |  |             |
| September 23 Turlock, CA | 1,299 |                    | 457-530<br>394-505 | 450-535<br>375-476 | 442-500<br>360-430    | 390-429.50<br>329-374 | 375-400<br>318-345 | 350-380<br>300-325 | 142-186<br>155-195             |  |             |
| September 23 Salina, UT  | 1,765 | 350-595<br>325-560 | 320-590<br>300-515 | 305-520<br>290-456 | 295-492.50<br>285-490 | 280-425<br>275-350    | 275-370<br>265-335 | 270-360<br>190-333 | 143.70-186.50<br>175.90-192.88 |  | 3,050-3,700 |

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| September 22 Iowa                 | 7,136 | 690 | 520-572.50<br>411-519 | 440-540<br>360-540    | 410-503<br>350-469 | 360-450<br>334-414 | 351.50-400<br>324-372.50 | 310.25-386<br>300-343.50    | 130-218<br>120-231 |  |             |
| September 23 Miles City, MT       | 712   |     |                       |                       |                    | 405-415            | 375-409<br>358-359       | 341-360<br>307-353          | 149-175<br>170-195 |  | 2,850-3,150 |
| September 24 Bassett, NE          | 4,455 |     |                       |                       | 407.50-415         | 402-444<br>380     | 379.50-427               | 349-382.50<br>318-380       |                    |  |             |
| No report available Ericson, NE   |       |     |                       |                       |                    |                    |                          |                             |                    |  |             |
| September 23 Imperial, NE         | 640   |     | 625<br>560            | 531-553<br>442.50-482 | 459-489<br>415     | 434<br>382.50      | 350<br>365.50-370        |                             |                    |  |             |
| No report available Kearney, NE   |       |     |                       |                       |                    |                    |                          |                             |                    |  |             |
| September 19 Lexington, NE        | 1,589 |     | 535<br>550            | 505-520               | 408-476<br>403-415 | 380-423<br>364     | 375-387<br>359           | 317-363.50<br>318-365       |                    |  |             |
| No report available Ogallala, NE  |       |     |                       |                       |                    |                    |                          |                             |                    |  |             |
| No report available Valentine, NE |       |     |                       |                       |                    |                    |                          |                             |                    |  |             |
| September 19 Herreid, SD          | 2,430 |     |                       |                       |                    | 420                | 387-402<br>356-375       | 345-376.75<br>321.50-343.50 |                    |  |             |
| September 24 Torrington, WY       | 1,727 |     | 587.50-596<br>495-500 | 491-546<br>459-500    | 402-475<br>410-424 | 386-420<br>361-387 | 380-400.50<br>340-353    |                             | 319-351            |  |             |

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| September 18 Willcox, AZ     | 1,735 | 557.50-625<br>484-555 | 552-615<br>467.50-530    | 474.50-560<br>445-497.50 | 404-440<br>364-425    | 359-393<br>318-395          |                          |                             | 140-224<br>165-200    | 4,250-4,500<br>2,950-3,250 |
| September 22 Colorado        | 2,041 | 605-665<br>550-560    | 535-580<br>440-510       | 435-510<br>425-450       | 400-455<br>382-402.50 | 370-425<br>345-367.50       | 340-372.50<br>322.50-348 | 305-342.50<br>301-302.50    | 101-225<br>134-243    | 3,225-4,275<br>2,225-3,100 |
| September 17 La Junta, CO    | 1,020 |                       | 515-580<br>430-525       | 510-535<br>405-455       | 400-455<br>382-402.50 | 377.50-425<br>347.50-367.50 | 345-372.50<br>330-348    | 332.50-345<br>302.50-322.50 | 153-175<br>177-196    | 3,850-4,275<br>2,500-3,050 |
| No report available Loma, CO |       |                       |                          |                          |                       |                             |                          |                             |                       |                            |
| September 24 Dodge City, KS  | 1,550 |                       | 604<br>502.50-515        | 489-535<br>395-450       | 425-465<br>405.50     | 386-409<br>361.50-364       | 361-390<br>342-361       | 336-384.75<br>301-379       | 130-183<br>162.50-208 | 3,700-4,025<br>2,550-3,025 |
| September 18 Pratt, KS       | 1,303 |                       | 552.50-640<br>482.50-528 | 492.50-535<br>442.50-490 | 422.50-485<br>355-428 | 363.50-417<br>335-363       | 348-375<br>322-349       | 320-353<br>306-328.50       | 156-177<br>177-211    | 2,250-3,350<br>2,650-3,175 |

# Feedlot production continues to decline

The Sept. 1 feedlot total was 11.08 million head, down 1.1% year over year and the 10th consecutive monthly decrease compared to one year earlier. Feedlot inventories continue to decline slowly.

Average inventories for the past year are down just 3.1%

from the peak in 2022, but the September 12-month moving average is at the lowest level since January 2019. With the September on-feed total up slightly from the previous month, the August total was likely the seasonal low for the year. The feedlot inventory on

Aug. 1 this year was the lowest monthly inventory since October 2017.

Total feedlot production is declining more rapidly than the slowly declining feedlot inventories would indicate. Feedlot placements in August were 90.1% of last year and the

smallest August placement total since 2015.

Figure 1 shows the relative comparison between 12-month moving averages of cattle on feed and feedlot placements. Placements have declined more than the on-feed inventory up to this point aided by a slower turnover rate

in feedlots.

August marketings were down 13.6% compared to last year. Feedlot marketings for the first eight months of 2025 are down 5.4% year over year. Average feedlot marketings the past year are down 8.2% from peak average marketings in 2022. Smaller calf crops and

limited feeder cattle supplies mean there is less cattle available for feedlot production. Feedlot production and beef production are expected to continue to decline into 2027.

— **Derrell S. Peel, Oklahoma State University Extension livestock marketing specialist**

## Feeder cattle demand strong

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improvement. Simply put, beef demand is seasonally slow."

### Feeder cattle

Feeder cattle futures closed several dollars higher over the week. The September contract gained more than \$7 to close at \$365.42, and the October contract gained more than \$2 to close at \$354.05.

The CME Feeder Cattle Index lost 5 cents to close at \$361.31.

Corn futures traded mostly sideways. The December contract gained 2 cents to close at \$4.25, and the March contract gained a penny to close at \$4.42.

"Thankfully, demand has been incredibly strong this week in feeder cattle sales across the country, but this dip in the futures complex could shake buyers a bit," said ShayLe Stewart, DTN livestock analyst, in her Thursday midday comments.

**Iowa:** Russell Livestock in Russell sold 2,528 head on Monday. Compared to the previous auction two weeks earlier, most lots of steers sold \$7-10 higher. Bawling heifers under 500 lbs. sold with lower undertones on a limited supply. Heifers over 500 lbs. sold steady to \$5

higher. Benchmark steers averaging 777 lbs. sold for \$365-389, averaging \$384.74.

**Missouri:** Joplin Regional Stockyards in Carthage sold 7,500 head on Monday. Compared to a week earlier, at the mid-session steers sold \$5-20 higher and feeder heifers sold steady to \$10 higher. Benchmark steers averaging 774 lbs. sold from \$369-403, averaging \$393.07.

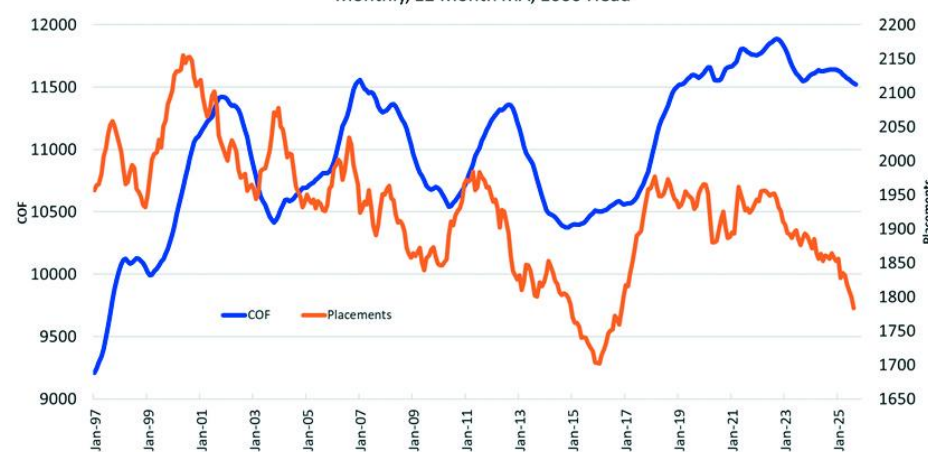
**Oklahoma:** Oklahoma National Stockyards in Oklahoma City sold 5,000 head on Monday. Compared to a week earlier, feeder steers sold steady to \$5 higher than the previous week's test. Feeder heifers sold \$4-8 higher. Steer calves sold \$10-20 higher, and heifer calves sold \$15-25 higher. Benchmark steers averaging 767 lbs. sold from \$340-378, averaging \$369.83.

**South Dakota:** Sioux Falls Regional in Worthing sold 1,319 head on Monday. Compared to a week earlier, spring-born steers and heifer calves sold with sharply higher undertones. Yearling steers and heifers were too narrowly compared for a good comparison. Benchmark steers averaging 775 lbs. sold from \$385-402.50, averaging \$390.82.

**Utah:** Producers Livestock in Salina sold 1,344 head on Wednesday. Com-

pared to the last auction, feeder steers sold unevenly steady, with those weighing under 500 lbs. selling sharply lower and those weighing over 500 lbs. selling sharply higher. Feeder heifers sold unevenly steady on calves and yearlings. Benchmark steers averaging 772 lbs. sold from \$332.50-342.50, averaging \$339.01. — **Anna Miller Fortozo, WLJ managing editor**

**Figure 1. Cattle on Feed and Feedlot Placements**  
Monthly, 12 Month MA, 1000 Head





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## US beef, pork featured in Trinidad and Tobago

U.S. beef and pork took center stage during a recent trade promotional event in the Caribbean nation of Trinidad and Tobago. The U.S. Meat Export Federation (USMEF) partnered with the USDA Foreign Agricultural Service and the U.S. Embassy in Port of Spain, the nation's capital, for a meat cutting demonstration and tasting reception. Local chefs, restaurateurs and influencers enjoyed premium U.S. food and beverage products such as beef and pork, table grapes, wines, bourbons and whiskeys at the reception.

Kaylee Greiner, manager of retail and foodservice engagement for Texas Beef Council, joined USMEF Caribbean Representative Elizabeth Wunderlich and Latin America Representative Homero Recio for a cutting demonstration and presentation about practices that impact the safety and quality of red meat. Featured beef

cuts included ribeye, sirloin, tomahawk and short rib. Innovative ways to prepare American pork were highlighted, featuring Boston butt and blade end rib cuts.

"We stressed the versatility that high-quality cuts of U.S. beef and pork offer chefs," says Wunderlich. "We talked about how certain cuts can be used in a wide range of culinary applications, from grilling and roasting, to stir-frying and slow cooking. Which we then demonstrated for guests at the reception."

A variety of U.S. beef and pork dishes with Caribbean-influenced flavors were featured at the tasting reception, including coffee-rubbed flank steak and Boston butt Geera pork cubes.

Funding support was provided by Texas Beef Council, the Beef Checkoff Program, the National Pork Board and USDA's Regional Agricultural Program. — **USMEF**

# National Western Stock Show announces 2026 Citizen of the West

The National Western Stock Show (NWSS) proudly announces George Eidsness as the 2026 Citizen of the West. This prestigious award recognizes those who embody the spirit and determination of the Western pioneer—a true representative of Western lifestyle, ideals, agricultural heritage

and traditions. A committee of community leaders selects recipients.

George Eidsness is a true embodiment of the Citizen of the West—a resilient visionary and deeply rooted in the land and traditions that define the region. Raised on a farm near Brocket, ND, George's early life

was shaped by hard work, music (specifically the trombone), horsemanship and a deep respect for agriculture. From riding horses to showing cattle in 4-H, his connection to the land and livestock started early and has remained a guiding force throughout his life.

After marrying his wife, Barbara, and earning a degree from the University of North Dakota, George started his business career in Fargo, ND, eventually relocating to Colorado. In 1990, he and his wife purchased Transwest Trucks, a move that would solidify their role as influential leaders in both the agricultural and transportation industries. Their entrepreneurial spirit and commitment to excellence helped grow Transwest into a respected enterprise serving communities across the West.

George's passion for preserving Western heritage led him to acquire Steamboat Lake Outfitters in 1996 and later the Flying E Ranch near Fort Lupton, CO. These ventures allowed him to blend business acumen with a love for horses, trail riding and hunting—activities that celebrate the rugged beauty and traditions of the West. His unexpected introduction to team penning sparked a new chapter, where he competed alongside family and friends, earning accolades and fostering community through sport.

A lifetime member of the United States Team Penning Association and a 2023 Hall of Fame inductee, George's contributions extend beyond busi-

ness and horsemanship. He has championed many non-profits and supported youth in agriculture through 4-H, FFA and other youth programs. In all his endeavors, George has embodied and promoted the values of integrity, perseverance and stewardship.

George and Barbara have been longtime sponsors of the Stock Show, the Auction of Junior Livestock Champions, Citizen of the West and the Coors Western Art Exhibit &

Sale. George is a National Western trustee and a vice chair of the capital campaign to build the National Western's new home. His leadership at the National Western and in his other endeavors reflects a deep commitment to the land, the people, and the enduring spirit of the American West.

George Eidsness will be honored as the 47th Citizen of the West during the annual award dinner on Jan. 12, 2026. Proceeds from the event sup-

port the National Western Scholarship Trust, awarding 100 scholarships to students attending colleges and universities in Colorado and Wyoming for agricultural science, rural medicine, or veterinary medicine studies.

To purchase tickets for the 2026 Citizen of the West event honoring George Eidsness, please contact Rachel "Chel" Melia at 303-299-5560 or [rme lia@nationalwestern.com](mailto:rme lia@nationalwestern.com). — **NWSS**



George Eidsness

## *Farmer leaders rebuke USDA over FSA county staffing levels*

The organization that represents Farm Service Agency (FSA) county committees nationally is pushing back on claims by top USDA officials that local offices have enough staff to implement new farm bill programs.

In a news release, the National Association of Farmer Elected Committees (NAFEC), the group reiterated that FSA offices “are critically understaffed,” yet USDA officials have publicly denied those concerns.

Deputy Secretary Stephen Vaden at the Farm Progress Show in late August rejected the notion FSA offices are short on staff. Vaden said USDA would not be asking for temporary or permanent FSA staffing levels.

Still, leaders at NAFEC said leaders at FSA in recent meetings have indicated staffing levels of county office employees are now under 6,000, as compared to several thousand more, just a few years ago. There are more than 2,000 local USDA Service Centers nationally.

"NAFEC has County Committee members in every county in the nation and the world we are consistently hearing is our county office staffs are critically understaffed," said Jim Zumbrink, President of NAFEC, and a grain and turkey farmer from Ohio. "As such, our staff will find it very difficult to perform the complex work of the new farm bill, combined with disaster programs and ongoing programs, with the speed agriculture producers in America, both expect and desperately need."

Since coming into office, the Trump administration has pressed to cull probationary employees from USDA and offer buyouts to senior staff across the department's agencies. Still, USDA leaders have maintained that services to farmers would not be affected by these staff reductions.

USDA officials, including Vaden, recently cited the speed FSA offices issued disaster payments as the reason FSA offices are not understaffed.

NAFEC, however, stated that USDA officials “failed to give an accurate picture of what it takes to get to the point of issuing payments. A full years’ worth of work in FSA offices allowed the administration to quickly send out checks, based upon all of the work already performed in 2024 and 2025. For the new programs, this work is yet to be performed, and FSA cannot just send out checks for new programs without having on file acreage reports, eligibility forms, farm record updates, leases, etc.”

It should be noted that the Biden administration first began providing aid to producers based on their acreage and crop insurance reports to reduce the time needed to submit applications for disaster aid.

NAFEC cited some of the reports coming in from different states. In Texas, the state with the largest number of county FSA employees, counties are reporting there are "many offices" in Texas without county executive directors and some counties have few staff to administer programs right now.

One big issue is that FSA employees will be responsible for adding and enrolling as

many as 30 million new base acres nationwide under provisions in the One Big Beautiful Bill Act.

"The new farm bill is going to require millions of new base acres to be established which is going to take a lot of work. We also know that ongoing programs like the Livestock Forage Program (LFP), critical to our nation's livestock producers, is a program that takes a lot of staff time to administer," said Kevin Dale, a retired county executive director from a large beef-producing county in Oklahoma.

For example, Dale explained, “with my staff of myself, two permanent program assistants and a full-time temporary employee, it took us about six months to enroll, review leases and eligibility forms, obtain county committee approval, and issue payments to our 700-plus Bryan County livestock producers. Currently this same Oklahoma office has only two employees. Issuing payments quickly under this program will be impossible, without additional staffing.”

David Senter, a legislative consultant for NAFEC and also president of the American Agriculture Movement, also weighed in.

"We are facing a farm crisis unlike any we have seen since the late 1970's when farmers drove tractors to Washington DC. We need every resource possible to ensure our agriculture sector is protected. Having adequate staffing in every FSA office across the nation is a critical part of that protection," Senter said.

Bob Braden, an NAFEC officer and a corn and soybean grower in Iowa, said the recent buyouts have left FSA offices not only "depleted of warm bodies," but also saw a tremendous amount of experience and knowledge leave the agency.

"Replacing this experience will take a good amount of time," Braden said.

Jim Densberger, NAFEC officer and corn grower from Nebraska summed it up. "We want to ensure the situation is addressed before the crises, not after it. Our office staffs are working hard to do all they can with reduced staffing levels and more programs on the horizon to administer. Without more employees to perform the work, our employees and county elected committees will take the heat for being unable to deliver funds as quickly as normal. Now is the time for our agriculture organizations to sound the alarm." — **Chris Clayton, DTN ag policy editor**

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# Judge temporarily halts irrigation near MT ranch over fish endangerment

A federal judge has directed the U.S. Department of the Interior and an irrigation corporation to stop diverting water from the Upper Clark Fork River near Deer Lodge, MT, to prevent harm to endangered bull trout.

U.S. District Court Judge Brian Morris issued a temporary restraining order in a suit brought by two organizations, Save the Bull Trout and Alliance for the Wild Rockies, that alleges the Interior and West Side Ditch Company are violating the Endangered Species Act (ESA) in order to preserve the Grant-Kohrs Ranch National Historic Site.

The National Park Service-operated historic site is a 1,618-acre working cattle ranch that was dedicated to commemorate the country's frontier cattle era.

According to court filings, the federal government irrigates more than 400 acres of Grant-Kohrs to grow hay and maintain livestock pastures, holding seven water rights for irrigation and 16% of shares in the Westside Ditch Company, one of five irrigation systems used to convey water to the site.

The West Side Ditch diverts water from the Upper Clark Fork near Deer Lodge and conveys it more than 12 miles to Grant-Kohrs. The diversions can take up to 90% of water from the river during severe drought years, according to court filings.

But a huge swath of the Upper Clark Fork—62.8 miles—is designated as critical habitat for bull trout by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Services (USFWS).

In 1998, bull trout were listed

under the ESA, and in 2010, USFWS established critical habitat units for the species, including the Clark Fork near Grant-Kohrs.

In their lawsuit, the organizations allege the Interior and West Side are diverting too much water from the river during parts of the year when streamflows are low, further reducing habitat for the endangered trout, which could “adversely affect” the species’ survival.

“In most years, the West Side Ditch takes 50% or more of the Upper Clark Fork flow in mid-to-late summer. In drought years, as in this summer, the diversion has been taking an even greater share of the river’s flow. There is simply not enough water left in the Upper Clark Fork River after this diversion,” said Michael Garrity, executive director for Alliance for the Wild Rockies, in a state-

ment. “The extent of dewatering has altered bull trout critical habitat so adversely that the species can no longer survive in that portion of the Upper Clark Fork, much less migrate to headwaters streams to spawn.”

Neither the National Park Service nor the Department of the Interior comment on litigation.

The two plaintiffs filed a similar lawsuit in 2022. In that case, the Interior Department ultimately entered a settlement where the federal government would fund multi-year projects to upgrade the West Side Ditch so bull trout wouldn’t swim into the irrigation ditch and return flows wouldn’t degrade the river.

The settlement included an agreement that if the federal government did not fund the projects to completion, the plaintiffs could return to court.

Under the Trump administration, the Interior department “stopped funding the projects to replace the (West Side Ditch) diversion,” court documents state, giving rise to the current suit.

As part of the previous lawsuit, USFWS established a 90 cubic feet per second (cfs) minimum flow for the Upper Clark Fork near Deer Lodge where West Side diverts water in order to “maintain self-sustaining wild trout populations and the macroinvertebrates that support them.”

The federal agency also stated that if Grant-Kohrs Ranch does not irrigate when streamflows are below 90 cfs, leaving the Interior’s share of water rights in the river, it would have a “significant impact” on maintaining the existing streamflows.

Over the last 30 days, streamflow data collected by the U.S.

Geological Survey shows that the Upper Clark Fork has run well below 90 cfs, dropping to 34.3 cfs on Sept. 9.

The lawsuit ultimately seeks a preliminary injunction to prevent the Interior and West Side from diverting water when streamflow falls below 90 cfs.

But West Side has argued in court filings that it would suffer from both a temporary halt and from an injunction, claiming agricultural and livestock losses.

In ruling on the temporary order, Morris wrote that the harms to endangered bull trout outweigh the ditch company’s argument, considering the irrigation season is “nearly complete.”

Morris scheduled a hearing on the preliminary injunction for Sept. 25 in Helena’s federal courthouse. — **Micah Drew, Daily Montanan**

## US slaughter projected to drop by 2M head in 2025

### RABO REPORT (from page 1)

accounting for 56% of the country’s export volume and 59% of its revenue. Chinese buyers accelerated shipments ahead of an import investigation now postponed to Nov. 26, while U.S. importers rushed to secure supplies before new U.S. tariffs took effect in August.

Even with U.S. tariffs now totaling 76.4% (a 40% addition to the existing 10% and 26.4% duties), RaboResearch expects Brazilian exports to the U.S. to remain strong through 2025, projecting a 15% year-over-year increase to 263,000 mt. However, the report warns that volumes may decline by 10,000-15,000 mt per month in the coming months as tariffs tighten their grip and U.S. seasonal beef demand eases.

On the supply side, Brazil faces structural constraints. Domestic beef availability dropped 2.2% (about 83,000 mt) in the first half of 2025, as export growth outstripped production. RaboResearch projects an overall 2% decline in Brazilian beef supply in 2025 despite strong export demand.

### U.S. market is adjusting

While Brazil breaks export records, the U.S. market is grappling with tighter domestic supplies and shifting trade patterns. RaboResearch projects that U.S. cattle slaughter will drop by 2 million head in 2025, a 6% decline from last year and the steepest annual decrease since 2014. Despite this, high-quality beef remains plentiful. From January to July, a record 84.3% of steer and heifer carcasses were graded USDA Prime or Choice, supported by heavier fed cattle weights averaging 25 pounds more.

Imports have become critical to meeting U.S. demand, RaboResearch said. First-half 2025 beef imports surged 25% year over year, with Brazil leading the way, followed by Australia at 272,000 mt (up 35%) and Uruguay at 97,000 mt (up 51%).

On the other hand, RaboResearch noted that exports are in a downward trend. Without registration renewals from China, exports are on pace to be 10% lower in 2025. The lone bright spot was that beef ex-

ports to Korea are 8% higher at 156,000 mt.

The profitability picture in the U.S. remains sharply divided. Cow-calf producers and feedyards are thriving, with cash margins on pace to break \$600 and \$400 per head, respectively. By contrast, processors face their weakest weekly gross margins since April 2012, squeezed by high cattle prices and softening wholesale beef values.

### Global trends

The tightening beef market extends well beyond Brazil and the U.S. RaboResearch’s report highlights that global cattle prices have continued to rise through the second quarter, supported by contracting production across multiple regions.

Australia’s beef production rose 11% year over year in the second quarter, supported by strong seasonal conditions and larger cattle inventories, pushing exports to record monthly volumes exceeding 150,000 mt in July. New Zealand, by contrast, experienced a 17% year-over-year decline in production in the second quarter, accompanied by a corresponding drop in exports. However, its average export value reached a record high, reflecting strong global demand for lean trim.

Mexico’s beef sector is grappling with supply constraints linked to a New World screw-worm outbreak, which has suspended live cattle exports to the U.S. and restricted internal cattle movement. Despite these challenges, beef export volumes rose 2% in the first half of 2025, with notable growth to South Korea, Hong Kong and Canada, while imports from Brazil surged to 45,000 metric tons, narrowing the gap with U.S. shipments.

According to RaboResearch, global beef markets will remain tight and volatile through the year’s end as contracting supplies and shifting trade flows continue to support higher prices worldwide. Production is forecast to decline by approximately 2% in 2025, primarily due to sharp decreases in Europe, New Zealand and the U.S., with modest increases in Australia and China offsetting the losses. — **Charles Wallace, WLJ contributing editor**



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**THOMAS ANGUS RANCH BULL SALE**  
**Sept. 16, Galt, CA**  
**60 Angus bulls ... \$9,087**  
**Auctioneer: Jake Parnell**  
**Sale Managers: Cotton & Assoc.**

**TOP:** Thomas Iconic 4293, 5/17/2024 by DB Iconic G95; to Roen Ranches, Bishop, CA, \$17,000. — **JARED PATTERSON**

**BULLSEYE BREEDERS BULL SALE**  
**Sept. 17, Modesto, CA**  
**20 SimAngus bulls ..... \$7,475**  
**29 Angus bulls ... 6,370**  
**1 Commercial bull ..... 5,000**  
**29 Commercial open heifers ..... 2,900**  
**Auctioneer: Max Olvera**  
**Sale Manager: The Judge Source**  
**TOP:** GRS Trail Boss

L387, 12/19/2023 by CCR Trail Boss 2145F; to Gilliland Land & Livestock, Davis, CA, \$13,000. — **JARED PATTERSON**

**RANCHO CASINO & DAL PORTO LIVESTOCK BULL SALE**  
**Sept. 18, Denair, CA**  
**140 Angus bulls ..... \$10,805**

**Auctioneers: Rick Machado & Max Olvera**  
**TOPS:** Dal Porto Council C196, 9/1/2024 by Bear Mtn Justice; to Grimmus Cattle Co., Hanford, CA, \$80,000. Casino Constable X22, 1/25/2024 by Casino Constable T34; to Billy Grisso, Hilmar, CA, \$40,000. Casino Craftsman X276, 8/15/2024 by Connealy Craftsman; to Joe Santos, Gilroy, CA, \$27,500. Dal Porto Patronage C92,

4/5/2024 by HAYNES Patronage 122; to Norene Ranches, Rio Oso, CA, \$17,000. Casino Broadcast X23, 1/25/2024 by Connealy Broadcast; to Cliff & Sherri Overmier, San Andreas, CA, \$22,000. — **JARED PATTERSON**

**DIXIE VALLEY ANGUS W/ O'CONNELL RANCH BULL SALE**  
**Sept. 19, Galt, CA**  
**103 Angus bulls ..... \$8,992**

**Auctioneer: Jake Parnell**  
**Sale Manager: M3 Marketing**

**TOPS:** Sterling Calvary Charge 4613, 8/14/2024 by 44 Calvary Charge 0155; to 6-X Dairy, Oakdale, CA, \$40,000. O'Connell Magnitude 4010, 6/7/2024 by MG Magnitude; to 6-X Dairy, Oakdale, CA, \$40,000.

Sterling Gettysburg 404, 3/24/2024 by EZAR Gettysburg 1061; to O'Connell Ranch, Colusa, CA, \$23,000. Sterling Jameson 470, 8/21/2024 by Basin Jameson 1076; to Martin Livestock, Lone, CA, \$16,500. Sterling Jameson 474, 8/25/2024 by Basin Jameson 1076; to Martin Livestock, Lone, CA, \$16,500. — **JARED PATTERSON**

**CHURCHILL CATTLE CO. DISPERSAL SALE**  
**Sept. 19, Manhattan, MT**  
**425 Herefords ... \$24,504**  
**Auctioneer: Joe Goggins**

**TOPS—Bull:** Churchill Stampede 486M ET, 1/20/2024 by Churchill W4 Sherman 2157K ET; to GKB Cattle Company, Desdemona, TX, \$210,000, 1/2 interest. **Herd bulls:** Churchill W4 Sherman 2157K ET, 2/7/2022 by KCF Bennett Resolve G595; to Ground Zero Farms, Watts, OK, \$130,000. B&C Touchdown 3535L ET, 11/24/2023 by EF MF Longest Yard 19Z 228J ET; to T/R Cattle Company, Glencoe, OK, \$60,000. **Hereford bred cow:** Churchill Lady 2153K, 2/5/2022 by CL 1 Domino 0186H; to GKB Cattle Company, Desdemona, TX, NJW Polled Herefords, Sheridan, WY, and Bell Ward, Sheridan,

WY, \$65,000. **Polled Hereford bred cow:** Churchill Lady 3310L ET, 1/29/2023 by Churchill Red Thunder 133J ET; to GKB Cattle Company, Desdemona, TX, and Colyer Herefords and Angus, Bruneau, ID, \$160,000. **Bred heifers:** Churchill Lady 3414L ET, 12/10/2023 by Churchill Red Thunder 133J ET; to G4G Cattle Co., Sallisaw, OK, and Lyla Bothe, Aurora, SD, \$60,000. Churchill Lady 466M, 1/13/2024 by Birdwell New Standard 2912 ET; to Lindskov's LT Ranch, Isabel, SD, \$59,999. **Donor cows:** Churchill Lady 3121L ET, 1/23/2023 by RST Final Print 0016; to GKB Cattle Company, Desdemona, TX, and Colyer Herefords and Angus, Bruneau, ID, \$220,000. Churchill Lady 219K ET, 1/7/2022 by Churchill Desperado 029H; to GKB Cattle Company, Desdemona, TX, and Colyer Herefords and Angus, Bruneau, ID, \$200,000. Churchill Lady 0403H ET, 9/10/2020 by EFBEEF BR Validated B413; to Bowling Ranch, Newkirk, OK, \$67,499. Churchill Lady 079H ET, 1/30/2020 by EXR Bankroll 8130 ET; to Ground Zero Farms, Watts, OK, \$65,000. **Fall open heifer:** Churchill Lady 4319M ET, 8/12/2024 by Bar JZ On Demand; to GKB

Cattle Company, Desdemona, TX, \$170,000. — **KEVIN MURNIN**

**WEAVER QUARTER HORSES SALE**  
**Sept. 20, Great Falls, MT**  
**80 Ranch horses ..... \$6,907**  
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**32 Fillies ..... 7,187**  
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**Auctioneer: Lynn Weishaar**

**TOPS—Brood mare:** Weavers Dun Smooth, 4/29/2025 by Originally Smooth; to Jim Kelly, Sweetwater, TX, \$15,000. **Yearling colt:** Weavers Future Bet, 6/19/2024 by Bet Hesa Echo Cat; to Micheal Cole, Beverly, KS, \$18,000. **Fillies:** Weavers Pretty Royal, 4/25/2025 by One Gun At A Time; to Walter Sullivan, Napa, CA, \$28,000. Weavers Broke Time, 5/4/2025 by One Gun At A Time; to Yoder Quarter Horses, Montezuma, GA, \$15,500. **Stud colts:** Wavers BetWith Cash, 4/22/2025 by Bet Hesa Echo Cat; to Terry and Pam Rigby, Fairview, MT, \$19,001. Weavers Bandito Gold, 4/23/2025 by Genuinely Busy; to Ayden Redman, Sanders, KY, \$17,000. Weavers Boon N Cat, 4/24/2025 by Bet Hesa Echo Cat; to Sun J Livestock, Ashwood, OR, \$16,001. — **KEVIN MURNIN**



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### ALL BREEDS

**Oct. 4** – California Breeders, Bull & Female Sale, Turlock, CA  
**Oct. 5** – Cal Poly Bull Test Sale, San Luis Obispo, CA  
**Oct. 18** – FAMOSA All Breeds, Bull Sale, McFarland, CA  
**Nov. 1** – World of Bulls & Replacement Female Sale, Galt, CA

### ANGUS

**Oct. 3** – Elwood Ranch, Bull Sale, Red Bluff, CA  
**Oct. 4** – Colyer Hereford & Angus, Female Sale, Bruneau, ID  
**Oct. 10** – Kern Cattle Female Sale, Visalia, CA  
**Oct. 11** – Evergreen Exclusive Sale, Ellensburg, WA  
**Oct. 11** – Vintage Angus Ranch, Female Sale, Modesto, CA  
**Oct. 12** – Arellano Bravo Angus, Female Sale, Walnut Grove, CA  
**Oct. 14** – 9 Peaks Ranch, Bull Sale, Fort Rock, OR  
**Oct. 14** – Coleman Angus, Female Sale, Charlo, MT  
**Oct. 14** – Fish Creek Ranch of Montana, Female Sale, Online  
**Oct. 15** – Montana Ranch, Female Sale, Big Fork, MT  
**Oct. 16** – Thomas Angus Ranch, Production Sale, Baker City, OR  
**Oct. 17** – Basin Angus, Female Sale, Billings, MT  
**Oct. 17** – Hall Ranch, Complete Dispersal Sale, Bassett, NE  
**Oct. 18** – NILE Angus Female Sale, Billings, MT  
**Oct. 24** – Birch Creek Angus, Bull Sale, Ruby Valley, NV  
**Oct. 25** – Bear Mountain Angus, Female Sale, Palisade, NE

**Oct. 27** – Dal Porto Livestock, Female Sale, Anselmo, NE  
**Nov. 6** – Memory Ranches, Bull Sale, Wells, NV  
**Nov. 8** – Montana Ranch, Bull Sale, Big Fork, MT  
**Nov. 10** – Green Mountain Angus Ranch, Bull Sale, Billings, MT  
**Nov. 12** – Riverbend Ranch, Bull Sale, Idaho Falls, ID  
**Nov. 13** – JR Ranch & Sackmann Cattle, Production Sale, Othello, WA  
**Nov. 17** – J&L Livestock, Female Sale, Billings, MT  
**Nov. 19** – TD Angus, Female Sale, North Platte, NE  
**Nov. 22** – Frank Cattle & Genetics and Baldridge-Tiedeman Angus, Female Sale, Lodgepole, NE  
**Nov. 22** – Redland Angus, Bull Sale, Buffalo, WY  
**Nov. 22** – Spring Cove Ranch, Female Sale, Bliss, ID  
**Nov. 25** – Paint Rock Angus, Bull Sale, Hyattville, WY  
**Nov. 28** – Vermillion Ranch, Bull Sale, Billings, MT  
**Dec. 1** – Stevenson's Diamond Dot, Fall Sale, Hobson, MT  
**Dec. 2** – Stevenson Angus, Fall Sale, Hobson, MT  
**Dec. 2** – Zumbrunnen Angus, Bull Sale, Lusk, WY  
**Dec. 3** – McDonnell Angus, Bull Sale, Columbus, MT  
**Dec. 4** – Sitz Angus Ranch, Bull Sale, Harrison, MT  
**Dec. 5** – KG Ranch, Bull Sale, Three Forks, MT  
**Dec. 6** – Reverse Rocking R Ranch, Bull Sale, Maxwell, NM  
**Dec. 8** – Hallow Top Angus, Bull Sale, Pony, MT  
**Dec. 8** – Shipwheel Cattle Company, Bull Sale, Chinook, MT  
**Dec. 13** – Gaugler Angus, Bull Sale, Judith Gap, MT  
**Dec. 18** – Bobcat Angus, Bull Sale, Great Falls, MT

### CHAROLAIS

**Oct. 18** – Fink Beef Genetics, Production Sale, Randolph, KS

### HEREFORD

**Oct. 4** – Colyer Hereford

& Angus, Female Sale, Bruneau, ID  
**Oct. 18** – Lambert Ranch, Bull Sale, Oroville, CA  
**Nov. 24** – Berry Herefords, Bull Sale, Cheyenne, WY  
**Dec. 5** – Western States Hereford Sale, Reno, NV

### OPTIMIZER

**Dec. 8** – Jacobsen Ranch, Bull Sale, Great Falls, MT

### RED ANGUS

**Nov. 1** – Bet on Red, Female Sale, Reno, NV  
**Nov. 6** – Memory Ranches, Bull Sale, Wells, NV  
**Nov. 10** – Ludvigson Farms, Bull Sale, Park City, MT  
**Dec. 3** – Big Sky Elite, Female Sale, Three Forks, MT  
**Dec. 12** – 5L Red Angus, Bull Sale, Sheridan, MT

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**Dec. 8** – Jacobsen Ranch, Bull Sale, Great Falls, MT

### SIMANGUS

**Nov. 7** – Table Rock Ranch, Production Sale, Ririe, ID  
**Dec. 5** – Yardley Cattle Co., Female Sale, Beaver, UT  
**Dec. 6** – Western Choice Female Sale, Billings, MT  
**Jan. 26, 2026** – APEX Cattle, Bull & Female Sale, Dannebrog, NE

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**Dec. 5** – Yardley Cattle Co., Female Sale, Beaver, UT  
**Dec. 6** – Western Choice Female Sale, Billings, MT  
**Jan. 26, 2026** – APEX Cattle, Bull & Female Sale, Dannebrog, NE

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**Nov. 21** – Leachman Cattle of Colorado, Bull Sale, Meriden, WY  
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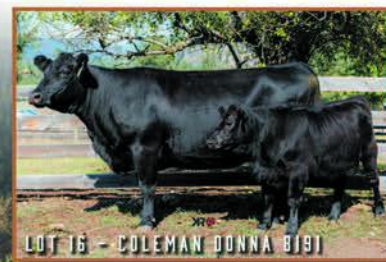
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**Oct. 17** – Western Video Market Sale, Cottonwood, CA  
**Nov. 21** – Rollin' Rock Angus, Bred Heifer Sale, Pilot Rock, OR  
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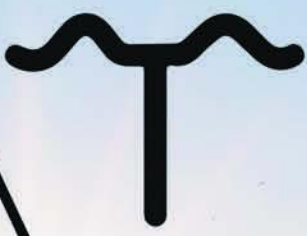
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THOMAS SALVATION 4380 | AAA# 21223083  
SG Salvation X Jindra Acclaim  
CED BW WW YW Milk Marb RE \$G \$B \$C  
10 -3 77 146 24 1.34 1.19 96 237 346



THOMAS SALVATION 4315 | AAA# 21223080  
SG Salvation X Poss Rawhide  
CED BW WW YW Milk Marb RE \$G \$B \$C  
4 3.5 92 152 23 1.49 .79 94 221 338



THOMAS BREAKTHROUGH 4344 | AAA# 21223042  
Beal Breakthrough X Baldridge Alternative E125  
CED BW WW YW Milk Marb RE \$G \$B \$C  
9 .9 87 155 28 .82 1.34 71 203 321



THOMAS HEAT SEEKER 4296 | AAA# 21223114  
Baldridge Heat Seeker H925 X A & B SpotLite 3065  
CED BW WW YW Milk Marb RE \$G \$B \$C  
9 .9 71 130 24 1.06 .90 78 194 311



THOMAS LUCY ROSE 3534 | AAA# 21008954  
SG Salvation X EF Complement  
Due to calve 10/2/25 to Crouch Congress  
CED BW WW YW Milk Marb RE \$G \$B \$C  
2 3.4 77 144 26 1.01 .78 73 203 311



THOMAS BLACKBIRD 4186 | AAA# 21112539  
Connealy Clarity X GB Fireball 672  
Due to Calve 2/26/26 to EXAR Lifeline 2621B  
CED BW WW YW Milk Marb RE \$G \$B \$C  
11 .9 81 149 16 1.47 1.26104 229 367



THOMAS PATRICIA 4137 | AAA# 21115036  
G A R Fireproof X Thomas Jefferson 55602  
Due to Calve 2/13/26 to RSA True Balance 1311  
CED BW WW YW Milk Marb RE \$G \$B \$C  
15 -.9 65 126 35 1.53 .89 96 227 334



THOMAS LUCY 4085 | AAA# 21117005  
SG Salvation x Poss Maverick  
Due to calve 2/13/26 to RSA True Balance 1311  
CED BW WW YW Milk Marb RE \$G \$B \$C  
0 3.6 86 151 23 1.55 1.16 99 242 375

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