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A LOOK BACK IN HISTORY

"1949 has been a good year for most of us. It didn't start out so good for many cattle feeders, and the Weather Man could have treated us a little better. But most people who wanted to work have had jobs at good pay. Cattle prices recovered from the bad start early in the year. There is tremendous consumer buying power and there's every reason to anticipate continued favorable prices in 1950," wrote Nelson Crow in his December 1949 "Observations by the Publisher."

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USFWS proposes weaker ESA protections

—Four rules at issue

The Trump administration is considering reinstating Trump-era

Endangered Species Act regulations that were largely supported by the agriculture industry.

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service

(USFWS) in late November proposed four rules to restore Endangered Species Act (ESA) regulations to the framework set during the first

Trump administration.

The four proposed rules regard the following:

- Listing and critical habitat.
- Interagency cooperation.
- Threatened species protections.
- Critical habitat exclusions.

"These revisions end years of legal confusion and regulatory overreach, delivering certainty to states, tribes, landowners and businesses while ensuring conservation efforts remain grounded in sound science and common sense," said Secretary of the Interior Doug Burgum in a statement.

The proposed rules align with President Donald Trump's directives to strengthen American energy independence and follow two of his executive orders, "Unleashing American Energy," and "Department of Government Efficiency." The rules also follow Burgum's Secretary's Order 3418, which directs agencies to remove regulatory barriers that hinder resource development and economic growth.

Two of the proposed rules were developed in coordination with the Department of Commerce's



BLM Utah

The Trump administration is proposing to revert back to four Endangered Species Act (ESA) rules that were set during the first Trump administration. Pictured here, a Mojave desert tortoise, which is currently listed as threatened under the ESA.

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American lamb sales outpace imports

—Demand holds firm

American lamb showed exceptional strength in the third quarter of 2025, outperforming imports even as retail prices rose sharply.

According to the American Lamb Board's (ALB) latest third quarter retail report, total lamb dollar sales—across both domestic and imported product—climbed 7.9% from last year's third quarter, while total volume dropped 4.8%. Based on retail scans from Circana, a market research company, the average retail price of lamb increased 13.3% year over year, rising from \$8.04 per pound to \$9.12/lb.

American lamb figures

The figures change significantly when looking at American lamb

sold through retailers that exclusively carry domestic product. In these stores, both dollars and pounds sold increased.

The report showed that from July through September, domestic lamb posted a 9.2% increase in dollar sales and a 4.1% rise in volume. Over the last 52 weeks, domestic lamb achieved even stronger results, with 12.2% dollar growth and 11% volume growth.

According to the report, much of that momentum came from ground lamb and loin chops. Ground lamb saw 19.2% volume growth over the last year, reflecting its role in weeknight cooking, global-inspired dishes and cost-conscious meal planning. Ground lamb continued to be the leading domestic lamb item, making up about 22% of total dollar sales and roughly 26% of all pounds sold. Its

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Senators push for FLPMA reforms during hearing

—Process is slow and detached

During a lengthy Nov. 19 hearing before the Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, lawmakers from both parties agreed that the Bureau of Land Management's (BLM) planning system under the Federal Land Policy and Management Act (FLPMA) is failing to keep pace with modern demands.

Chairman Sen. Mike Lee (R-UT) opened the hearing with a sharp critique of BLM's current planning practices, arguing that the system operating under FLPMA no longer reflects what Congress envisioned in 1976. Lee said the BLM's land-use planning process has become "rigid, slow and often detached" from FLPMA's guiding principles of multiple use and sustained yield.

He contrasted the law's original

intent with how Resource Management Plans (RMPs) function today. Lee said RMPs were supposed to be adaptive tools that shifted with conditions on the ground. Instead, Lee told the committee that RMPs have evolved into "enormous, static documents" that can take many years to complete or update. As a result, he said, projects become stranded when outdated plans no longer align with current realities, even when applicants meet every federal requirement.

Lee also expressed concerns about the rapid growth of Areas of Critical Environmental Concern (ACECs). He pointed out that over 20 million acres are now designated as ACECs, and that the multiple overlapping restrictions have "sweeping implications for communities that rely on public land." He said that designations originally meant for specific, limited protec-

tions are now being applied much more broadly.

Sen. John Barrasso (R-WY) echoed Lee's concerns, saying that Wyoming communities have experienced how the federal process has become "rigid, slow and often detached." Barrasso contended that recent RMPs in his state depend too much on large-scale ACEC designations that limit land far more than Congress intended.

Barrasso then turned to Micah Christensen, natural resource counsel for the Wyoming County Commissioners Association and a hearing witness, to describe how this trend played out in the Rock Springs RMP. Christensen testified that ACEC acreage increased by 85% in that plan, and that the expansion was neither transparent nor tied clearly to specific resource needs.

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Futures hit limit down amid plant closure concerns

(Editor's note: This report contains market information available as of Tuesday afternoon due to an earlier Thanksgiving press schedule.)

The markets were reactive over the holiday-shortened week. A bullish Cattle on Feed report was largely forgotten after headlines were dominated by Tyson closing a Nebraska beef plant and limiting production at a Texas plant.

"Having sufficient shackle space is a big concern for grassroot producers and the thought of losing availability is rather concerning," wrote ShayLe Stewart, DTN livestock analyst, in her Monday midday comments.

All cattle futures contracts began the week limit down.

Live cattle futures lost about \$7 apiece from Thursday to Tuesday. The December contract closed at \$207, and the February contract closed at \$207.32.

Cash trade through Tuesday afternoon totaled about 23,000 head. Live steers sold from \$208-210, and dressed steers sold from \$325-330.

Cash trade for the week ending Nov. 23 was 58,052 head. Live steers averaged \$217.35, and dressed steers averaged \$343.35.

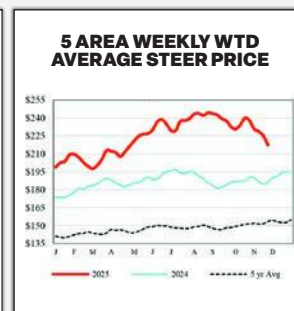
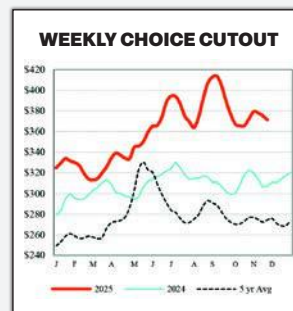
Slaughter through Tuesday afternoon totaled about 245,000 head, compared to 237,000 head a week earlier. Slaughter for the week was anticipated to be smaller due to the Thanksgiving holiday. Total slaughter for a week earlier is projected at 585,000 head. Total slaughter for two weeks earlier was not available because of the holiday.

Boxed beef prices traded mostly steady over the week, closing at \$370.09 for the Choice cutout and \$355.93 for the Select cutout.

USDA released its latest Cattle on Feed report on Nov. 21. Total cattle and calves on feed as of Nov. 1 totaled 11.7 million, 2% below last year. Placements

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PERIODICAL: Time Sensitive Priority Handling



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LIVE STEERS	DRESSED STEERS	CME FEEDER
\$208.00	N/A	\$336.38
WEEK ENDING: 11-25-25		

COMMENTS

Give thanks!

Recently, I was scrolling through a genealogy app my church runs. I came across my great-great-grandfather's journal during his journey from Denmark to America, where he oversaw over 400 people on board the James Nesmith. It starts out pretty lengthy and full of excitement, but after few days into the trip, the first death of the voyage occurred. His entry went into detail about the person and the service. A few days later, another death. This entry isn't as long but still carries detail. After a month into the voyage, there is death nearly every day. The journal entries mention "a child was buried" as if it were a daily chore. As I was reading this journal, I felt his emotional charge that was reduced to overall gloom, and then recharged again as he set toward his new life in America.

The last month has been a roller coaster of emotions for those in the cattle business. That's going to happen when the futures markets are headline driven, algorithmically induced and politically susceptible. In the heat of everything, I've seen emotionally charged social media posts and comments that make me feel like we are more divided than ever. I've seen names, including my own, drug through the mud because the popular thing wasn't said. In most of these cases, it's been for saying there isn't enough fact to build the story. Missing context leaves doubt that's interpreted in many ways. Facts must stay facts. It seems like that was the case in the recent news out of Lexington, NE, where Tyson Foods shared plans to close one of their largest processing facilities. Over 3,200 people in a town of 11,200 will be without a job by late January. Furthermore, the company's plant in Amarillo, TX, plans to cut one of two shifts, eliminating 1,700 jobs. According to several sources, between the two locations, 7-9% of national beef processing capacity will be impacted. After a month of mostly downward movements by the board, this news drove an additional limit down trading day. However, cash markets across the country have been holding their own. In an interesting way to advertise prices, marketers have advertised the cattle as how much of a premium the cattle brought over what the futures were quoting that day. It's a quick way to realize how disconnected the board is from the current market.

The news of Tyson's plant closing begs a lot of questions that we don't have answers to. Currently, there's a lot of speculation about what is happening and if the newly built Sustainable Beef plant located an hour's drive away played an impact. While it may have played a role, it wasn't the main driver. There are rumors out there about that plant right now, too. Tyson's balance sheet isn't pretty this year. They lost over \$400 million last year and are reporting heavier losses this year. I also doubt that this decision was lightly made. My own assumption is that Tyson had been evaluating ways to utilize their infrastructure more efficiently and reduce overhead, forecasting the future cattle inventory, and made decisions to stay alive. Closing the 35-year-old plant with trained employees at one of the nation's largest facilities, then offering to relocate these employees to other plants is a huge expenditure and task. This decision wasn't thought of yesterday and made today. They're scheming, but we don't know all the facts at the moment. The timing, though, doesn't help and only compounds frustration across the marketplace. Especially while boxed beef has remained in heavy demand and actually saw an uptick in price. Several months ago, I told my wife that as soon as the consumer hears about record beef prices is when we will deal with some adversity. The boat is rocking, but the industry hasn't taken on any water. We just have to wait out this storm. The cow herd isn't there to support enough hooks and the processors are starting to adjust. All the data being released now shows no signs of herd rebuilding, and with no Mexican cattle in the system right now, and the combined U.S. and Canadian cow herds being small, I don't think this will be the last plant to shut its doors. Everyone is in a reaction mode right now. That's what we need to remind ourselves of. Daily record highs aren't a sustainable pace. We are seeing markets in motion with the added volatility we've been talking about for years. With increased limits on the board, it can move a lot—and fast!

While reading my grandfather's journal, it reminds me of the struggle we sometimes feel—from excitement to gloom. The excitement will return. I'm also reminded of real struggles. The cash market is still strong. We've got an amazing cow herd that transforms grass into protein and produces offspring with genetic makeup that can convert, grow and grade. We have a position in this market that will outlast short-term corrections. We also have an administration and population that is watching every move the packers make right now. There's a microscope on them now, and they know it. We still have it pretty good. Remember to pause before judgment and give thanks when we can. I hope you had a blessed Thanksgiving as we go into the holiday season. God bless our *WLJ* family, and thank you for the support over the last 103 years! — **LOGAN IPSEN**



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KAY'S KORNER

EXCESS CAPACITY WILL REMAIN

The U.S. beef processing sector will continue to suffer from overcapacity even after Tyson Foods closes its Lexington, NE, plant on Jan. 20 and reduces its Amarillo, TX, plant to a single full capacity shift. These actions will remove 7,700 head of maximum daily slaughter capacity, as the Lexington plant has a capacity of 4,800 head per day and the Amarillo plant has a capacity of 5,800 head per day. However, my data shows that the largest 76 plants in the U.S. in late 2024 (from 7,000 head per day down to 20 head per day) had a total capacity of 135,480 head per day.

Two new plants began operations this year. They included America's Heartland Packing in Wright City, MO, and Sustainable Beef in North Platte, NE. These added 2,400 head per day and 1,500 head per day, respectively, although they are currently operating far below these levels. Subtracting the Tyson plants' capacity changes from the 76-plant total means a total of 127,780 head. Adding the full capacities of the two new plants means a new total of 131,680 head in 77 plants.

Tyson's announcement on Nov. 21 took many by surprise, as most observers believed the four major beef processors would "tough it out" until cattle supplies began to increase. But Tyson's actions seem to indicate that it believes any meaningful increase in numbers won't occur for several years. Secondly, it appears focused on improving capacity utilization at its Amarillo plant and its four other plants (Dakota City, NE; Finney Country, KS; Joslin, IL; and Pasco, WA).

To meet customer demand, production will be increased at other company beef facilities, optimizing volumes across its network, Tyson said in a statement. Tyson Foods recognizes the impact these decisions have on team members and the communities where it operates. It is committed to supporting workers through this transition, including helping them apply for open positions at other facilities and providing relocation benefits. The Lexington plant employs nearly 3,200 people. The transition in Amarillo is expected to impact 1,700 workers.

Weighing on Tyson's mind likely was the beef segment's operating income loss of \$426 million in fiscal 2025. This was a record annual loss and went against a \$381 million loss in fiscal 2024. Tyson also said it paid \$1.840 billion more for

cattle in 2025 than in 2024. Its five-plant capacity after the changes are made will be 18,100 head per day. This would put it fourth in capacity terms behind Cargill Protein, whose current capacity is 23,000 head per day in six plants. JBS would remain No. 1 with 29,000 head of daily capacity in nine plants. After Tyson bought the former IBP plant, it closed four plants from 2006 to 2009.

The announced closure of the Tyson plant in Lexington will impact producer leverage, says Andrew Gottschalk, HedgersEdge.com. However, in the short term, the excess slaughter capacity in this industry should be able to absorb these cattle into other plants. The greater concern arises when cattle inventories expand, and they will, he says. Jeff Stolle, Nebraska Cattlemen's Association director of marketing, predicts the Lexington plant closure will reduce Nebraska's cattle harvest capacity by 15%. The Tyson plant in Lexington has been a valuable and consistent piece of the packer processor infrastructure in the state for 35 years and to lose this amount of harvest capacity on a daily basis is definitely going to be a challenge, he says. The announcement is a shock as Stolle says there are significant feedyard expansion projects in the works. He hopes there's a future opportunity to bring the Lexington facility online with different ownership, he says.

Don Close, Terrain senior animal protein analyst, says the announcement comes following a rough year for the meat-packing industry and says a plant closing has been a possibility for the last 18 months. Fed beef packers have been losing an average of \$200 per head. Those margins have certainly improved over the last two or three weeks, but it has been a tough year, and he doesn't know that the sector is near the end of this yet. Elliott Dennis, University of Nebraska-Lincoln livestock and meat economist, predicts Tyson targeted its least efficient plant for closure to maximize profitability across its operations, highlighting the importance of operational efficiency in the beef industry. — **Steve Kay, WLJ columnist**

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OBITUARIES



Lloyd Steven Roduner; 1932-2025

Lloyd was a fourth-generation farmer whose life was deeply rooted in the family homestead first settled by his great-grandfather and grandfather in 1879. He grew up on a dairy farm during the Depression, later helping his family transition to beef and horse breeding. In 1935, they began growing rice and other grain crops, and in 1979 proudly celebrated the ranch's centennial on Aug. 4.

Lloyd and his wife, Patricia, began their life together in Chowchilla, CA, where they raised their family and built lasting friendships. In 2012, they moved to Buffalo, WY, where Lloyd spent his later years close to family and surrounded by the ranch life he loved so deeply. He attended El Capitan Elementary, Merced High School and California

Polytechnic State University, and proudly served two years in the U.S. Army, stationed in San Diego as a food inspector.

A pillar of his community, Lloyd served on the Alview and Alview/Dairyland school boards, as past president of the California Cattlemen's Association, and as a dedicated member of the California State Brand Inspection Board, Professional Rodeo Cowboy Association and the California Water Board. He volunteered for many local organizations including the Chowchilla Tenaya Guild supporting Valley Children's Hospital.

Beyond his education and civic engagement, Lloyd was a lifelong horseman. He won his first belt buckle from the Pacific Coast Cutting Horse Association in 1951 at the Cow Palace at just 19 years old. He often shared stories of his two favorite horses, "Old Granddad" and "Wood Wasp," both foundation horses of his family's horse business and central figures in the memories he cherished. Lloyd's career as a professional team roper fueled his passion for the Western lifestyle he loved. Known for his dedication, grit and skill, he roped competitively for decades and earned many titles, including the 1978 International Feedlot Cowboy Association Champion Team Roper. In and out of the arena, Lloyd was a

man among men—respected, steady and committed to the sport and community he loved.

Lovingly known as "Papa Lloyd" by his family, he is survived by his wife of 70 years, Patricia; his son, Michael, and his wife, Diane; his daughter, Lollie; and many grandchildren, great grandchildren, nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents, Walter Phillip and Rachel (Rowland); brothers, Richard ("Bud") and Walter Phillip Jr.; and sisters, Janet Hayes and Joan Bailey. In lieu of flowers, the family asks that donations be made in memory of Lloyd Roduner to the Justin Cowboy Crisis Fund.



Vivian Badger; 1943-2025

Vivian Ann (Hunnicut) Badger was born Jan. 5, 1943, in Santa Monica, CA. She passed away Nov. 13, 2025, at 82, at home in

Yuba City, CA, following a long illness.

She was raised and attended schools in the Santa Fe Springs, CA, area. She attended Mt. San Antonio College and California State University (CSU), Fresno, with an emphasis in animal husbandry.

She was a freelance photographer in the Los Angeles, CA, area and served as photographer then editor of the *Western Livestock Journal*.

She met her husband of 53 years, Larry, at CSU Fresno, CA, where he was studying mass communications. They moved to Yuba City, CA, where he was a reporter for *The Appeal-Democrat*.

She was active in the Yuba City First United Methodist Church, Cornerstone Church of Yuba City, the Pink Ladies Auxiliary at Fremont Hospital and Bible Study Fellowship.

Her family always came first in her life alongside her strong Christian faith. She kept her home a loving refuge for her husband, kids and grandchildren.

Survivors include her husband, Larry; son, Bryan (Christy); daughter, Melissa Jacobsen (Tim); sister, Eloise Purifoy; and grandchildren, Ashley, Lyndsey, Logan, Gabriel, George and Alexander.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Emmett and Maude Hunnicutt; and a sister, RaNell Hunnicutt.

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LEGAL LEDGER

Trump rolls back 40% tariff on Brazil beef

The White House announced on Nov. 20 that the additional 40% tariff applied to Brazilian beef imports would be removed. In an executive order, President Donald Trump wrote, "After considering the information and recommendations these officials have provided to me and the status of negotiations with the Government of Brazil, among other things, I have determined that it is necessary and appropriate to modify the scope of products subject to the additional ad valorem rate of duty imposed under Executive Order 14323." The new order was backdated to Nov. 13, and the administration will issue refunds for tariffs collected on imports since that time. The announcement came a day after the administration announced reciprocal trade agreements with Argentina, Guatemala, El Salvador and Ecuador. As part of a separate action, a week earlier, Trump dropped the 10% reciprocal tariff on a list of Brazilian goods. This puts Brazil back at its "other country" 26.4% over-quota tariff through the end of the year.

USDA launches central NWS website

In late November, USDA announced the launch of a unified New World screwworm (NWS) website, screwworm.gov. The new site centralizes NWS information from across the federal government. "We are grateful for the robust interagency collaboration, and we continue to work every day with our state and industry partners to implement our screwworm plan," said USDA Secretary Brooke Rollins in a statement. "This is a national security priority and it has the full attention of our team." The website contains resources for livestock producers, veterinarians, animal health officials, the general public and others.

Funding open for America First trade program

USDA is now accepting applications for funding under the 2026 America First Trade Promotion Program (AFTPP). The program, authorized by Congress in the budget reconciliation bill passed earlier this year, provides an additional \$285 million in funding for agricultural trade promotion and facilitation. The U.S. Meat Export Federation (USMEF) said the program will help expand and diversify overseas destinations for U.S. beef, pork and lamb. "USMEF applauds the rollout of AFTPP, which will help the U.S. red meat industry capitalize on emerging opportunities," said USMEF President and CEO Dan Halstrom in a statement. Applications may be submitted through Jan. 23, 2026, at tinyurl.com/yc24rsrw.

CO water board advances Shoshone water rights

The Colorado Water Conservation Board (CWCB) approved on Nov. 19 the Shoshone water rights acquisition to secure two water rights associated with the Shoshone Power Plant for permanent instream flow protection. The vote launches the next stage of the process, which includes water court, and preserving and improving the 2.4-mile reach of the Colorado River between the Shoshone Power Plant Diversion Dam and Tunnel and the Shoshone Power Plant discharge outlets. "Securing one of the state's most significant Colorado River water rights for permanent instream flow protection is a momentous achievement," said Lauren Ris, CWCB director. "This careful evaluation ensures our investment delivers long-term benefits for the river and for Coloradans."

NV joins state meat, poultry inspection program

The state of Nevada passed the USDA's food safety standard and will be authorized to join the State Meat and Poultry Inspection Program (MPI). The move will allow for the expansion of local inspection capacity and food safety oversight, and boosts market access for small and very small processors, USDA said. "The Nevada State Meat and Poultry Inspection Program will significantly expand our local meat processing capacity, strengthen the supply chain, bolster Nevada's agricultural economy and ensure greater access to safe, locally produced food," said Gov. Joe Lombardo (R). Nevada becomes the 30th state with an approved MPI program.

China pushes back imported beef probe

China is pushing back its investigation into beef imports until Jan. 26, 2026, according to a Foodmarket report. The investigation was initially expected to conclude in August before being extended to Nov. 26 "due to the large workload and complex case," China's Ministry of Commerce said. The country launched a safeguard investigation into imported beef in December 2024 following a request from the China Animal Agriculture Association and several associations from China's major beef-producing regions.

USDA purchases \$30M of fruit for food banks

The USDA announced Nov. 24 that it planned to purchase up to \$30 million in fresh fruit from farmers to distribute to food banks and nutrition assistance programs. "Certain commodities are experiencing a surplus and USDA is ensuring these crops do not go to waste and instead go to Americans in need across the country," said Secretary Brooke Rollins. The fruits include fresh oranges, grapefruits and mandarins.

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Tyson to close NE beef plant with 3,200 workers

In a blow to the local economy of Lexington, NE, Tyson Foods announced that it is closing the town's longtime Tyson beef plant that employed about 3,200 people.

The Arkansas-based Tyson said in a statement that changes were designed to "right-size" its beef business and position it for long-term success. The Lexington plant is to close on or around Jan. 20. The statement did not elaborate on why the plant in the town of about 11,500 people was targeted.

The company said it also will convert an Amarillo, TX, beef facility to a single, full-

capacity shift and increase production at other company beef facilities. The number of layoffs from that eliminated shift is about 1,700.

A recent earnings report indicated that Tyson stands to lose some \$600 million in its beef business next fiscal year, on top of the already-incurred \$720 million loss over the last two years.

The closure sparked swift reaction from Nebraskans.

The Nebraska Cattlemen Board of Directors expressed disappointment—especially, it said, in light of recent USDA data that Nebraska cattle-on-feed inventories remain

slightly above year-ago levels in spite of the ongoing cyclical tightness in national cattle numbers.

"We firmly believe there isn't a better place to efficiently and economically raise cattle and produce beef than Nebraska," the board said in a statement. "This will have a profound impact on the community of Lexington and many cattle producers."

Nebraska Gov. Jim Pillen (R) called the state's cattle industry resilient and "the envy of the world." He said Tyson leadership promised to "work on future value-added opportunities" in the state.

"Big picture—our excellent cattlemen and cattle feeders have emerging opportunities and will still have the Tyson market to sell into as its planned re-organization will boost capacity and jobs at other Nebraska plants," Pillen said.

But Sen. Deb Fischer (R-NE), a member of the Senate Agriculture Committee, blasted the decision.

"As the single largest employer in Lexington, Tyson's announcement will have a devastating impact on a truly wonderful community, the region and our state," she said.

Calling Nebraska a beef

state that knows better than anyone the highs and lows of the cattle market, Fischer added: "It's no secret that just a few years ago, packers like Tyson were making windfall profits while the rest of the industry was continuously in the red."

"I call on Tyson to do everything in its power to take care of the families affected by this short-sighted decision," she said.

Sen. Pete Ricketts (R-NE) said he would do what he could to support Nebraskans impacted and to help employees find work close to home.

"This news is especially heartbreaking around the holidays," he said.

Rep. Adrian Smith (R-NE-03) called the closure a disappointing loss for the city, Dawson County, the region and cattle industry as a whole.

"Nebraska's hard-working cattle producers are innovative and highly efficient as they work to provide high quality beef for consumers," Smith said. "I welcome input from producers and stand ready to assist as we all move

forward."

In its announcement, Tyson said it recognized the impact its decisions have on its team members and their communities.

"The company is committed to supporting our team members through this transition, including helping them apply for open positions at other facilities and providing relocation benefits," it said.

Rep. Mike Flood (R-NE-01) said in a statement that ranchers "dutifully raised cattle even when times were hard. Now they are being abandoned."

He said that after Tyson closed its Norfolk plant in 2006, it "stripped the plant bare" and the property couldn't be used as a beef processing facility. He said the plant still sits empty today.

Said Flood: "As they wind down their Lexington plant, Tyson needs to preserve it, so it can remain a beef processing operation and keep good paying jobs in Dawson County that support our ag communities." — **Cindy Gonzalez, Nebraska Examiner**

Hansen-Mueller claims deadline set for Jan. 26

Farmers and others who expect to file claims in the Hansen-Mueller Co. bankruptcy have until Jan. 26, 2026, to file those claims, according to a court document filed in the U.S. Bankruptcy Court in Nebraska.

Businesses in Iowa that have outstanding claims have until March 17, 2026, to file a claim with the state of Iowa, the state announced in a news release.

"Claims must be made in writing and filed with Hansen-Mueller Co. and the Grain Warehouse Bureau of the Iowa Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship," the state said.

An unsecured creditors committee was established in

the case as the Omaha-based company is moving toward selling its assets after filing Chapter 11 and has estimated it owes money to between 1,000 and 5,000 creditors.

Hansen-Mueller listed its top 20 unsecured creditors in its filing and seven of those creditors have agreed to serve on the committee.

That includes Bunge Canada in Omaha, NE; Ag Mark LLC in Beloit, KS; CoMark Equity Alliance in Enid, OK; Alliance Ag and Grain LLC in Spearville, KS; Chisholm Trail Terminal in Pond Creek, OK; Ag Valley Coop in Arapahoe, NE; and Lagniappe Planting Co. in Hollandale, MS.

A website has been created to handle claims and to pro-

vide updates on the case: dm.epiq11.com.

On the website, users can access three-page Form 410, which is a proof of claim form that asks 12 questions.

The website provides two different addresses to send claim forms. In addition, there is contact information for Hansen-Mueller's bankruptcy counsel at Koley Jessen as well as the U.S. trustee in the case.

The unsecured creditor committee's duties include consulting and investigating the debtor, while forming a reorganization plan for the company.

The committee has the power to hire attorneys, accountants and financial advisers and the committee's ac-

tivities are paid for out of the debtor's estate.

The committee serves as an adviser to unsecured creditors and can ask for those creditors to vote on any reorganization plans. The committee also can request a trustee be appointed to oversee the case or to investigate specific issues connected to the company.

In addition, the unsecured creditors committee has the right to be heard in court on any issue related to the case.

According to information from the U.S. Department of Justice, the committee has a duty to the entire class of unsecured creditors and not just their individual interests. — **Todd Neeley, DTN environmental 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.)

March 15, 2026 – The Montana Stockgrowers Foundation is encouraging students to apply for scholarships through its Heritage Scholarship Program. Applications: mtbeefoundation.org.



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Senators agree that FLPMA reform is a priority

FLPMA (from page 1)

Christensen also described the economic consequences. Because federal, state and private lands are tightly interwoven in Wyoming, broad federal restrictions often spill over onto nonfederal property. In Rock Springs, he said county governments projected “roughly \$14 million a year in losses,” affecting everything from schools to emergency services.

Other senators raised similar concerns about local involvement. Sen. Steve Daines (R-MT) criticized the Miles City RMP Amendment, arguing that the BLM ignored county officials and rejected the Montana governor’s recommendations during the consistency review process. Daines said federal planners must be required to meaningfully incorporate state and county input, not treat it as a procedural box to check.

Utah Attorney General Derek Brown, another witness, reinforced this point by describing the fiscal strain on local governments in counties dominated by federal ownership. In places like Garfield County, where more than 90% of the land is federally controlled, Brown said counties struggle to fund essential services because only 3-4% of the land generates property tax revenue. He urged Congress to provide states and counties with “meaningful involvement” in federal planning so decisions reflect the realities faced by local communities.

Democrats urge modernization

Democratic senators focused on different impacts but pointed to many of the same structural shortcomings.

Sen. Martin Heinrich (D-NM), the committee’s ranking member, emphasized that outdated plans are one of the significant barriers to renew-

able energy deployment. He noted that recreation on BLM lands contributes more than \$12 billion annually to the economy and supports more than 76,000 jobs. Yet, many planning documents were drafted before agencies even tracked recreation statistics.

He also questioned the recent use of the Congressional Review Act (CRA) to overturn RMPs, warning that if agencies are prohibited from issuing substantially similar plans afterward, future permitting decisions could be tied up in litigation. Heinrich argued that the CRA introduces more instability rather than encouraging better planning.

Sen. Catherine Cortez Masto (D-NV) said she is deeply concerned about staffing shortages inside the BLM. With 134 out of 164 RMPs outdated, she argued, federal planners simply cannot keep up.

“How much more is that going to set us back,” she asked witness Jim Kenna, retired

state director for BLM, “in trying to address the issues we are talking about today?”

Kenna responded that field offices are losing essential expertise.

“You have got to have a wildlife biologist. You have got to have an archaeologist,” he said.

When vacancies arise, he explained, offices must “cast around with your neighbor offices to see if you can find the right expertise,” slowing every stage of planning and permitting.

Sen. Angus King (I-ME) pressed Greg Sheehan, CEO of the Mule Deer Foundation, on whether Congress must impose statutory deadlines or clearer criteria.

“Are there any limits on this process?” King asked. “Because if the time available is unlimited, it is going to be a long process.”

King said Congress may have unintentionally ceded too much discretion to agencies, resulting in “executive

overreach” and sharp changes from administration to administration. Sheehan agreed, noting that FLPMA’s Section 202 offers only a few pages of guidance for managing nearly a quarter billion acres.

“Everything beyond that has been crafted through rules,” he said.

The hearing concluded without specific legislative proposals, but senators from both parties indicated that reform is likely to be a priority. Broad frustration with unpredictability, outdated plans and planning delays revealed a shared desire to modernize the FLPMA process so it can meet the energy, conservation and recreation needs of today.

Heinrich summed up the challenge: “We need to make the planning process more efficient, more responsive to changes in how we use our public lands, while making sure that our public lands continue to serve the public.” — **Charles Wallace, WLJ contributing editor**

Decline in beef exports continues

USDA has released August red meat export data, which was delayed due to the lengthy government shutdown. As compiled by the U.S. Meat Export Federation (USMEF), August data showed a relatively strong performance for U.S. pork exports and an uptick in shipments of U.S. lamb cuts. But beef exports were sharply lower than a year ago, impacted heavily by an impasse with China that has effectively locked U.S. beef out of the world’s largest import market.

August beef exports totaled 83,388 metric tons (mt), down 19% from a year ago and the lowest since June 2020. Export value fell 18% to \$695.5 million, the lowest since February 2021. While exports to China plummeted, shipments were fairly steady to leading market South Korea and trended higher than a year ago to the Caribbean and Central and South America.

For January through August, beef exports were 9.5% below last year at 775,188 mt, while value declined 9% to \$6.37 billion.

With U.S. beef facing a multi-layered lockout in China, export results have worsened throughout 2025 as supplies of eligible product were depleted and more plants were suspended in June and August. Exports sank to just 862 mt in August, down 94% from a year ago. For January through August, exports to China were 52% below last year in volume (56,494 mt) and 53% lower in value (\$484.2 million).

The accumulated decline in exports for January through October is estimated at \$832 million, as September and October exports are also certain to be minimal. As the USMEF has previously reported, China has failed to renew registrations for the vast majority of U.S. beef plants and cold storage facilities.

But renewing these registrations is just one of the steps necessary to restore access for U.S. beef in China, where 16 U.S. plants have been suspended since June and 30 facilities have been suspended since 2022. For China to return to its commitments under the U.S.-China Phase One Agreement, it must address all of the barriers obstructing access for U.S. beef.

August beef exports to leading market Korea were slightly below last year in volume, falling 1.5% to 16,823 mt. But ex-

port value still increased 3% to \$168 million. For January through August, exports to Korea increased 8% from a year ago in volume (162,907 mt) and 9% in value (\$1.55 billion).

Beef exports to Central America posted another strong performance in August, climbing 5% from a year ago to 1,512 mt, while value soared 50% to \$17 million. Led by robust growth in Guatemala and Costa Rica, January-August beef exports to the region are on a record pace, reaching 14,520 mt, up 6% from a year ago, while value climbed 34% to \$134.2 million.

Among other markets, August beef exports trended higher than a year ago to the Caribbean region, led by growth in the Dominican Republic, Bahamas and Jamaica, and to South America, led by growth in Chile (where exports have been above year-ago levels in each of the past six months) and a rebound in Colombia. Exports were also higher to Hong Kong, the Philippines, Vietnam, Europe and Morocco, but trended lower to Japan, Mexico, Canada, Taiwan and the Middle East.

Beef export value equated to \$372.10 per head of fed slaughter in August, down 5% from a year ago. The January-August average was \$400.16 per head, down 3.5% from the same period last year. Exports accounted for 12.1% of total August beef production and 9.8% for muscle cuts only—each down about one percentage point from a year ago. The January-August ratios were 13.1% of total production and 11% for muscle cuts, down from 13.9% and 11.6%, respectively, during the same period last year.

Lamb exports higher

August exports of U.S. lamb muscle cuts totaled 220 mt, up 58% from a year ago, while value jumped 59% to \$1.26 million. Growth was led by larger shipments to the Bahamas, Trinidad and Tobago and Canada.

Although August exports to Mexico were lower, January-August shipments to Mexico were still up 60% in volume (879 mt, the highest since 2014) and 75% in value (\$3.14 million). For all markets, January-August exports increased 46% from a year ago to 2,049 mt, while value was up 29% to \$10.9 million. — **USMEF**

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Pearson Ranch receives Utah Leopold Conservation Award

Pearson Ranch of Minersville, UT, has been selected as the recipient of the 2025 Utah Leopold Conservation Award.

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

Pearson Ranch's owners, Tammy Pearson, Jetta Robinson, and Seth Davie, were presented with the award at the Utah Farm Bureau's Annual Meeting. They receive \$10,000 for being selected. Sand County Foundation and national sponsor American Farmland Trust will present Leopold Conservation Awards to landowners in 28 states this year. In Utah the award is presented with Utah Farm Bureau Federation, Western AgCredit, and Utah Cattlemen's Association.

The Pearson Ranch's story is one marked by resiliency. The resiliency it takes

to grow crops and graze cattle in an arid environment, coupled with a ranch family's resiliency to repeatedly rise above volatile markets and personal loss.

Ralph and June Pearson, who began dairy farming and ranching in the 1940s, had four children. Hit hard by the post nuclear weapons testing era, the Pearsons and their sons Raul, Scott and Shaun died from related illness between 1996 and 2016. Today, the ranch is run by their daughter, Jetta Robinson, her son, Seth Davie, and Shaun's wife, Tammy.

The conservation of water has long been the focal point of the Pearson Ranch's strong commitment to land stewardship and agricultural innovation. It dates to when Ralph Pearson served as president of the Twin M Conservation District and the Minersville Irrigation Company.

Under his leadership, a pipeline system replaced a

series of open canals that fed irrigated fields in the 1970s. Ever since, the Pearsons have upgraded their irrigation systems with technology that reduces water usage while increasing yields on their 600 acres of alfalfa.

Since 2007, Utah's Grazing Improvement Program has provided assistance to livestock producers to enhance grazing systems on private and public lands. This helped the Pearsons replace aging windmills with efficient solar pumping systems, and upgrade old wells powered by gas generators with energy-efficient solar technology.

Installing extensive water lines to distribute water across their 8,000 acres of pastures has improved grazing utilization and distribution of their 600 head of Hereford and Angus beef cattle. The herd is rotationally grazed to maintain healthy forage and to provide ideal habitat for prairie

dogs and sage grouse. Other investments include multiple 30-foot ring tanks for water storage, both on their ranch and on 129,000 acres of public land used for grazing. All water troughs are equipped with rescue ramps for birds and small wildlife.

Natural springs have been developed at Pearson Ranch to supply livestock and wildlife with drinking water. Springs and riparian areas damaged by wild horses and burros have been rehabilitated.

Despite wild horses and burros being a politically polarizing issue, Tammy Pearson is credited with being a driving force behind reaching consensus on the Path Forward Coalition, a diverse group that included the Humane Society and Farm Bureau.

"Simply put, Tammy is involved at every level—from her local county to the state and national stages, in all things public lands and

agriculture," said Redge B. Johnson, director of Utah's Public Lands Policy Coordinating Office. "When it comes to advocating for our lands and the agricultural community, she is the go-to person."

Watershed restoration is another arena where Tammy Pearson has excelled. Her local leadership in a stewardship project for the Beaver River watershed led to successfully treating thousands of acres of overgrown forests. This effort created a healthier and vibrant ecosystem for grazing livestock and wildlife habitats, while significantly de-

creasing the risk of wildfires. State officials often bring visiting dignitaries to the Beaver River watershed to demonstrate how active management is critical to forest health. Efforts to replicate his work across Utah are benefitting the ranchers and wildlife that rely on rejuvenated public lands.

The land ethic of the resilient Pearson family is expressed through the conservation practices they employ on their ranch, and through advocacy and outreach that provides for ranchers across the West. — Sand County Foundation

Dollar sales for lamb are up 10.8%

LAMB SALES (from page 1)

distribution also improved in the third quarter, reaching its widest retail availability since 2023.

Loin chops surged even more dramatically, with a 31.3% increase in volume, making them one of the fastest-growing lamb cuts in the U.S. retail system. Sirloin chops, blade chops and whole leg cuts also contributed to meaningful growth. Sirloin cuts posted a 13% growth in both dollar sales and volume.

"It's great to see American lamb sales growing as consumer interest in cooking at home and exploring new cuisines continues to grow," said ALB Chairman Jeff Ebert. "Retailers tell us that consumers are responding to the quality and consistency of American lamb, especially when trying new flavor profiles or hosting special meals."

The report showed that while domestic lamb posted steady price gains of 4.9%, imported lamb prices jumped 14%—nearly triple the domestic rate.

ALB said that when compared with the five-year average, national dollar sales are up 10.8%, and volume has climbed even more, rising 13.4%. This longer-term trend shows that interest in lamb has been building steadily, even before the recent price increases affected buying patterns.

Every region of the country recorded higher dollar sales from the third quarter in 2024 to the third quarter in 2025, reflecting broad consumer willingness to spend more on lamb. However, despite this widespread growth in dollars, nearly all regions experienced a decline in pounds sold during the quarter.

Major U.S. markets

ALB reported major markets across the country posted higher dollar sales for lamb in the third quarter, though the degree of growth varied widely. This increase aligns with a broader five-year trend in which every major market has seen sus-

tained gains in total lamb spending.

Houston, TX, stood out once again as one of the fastest-expanding markets, recording a 13.9% jump in dollar sales compared to a year earlier, followed closely by Atlanta, GA, and Denver, CO, which each posted increases in the 12-13% range.

The report showed that even with this consistent growth in dollars, most major markets saw fewer pounds of lamb sold. Nine of the 11 tracked markets posted year-over-year declines in volume. Miami, FL, typically one of the strongest lamb markets in the country, experienced a modest 2.4% increase in dollar sales but saw an 11.9% drop in volume.

Baltimore, MD, and Los Angeles, CA, registered declines in volume as well, each dropping by around 8%. The only markets to record any increase in pounds sold were Seattle, WA, and Denver, and even there, the volume gains were minimal.

Exports

ALB reported U.S. lamb exports moved sharply higher in July, driven by increased shipments to Mexico, Canada, the Bahamas and Costa Rica. Muscle cut exports reached 239 metric tons (mt) for the month, a 56% jump from a year earlier, while the value of those exports rose 35% to \$1.34 million. From January through July, total exports climbed 45% to 1,829 mt, valued at \$9.6 million—a 26% increase over the same period last year.

Mexico remains the leading volume market, where the U.S. Meat Export Federation continues to position American lamb as a premium, versatile option suited to a range of dishes, particularly those using shoulder and flap cuts. Through July, exports to Mexico surged 68% to 834 mt, while value soared 81% to \$2.94 million—already surpassing the market's total volume and value for all of 2024. — Charles Wallace, WLJ contributing editor

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Equine herpesvirus outbreak spreads across multiple states

The horse industry has been hit by an equine herpesvirus-1 (EHV-1) outbreak that has led to many horses in quarantine and some euthanized after confirmation of the illness.

The horses affected by the current outbreak attended the Women's Professional Rodeo Association (WPRA) World Finals and Elite Barrel Race event in Waco, TX, in early November.

On Nov. 19, Texas Department of Agriculture Commissioner Sid Miller issued an alert to horsemen of the outbreak of EHV-1 reported by Texas veterinarians after the WPRA event. Miller urged all horse owners, trainers and venue operators who were at the event to take caution and monitor their animals.

"This virus can spread fast, it can be deadly, and the earliest signs are often so subtle they're easy to miss," Miller

said. "That's why monitoring your horses right now is critical. The quicker we identify a potential case, the better chance we have to protect not only our animals, but the entire Texas equine community."

The American Association of Equine Practitioners (AAEP) said in a news release following the outbreak that horses can shed the virus during the two- to 10-day incubation period before developing clinical signs.

Look for signs of illness

Clinical signs of EHV-1 can vary from horse to horse. Most common signs include fever of 101.5 F or above, nasal discharge, coughing, depression or lethargy, and neurological signs such as stumbling or incoordination, loss of tail tone, hind-

limb weakness, head tilt, recumbency, and abortion in pregnant mares.

EHV-1 causes equine herpesvirus myeloencephalopathy (EHM), according to the AAEP release. While EHV-1 is common in equine populations, the neurologic form of the disease is rare. As of Nov. 21, two cases of EHM were confirmed in Oklahoma horses. Horses in Texas, Oklahoma, Colorado and Louisiana have tested positive for EHV-1. Two horses with the virus have been euthanized in Texas.

EHV-1 is spread from horse to horse through contact with nasal discharge or inhalation of aerosolized respiratory droplets. It can also be spread on contaminated surfaces such as stalls, water, feed, tack or trucks and trailers. Humans can spread the virus to a horse if in contact with contaminated horses, equipment or vehicles. Proper biosecurity is important, especially during an outbreak.

Vets help horse owners

Veterinarians around the country are working with clients to prevent further disease spread. Horses that were exposed to the virus are to be quarantined for 14 days to monitor symptoms. Miller also suggested the quarantine of horses that have mingled with others transported from the WPRA event, as well as other horses participating in large multi-barn gatherings.

University of Missouri equine veterinarian Kile Townsend said it is not recommended to vaccinate exposed horses during an outbreak, but non-exposed horses should receive an EHV-1 booster if they haven't been vaccinated within the last three months.

"If a horse was potentially exposed, vaccinating now can cause more confusion than clarity because it can interfere with how the immune system responds during the early stages of infection. For healthy horses with no known expo-

sure, a booster is still a smart step in lowering risk," Townsend said.

He further suggested horses can be released from quarantine 14 days after the last exposure date with a negative test, otherwise after 21 days of isolation if no testing is performed. Exposed equipment and trailers should also be disinfected prior to continued use.

NFR update

The Wrangler National Finals (NFR) Rodeo is planned for early December. As of Nov. 21, the event will continue according to the Pro Rodeo Cowboys Association (PRCA) news release.

"The current guidelines are based on ongoing monitoring of the current equine health landscape and may be adjusted as needed," PRCA said. "Las Vegas Events and PRCA will continue collaborating with state veterinary officials to ensure the safety and well-being of all participants, both

human and equine, throughout the event."

Key points include a seven-day certificate of veterinary inspection with a unique permit number, monitoring of horses by participants and competitors, no-travel advisory for all horses participating and competing, enhanced verification and check-in procedures and biosecurity measures during the event.

"I'm asking every local horse rider, roper, trainer, and breeder to do their part today," Miller said. "Check your horses twice a day, isolate any exposed animals, tighten up your biosecurity, and call your vet the moment something looks off. If we work together and take this seriously, we can get ahead of this outbreak."

The WPRA has a list of current canceled and postponed events on its website at wpra.com.

For a list of the current disease outbreak, visit equinediseasecc.org. — **Jennifer Carrico, DTN senior livestock editor**

USFWS: Rules focus on recovery, not paperwork

ESA RULES (from page 1)

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's National Marine Fisheries Service.

Proposed rules

The Department of the Interior said the 2024 regulations reimposed provisions that were previously deemed inconsistent with the ESA. The proposed rules will restore 2019 and 2020 regulations.

The proposal for listing and critical habitat would restore the 2019 rule for listing, delisting and critical habitat determinations. It would reestablish the two-step process for designating unoccupied habitat, clarify the definition of "foreseeable future" and reinstate flexibility to determine when designating critical habitat is not prudent.

The interagency cooperation proposed rule would return to the framework set in 2019 to reinstate definitions of "effects of the action" and "environmental baseline" and restore Section 7 procedures. The changes directly align with the Supreme Court's decision in *Loper Bright Enterprises v. Raimondo*, which overturned the *Chevron* deference standard.

The proposal would also update threatened species protections by eliminating the blanket rule option and requiring species-specific 4(d) rules for each threatened species. The blanket rule automatically granted threatened species the same protection as endangered species, specifically from "taking."

Finally, the USFWS proposes reinstating its 2020 rule for critical habitat exclusions and clarifying how economic, national security and other relevant impacts are weighed when determining whether to exclude areas from critical habitat.

"These actions reaffirm our commitment to science-

based conservation that works hand in hand with America's energy, agricultural and infrastructure priorities," said USFWS Director Brian Nesvik. "By restoring clarity and predictability, we are giving the regulated community confidence while keeping our focus on recovery outcomes, not paperwork."

The rules were published in the Federal Register on Nov. 19 and are open to public comment through Dec. 22. To submit comments, visit [regulations.gov](https://www.regulations.gov) and search for the docket ID beginning with FWS-HQ-ES-2025 followed by the specific docket number extension for each proposal:

- -0039 (listing and critical habitat).
- -0044 (interagency cooperation).
- -0029 (threatened species protections).
- -0048 (critical habitat exclusions).

Reactions

The American Farm Bureau Federation (AFBF) applauded the government's announcement.

"Farmers and ranchers take seriously the responsibility of protecting the environment, and these proposals will provide them with more certainty as they manage the land they often both live and work on," said AFBF President Zippy Duvall in a statement.

"We are committed to working with the administration and Congress to advance the larger goal of modernizing the Endangered Species Act to protect wildlife and promote voluntary efforts to preserve at-risk species," Duvall added.

Earthjustice condemned the plan, with organization attorney Kristen Boyles saying, "Trump's attacks on the Endangered Species Act seriously misread the room. Most people are not going to allow the sacrifice of our natural world to a bunch of billionaires and corporate interests." — **Anna Miller Fortozo, WLJ managing editor**



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MARKET AT A GLANCE	This Week: 11/25/2025	Week Ago	Year Ago
Choice Fed Steers	208.00 ▼	218.30	187.87
CME Feeder Index	336.38 ▼	340.02	255.71
Boxed Beef Average	N/A ▲	371.28	311.57
Average Dressed Steers	N/A ▲	343.64	N/A
Live Slaughter Weight*	1,455 ▲	N/A	1,426
Weekly Slaughter**	585,000 ▲	N/A	631,000
Weekly Beef Production***	519.6 ▲	N/A	547.3
Hide/Offal Value	11.56 ▼	11.57	11.20
Corn Price	4.29 ▼	4.31	4.26

*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				
November 21	7,493 371.92	336 409.08	1,361 375.93	2,228 369.17	847 352.96	2,720 333.40				
November 14	6,372 375.03	221 417.69	1,110 380.44	2,114 371.78	547 358.70	2,380 338.34				
November 7	6,644 377.86	245 419.18	1,141 382.67	2,116 374.34	591 358.91	2,550 339.31				
October 31	6,327 376.26	258 421.13	1,156 380.64	1,939 371.89	639 356.08	2,334 336.55				

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DATE	CHOICE	SELECT	COW BEEF CUTOUT	50% LEAN	90% LEAN					
November 27	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A					
November 26	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A					
November 25	370.09	355.93	314.21	171.46	401.63					
November 24	370.49	355.51	316.18	134.34	406.44					
November 21	371.48	356.98	316.13	160.24	N/A					

CATTLE FUTURES: CME Live Cattle							
	11/21	11/24	11/25	11/26	11/27	High*	Low*
Dec.	21445	20720	20895	N/A	N/A	24678	16853
Feb.	21478	20753	20880	N/A	N/A	24830	16668
Apr.	21515	20790	20988	N/A	N/A	25018	17005
Jun.	20898	20173	20485	N/A	N/A	25093	18068

CATTLE FUTURES: CME Feeder Cattle							
	11/21	11/24	11/25	11/26	11/27	High*	Low*
Nov.	33972	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	38103	21920
Jan.	31423	30498	30948	N/A	N/A	38280	22268
Mar.	30705	29780	30320	N/A	N/A	38020	22460
Apr.	30535	29610	30190	N/A	N/A	37860	24118

*High and low figures are for the life of the contract.

FED CATTLE TRADE	Head Count	Avg. Weight	Avg. Price
WEEKLY WEIGHTED AVERAGES			
Live FOB Steer	571	1,570	208.00
Live FOB Heifer	372	1,426	207.32
Dressed Del Steer	N/A	N/A	N/A
Dressed Del Heifer	N/A	N/A	N/A
SAME PERIOD LAST WEEK			
Live FOB Steer	8,487	1,572	218.30
Live FOB Heifer	6,204	1,386	219.06
Dressed Del Steer	8,195	1,023	343.64
Dressed Del Heifer	1,528	891	342.38
SAME PERIOD LAST YEAR			
Live FOB Steer	657	1,557	187.87
Live FOB Heifer	N/A	N/A	N/A
Dressed Del Steer	N/A	N/A	N/A
Dressed Del Heifer	N/A	N/A	N/A

NATIONAL WEEKLY FED BEEF SLAUGHTER VOLUME: NOVEMBER 23, 2025		
	Domestic	Imported
Forward Contract	44,226	4,844
Formula	240,077	2,108
Negotiated Cash	71,629	525
Negotiated Grid	35,515	1,765
Packer Owned	10,135	N/A
Total	401,582	9,242

SLAUGHTER FORWARD CONTRACTS		FORWARD BEEF SALES	
Delivery Month	Neg. Sales 0-21 days	Neg. Sales 21+ days	2,096
Nov. '25	179,826	1,582	
Dec. '25	186,452	3,732	
Jan. '26	129,114	83	
Feb. '26	145,881	6,067	
Mar. '26	124,349	90	

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		211.24	+1.60
Slaughter Heifers, mostly Choice & Select 1-3, 1200-1400 lbs		210.00	+2.06
Ontario Auctions			
Slaughter Steers, mostly Choice & Select 1-3, 1300-1500 lbs		220.05	-0.46
Slaughter Heifers, mostly Choice & Select 1-3, 1200-1400 lbs		218.03	-0.64
Slaughter Cows, Cutter and Utility 1-3, 1100-1400 lbs		136.21	+3.31

*Price comparison from one week ago.

Average feeder cattle prices (CND) for week ending Tuesday, November 25, 2025			
Steers:	Alberta	Saskatchewan	Ontario
501-600 lbs	451.20	450.37	426.13
601-700 lbs	395.79	393.12	395.62
701-800 lbs	356.25	356.98	342.34
801-900 lbs	332.04	330.19	320.84
Heifers:			
401-500 lbs	448.20	437.54	405.77
501-600 lbs	402.09	392.28	389.41
601-700 lbs	363.77	353.96	330.43
701-800 lbs	325.81	317.62	273.14

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
Feeders	0	0	230,638	1,242,777

USDA WEEKLY IMPORTED FEEDER CATTLE		
November 25, 2025		
Mexico to United States Feeder Cattle Import Summary		
Receipts EST: N/A	Week Ago EST: N/A	Year Ago Act: N/A
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Feeder heifers: Medium and large 1&2		Feeder heifers: Medium and large 1&2	
500-600 lbs	N/A	500-600 lbs	N/A
600-700 lbs	N/A	600-700 lbs	N/A
700-800 lbs	N/A	700-800 lbs	N/A
Feeder steers: Medium and large 1&2		Feeder steers: Medium and large 1&2	
500-600 lbs	N/A	500-600 lbs	N/A
600-700 lbs	N/A	600-700 lbs	N/A
700-800 lbs	N/A	700-800 lbs	N/A

Selected Auctions										
Week Ending November 25, 2025										
DATE	MARKET	200-300 lb.	300-400 lb.	400-500 lb.	500-600 lb.	600-700 lb.	700-800 lb.	800 lb. -up	SLAUGHTER COWS	PAIRS
Feeder prices for steers & heifers reflect medium and large 1 cattle, unless otherwise noted; * Indicates medium and large 1-2										
No report available	Blackfoot, ID									
November 20	Burley, ID	924	460-502.50 445-461	437-492 414-435	371-386 295-378	316-347	328	190-303 272-284	142-191 159-190	
No report available	Emmett, ID									
November 22	Eugene, OR	840	382-440* 310-430*	310-430* 295-386*	275-360* 240-330*	240-280* 210-267.50*	230-265*		135-150 150-171	2,900-4,000
No report available	Madras, OR									
No report available	Vale, OR									
November 24	Davenport, WA	189		225-330	250-337	200-359 265-292.50	299-315 125-284	252.50-284 170-322	105-269 152-220	80-176 120-266 2,300-3,500
November 20	Toppenish, WA	1,182		400-410*		340-390*	330* 300*		145-158 148-179.50	

November 20	Orland, CA	3,247		350-540 330-460	300-455 280-375	250-393 230-345	250-330 230-308	250-323 230-300	140-170 140-187	2,500-4,200 2,000-3,575
No report available	Escalon, CA									
No report available	Famoso, CA									
No report available	Galt, CA									
November 18	Turlock, CA	1,965		425-507.50 350-455	410-480 335-415	350-410 325-382.50	328-386 315-359	320-345 310-340.25	295-328 275-295.50	127-175 140-172
November 18	Salina, UT	1,799		360-535 385-520	345-520 325-510	405-500 365-460	315-447.50 295-410	275-338 252.50-340	227.50-339 140-300	118.20-175.80 128-202.50 3,000-3,400

November 24	Iowa	16,521		445-470 500	445-580 352.50-487.50	355-552.50 340-454	335-481 310-411	315-408 278-370	300-379.50 270-397.50	282-359 222.50-328	110-260 117-214
November 25	Miles City, MT	1,552		612.50-640 510	482.50-585 442.50-492.50	425-495 360-452.50	362.50-419 320-345	334-372.50 315-325	281-327 291		102.50-164 130-176 1,925-2,175
November 19	Bassett, NE	2,565				475 448	424.50-441 365.50-421	352-418 368-433	357.50-381 334.25	326-351 304-322	
November 22	Ericson, NE	4,210				497.50-607.50 450-530	421-500 390-442.50	387-446 361-414	340-419.50 330-399	335-383 318.25-372	319.50 296-309.50
No report available	Imperial, NE										
November 19	Kearney, NE	4,000			513	460-470 400-446	411-727 348-391	379-407 322-357	350.25-369.50 295-333	305-333.50 281-305	163-179.25 172-196
November 21	Lexington, NE	1,339				530 458	451-471 374-429	406-438 351-367	370-405 326-341	345-364	
November 20	Ogallala, NE	2,398				529-562.50 491-511	462.50-531 432-508	410-463 364-452	340-391 350-358	329-342 298-307	275-331 263-300
November 20	Valentine, NE	2,160				553 456	480-521 425-501	420-498 402.50-455	375-434 358	363-383	
November 21	Herreid, SD	2,575				510-545 435-480	445-525 405-422	398-462.50 350-394.50	370-401 338-350	317.50-342 315.25-324	328 290-305
November 19	Torrington, WY	4,850				580-605	489-539 455-512	405-488 360-393	360-405 306-347	330-347 316-320	

November 20	Willcox, AZ	1,467				380-525 305-485	300-530 300-450	250-470 200-419	180-382.50 230-360	190-321 185-1,000		125-162 158-195	2,800-3,350 2,525-2,600	
November 24	Colorado	8,763				585-600 540-590	500-612.50 422-575	437-505 380-440	370-467 332.50-415	326-390 301-362.50	292-341 267.50-305	242.50-320 222.50-283		
November 19	La Junta, CO	3,293					480-600 417.50-590	425-505 360-415	395-510 335-387.50	325-385 301-362.50	305-351 287.50-315	272.50-324 267-283	151-170 171-190	
November 22	Loma, CO												3,350-4,825	
November 19	Dodge City, KS	2,145				517 444	457.50-510 410-434	395-424 352.50-398	330-367.50 330-344	324-341 310-323.50	325-325.50 270-307	139-180 148-205	2,550-3,300 1,825-3,400	
November 20	Pratt, KS	2,912					502.50 407.50-487.50	437.50-570 362.50-435	380-502.50 372.50-416	320-405 297-325	301-345 270.50-297	271-345 285-297	150-180 144-207	3,300-800 1,400-4,700
November 20	Salina, KS	2,940					400-505 390-440	440-520 382-398	398-449 335-381	340-421 315-337	332-359 302.50-317	312-344.50 288-308		
November 21	Clovis, NM	3,204				340-625 407-440	400-575 385-490	355-470 320-414	360-411 285-359	300-362 258-339	282-315 265-291	160-288 220.50-260	139-185 120-192.50	

Reduced packing capacity, tariff roulette add to market uncertainty

Industry fears about the impact of packer losses and low cattle numbers were realized in late November with the announcement from Tyson that the Lexington, NE, packing plant would close and the Amarillo, TX, plant would decrease from two shifts to one shift in the coming months. This will reduce industry slaughter capacity by roughly 7,000 to 8,000 head per day.

The exact impact will depend on forthcoming details, especially how Tyson will manage a one-shift plant. Depending on the details, the reduction represents roughly 7.5-9% of total industry slaughter capacity.

Monday through Friday daily fed slaughter thus far in 2025 has averaged 90,529 head per day, down 3.6% from the recent peak (93,931 head per day) in 2022. However, Saturday slaughter has averaged 4,878 head this

year, just 13.1% of the 37,137 head per day average in 2022.

For the first 45 weeks of the year, total weekly fed slaughter has averaged 457,524 head compared to 506,793 head per week in 2022, a decrease of 9.7%. The Tyson planned reduction in packing capacity may be nearly (but not quite) enough to balance the decrease in cattle slaughter since the peak in 2022.

However, fed slaughter is expected to continue decreasing in 2026 and 2027. Excess packing capacity will continue to be an issue for beef packers for the foreseeable future.

In other recent news, the latest spins of the big tariff roulette wheel included lifting the 10% tariffs imposed in April on countries from which the U.S. imports beef. Major beef import sources are Brazil, Australia, New

Zealand, Canada, Mexico and Uruguay, along with minor sources including Nicaragua and Argentina. A few days later, the additional 40% tariff imposed on Brazil in August was removed. Brazil, who filled the "other country" tariff rate quota in January, will still face the 26.4% over-quota tariff rate. For the first seven months of the year, Brazil was the largest source of U.S. beef imports.

Since the beginning of the year, Brazil has gone from a zero within-quota tariff (filled by Jan. 17) to a 26.4% over-quota tariff later in January, to which an additional 10% tariff was added in April (36.4% total), to which an additional tariff of 40% was added in August (76.4% total), back to 66.4% total after removal of 10% tariffs in November. This was followed a few days later by removal of the 40% tariff

and, thus, back to the 26.4% over quota tariff until the end of the year (maybe) when the "other country" quota resets for another year. If you are confused, don't feel bad—how can any industry function in such a quagmire of changing rules?

Lack of trade data resulting from the shutdown has

made it impossible to quantify the negative impact of the August tariff on beef imports from Brazil, let alone the impacts of now reverting back to the situation from early in the year. There will be impacts, likely relatively small on the ground beef market—probably more likely to simply moderate

future increases rather than actually reducing ground beef prices in the U.S. Certainly, there will be no relief for high steak prices, with even higher prices likely ahead as beef production continues to fall. — **Derrell S. Peel, Oklahoma State University Extension livestock marketing specialist**

Cattle on Feed report shows numbers 2% lower

MARKETS (from page 1)

were 10% lower, and marketings were 8% lower. Disappearance totaled 54,000 head, 2% below 2024.

"The crash in the cattle markets has left Friday's (Cattle on Feed) report a recent memory and only a confirmation that supplies of cattle will not be increasing anytime soon," wrote the Cattle Report on Monday. "More immediate concerns are the plant closing and administration attack on beef prices and coping with the sharp readjustment in prices."

Feeder cattle

Feeder cattle futures also opened the week limit down, but found some recovery on Tuesday. Still, futures closed lower on Tuesday compared to the prior Thursday. The January contract lost about \$9 to close at \$307.07, and the March contract lost about \$8 to close at \$300.87.

"Traders seem to be recovering some position that was lost on Monday, but it's more a technical reaction than a decision being made because more confidence has truly been established in the marketplace," Stewart said on Tuesday.

The CME Feeder Cattle Index lost \$3.64 to close at \$336.38.

Corn futures have traded mostly sideways. The December contract lost 3 cents to close at \$4.23, and the March contract gained a penny to close at \$4.38.

Iowa: Russell Livestock in Russell sold 4,020 head on Monday. Compared to the last auction, steers sold sharply lower and heifers mostly sold \$3-27 lower. Benchmark steers averaging 718 lbs. sold from \$320-356, and averaged \$341.06.

Missouri: Joplin Regional Stockyards in Carthage sold 8,000 head on Monday.

Compared to the last sale, feeder steers and heifers sold \$5-20 lower in uneven trading. Benchmark steers averaging 757 lbs. sold from \$326-351, averaging \$342.58.

New Mexico: Roswell Livestock in Roswell sold 999 head on Monday. Compared to the previous auction, steer and heifer calves sold sharply lower and steer yearlings 600-800 lbs. were sharply lower. Feeder heifers had insufficient numbers to compare, but a strong undertone was noted. Benchmark steers averaging 767 lbs. sold from \$260-277, averaging \$270.62.

Oklahoma: Oklahoma National Stockyards in Oklahoma City sold 3,302 head on Monday. Compared to a week earlier, all classes of

cattle were lightly tested. Feeder steers and heifers sold \$10-20 lower. Steer and heifer calves sold \$20-30 lower, and heifer calves sold up to \$40 lower. Benchmark steers averaging 730 lbs. sold from \$317.50-326.50, averaging \$322.97.

South Dakota: Sioux Falls Regional in Worthing sold 1,931 head on Monday. Compared to a week earlier, there were too few steer and heifer calves to make full price comparisons, but much lower undertones were noted. Yearling feeder steers and heifers sold \$30-50 lower. A group of benchmark steers averaging 758 lbs. sold from \$300-322, averaging \$307.88. — **Anna Miller Fortozo, WLJ managing editor**

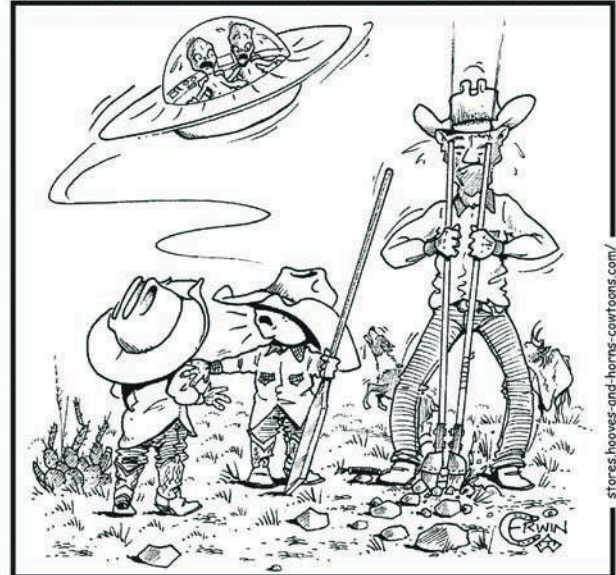


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SALE REPORTS

MEMORY RANCHES BULL SALE
Nov. 6, Wells, NV
87 Angus bulls . . . \$7,187
36 Red Angus bulls . . . 7,153
Auctioneer: Eric Drees

RIVERBEND RANCH BULL SALE
Nov. 12, Idaho Falls, ID
179 Angus bulls . . . \$10,606
Auctioneers: Rick Machado & Trent Stewart
Sale Manager: Cotton & Assoc.

TOPS: Riverbend True Balance M665, 3/23/2024 by RSA TrueBalance1311; to Lazy S&K LLC, Lehi, UT, \$37,000. Riverbend Red State 1369M, 4/23/2024 by Pine View Red State; to Spickler Ranch North, Glenfield, ND, \$30,000. Riverbend Red State M326, 2/13/2024 by Pine View Red State; to Hornung Livestock, Stratton, CO, \$30,000. Riverbend Jameson M667, 4/2/2024 by Basin Jameson 1076; to San Benito Cattle Co., Hollister, CA, \$26,000. — **JARED PATTERSON**

JR RANCH & SACKMANN CATTLE PRODUCTION SALE
Nov. 13, Othello, WA
74 Angus bulls . . . \$7,091
14 Angus bred cows . . . 5,086
16 Angus fall pairs . . . 4,231
10 Angus bred heifers . . . 3,970
10 Commercial bred heifers . . . 3,580
29 Angus open heifers . . . 3,502

Auctioneers: Butch Booker & Cotton Booker
TOPS—Angus bulls: JR Alamo 103M, 4/1/2024 by Coleman Alamo 0352; to Gebbers Cattle, Brewster, WA, \$18,000. JR Hatton 29M, 3/29/2024 by JR Hatton 106H; to Gebbers Cattle, Brewster, WA, \$15,000. **Bred cow:** JR Blazin' Fanny 41D, 3/16/2016 by OCC Unmistakable 946U bred to N/A; to Stipe Angus Ranch, Ontario, OR, \$25,000. — **JARED PATTERSON**

5L RED ANGUS PRODUCTION SALE
Nov. 20, Sheridan, MT
93 Red Angus bulls . . . \$8,080
8 Black Profit Plus bulls . . . 7,938
20 Red Angus x Charolais bulls . . . 7,100
106 Commercial bred heifers . . . 4,243
Auctioneer: Trent Stewart

TOPS—Black Profit Plus bull: 5L Macho 432-70M, 4/20/2024 by 5L Macho 2797-10G; to Tate Watkins, Kim, CO, \$11,000. **Red Angus bulls:** 5L Mountain Man 80Z-M145, 4/5/2024 by 5L Mountain Man 956-361J; to Steve Kukawski, Pompey's Pillar, MT, \$15,000. 5L Whats Up 5000-706M, 3/15/2024 by 5L Whats Up 5000-706M; to Fraham Brothers, NE, \$14,500. 5L Tonto 832-738M, 3/16/2024 by 5L Tonto 832-738M; to Greenleaf Land and Livestock, Colstrip, MT, \$14,000. 5L Latigo 1971-5, 5/5/2024 by 5L Latigo 140-82K; to Darrin Eck, Kingman, KS, \$13,999. — **KEVIN MURNIN**

LARGENT AND SONS BULL SALE
Nov. 20, Kaycee, WY
732-Year-old bulls . . . \$11,568
8 Bull calves . . . 9,538
14 Fall yearling bulls . . . 9,536
Auctioneer: Joe Goggins

TOPS—2-Year-old bulls: KL Desert Bond 440, 3/25/2024 by 4T Desert Bond 007; to Stuber Ranch, Bowman, ND, \$18,000. L3 Desert Toro 486, 4/18/2024 by OR TP Desert Prime; to Reno and Sons Inc., Gillette, WY, \$18,000. TP MR. Daybreak 433, 3/3/2024 by Pyramid Daybreak 9101 ET; to Garrett Ranch, Casper, WY, \$18,000. NL 9027 Desert Test 445, 3/29/2024 by UPS Final Test 9027; to Bates Creek Cattle Co., Casper, WY, \$18,000. **Bull calf:** NL Desert CS Fieldman 556, 5/27/2025 by

Churchill Stanfield 3122L; to Stroh Hereford Ranch, Killdeer, ND, \$19,000, 1/2 interest. — **KEVIN MURNIN**

FRANK CATTLE & GENETICS AND BALDRIDGE-TIEDEMAN ANGUS FEMALE SALE
Nov. 22, Lodgepole, NE
25 Angus open heifers . . . \$8,590
16 Angus bred heifers . . . 8,328
10 Red Angus bred heifers . . . 7,810
2 Red Angus open heifers . . . 7,375
9 Red Angus bred cows . . . 5,233
12 Angus bred cows . . . 4,962
5 Commercial bred heifers . . . 4,900
Auctioneer: Greg Goggins

TOPS—Angus bred heifers: Frank Beauty 4021, 1/24/2024 by 4M Ace 709 bred to Frank Prolific 4024; to Meyring Cattle Co., Hay Springs, NE, \$17,000. Baldco Prides Lass 174, 1/16/2024 by Connealy Commerce bred to BCC Rapport; to Cedar Top Ranch, Stapleton, NE, \$14,000. Baldco Eileenmere Lady 384, 2/24/2024 by DL Zoom bred to BCC Rapport; to Taralee Hudson, Belvedere, NE, \$13,500. Frank Beauty 4029, 1/25/2024 by 4M Ace 709 bred to Frank Prolific 4024; to Chance Stout, Olpe, KS, \$12,000. **Red Angus bred heifers:** FFG Rebella 4162, 2/18/2024 by Bieber Jumpstart J137 bred to FFG Cardinal 4088; to Clint Witherspoon, Iowa Park, TX, \$14,000. FFG Rebella 4149, 2/14/2024 by Bieber Jumpstart J137 bred to Feddes Eastwood 3284; to TC Reds, WI, \$12,500. Open heifer: Baldco Queen Lass 245, 1/22/2025 by Boyd Bedrock; to Parker Cattle Co., Malad, ID, \$45,000. — **TY GROSHANS**

JORGENSEN LAND & CATTLE BULL AND FEMALE SALE
Nov. 22, Ideal, SD
39 Angus older bulls . . . \$7,769

101 Angus total registered females . . . 7,079
Auctioneer: Roger Jacobs
Sale Manager: American Angus Hall of Fame
TOPS—Bull: Ideal 44104

Apollo, 3/1/2024 by Ideal 9524 of 5570 6809; to Ede Breitmeier, Chinook, MT, \$23,000. **Bred cow:** Ideal 2824 Blckcp of 0858, 4/30/2022 by Emulation 31 bred to Ideal Accolade 2558; to Clark Farms, Houston Town, PA, \$19,000.

Open cows: Ideal 9411 Marjorie of Encor, 1/30/2019 by Ideal Encore of 9524 Lady; to Jason Willis, Colts Neck, NJ, \$40,000. Ideal 4124 of Res Blkbrd, 2/26/2014 by S A V Resource 1441; to Voss Angus, Dexter, IA, \$22,000. — **TY GROSHANS**

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- 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. 15** – TK Angus, Bull & Female Sale, Valentine, NE
- Dec. 18** – Bobcat Angus, Bull Sale, Great Falls, MT
- Jan. 16, 2026** – Foundation Angus Sale, Denver, CO
- Jan. 20, 2026** – Ken Haas Angus, Bull Sale, La Grange, WY

HEREFORD

- Dec. 5** – Western States Hereford Sale, Reno, NV
- Jan. 19, 2026** – Van Newkirk Herefords, Bull Sale, Oshkosh, NE

OPTIMIZER

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

RED ANGUS

- Dec. 8** – Cross Diamond Cattle Co., Production Sale, Bertrand, NE
- Dec. 3** – Big Sky Elite,

- Female Sale, Three Forks, MT
- Dec. 12** – 5L Red Angus, Bull Sale, Sheridan, MT

SALERS

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

SIMANGUS

- Dec. 5** – Yardley Cattle Co., Female Sale, Beaver, UT
- Dec. 6** – Western Choice Female Sale, Billings, MT

SIMMENTAL

- Dec. 5** – Yardley Cattle Co., Female Sale, Beaver, UT
- Dec. 6** – Western Choice Female Sale, Billings, MT

STABILIZER

- Dec. 6** – Leachman Cattle of Colorado, Bull Sale, Loma, CO

COMMERCIAL

- Dec. 2** – Western Video Market Sale, Reno, NV
- Dec. 13** – Sitz Angus, Bred Female Sale, Dillon, MT
- Jan. 14, 2026** – Maternal Merit, Bred Heifer Sale, Denver, CO

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