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## It's show time and rodeo time

### San Antonio Stock Show and Rodeo opens Feb. 10th

By Martha Hollida Garrett

It's time for the San Antonio Stock Show and Rodeo (SASSR). This event has been happening since 1950 and even during a pandemic and a once in a lifetime ice storm in 2021, the SASSR has happened.

The event, which includes Professional Rodeo Cowboys Association (PRCA) rodeos, auctions, open and junior livestock shows, open and junior horse shows, junior competitive leadership/educational contests, wine tastings, western art competition, sheep dog trials, top entertainers and so much more, has become an annual tradition for South Texas and beyond.

The show is spearheaded by over 6,000 volunteers who perform a wide range of duties and volunteer throughout the year for events related to the stock show. The SASSR annually draws in over 1.5 million visitors and sees exhibitors from across Texas and other states compete for honors and prize monies. In fact, over 19,000 youth are involved each year in the many competitions, including ag mechanics, speech, science fair, just to name a few.

In 1984, the show's leadership launched a scholarship program to encourage youth to pursue an agricultural related degree. That year, 15 four-year scholarships totaling \$90,000 were awarded. To date, \$232 million has been awarded and over 21,000 youth have been impacted.

This year's show, Feb. 10-26, will feature all the events, entertainment and fun that folks are accustomed to after an abbreviated schedule in 2021, due to the pandemic.

Livestock are in the barns almost every day. Be sure to include the San Antonio Livestock Show All Breed Bull and Commercial Heifer Sale, Feb. 16th on your schedule of

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# ROUND-UP REVIEW

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# Just Your Standard Bull

By Michael Sturgess

# TEXAS Trails...

By Clay Coppedge

Welcome to the 33rd Edition of our San Antonio Stock Show special issue. Our very first stock show issue was published in early 1990. It's truly hard to believe that thirty-three years have passed. It's even harder to imagine that this year's San Antonio All Breeds Bull and Commercial Female Pen Show and Sale will be its 31st year.

Last year's sale was our 30th annual sale. As many will recall, we had to postpone the sale for a week due to the great Storm of '21, then conduct the sale online in a local hotel ballroom. Of all the things we were concerned about last year—mostly due to the

Covid outbreak the spring before. The one thing we were NOT worried about was a 50-year weather event!

Covid was what was on our minds! If you will recall, the Houston Stock Show closed down in the midst of their 2020 show, cancelling all of the junior breeding and market shows and auctions for the kids. Our concerned going into last year was to have contingency plans for an alternative site, should San Antonio decide to cancel for covid. In addition, we had decided to shoot video of the sale animals at the ranch, just in the event that there would be folks who

were at higher risk of covid that could participate online.

Well, it was a good thing we shot the video last year. But it wasn't because of Covid! Who knew we would encounter a storm to remember?

At any rate, we are very excited about this year's offering. Top shelf bulls and some of the best replacement females this state has to offer will be on hand February 15 for the show and February 16th for the sale that starts at 10:00 am. As in the past, the sale will also be broadcast on DVAuction.com for those who cannot attend in person.

This year, we tried to get as many bull videos as possible. It is much easier to shoot individual videos of bulls than have all the individual pens of five females sorted and videoed prior to the sale. For many consignors, they can show us what 10, 15 or 20 head of females that will sell in San Antonio. The difficulty is sorting those down to their individual pens prior to the sale. So, there may be a few female videos available. All videos can be viewed at: <https://idealvideoproductions.com/sale22/>

Breeding age bulls and top end replacement females are currently in short supply, so I encourage everyone to come and join us this year. Weather and Covid conditions notwithstanding, this year's sale promises to be a really good one!

### When rodeo cowboys went pro

We're going to say right from the get-go that we don't know for sure who staged the country's first "official" rodeo or where and when it happened. Making it a fact comes down to proving something that happened a long time ago when people didn't keep a lot of records.

In Texas, Pecos claims to be home of the world's first rodeo and Canadian has made its case as well. Prescott and Payton, Arizona make some respectable claims for the same distinction, but so do Santa Fe, New Mexico and Deer Trail, Colorado.

The Pecos Rodeo celebrated its 100th birthday on July 4, 1983, which is a little odd when you find out that the same rodeo celebrated its 50th anniversary in 1979. That's because the Pecos rodeo was a hit-or-miss affair for many years and didn't get going as a truly annual event until 1929. It's still fiercely claimed as the first, but no one ever said it was the most consistent.

That distinction belongs to Prescott, Arizona. Though the town didn't hold its first "cowboy tournament" until 1888, it has held one ever since. That first event had the same blueprint as today's rodeo. It was created and run by a committee, people paid to see it and it featured multiple events and an award for all-around cowboy. Prescott highlights its rodeo as the first "official" rodeo.

The Pecos Rodeo's origin story is more informal. It begins with a bunch of cowboys hanging out at Red Newell's saloon in Pecos in 1883 and deciding to have a steer roping event on July 4 to determine the area's best roper. Local ranchers pitched in with \$40 in prize money, which is a big distinction when trying to pin a date on the first professional rodeo. Cowboys have been betting against each other in various events for as long as there have been cowboys,

but the inaugural Pecos and Prescott rodeos feature actual payday.

"An exact date of the first exhibition of the daily work and, later, of the sport of the cowboy cannot be given," Clifford P. Westmeier wrote in his 1947 history of rodeo, *Man, Beast, Dust: The Story of Rodeo*. "If such an attempt were made it would bring forth vehement and justified protests from the various parts of the west."

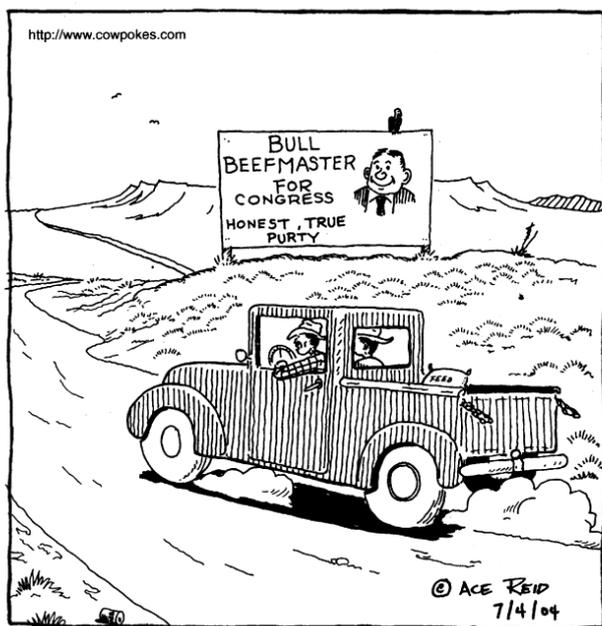
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### USDA Livestock Export/Import Statistics For 1-27-22

| SPECIES:                            | 1-22-2022: | Wk.-Dt.:            | Yr.-Dt.: |
|-------------------------------------|------------|---------------------|----------|
| <b>1) BEEF CATTLE</b>               |            |                     |          |
| a. Slaughter                        | 2,544      | 3,451               | 8,268    |
| b. Breeding Males                   | 96         | 34                  | 133      |
| c. Breeding Females                 | 47         | 0                   | 47       |
| Total                               | 2,687      | 3,486               | 8,448    |
| <b>2) HOGS</b>                      |            |                     |          |
| a. Slaughter                        | 0          | 0                   | 0        |
| b. Breeding Males                   | 149        | 0                   | 149      |
| c. Breeding Females                 | 176        | 0                   | 176      |
| Total                               | 325        | 0                   | 325      |
| <b>3) SHEEP</b>                     |            |                     |          |
| a. Slaughter                        |            |                     |          |
| 1) lambs                            | 0          | 0                   | 0        |
| 2) ewes                             | 0          | 0                   | 0        |
| b. Breeding Males                   | 0          | 0                   | 0        |
| c. Breeding Females                 | 0          | 0                   | 0        |
| Total                               | 0          | 0                   | 0        |
| <b>4) DAIRY CATTLE</b>              |            |                     |          |
| a. Breeding Males                   | 0          | 0                   | 0        |
| b. Breeding Females                 | 141        | 41                  | 225      |
| Total                               | 141        | 41                  | 225      |
| <b>5) GOATS</b>                     |            |                     |          |
| a. Angora                           | 0          | 0                   | 0        |
| b. Spanish                          | 0          | 0                   | 0        |
| c. Other                            | 0          | 0                   | 0        |
| Total                               | 0          | 0                   | 0        |
| <b>6) HORSES</b>                    |            |                     |          |
| a. Slaughter                        | 282        | 303                 | 1,019    |
| b. Breeding Males                   | 53         | 19                  | 80       |
| c. Breeding Females                 | 88         | 35                  | 155      |
| d. Geldings                         | 26         | 11                  | 45       |
| e. Burro/Mule/Pony                  | 0          | 0                   | 0        |
| Total                               | 449        | 368                 | 1,299    |
| <b>7) EXOTICS</b>                   |            |                     |          |
| Total                               | 0          | 0                   | 0        |
| <b>MEXICO TO NEW MEXICO IMPORTS</b> |            |                     |          |
| SPECIES:                            | 1-29-2022: | 1-1-2022 - Present: |          |
| FEEDER CATTLE                       | 13,260     | 36,954              |          |
| <b>MEXICO TO TEXAS IMPORTS</b>      |            |                     |          |
| FEEDER CATTLE                       | 3,824      | 9,372               |          |

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### Is your state ready to handle the influx of federal funds for expanding broadband?

By Brian Whitacre, Oklahoma State University Department of Agricultural Economics professor and Christina Biedny, Ph.D. student in Oklahoma State University's Agricultural Economics

The federal government is pouring billions of dollars into expanding broadband internet access. But it's at the state level where the financial rubber meets the fiber-optic road. History suggests some states are ahead of the game while others will have

to play catch-up. The recently signed Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act includes significant funding to expand broadband access, to help households pay for their monthly broadband connections and to help people learn how to productively use those connections. This legislation represents Congress' first formal recognition of the essential nature of high-speed internet.

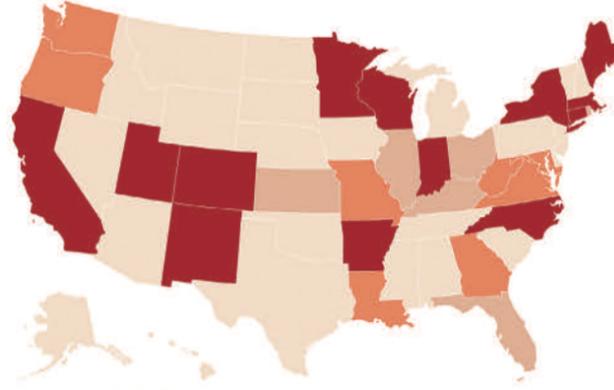
Historically, broadband funding has been distributed from federal entities like the Federal Com-

munications Commission Government Account- or U.S. Department of ability Office, which moni- Agriculture directly to tors and audits government internet providers. The operations, has been criti-

#### How long each state has had a broadband office

States that have offices dedicated to funding broadband internet service, particularly those with years of experience, have a leg up in using new federal money.

No office 1-2 years 3-5 years > 5 years



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cal of these efforts. This time, however, states are at the center of the funding that is coming down the pipeline. The nation's \$42.5 billion Broadband Equity, Access, and Deployment program, known as BEAD, requires each state to generate a five-year action plan laying out how it will use the funds, including a process for prioritizing locations that are classified as "unserved" or "underserved."

Similarly, the \$2.7 billion Digital Equity Act requires each state to establish an organization responsible for developing a digital equity plan, which will help to disburse sub-grants. Digital equity means ensuring that every community has adequate access to the technologies and skills needed to fully participate in society.

#### From newbies to wily veterans

Not all states are equally positioned to handle the funds that will flow down from the federal government. Some states have operated formal broadband offices for years, and many have extensive experience running their own broadband grant programs. In others there are multiple agencies with jurisdiction over broadband, so even deciding who will develop the action plan may be challenging.

Some states have built detailed broadband maps that move beyond the highly criticized FCC versions, and clearly depict areas without access. Others were early adopters of "digital inclusion" efforts and have an established base of nonprofits and public entities that have already been successful at this type of work.

In short, states have varying track records when it comes to broadband projects. Rolling out billions of dollars of funding will be a challenge for states without a history of evaluating applications – or those that are brand-new to the quickly growing field of digital equity.

#### ORANGE MAP Why each state gets \$100 million

The largest portion of the forthcoming broadband funding is the BEAD program focused on the provision of new broadband infrastructure. Each state will be awarded an initial amount of \$100 million, with the remainder of

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the \$42.5 billion allocated based on the percentage of unserved locations across states. The states are then responsible for disbursing these funds as subgrants. Unserved locations can include agricultural and business sites, not just households.

So, while it might seem unfair that Vermont, with fewer than 50,000 people classified as unserved, receives the same initial allocation as Texas, with over 1.2 million people unserved, this investment is less than 15% of the total BEAD funding. The \$100 million should also provide an incentive for states to establish their five-year action plans and to set up offices capable of awarding grants within their borders.

The task of setting up a process to handle grant applications and assess which ones should be funded is not trivial. Recent research has defined a competitive grant program as a key component of state broadband policy, including the establishment of evaluation criteria.

States with existing broadband offices and grant programs will be well positioned to hit the ground running. States that to date don't have broadband offices are Alabama, Alaska, Arizona, Delaware, Hawaii, Idaho, Iowa, Michigan, Mississippi, Montana, Nebraska, Nevada, New Hampshire, New Jersey, North Dakota, Oklahoma, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, South Dakota, Tennessee, Texas, Vermont and Wyoming. The District of Columbia also does not have a broadband office. These governments will need to put considerable time and effort into establishing ground rules and recruiting and educating employees to handle the grant evaluation process.

BLUE MAP

The law also adds several points related to grant awards that will be new for most states, regardless of how long their broadband office has been in place. One prevents states from excluding cooperatives, local governments, non-profits and public utilities when considering who is eligible for the broadband funds.

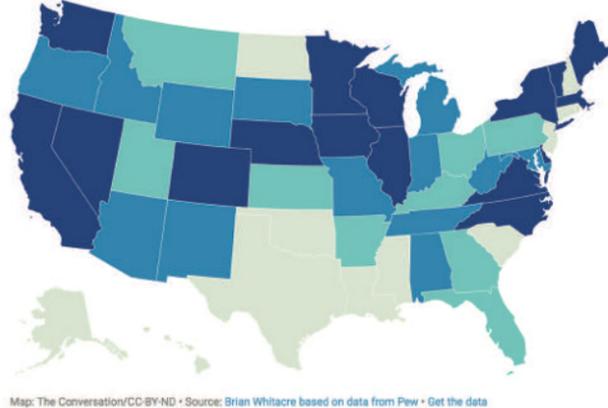
The second requires grant awardees to establish a low-cost service option, leaving the definition of

“low-cost” up to the state. Similar state-level efforts have not fared well in the past, and there is likely to be opposition from awardees about price and eligibility. (Continued on page 9)

How long each state has funded broadband internet

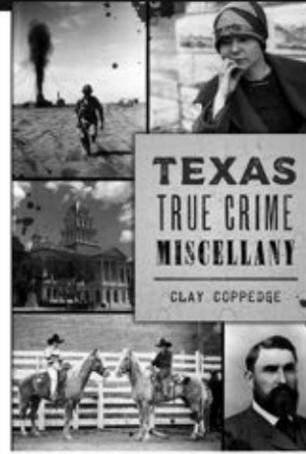
States vary widely in whether and how long they have funded the expansion of broadband internet service.

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From the author of the "Texas Trails" column in Southern Livestock Standard!

Outrageous acts of villainy have slowly drifted out of the national limelight and into the dustbin of Texas history. Consider the uproar over the 1879 shooting of actor Drew Barrymore in Marshall and the 1949 murder of oil field legend Tex Thornton in Amarillo. The 1909 Coryell County Courthouse massacre committed by a sixteen-year-old girl remains just as shocking today. For the long-suffering associates of repeat offenders like Fort Worth's Flapper Bandit or Temple's International Man of Mystery, notoriety couldn't fade quickly enough. From the lawless days of the frontier to the rise of organized crime, Clay Coppedge sifts through eighteen obscure case files to chart the evolution of illegal activity in the Lone Star State.

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# What should be considered in bull selection



**F. David Kirkpatrick, Extension beef cattle specialist**

Sire selection is an important decision that is made in cow-calf operations. In a single sire herd, the bull is responsible for one-half of the genetics of the entire calf crop. The last three sires used in the operation will represent almost 87 percent of the genetic makeup of a calf crop in a herd where replacement heifers are retained. One of the first

requirements before selecting a new herd sire is to determine your herd's present level of production and decide what traits need improvement. There are a number of considerations that need to be evaluated in sire selection, and they are outlined below.

**What breed do I need?**

Among the many breeds that are available, select one that has a market

demand for their offspring in your marketing area. Also, select a breed that has a performance program and can document the expected performance of future progeny. No one breed exceeds all other breeds in all traits of economic importance. Within the breed of cattle you select make sure that the prospective sire has the genetic potential to make positive changes in economically important traits. If the color of the offspring is an important factor, you need to understand how color in cattle is inherited and the effect your choice will have on market demand.

**Do I save replacement heifers?**

If heifers are to be retained from within the herd, the bull's EPD for milk needs to be considered. A bull who has a milk EPD that is below his breed's average will most likely sire daughters that do not have a propensity for excellent milk production. If feed resources are limited in a beef operation, selecting a bull that has a milk EPD that is extremely above the average of his breed could drastically affect the future reproduction of his daughters. Higher levels of milk production require higher levels of feed resources in order to retain a high reproductive rate. Consequently, selecting and using a bull that has a milk EPD that is extremely below the average of his breed could reduce the weaning weight of his daughters' calves. Most breed EPD averages for all traits are not zero. It is important to obtain a recent up-to-date breed sire evaluation report to determine different breeds' average EPDs for different traits. These sire evaluation reports can be obtained by writing to the particular breed association or consulting the Internet.

**What if I do not save my own replacement heifers?**

If heifers are not saved from within the herd, milk EPD does not have to be considered in the selection process. Emphasis should be given to other traits of importance to your herd.

**Do I need to increase weaning weights?**

If weaning weights need  
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## THOMAS CHAROLAIS

# Spring Bull Sale

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**Texas Trails...**

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what has happened. Various towns across the west have been arguing about which town held the first rodeo more or less continuously for more than a century now.

After he wrote the book, Westermeier found in an old farm journal a report on an organized competition for money on July 4, 1869 in Deer Trail, Colorado. If you go with that version, the first American cowboy champion was a local ranch hand and Englishman named Emiline Gardenshire, who was named Champion Bronc Buster of the Plains.

Rodeo in the early days suffered from a perception that this was simply entertainment, not sport. Cowboys who took these competitions more or less seriously were often taken advantage of by stingy promoters and suspect judging. The Cowboys Turtle Association formed in 1939 after the cowboys went on strike to protest promoter W.T. Johnson's treatment of cowboys during the Boston Garden Rodeo. Johnson gave in and vowed to offer "a fair share of the money" without much of a fuss.

The association's unlikely name is said to have come from the fact that the cowboys were so slow to organize. The name was changed to the Rodeo Cowboys Association in 1945 and to the Professional Rodeo Cowboys Association (PRCA) in 1975.

Rodeo's popularity grew in the boom years following World War II. Some colleges and high schools began to offer the sport. The National Intercollegiate Rodeo Association was chartered in Texas as was the National Intercollegiate Rodeo Association. Texans have been major

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**San Antonio Livestock Show 2022 competitive events schedule**

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|                |   |                |   |
|----------------|---|----------------|---|
| February 5     | Beefmaster Subasta Sale                     | February 12    | Midland following PRCA Rodeo - 7:00 p.m.      |
| February 9     | Junior Market Poultry                       | February 12    | Collegiate & Youth Wool Judging               |
|                | Landscape Challenge                         |                | Riley Green following PRCA Rodeo - 1:00 p.m.  |
|                | Nursery Landscape Challenge                 |                | Little Texas following PRCA Rodeo - 7:00 p.m. |
| February 10    | Food Challenge                              | February 12-13 | Junior Breeding Angora Goats                  |
|                | Dairy Judging                               |                | Junior Commercial Ewes                        |
|                | Toby Keith following PRCA Rodeo - 7:00 p.m. |                | Junior & Open Registered Breeding Sheep       |
| February 9-11  | Junior & Open Purebred                      | February 13-14 | Junior Commercial Does                        |
|                | Breeding Gilts                              | February 13    | Wade Bowen following PRCA Rodeo - 1:00 p.m.   |
|                | Junior Dairy Cattle                         |                | Tanya Tucker following PRCA Rodeo - 7:00 p.m. |
| February 10-11 | Junior Crossbred Gilts                      | February 14    | Agrobotics Challenge                          |
|                | Show & Sale                                 |                | Horse Judging                                 |
| February 10-13 | Open Breeding Beef Cattle                   |                | Lady A following PRCA Rodeo - 7:00 p.m.       |
|                | NCHA Cutting Show-Freeman Coliseum          | February 15    | Sheep Skillathon                              |
| February 13    | Horse Skillathon-TBA                        |                | Beef Skillathon                               |
| February 11    | Agricultural Public Speaking                |                | Junior & Open Registered Breeding Goats       |
|                | Wildlife Judging                            |                | (Continued on page 12)                        |



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**USDA Major Livestock Reports:**

**Producers Livestock Auction, San Angelo, Texas, January 27, 2022:** Total receipts: 815; last reported (1-20-22) 890, last year 1,267. Feeder cattle: 595 (73.0%); last reported (1-20-22) 676 (76.0%), last year 1,052 (83.0%). Slaughter cattle: 90 (11.0%); last reported (1-20-22) 134 (15.1%), last year 152 (12.0%). Replacement cattle: 130 (16.0%); last reported (1-20-22) 80 (9.05), last year 63 (5.0%). Compared to last week steer and heifer calves and yearlings weak. Slaughter cows and bulls fully 3.00-5.00 higher. Stock cows and pairs slightly higher. Trading and demand moderate. Extremely dry conditions prevail throughout the area. Supply included: 73% Feeder Cattle (34% Steers, 63% Heifers, 3% Bulls); 11% Slaughter Cattle (88% Cows, 13% Bulls); 16% Replacement Cattle (74% Stock Cows, 19% Bred Cows, 7% Cow-Calf Pairs). Feeder cattle supply over 600 lbs was 32%.

**Amarillo Livestock Auction, Amarillo, Texas:**

**• NO SALE REPORTED •**

**Oklahoma National Stockyards, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, February 1, 2022:** Total receipts 11,125, last reported (1-24-22) 12,274, last year 10,758. Feeder cattle: 11,125 (100.0%), last reported (1-24-22) 12,274 (100.0%), last year: 10,758 (100.0%). Compared to last week: Feeder steers unevenly steady. Feeder heifers steady to 3.00 higher. Steer calves unevenly steady. Heifer calves 2.00 -4.00 higher. Demand moderate for all classes. Midweek winter storm is expected to bring ice and snow to much of the area and this is discouraging buyers. Supply included: 100% Feeder Cattle (61% Steers, 37% Heifers, 1% Bulls). Feeder cattle supply over 600 lbs was 56%.

**SALE: Beeville Livestock Commission, Inc.**  
Beeville, Texas  
**DATE OF SALE:** 1-28-22  
**VOLUME:** 355  
**TREND:** Steady/no change.

|                 | STEERS  | HEIFERS |
|-----------------|---------|---------|
| 200-300 lbs.    | 112-198 | 122-175 |
| 300-400 lbs.    | 141-203 | 117-157 |
| 400-500 lbs.    | 131-182 | 121-166 |
| 500-600 lbs.    | 123-169 | 116-153 |
| 600-700 lbs.    | 116-146 | 112-141 |
| 700-800 lbs.    | 108-135 | 95-134  |
| Slaughter cows  | 52-83   |         |
| Slaughter Bulls | 55-104  |         |
| Stocker cows    | 681-925 |         |
| Pairs           | 1025    |         |

**SALE: Brazos Valley Livestock Commission**  
Bryan, Texas  
**DATE OF SALE:** 2-1-22  
**VOLUME:** 779  
**TREND:** Steady/higher.

|                 | STEERS    | HEIFERS |
|-----------------|-----------|---------|
| 200-300 lbs.    | 170-220   | 140-170 |
| 300-400 lbs.    | 165-205   | 140-165 |
| 400-500 lbs.    | 155-202.5 | 137-157 |
| 500-600 lbs.    | 148-175   | 130-152 |
| 600-700 lbs.    | 130-150   | 120-135 |
| 700-800 lbs.    | 135-140   | 118-125 |
| Slaughter cows  | 57-90     |         |
| Slaughter bulls | 84-107    |         |
| Stocker cows    | 725-1025  |         |
| Pairs           | 875-1150  |         |

**SALE: Live Oak Auction, Inc.**  
Three Rivers, Texas  
**DATE OF SALE:** 1-30-22  
**VOLUME:** 2185  
**TREND:** Steady/higher.

|                 | STEERS   | HEIFERS |
|-----------------|----------|---------|
| 200-300 lbs.    | 184-210  | 136-184 |
| 300-400 lbs.    | 156-212  | 130-168 |
| 400-500 lbs.    | 148-202  | 130-166 |
| 500-600 lbs.    | 134-186  | 122-156 |
| 600-700 lbs.    | 125-156  | 120-144 |
| 700-800 lbs.    | 102-146  | 92-126  |
| Slaughter cows  | 34-88    |         |
| Slaughter bulls | 82-106   |         |
| Stocker cows    | 575-1275 |         |
| Pairs           | 950-1595 |         |

**SALE: Nixon Livestock Commission, Inc.**  
Nixon, Texas  
**DATE OF SALE:** 1-31-22  
**VOLUME:** 1062  
**TREND:** Steady/higher.

|                 | STEERS   | HEIFERS |
|-----------------|----------|---------|
| 200-300 lbs.    | 154-200  | 124-168 |
| 300-400 lbs.    | 160-223  | 136-178 |
| 400-500 lbs.    | 150-215  | 130-175 |
| 500-600 lbs.    | 134-190  | 126-151 |
| 600-700 lbs.    | 126-148  | 122-160 |
| 700-800 lbs.    | 120-140  | 114-133 |
| Slaughter cows  | 30-85    |         |
| Slaughter bulls | 85-110   |         |
| Stocker cows    | 650-1000 |         |
| Pairs           | 1000     |         |

**SALE: Gulf Coast Livestock Auction, LLC**  
Alice, Texas  
**DATE OF SALE:** 1-25-22  
**VOLUME:** 675  
**TREND:** Steady/higher.

|                 | STEERS   | HEIFERS |
|-----------------|----------|---------|
| 200-300 lbs.    | 145-192  | 135-170 |
| 300-400 lbs.    | 155-185  | 140-168 |
| 400-500 lbs.    | 148-183  | 130-160 |
| 500-600 lbs.    | 137-162  | 125-155 |
| 600-700 lbs.    | 130-150  | 120-140 |
| 700-800 lbs.    | 125-140  | 105-120 |
| Slaughter cows  | 50-81    |         |
| Slaughter bulls | 88-98    |         |
| Stocker cows    | 800-1200 |         |
| Pairs           | 900-1350 |         |

**SALE: Gillespie Livestock Company**  
Fredericksburg, Texas  
**DATE OF SALE:** 1-26-22  
**VOLUME:** 1115  
**TREND:** Stead/higher.

|                 | STEERS    | HEIFERS   |
|-----------------|-----------|-----------|
| 200-300 lbs.    | 140-245   | 160-187.5 |
| 300-400 lbs.    | 160-215   | 150-177.5 |
| 400-500 lbs.    | 150-202   | 130-167.5 |
| 500-600 lbs.    | 140-190   | 125-165   |
| 600-700 lbs.    | 140-171   | 115-140   |
| 700-800 lbs.    | 130-140   | 96-129    |
| Slaughter cows  | 40-80     |           |
| Slaughter Bulls | 70-102    |           |
| Stocker cows    | 700-1200  |           |
| Pairs           | 1000-1650 |           |

**SALE: Groesbeck Auction/Livestock Co., LLC**  
Groesbeck, Texas  
**DATE OF SALE:** 1-27-22  
**VOLUME:** 461  
**TREND:** Steady/higher.

|                 | STEERS   | HEIFERS |
|-----------------|----------|---------|
| 200-300 lbs.    | —        | —       |
| 300-400 lbs.    | 155-215  | 145-196 |
| 400-500 lbs.    | 151-205  | 140-180 |
| 500-600 lbs.    | 150-175  | 130-170 |
| 600-700 lbs.    | 152-165  | 125-145 |
| 700-800 lbs.    | 113-150  | 110-135 |
| Slaughter cows  | 25-78    |         |
| Slaughter bulls | 60-100   |         |
| Stocker cows    | 700-1425 |         |
| Pairs           | 750-1600 |         |

**SALE: Jordan Cattle Auction**  
San Saba & Mason, Texas  
**DATE OF SALE:** 1-27-22  
**VOLUME:** 5084  
**TREND:** Steady/higher.

|                 | STEERS    | HEIFERS |
|-----------------|-----------|---------|
| 200-300 lbs.    | 180-202   | 145-160 |
| 300-400 lbs.    | 180-206   | 145-172 |
| 400-500 lbs.    | 170-202   | 140-162 |
| 500-600 lbs.    | 160-197.5 | 130-156 |
| 600-700 lbs.    | 150-169   | 123-148 |
| 700-800 lbs.    | 135-148   | 115-130 |
| Slaughter cows  | 38-84     |         |
| Slaughter bulls | 70-110    |         |
| Stocker cows    | 600-2350  |         |
| Pairs           | 925-2500  |         |

**SALE: Giddings Livestock Commission**  
Giddings, Texas  
**DATE OF SALE:** 1-31-22  
**VOLUME:** 1120  
**TREND:** Steady/higher.

|                 | STEERS   | HEIFERS |
|-----------------|----------|---------|
| 200-300 lbs.    | 175-220  | 173-200 |
| 300-400 lbs.    | 171-240  | 158-175 |
| 400-500 lbs.    | 160-220  | 146-165 |
| 500-600 lbs.    | 150-175  | 145-165 |
| 600-700 lbs.    | 128-147  | 135-155 |
| 700-800 lbs.    | 109-145  | 125-140 |
| Slaughter cows  | 20-87    |         |
| Slaughter bulls | 80-117   |         |
| Stocker cows    | 450-1175 |         |
| Pairs           | 875-1275 |         |

**SALE: Lampasas Cattle Auction**  
Lampasas, Texas  
**DATE OF SALE:** 1-26-22  
**VOLUME:** 396  
**TREND:** Steady/higher.

|                 | STEERS  | HEIFERS |
|-----------------|---------|---------|
| 200-300 lbs.    | 153-220 | 118-160 |
| 300-400 lbs.    | 155-182 | 142-168 |
| 400-500 lbs.    | 156-199 | 145-170 |
| 500-600 lbs.    | 147-171 | 136-147 |
| 600-700 lbs.    | 140-160 | 125-142 |
| 700-800 lbs.    | 130-147 | 122-132 |
| Slaughter cows  | 35-80   |         |
| Slaughter bulls | 96-106  |         |
| Stocker cows    | —       |         |
| Pairs           | —       |         |

**SALE: East Texas Livestock, Inc.**  
Crockett, Texas  
**DATE OF SALE:** 2-1-22  
**VOLUME:** 596  
**TREND:** Steady/higher.

|                 | STEERS   | HEIFERS |
|-----------------|----------|---------|
| 200-300 lbs.    | 135-198  | 137-160 |
| 300-400 lbs.    | 128-193  | 124-153 |
| 400-500 lbs.    | 121-190  | 116-157 |
| 500-600 lbs.    | 118-180  | 112-148 |
| 600-700 lbs.    | 113-150  | 107-142 |
| 700-800 lbs.    | —        | —       |
| Slaughter cows  | 58-89    |         |
| Slaughter Bulls | 85-109   |         |
| Stocker cows    | 600-1025 |         |
| Pairs           | 825-1600 |         |

**SALE: Caldwell Livestock Commission Co., Inc.**  
Caldwell, Texas  
**DATE OF SALE:** 1-26-22  
**VOLUME:** 379  
**TREND:** Steady/higher.

|                 | STEERS    | HEIFERS |
|-----------------|-----------|---------|
| 200-300 lbs.    | 150-190   | 140-150 |
| 300-400 lbs.    | 160-202   | 140-165 |
| 400-500 lbs.    | 160-207   | 144-180 |
| 500-600 lbs.    | 155-183   | 135-155 |
| 600-700 lbs.    | 135-152   | 125-141 |
| 700-800 lbs.    | 122-137   | 115-133 |
| Slaughter cows  | 30-85     |         |
| Slaughter bulls | 90-108    |         |
| Stocker cows    | 575-1000  |         |
| Pairs           | 1050-1500 |         |

**SALE: Buffalo Livestock Commission Co., Inc.**  
Buffalo, Texas  
**DATE OF SALE:** 1-29-22  
**VOLUME:** 1104  
**TREND:** Steady/higher.

|                 | STEERS   | HEIFERS |
|-----------------|----------|---------|
| 200-300 lbs.    | 130-218  | 105-200 |
| 300-400 lbs.    | 130-227  | 110-204 |
| 400-500 lbs.    | 125-208  | 105-185 |
| 500-600 lbs.    | 120-180  | 105-165 |
| 600-700 lbs.    | 115-163  | 100-154 |
| 700-800 lbs.    | 105-149  | 85-138  |
| Slaughter cows  | 10-94    |         |
| Slaughter bulls | 75-115   |         |
| Stocker cows    | 750-1375 |         |
| Pairs           | 850-1625 |         |

**SALE: Navasota Livestock Auction Co.**  
Navasota, Texas  
**DATE OF SALE:** 1-29-22  
**VOLUME:** 1151  
**TREND:** Steady/higher.

|                 | STEERS   | HEIFERS |
|-----------------|----------|---------|
| 200-300 lbs.    | 110-215  | 110-186 |
| 300-400 lbs.    | 110-225  | 105-169 |
| 400-500 lbs.    | 110-200  | 100-180 |
| 500-600 lbs.    | 110-180  | 100-154 |
| 600-700 lbs.    | 110-180  | 100-154 |
| 700-800 lbs.    | 100-165  | 100-147 |
| Slaughter cows  | 25-85    |         |
| Slaughter bulls | 60-105.5 |         |
| Stocker cows    | 700-1175 |         |
| Pairs           | 750-1475 |         |

**SALE: Cattleman's Brenham Livestock**  
Brenham, Texas  
**DATE OF SALE:** 1-28-22  
**VOLUME:** 1018  
**TREND:** Steady/higher.

|                 | STEERS   | HEIFERS |
|-----------------|----------|---------|
| 200-300 lbs.    | 141-217  | 135-202 |
| 300-400 lbs.    | 138-220  | 130-154 |
| 400-500 lbs.    | 130-210  | 125-192 |
| 500-600 lbs.    | 126-198  | 123-202 |
| 600-700 lbs.    | 120-180  | 115-180 |
| 700-800 lbs.    | 115-159  | 112-170 |
| Slaughter cows  | 38-88    |         |
| Slaughter bulls | 63-109   |         |
| Stocker cows    | 600-1450 |         |
| Pairs           | 800-1600 |         |

**SALE: Cuero-Victoria Livestock Markets**  
Cuero & Victoria, Texas  
**DATE OF SALE:** 1-28-22  
**VOLUME:** 1838  
**TREND:** Steady/higher.

|                 | STEERS    | HEIFERS |
|-----------------|-----------|---------|
| 200-300 lbs.    | 156-214   | 137-204 |
| 300-400 lbs.    | 176-216   | 144-210 |
| 400-500 lbs.    | 160-210   | 144-200 |
| 500-600 lbs.    | 151-180   | 134-188 |
| 600-700 lbs.    | 143-165   | 131-164 |
| 700-800 lbs.    | 139-150   | 122-143 |
| Slaughter cows  | 48-84     |         |
| Slaughter Bulls | 85-110    |         |
| Stocker cows    | 875-975   |         |
| Pairs           | 1075-1100 |         |

**SALE: Gonzales Livestock Market, Inc.**  
Gonzales, Texas  
**DATE OF SALE:** 1-29-22  
**VOLUME:** 1182  
**TREND:** Steady/higher.

|                 | STEERS   | HEIFERS |
|-----------------|----------|---------|
| 200-300 lbs.    | 210-215  | 162-167 |
| 300-400 lbs.    | 222-227  | 160-158 |
| 400-500 lbs.    | 172-195  | 150-157 |
| 500-600 lbs.    | 163-170  | 141-147 |
| 600-700 lbs.    | 145-157  | 126-137 |
| 700-800 lbs.    | 138-141  | —       |
| Slaughter cows  | 55-85    |         |
| Slaughter bulls | 82-101   |         |
| Stocker cows    | 600-1100 |         |
| Pairs           | 750-1300 |         |

**SALE: Columbus Livestock Co.**  
Columbus, Texas  
**DATE OF SALE:** 1-27-22  
**VOLUME:** 973  
**TREND:** Steady/higher.

|                 | STEERS   | HEIFERS |
|-----------------|----------|---------|
| 200-300 lbs.    | 120-200  | 120-195 |
| 300-400 lbs.    | 125-195  | 135-200 |
| 400-500 lbs.    | 125-205  | 130-190 |
| 500-600 lbs.    | 110-185  | 120-160 |
| 600-700 lbs.    | 110-160  | 125-146 |
| 700-800 lbs.    | 110-155  | 110-145 |
| Slaughter cows  | 25-79    |         |
| Slaughter bulls | 65-101   |         |
| Stocker cows    | 550-1250 |         |
| Pairs           | 750-1400 |         |

**SALE: Four County Livestock Auction**  
Industry, Texas  
**DATE OF SALE:** 2-1-22  
**VOLUME:** 406  
**TREND:** Steady/higher.

|                 | STEERS    | HEIFERS |
|-----------------|-----------|---------|
| 200-300 lbs.    | 130-200   | 125-185 |
| 300-400 lbs.    | 130-192.5 | 120-175 |
| 400-500 lbs.    | 120-185   | 120-160 |
| 500-600 lbs.    | 120-167.5 | 115-155 |
| 600-700 lbs.    | 115-155   | 110-138 |
| 700-800 lbs.    | —         | —       |
| Slaughter cows  | 30-87     |         |
| Slaughter bulls | 78-112    |         |
| Stocker cows    | 425-1175  |         |
| Pairs           | 1150-1350 |         |

**SALE: El Campo Livestock Auction**  
El Campo, Texas  
**DATE OF SALE:** 2-1-22  
**VOLUME:** 366  
**TREND:** Steady/higher.

|                 | STEERS  | HEIFERS |
|-----------------|---------|---------|
| 200-300 lbs.    | 165-188 | 145-165 |
| 300-400 lbs.    | 165-198 | 133-195 |
| 400-500 lbs.    | 153-197 | 138-155 |
| 500-600 lbs.    | 150-170 | 137-152 |
| 600-700 lbs.    | 143-158 | 115-140 |
| 700-800 lbs.    | —       | —       |
| Slaughter cows  | 20-78   |         |
| Slaughter bulls | 60-108  |         |
| Stocker cows    | —       |         |
| Pairs           | —       |         |

**Sheep & Goat Auctions:**

**Producers Livestock Auction, San Angelo, Texas, February 1, 2022:** Sheep and goats: total receipts: 4,500, last reported (1-25-22) 4,888, last year 4,707. Feeder sheep/lambs 0 (0.0%), last reported (1-25-22) 0 (0.0%), last year 61 (1.3%). Slaughter sheep/lambs: 2,495 (55.4%), last reported (1-25-22) 2,737 (56.0%), last year 3,184 (67.6%). Replacement sheep/lambs: 0 (0.0%), last reported (1-25-22) 42 (0.9%), last year 35 (0.7%). Feeder goats: 315 (7.0%), last reported (1-25-22) 146 (3.0%), last year 110 (2.3%). Slaughter goats: 1,645 (36.6%), last reported (1-25-22) 1,865 (38.2%), last year 1,223 (26.0%). Replacement goats: 45 (1.0%), last reported (1-25-22) 98 (2.0%), last year 94 (2.0%). Compared to last week slaughter lambs weak to 10.00 lower. Slaughter ewes 5.00-10.00 lower. Feeder lambs not well tested. Nannies weak to 10.00 lower; kids weak to 5.00 lower. Trading and demand moderate in face of coming winter weather. Supply included: 55% Slaughter Sheep/Lambs (8% Woolled & Shorn, 81% Hair

# December Cattle on Feed report released

By Josh Maples, Mississippi State University assistant professor & extension agricultural economics

The latest Cattle on Feed report was released Jan. 21st and included larger than expected placements of cattle on feed during December 2021. This contributed to total cattle on feed number of just over 12 million head on Jan. 1, 2022 which is up 0.6 percent over Jan. 1, 2021. This total marked the sixth highest cattle on feed inventory on record.

Placements during December 2021 totaled 1.96 million head which is about 6.5 percent above placements during December 2020. The biggest increase in placements was seen in cattle weighing less than 700 pounds. Placements of this category were up 9.5 percent compared to a year ago. Heavier placements (over 800 pounds) were only up 1.7 percent for the same period. Stronger feeder cattle prices likely contributed to higher placements during December than may have been expected.

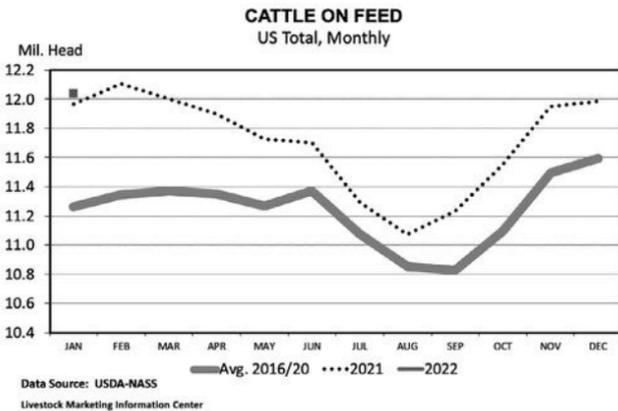
Marketings of fed cattle during December totaled 1.86 million head. This was 0.8 percent above December 2020 – however there was one less business day during December 2021. Using a daily average, live cattle marketings were about 5 percent higher in December 2021 as compared to December 2020.

This report was slightly bearish due to the larger

number of cattle placed in today's trading. However, declining cattle numbers are expected to be the trend in 2022. Smaller calf

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| 5.8  | 1.1  | 32   | 36     | 4          | 20         | 2.5 |
| SC   | REA  | IMF  | FT     | TERM INDEX | FERT INDEX |     |
| 1.17 | 0.37 | 0.12 | -0.013 | 2.62       | -0.26      |     |

**60H41**  
TRAIL BOSS X THREE D

| CED  | BW   | WW   | YW     | M          | TM         | CEM |
|------|------|------|--------|------------|------------|-----|
| 1.2  | 2.6  | 49   | 94     | 8          | 30         | 4.3 |
| SC   | REA  | IMF  | FT     | TERM INDEX | FERT INDEX |     |
| 1.08 | 0.77 | 0.32 | -0.034 | 4.5        | 0.62       |     |

**535H24**  
FINAL CUT X CORONADO

| CED  | BW    | WW   | YW     | M          | TM         | CEM |
|------|-------|------|--------|------------|------------|-----|
| 6.5  | -0.6  | 40   | 77     | 9          | 29         | 4.3 |
| SC   | REA   | IMF  | FT     | TERM INDEX | FERT INDEX |     |
| 0.28 | -0.62 | 0.08 | -0.034 | 3.36       | 0.15       |     |

**795H9**  
FINAL CUT X CORONADO

| CED  | BW   | WW   | YW     | M          | TM         | CEM |
|------|------|------|--------|------------|------------|-----|
| 4.1  | -0.7 | 33   | 57     | 6          | 22         | 4   |
| SC   | REA  | IMF  | FT     | TERM INDEX | FERT INDEX |     |
| 0.41 | 0.45 | 0.10 | -0.034 | 2.74       | 0.23       |     |

**9237J8**  
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| CED  | BW   | WW   | YW     | M          | TM         | CEM |
|------|------|------|--------|------------|------------|-----|
| 5.4  | 0.2  | 28   | 95     | 11         | 25         | 4   |
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| 0.55 | -0.1 | 0.17 | -0.034 | 2.86       | 0.00       |     |

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## D.C. News...

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### Digital equity

While federal programs to address broadband infrastructure have been around for a while, the focus on digital equity is new. Here, again, some states are at an advantage.

California has had a program emphasizing digital literacy, accessibility and broadband adoption, with grant programs in each, for over 10 years. Maine and North Carolina were also early to set up digital inclusion efforts, and Washington dedicated \$7.5 million in state funding before the passage of the infrastructure act.

Most other states are newcomers to the topic, although there are resources to help them get started.

### State policies – and experience – matter

A growing body of evidence suggests that state-level broadband policies matter. Case studies of successful state programs show a range of promising practices, including stakeholder engagement and program evaluation.

**Editor's Note:** First published In **The Conversation**.

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# Are deer in COVID's crosshairs?

**A new Texas A&M study indicates captive Texas deer can contract and likely transmit SARS-CoV-2 to each other.**

**By Paul Schattenberg, Texas AgriLife Today**

A new study by Texas A&M University's College of Veterinary Medicine and Biomedical Sciences has revealed that captive white-tailed deer in Texas are susceptible to SARS-CoV-2, the virus that causes COVID-19. With more than 90% of the captive deer at one facility testing positive for the virus, the authors indicate their findings likely reflect deer-to-deer transmission.

With deer hunting a major recreational activity and economic benefit to the Texas economy, understanding more about the nexus of hunters, deer and the possibility of zoonotic disease transmission is important in ensuring the industry's overall safety and sustainability. There are more than 10,000 captive cervid facilities throughout the U.S. where deer are bred, according to The Wildlife Society, and more than 500 of these facilities are in Texas.

"Captive cervid facilities are part of an industry that involves raising deer to be used as breeding stock or for hunting," said John Tomecek, Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service wildlife specialist in the Department of Rangeland, Wildlife and Fisheries Management in the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences.

Tomecek said there are some exposures related to keeping animals in a closer proximity than what would be normal in the wild, including the possibility of disease transmission.

"Disease transmission is a concern anywhere animals are kept close together, and research has shown there is a correlation between their population density and the rate of transmission," he said. "There have not only been instances of captive animal-to-animal disease transmission, but also transmission between captive animals and wild populations. SARS-CoV-2 has had an impact on other wildlife, including some endangered species."

**What spurred the research?**

Within The Texas A&M University System, re-

searchers have been investigating how animals are involved in the transmission of SARS-CoV-2 since the summer of 2020. Their initial work detailed infections in about a quarter of the dogs and cats that lived in households with infected owners in Central Texas and led to questions about

other animals that interact with humans.

Additionally, work conducted last year by the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) showed free-ranging white-tailed deer populations across Illinois, Michigan, New York and Pennsylvania had pro-

duced SARS-CoV-2 antibodies, which indicated they had been exposed to COVID.

The Texas A&M University System research team then developed collaborations for a study on captive white-tail deer in Texas, focused on animal health and the potential for viral transmission from

infected animals to other animals.

Dr. Sarah Hamer, associate professor of epidemi-

ology at Texas A&M's College of Veterinary Medicine and Biomedical Sciences and principal investigator for the new study, said since free-ranging white-tailed deer with evi-

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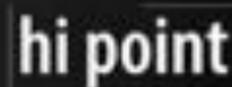
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 Commercial Female Show - 2:30 p.m.  
 February 16 All Breeds Bull & Heifer Sale - 10:00 a.m. (heifer sale immediately following bull sale)  
 February 15-16 Junior Market Goats  
 Open 5D Barrel Race-Freeman Coliseum  
 February 15-17 Junior Market Lambs  
 February 15-19 Junior Breeding Heifers  
 February 16 Sam Hunt following PRCA Rodeo - 7:00 p.m.  
 February 16-20 Junior Shoot-Out  
 February 17 Mounted Shooting-Freeman Coliseum  
 Ludacris following PRCA Rodeo - 7:00 p.m.  
 February 18 Poultry Judging  
 Floriculture  
 Night Ranger following PRCA Rodeo - 7:00 p.m.  
 February 18-19 Team Roping-Freeman Coliseum

February 19 Meat Science Skillathon  
 Tim McGraw following PRCA Rodeo - 1:00 p.m.  
 Tim McGraw following PRCA Rodeo - 7:00 p.m.  
 February 20 Meat Judging  
 Agricultural Science Fair  
 Mickey Guyton following PRCA Rodeo - 1:00 p.m.  
 Ramon Ayala y sus Bravos del Norte following Noche del Vaquero following PRCA  
 Dog Agility Fun Match-Freeman Coliseum Rodeo - 7:00 p.m.  
 Sheep Dog Trials-Freeman Coliseum  
 February 19-24 Junior Market Barrows  
 February 21 Ladies Breakaway Roping-Freeman Coliseum  
 Little Big Town following PRCA Rodeo - 7:00 p.m.  
 February 21-22 Junior Commercial Steers  
 February 21-25 Junior Market Steers  
 February 22 3 Doors Down following PRCA Rodeo - 7:00 p.m.  
 February 22-25 Youth Rodeo-Freeman Coliseum  
 February 23 Texas Storytellers following Ranch Rodeo - 7:00 p.m.  
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**Texas Trails...**

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contributors to the sport, at all levels, from its beginning. Whenever that was. The PRCA and the Professional Bull Riders (PBR) association now pay out tens of millions of dollars to rodeo cowboys every year. Those first rodeo cowboys would be shocked.

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**Fine Texas Horses**

Austin's Colony had a horse problem. On May 30, 1830, the fledgling local government passed a resolution stating that as of June 1 "no stud horse should be allowed to run at large."

The municipality's ayuntamiento— sort of an early day commissioner's court—further decreed that any horse owner violating the ordinance would be issued a notice the first time, but the second time "it shall be lawful for any person, assisted by two inhabitants, to alter the said horse at the expense of the owner."

The late Texas historian Malcolm McLean noted this in his 1966 book *Fine Texas Horses: Their Pedigrees and Performances, 1830-1845* and commented, "We can well imagine the scene that would have ensued if some public-spirited citizen, after enforcing this ordinance, walked up to the owner of such a horse and said: 'I have just altered your stallion, Colonel. That will be ten dollars, please.'"

McLean's book sets forth the proposition that horse racing was the first recreational activity in Texas and the breeding and selling of blood horses was among the first businesses. His wife, Margaret, also an esteemed scholar, read every issue of every newspaper published in Texas between 1830 and 1845 as part of Thomas W. Streeter's "Bibliography of Texas, 1795-1845." Her research is the basis for much of the book.

The book begins in 1830 because that's when the first Texas newspaper article on horses was published. The book ends in 1845, when Texas joined the United States.

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**Executive Director's Report...**  
By: Cooper Little

I've been in the role of executive director for three months now and can say with certainty, the organization has seen some healthy progress. We've seen new membership growth and we are getting our voices heard. Earlier this month, ICA State Board of Directors unanimously passed a resolution strongly supporting the Cattle Price Discovery and Transparency Act in the U.S. Senate co-authored by Republican Senators Chuck Grassley and Deb Fischer. The bill would establish more robust USDA reporting requirements on the packers and sets a 30% floor on cash trades. The reporting component would act as additional tool

for producers deciding when to sell. The cash floor component would require 30% of trades be cash trades, this would reduce some of the sweetheart deals that take place between select feeders and the corporate packers. The same deal making that helps cripple our prices. I encourage you to call Senator Ted Cruz and Senator John Cornyn and ask they consider supporting this piece of legislation. The ICA state office is a resource to your operation and advocates for the interests of cattle producers. If you have any questions or would like to become a member, please call the state office at 512/620-0162.



By Joe C. Paschal,  
Livestock Specialist,  
Texas A&M AgriLife Extension

## Weaning management

Winter (or fall) is nearly over, and spring calving is soon to occur making this a good time to review some weaning management tips. Weaning management should begin before breeding, with the selection of a calf marketing option and date. The marketing method (and calf price) would benefit from a little advanced planning. Most producers calve in the spring and market in the fall, but some calve in the fall and market in the

spring. Calf prices are higher in the spring, but it takes more management to run a wet cow through the winter. How you prepare your calves for weaning is important. Many abruptly remove calves from the cows and take them directly to the livestock auction. These calves are stressed, often unvaccinated and the bulls uncut and are not attractive to the buyers as calves that have been pre-

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**President's Address...**  
By: Brad Cotton

**Howdy friends,**  
I hope everyone is doing well. The new year has come in fast and furious with lots happening at the Independent Cattlemen's Association of Texas. As most of you are aware, we have a new executive director in place. The new year has him off and running. We had a meeting of the state board of directors recently and have some really big plans for 2022 and beyond. We unanimously passed a resolution supporting the Cattle Price Discovery & Transparency Act in Congress. The purpose of this act is to try and create a more level playing field between producers, feeders and packers. Convention plans are

well underway and it should be a great one. Start making plans to attend this June 22nd -24th at the Embassy Suites in San Marcos, Texas. Our local chapter, South Central Texas ICA met a few days ago in Poth, Texas and was well attended. We held our yearly elections, met some folks running for local office, heard a great speaker for the Texas Beef Board, enjoyed some great food catered by Outlaw catering and of course, Cooper Little had a few minutes to update the crowd on happenings at the office and in Austin. There was a chapter meeting scheduled in Victoria that had to be cancelled due to the poor weather condi-

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## ICA voices support for Cattle Price Discovery and Transparency Act

The Independent Cattlemen's Association (ICA) Board of Directors unanimously passed a resolution strongly supporting the Cattle Price Discovery and Transparency Act of 2021 in the U.S. Congress. ICA's position is clear. Without the appropriate market tools available to achieve true price discovery, cattlemen will continue operating in an unbalanced marketplace, where corporate packers purposefully conceal information critical to the operating and marketing decisions of independent producers. ICA continues to advocate for a competitive and transparent marketplace on behalf of independent producers, as these are fundamental principles for the long-term health of our industry.

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Chapter Happenings...

## Around The Lone Star State

**South Central Texas ICA Chapter SCTICA Annual Meeting held**

South Central Texas Independent Cattlemen's Association (SCTICA) met on Tuesday, Jan. 18, 2022, at the Blessed Sacrament Parish Hall. Close to 50 people were in attendance and enjoyed a meal by

Outlaws Catering. Guests brought to the meeting by different SCTICA members were introduced and welcomed.

The member meeting consisted of voting on the following SCTICA directors returning for three years: Laurie Miller, Doug Muenchow, Gary West, Kristie West, Dr. Glen

Tate; and voting on officers for 2022 who included returning officers: Laurie Miller, president; Weldon Riggs, vice president; Brenda Moore, treasurer; Paula Riggs, secretary. Pat Kuykendall was voted to the position of the first SCTICA Director Emeritus and it was noted she was a founding director of the SCTICA chapter in 2005.

Speakers included the following: Jordan Manning, manager, Beef Resources, Texas Beef Council. Her topic was the Beef Checkoff, and she gave examples of where our money goes. Some examples shared included research on the value of eating meat (protein) and how the Checkoff Dollars take the research to doctors, so they know red meat is not harmful. Jordan can be reached via email on the Beef Council website under Beef Resources.

Brad Cotton, State ICA president, introduced the new ICA Executive Director, Cooper Little. Cooper brings good ideas, high energy and is ready to revive ICA and get our organization to the point of having a voice in Washington, D.C. so local Texas cattlemen's concerns can be heard. He also spoke of working with the United States Cattlemen's Association to join in their work for cattlemen across the United States. We all share the same issues that threaten our beef production.

"We need consumers to understand where their beef is coming from. Currently beef at your local grocer bares the label 'Product of U.S.', but that doesn't necessarily mean that cut was produced in the United States. The public would be surprised to learn that foreign beef "rendered" in the U.S. can legally be labeled 'Product of U.S.' at the retail counter. The easiest way we as an organization can prevent this malpractice from continuing to take place in our industry is by supporting the revival of COOL (Country of Origin Labeling). Without COOL an accurate 'Product of the U.S.' definition must be established for beef products to prevent the misuse of labeling currently permitted by the existing definition with the Federal Trade Commission," he said.

The next SCTICA meeting will be held in April in Atascosa County, Jourdanton.

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Junior Market Lamb Auction - 3:00 p.m.  
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February 25 Rodeo - 7:00 p.m.  
Junior Market Poultry Auction - 11:00 a.m.  
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February 25-27 Junior Ag Mechanics & Marketplace  
February 26 Junior Market Steer Auction - 10:00 a.m.  
Intercollegiate Livestock Judging  
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Jimmie Allen following PRCA Rodeo - 1:00 p.m.  
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February 27 Junior Livestock Judging  
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**Management...**

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pared for the market and weaned in advance.  
Abruptly weaning calves and taking them to the sale or to another pasture increases stress, reduces gains and increases the chance of respiratory disease. If they are worked at the same time (vaccinations, castration, branding, etc.), the chances increase. Those practices need to be done well in advance of the marketing date, so that wounds and brands are healed and the vaccina-

tions have boosted the calf's immunity.  
Instead of abruptly weaning the calves and moving them to a separate location or selling them, consider fence line weaning. Calves are removed from their dams and placed in an adjoining pasture for about two weeks where they can see but not nurse their dams. Supplied with good grass and supplement, the calves are less stressed (and the cows are, too) and there is less weight loss, noise and walking.  
A second system to consider is to place a nose flap on the calves to be weaned. These cover the mouth to prevent nursing but the calf can still eat and drink since the flap moves up (but not down). The advantage of this is the calves can remain in the pasture with their dams while being weaned with much less stress. Calves still need to have a good supplement. Another advantage is that you can wean sets of calves and reuse the nose flaps reducing the cost (about \$2 each). There can be some soreness of their noses if left on longer than two weeks when the calves are finally separated from their dams. Something to consider.

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tions. Jan. 24th. Our Guada Coma chapter met in Seguin and honored our previous executive director, Bill Hyman.  
I spoke with Cooper recently and we will have our Independent Cattlemen's booth at the San Antonio All Breeds Sale on Feb. 15-16th. Stop by and visit and if you need to renew your membership or are interested in joining, we'd be glad to take care of that for you and will have some of the ICA gate signs and liability protection signs on hand. We will also have some nice metal signs to help you stay in compliance with the Chapter 87 Civil practice and remedies code. This act basically frees a rancher from liability due to injury or death from a farm animal. Look it up on google for more details. Your primary responsibility is to post a warning sign on your working pens which helps to serve as a contract between the rancher and anyone working the cattle. A \$25.00 sign is cheap insurance. If you are not able to  
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# “Algae, Soil, and Livestock – the Hidden Connection.”

By David D. Ramjohn – CEO AlgEternal Technologies, LLC

A wise man once told me, “the most expensive thing you can feed your cow is bad hay.” It took me a minute to understand but when I did it became clear that his statement was incredibly profound. Essentially, feeding livestock poor quality fodder results in high costs to the producer in the long run. For any livestock producer, being able to balance budgets to ensure profitability is as important as knowing how to raise the livestock. From veterinarian bills, medicines, minerals, supplements, breeding, water tubs, feeders, to fodder costs, the livestock producer has to manage limited resources to ensure that their livestock remain healthy. But if you grow your own hay or have your own pasture, then there’s an option you should not overlook – getting the best quality grass possible, using natural inputs that create healthy soil and do not cause more harm than good in the environment.

Healthy soil equals healthy grass, which equals healthy livestock. Healthy livestock means lower costs of production for veterinary care, medicines, and supplements, and higher returns on investment through heavier livestock with better quality meat and dairy outputs. Focusing on soil health pays dividends in many ways, but what exactly is “soil health”, and how does one create healthy soils? Soil comprises both living and non-living components; if you do not have the living components in soil then you have dirt. Very little grows in dirt. The living components of soil include microalgae, bacteria, fungi, nematodes, earthworms, insects, and a host of other organisms that all perform biological functions, which benefit the plants growing in the soil. The health of your soil is directly related to the biology in your soil. According to the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) of the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA), “Bacteria, algae, microscopic insects, earthworms, beetles, ants, mites, and fungi are among [the living organisms in soils]...their [combined] value has been estimated at \$1.5 trillion a year worldwide.”

Microalgae are perhaps the least known or understood biological component in soil. Most consider algae to be restricted to aquatic environments, e.g. ponds, lakes, oceans; however, terrestrial microalgae occur in every known soil on Earth, from the Arctic tundra to deserts. Terrestrial microalgae have unique properties and abilities that allow them to survive with very little moisture and

sunlight in soil and these properties and abilities work in tandem with other microbes to make the entire soil microbial community function properly as a whole. Recent studies have begun to recognize the role of microalgae in soil as they relate to plant health while acknowledging that huge gaps remain in our knowledge of microalgae functions in soil health.

Without microalgae in soils we must add substances such as synthetic fertilizers, compost, compost teas, fish emulsions, molasses, even

powdered milk, to the soil to feed not only the plants we grow but also to feed the non-photosynthetic microorganisms that live in soil, which cannot produce their own glucose for energy. Synthetic fertilizers have about 50% efficiency, meaning that only half of the fertilizer we put on soils actually go to the plants we grow, the other half is either lost through leaching or is eaten by the microbes in the soil. Why is microalgae so different and beneficial? Microalgae (including cyanobacteria) are the only microbes that

live in soil and perform photosynthesis, which makes glucose and releases oxygen in the soil. Glucose produced by microalgae in soil provide the food source for other non-photosynthetic microbes, which allows them to live and function in soil as Nature intended without the need to be fed by us.

Microalgae are the base of the food web in soils; remove them and the entire soil microbial ecosystem collapses, unless we add costly fertilizers and other additives to the soil. Adding living micro-

algae to the soil re-establishes the natural ecosystem functions with the benefits of healthy grasses or other crops without the continued synthetic inputs. Microalgae also bring additional benefits to soil health by: retaining moisture and dissolved nutrients in soils longer; releasing secondary metabolites that release minerals bound in soils making them become available to

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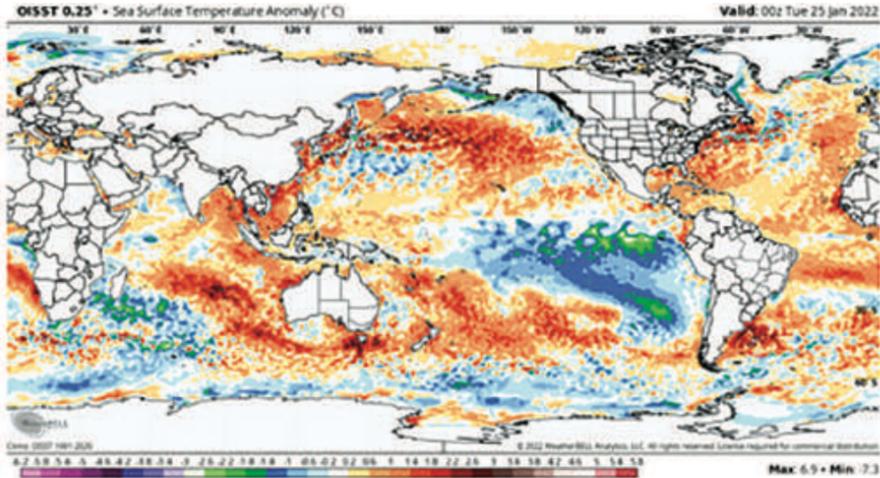
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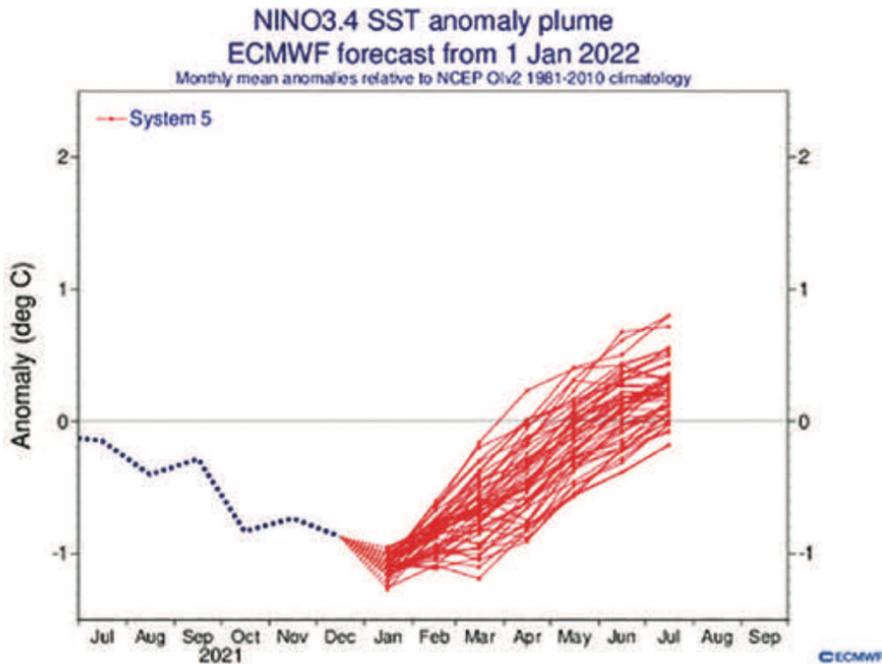
# Another La Niña and model update

We are midway through the winter, and with that it's time drop you a note about how La Niña is changing. First, a look at SST (sea surface temperature) anomalies across the equatorial Pacific:

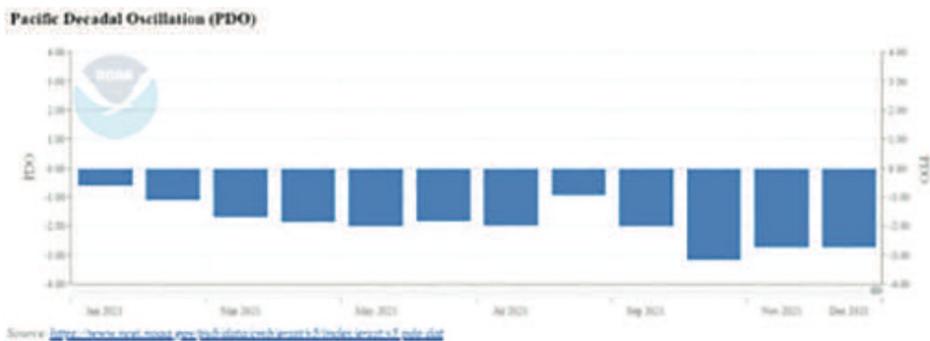


We are still dealing with a stout La Niña, but it is shrinking in size and magnitude. Basically, I think this event has peaked and will start showing its way out. So, what happens next?

As of right now, the models do not show a major shift toward an El Niño event. However, history suggests that after we have a double dip La Niña episode (two years in a row), we will usually see some sort of an El Niño develop toward the latter half of the second year. The graphic below shows the trend from La Niña to neutral, and then warming toward a potential El Niño event. The lines are pretty close together and this indicates most of the model members have a similar handle on things. That's good, because the farther you go out in time, the farther apart those lines usually get.



Given the above, some might ask why models are not wetter in the coming months, given the fact that this La Niña event has peaked and will continue to weaken. That quick transition to wetter conditions isn't always the case, plus we won't be completely done with La Niña for a while longer. We also have a very negative/cold Pacific Decadal Oscillation to overcome.

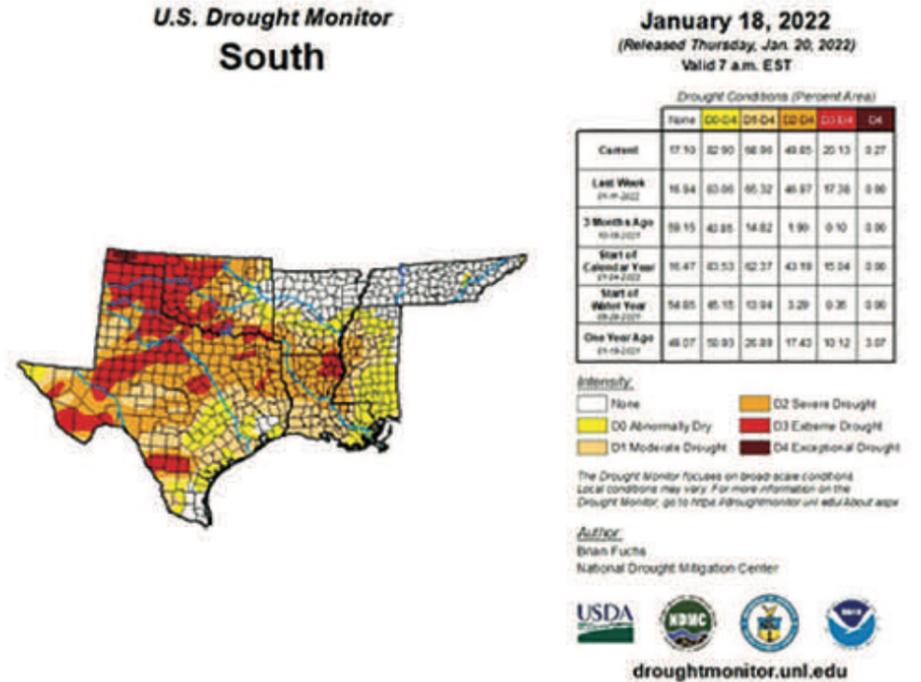


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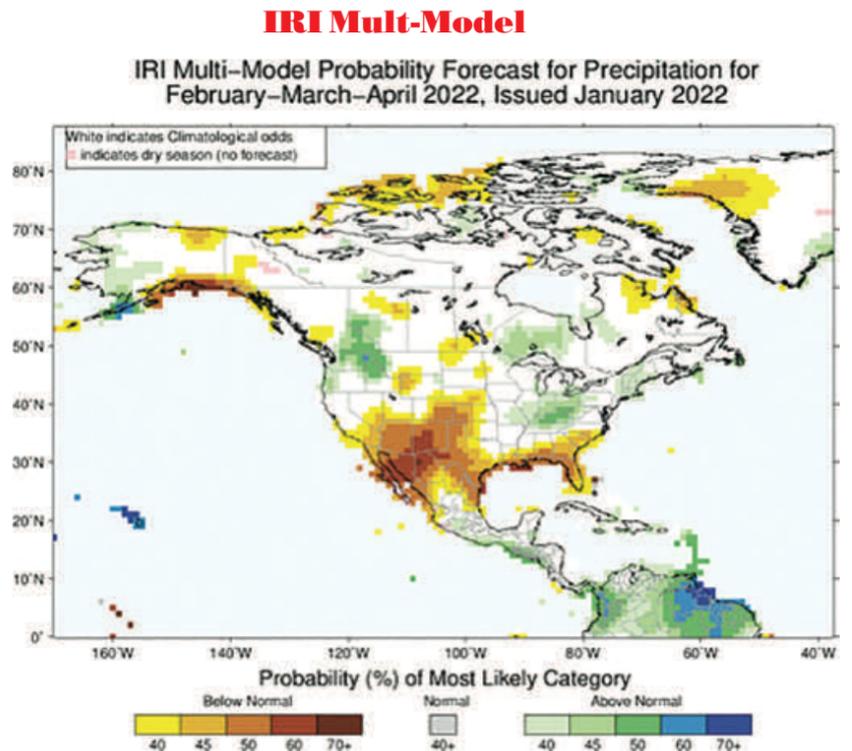
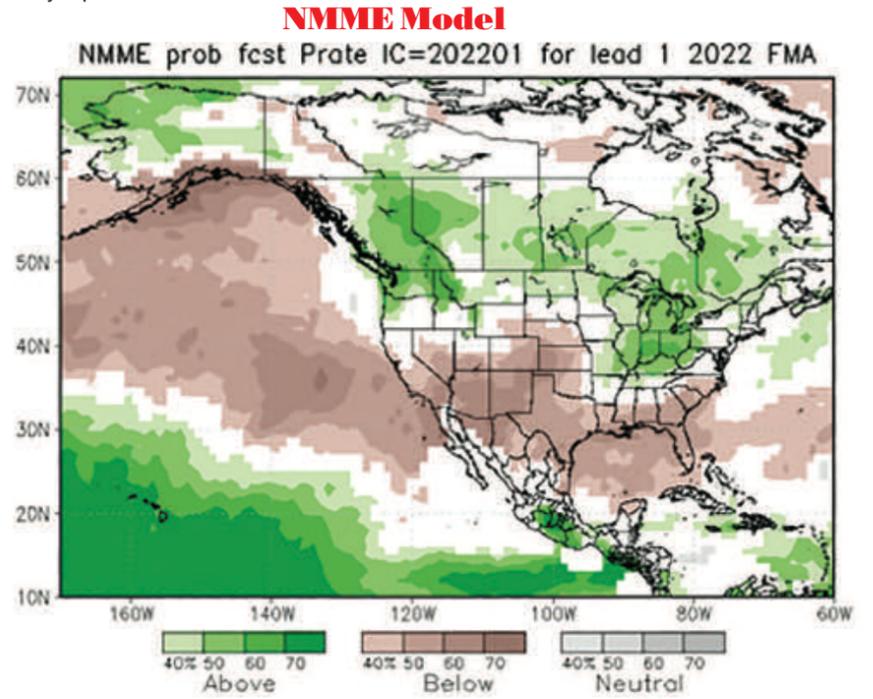


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You can see in the above graphic how negative/cold the PDO has been for the past year. Recently, readings for the past three months have been some of the most negative/cold since the mid 1950s! Usually, that accounts for a fair amount of drought development and drought maintenance for our region. You can see that in the drought monitor graphic below:



What do the models show for the next three months? Here is the latest precipitation forecast from the various models, from February - April.



Notice the stout dry signal from Southern California eastward through the Southern Rockies, Texas and the Western High Plains.

So, while La Niña is likely on its way out, I am not convinced yet that we will immediately see better conditions for areas still struggling with drought. Is the recent regional moisture and increasing storm frequency a good thing? Absolutely! However, we still have quite a bit of work to do and this is something I will be tracking closely during the next several weeks. Finally, this is also the time of year that is referred to as "the spring predictability barrier" when it comes to long range forecasting. A lot of the longer range models struggle a bit until we get into May. Hopefully, we can see some of the "trend changes" start to show up in the modeling in the next several weeks and have a bit more to go on.

**If you have any questions or comments, please drop me an email... Brian Bledsoe, [brianbledsoewx@gmail.com](mailto:brianbledsoewx@gmail.com)**

# Sympathies to Townsend and Hajovsky families...

The Santa Gertrudis breed lost two of its family in the death of Debbie Townsend and her daughter, Tana Marie Hajovsky on Jan. 16, 2022. Joint services were held Jan. 25 at the First Baptist Church in El Campo, Texas.

### Debbie Townsend

She was born on July 30, 1958 in Hempstead, Texas to John and Helen Carleston. She graduated from Louise High School in 1976, where she was involved in youth rodeo, basketball and drama. She received an associate applied science degree from Wharton County Junior College.

She married Ivan Lowell Townsend on April 25, 1981. Residing in Louise her whole life, she attended First Baptist Church of Louise and was an integral part of the community. Townsend dedicated her love and her life to her family. She was always hosting family and friend celebrations at their home.

She served as secretary for Louise ISD, on the school board and assisted her husband in the daily operations at CIC Construction.

Townsend carried on her father's passion for the Santa Gertrudis breed and served in officer roles in the Mid-Coast Santa Gertrudis Association. She was the chairwoman of the Santa Gertrudis Super Sale at the Houston Livestock Show and on the Santa Gertrudis Breeders International Board of Directors in various leadership positions. She most enjoyed watching her grandsons carry on the family livestock traditions at the state and national shows.

She is preceded in death by her father John Allen Carleston and was taken from this life with her daughter, Tana Townsend Hajovsky.

She is survived by her mother Helen Carleston, husband Ivan Townsend, daughter Tanya Townsend Bram and son-in-law Craig, son-in-law Cory Hajovsky, sister Cindy Blaha and brother-in-law Bud along with their children Caydi, Clint and his wife Miranda. She also leaves behind her beloved grandchildren Caleb, Cade, Cale Bram and Logan Hajovsky. She is further survived by many brother and sisters-in-law and nieces and nephews.

**Tana Marie Hajovsky** Hajovsky, also of Louise, Texas, was born on Oct. 3, 1991 in Wharton to Ivan and Debbie Townsend. She graduated from Louise High School in 2010. During high school she excelled at cheer, gymnastics team sports and still found time for showing Santa Gertrudis cattle. She served as treasurer for the National Junior Santa Gertrudis Association and was active in the Mid-Coast Santa Gertrudis Association.

tion. Tana married Cory Mark Hajovsky, on Jan. 23, 2016. She pursued a passion in photography always taking photos for family

and friends. She was an integral part of all the various daily operations of her husband's farming business, including running the grain tanks, driving a trac-

tor, and bringing meals to the fields. Hajovsky's greatest passion in life was her beautiful daughter Logan. She was so very

proud of her and loved her immensely.

She is preceded in death by her grandparents John Allen Carleston and Emil and Ruby Townsend and was taken from this life

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**Bull selection...**

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to be increased, then a bull that you want to consider selecting should have an EPD for weaning weight that is higher than his breed average. If your previous bull was of the same breed as the bull that you are considering, his weaning weight EPD needs to be greater than the previous bull's EPD. If you are considering changing breeds, then you should select a bull that exceeds his breed's average EPD for weaning weight. EPDs are useful only for comparing prospective bulls of the same breed, not different breeds. There is a positive relationship between increased weaning weight and increased birth weight. As we tend to increase weaning weights and growth, we tend to increase birth weights. Make sure that as you find bulls with high weaning weight EPDs that they do not have excessively high birth weight EPDs.

**Will I use this bull on mature cows and replacement heifers?**

If you use the same bull on mature cows and first- and second-calf heifers, then you need to consider the bull's birth weight EPD. Dystocia (calving problems) is highly related to birth weight. Larger calves at birth experience more difficulty in the birthing process. The largest amount of calving difficulty occurs in first- and second-calf females. It is important to select a bull that is used on all females in the herd to have a birth weight EPD that is below his breed's average. If replacement females are to be synchronized and artificially inseminated to a low birth weight EPD bull, then more latitude in birth weight EPD for the bull selected for the mature cows is allowed.

**Do I want to increase the frame size of my calves?**

If calves are discounted at the market due to frame size, then the frame size of the bull should be considered in the selection process. Frame size is one of the highest heritable traits (about 45 percent) in beef cattle, so directional changes in frame size can be realized fairly rapidly. Small-framed bulls sire small-framed calves. If you need to increase frame size in your calf crop, a bull with a larger frame size than the present one being used

should be selected. Selecting a large-framed bull that is extremely different in frame size than the mature cowherd may present calving problems since there is also a positive relationship between mature size and birth weight. Strict attention must be given to the birth weight EPD of extreme-framed bulls that are considered for selection. In addition, as a selection is made for increased frame size of the calf crop, there tends to be a "frame creep" in the replacement heifers that are retained. You will even-

tually increase the mature size of the cowherd, and if feed resources are not available to support larger framed females, then reproduction may suffer.

**Does my percent calf crop weaned need improvement?**

The single most economically important trait in beef cattle production is reproduction. Many factors have an effect on reproduction and using them as indicator traits may improve percent calf crop weaned. Heavier actual birth weights certainly have a bearing on reproduction

because they increase the frequency of calving difficulties. Females experiencing calving difficulty usually require a greater length of time to return to estrus and, if eventually re-bred, calve later in the calving season the following year. Also, females that have difficult births produce calves that are more susceptible to sickness and death, which can drastically affect the percent of calf crop weaned. The consideration of birth weight EPDs can provide a producer a means of protecting against dystocia (calving difficul-

ty). Some breeds now include a calving ease EPD, which is a measure of how easily a particular bull's calves are born to first calf

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**Bull selection...**

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resources also may have a detrimental effect on reproduction rate. Caution should be taken in attempt-

ing to maximize milk production levels in replacement females that are expected to be productive on poor forage quality and/or quantity. Utilizing milk EPDs and being

aware of the breed average can guard against this problem in the sire selection process.

The prospective herd sire should have passed a Breeding Soundness Examination (BSE) within the last 30 to 45 days prior to selection. This is an exam in which a complete semen and physical evaluation of the male reproductive system is administered. It should be performed by a qualified veterinarian. Scrotal circumference is measured in the exam, and a 12-month-old bull should have a minimum scrotal

circumference of 31 centimeters. Some breed association sire evaluation programs have scrotal circumference EPDs. These EPDs should be considered in herds where replacement females are to be saved. Research has indicated that bulls with larger scrotal circumferences sire daughters that reach puberty at earlier ages than those sired by bulls with smaller scrotal circumferences. Selecting prospective herd sires with larger scrotal circumferences and positive scrotal circumference EPDs is an indirect

selection procedure for improved reproductive efficiency.

**Is the temperament of the bull important?**

Temperament in beef cattle is inherited. Some research reports indicate that the heritability for temperament is 40 percent. Cows that are ill-tempered usually produce calves that are ill-tempered. Pay attention to the attitude of the prospective herd sire in order to eliminate more temperament problems within your herd.

**Should I be concerned about carcass traits?**

Most cow-calf producers are not concerned about the potential carcass qualities of their calves since they only sell weaning weight. However, given the industry's emphasis on carcass value, carcass predictability will continue to play a more important part in merchandising feeder cattle. This factor would be important if cooperative marketing of feeder cattle was the method of merchandising your feeders. Many breed association sire evaluation reports provide carcass EPDs on individuals that can be used in designing feeder cattle with carcass predictability.

**Where can I find a bull that will fit my needs?**

Bulls with documented and predicted performance can be found from many sources. Purebred breeders that maintain performance records on their beef cattle operations and submit those records to their breed associations will have both adjusted performance records and EPDs for all the traits of economic importance. They should be able to help you in deciding what kind of bull will best fit your needs. If they do not have these records and information, then neither you nor the seller will have any idea how that particular bull can benefit or hurt your cowherd's particular needs. He may or may not provide you a means of improving your herd. The fact that a bull is purebred and registered does not necessarily mean that the bull will improve the herd.

Other sources of prospective herd sires include individual breeders' production sales, breed association consignment sales, performance-tested bull sales and central test station sales. Many state and geographical breed associations sponsor sales that have animals consigned with performance records and EPDs.

One thing to keep in mind is that it is sometimes difficult or expensive to find a bull that exceeds breed averages in all traits. Setting priorities is important in determining which traits need the most attention. You may have to sacrifice some trait levels in the first selection and then pay attention to the traits that are sacrificed in your second purchase. Building an excellent genetic base in a herd usually takes more than one generation.

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# Sympathy extended to Beckmann family...

Neil Allen Beckmann, age 66, died Jan. 10, 2022. Beckmann was a familiar face to Brangus breeders over the past four decades.

He was with the firms of Cuatro B and Cow Creek Ranch in the '80s. Then he spent many years working for himself and assisted various breeders with many aspects of the pure-bred business and trucking. He loved showing cattle and paraded many champi-

ons over his lifetime.

He was born to Faye (Brown) and Roy Allen Beckmann in Bellville, Texas on June 29, 1955. He was baptized at Nelsonville Brethren Church. In third grade, he moved with his parents and younger twin sisters, to Snook, Texas and later graduated from Snook High School.

Beckmann inherited a love of ranching, rodeos, outdoors and never lost his interest in cattle or horses. As a teenager, he participated in rodeos by riding

bulls. He worked for multiple ranches over his career, but lived mostly between Lago Vista and Marble Falls, Texas. He especially loved raising registered cattle and was happy to share his wealth of knowledge about cattle, animals, and the outdoors. Later in life, he began to raise bucking bulls and take them to various bull bucking events around Texas. His bulls had tough sounding names to go with attitudes and he was usually the only one brave enough to enter the pen with them. He also shared a family trait of "never meeting a stranger,"

and spent a lifetime honing the art of story-telling with his many friends.

Beckman was preceded in death by his parents. He is survived by his wife, Tresa; daughters Laura (Matt) Forrester, and Stacy (Mark) Wise; and step-children, Bubba Amidon and Karen (Dyrel) Collins. His grandchildren include: Beck, Ruth Ann, Winnie and Gus Forrester, Taylor and Eli Wise and Ashlee (Garrett) Gilmore, Corey Amidon, Krysta (Angel) Alvarez, Allyssa (Gary) Nipp, and Garret (Lily) Collins; and 11 great-grandchildren. He also leaves behind his sisters, Sharon (Roger) Caldwell and Karen (Marshall) Teal and nieces and nephews, Heather Caldwell, Cody (Summer) Caldwell, Bradley (Morgan) Prihoda as well as a host of cousins, great nieces, great nephews, and friends.

Pallbearers were Mark Wise, Matthew Forrester, Beck Forrester, Bradley Prihoda, Cody Caldwell, and Bubba Amidon.

Services for Beckmann were held in Marble Falls, Texas on Jan. 14th.



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## Sympathies...

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with her mother, Debbie Townsend.

She is survived by her loving husband Cory and their daughter Logan Marie; grandmother Helen Carleston, father Ivan Townsend, sister Tanya Bram and brother-in-law Craig, nephews Caleb, Cade, and Cale Bram. She is further survived by her aunt, Cindy Blaha and uncle Bubba and cousins Caydi Blaha and Clint Blaha and wife Miranda; father-in-law Mark Hajovsky and wife Sarah and mother-in-law Debbie Bernhard and husband Bing; brothers and sisters-in-law Chad and Kelsey Hajovsky, Craig and Amber Hajovsky and step-brothers and sisters-in-law Troy and Kristin Sless, Derek Sless, Brittany Bernhard, and Sterling and Terry Bernhard. Nieces and nephews Heidi, Kennedy, Hagen and Wyatt Hajovsky, Parker and Emma Sless, Riley and Randon Polak and Caelan Bernhard.

An account has been set up at New First National Bank for the family. Cory Hajovsky /Logan Hajovsky Benefit Account, P.O. Box 470, El Campo, Texas 77437.

# How to develop a custom calving agreement

By Jack Arterburn, Nebraska Extension educator, beef systems  
 Aaron Berger, Nebraska Extension beef educator

Calving someone else's cows or heifers can be a great enterprise for a beginning rancher, a method to reduce the overhead cost of facilities and equipment, and a strategy for marketing feed. Or, having someone else calve some or all of your cowherd can reduce labor and stress and allow for an operation to remain sustainable or expand if skilled seasonal labor is limited.

Having a simple and straightforward agreement in writing can be the difference between disagreement and disappointment and a satisfying experience for both parties involved.

The primary reason to have a written agreement is to have all expectations from both parties completely described and agreed upon. The process of putting thoughts on paper facilitates discussion and can force both parties to think through their expectations. This way both individuals know exactly what the other expects and there are no surprises or misunderstandings at the end of the calving season. Risks at calving can be high for the cow and calf, and many things can go wrong resulting in significant financial losses. Being on the same page is essential.

### How to write a simple and accurate agreement

A basic agreement includes the names of each individual involved, the description and location of the property involved, start and end dates, payment structure and schedule, and signatures from all parties involved.

The body of the agreement includes expectations written in clear terms. This can be accomplished by having each party write their expectations in their own words, and then combining them into a single document.

### Considerations for what to include in an agreement

- Who is providing feed and at what cost?
- Who is the consulting

veterinarian and who pays veterinary expenses (typically the cattle owner)?

- How are calving difficulties and treatments to be handled?

- Documentation and disposal of death loss.

- How excessive death loss will be handled.

- Expected cow body condition at the transition of care, both at the start when the operator takes

the cows and at the end when they go back to the owner.

- Monitoring expectations and protocols (check interval during the day and night, conditions that warrant bringing a calf into shelter or into a warmer, actions before and during inclement weather, etc.)

- Protocols and expectations at birth (tag, castrate, vaccinate, weigh, etc.) and

who pays any associated expenses (tags, vaccines, etc.).

- How a difficult birth is defined if charging a fee (any assistance, using facilities, hand pull using chains, pulled using a puller, etc.)

- If and how often the owner plans to observe the cattle and how visits are to be arranged.

**Considerations for determining**  
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Having a simple and straightforward agreement in writing can be the difference between disagreement and disappointment and a satisfying experience for both parties involved. Photo credit Ellen Tom, Tom Brothers Ranch.

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## Crosshairs...

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dence of SARS-CoV-2 infection have been found in several states, now including Texas. She said it was important to understand how the risk to captive deer may be similar or different.

"These studies open our eyes to a less 'human-centric' perspective on COVID transmission and to the need to investigate potential animal reservoirs for the disease," she said.

### Specifics of the study

White-tailed deer have

been shown to be susceptible to SARS-CoV-2 because their ACE2, or angiotensin converting enzyme 2, which is where the virus attaches, is very similar to that of humans, said Dr. Terry Hensley assistant agency director for diagnostic services with the Texas A&M Veterinary Medical Diagnostic Laboratory in Bryan-College Station.

"However, while the white-tailed deer in the USDA study were able to be infected with SARS-CoV-2, then shed the virus and infect other deer in the

study, they did not develop any observable clinical illness from the virus," he said. "We still have a lot to learn concerning SARS-CoV-2 and wildlife."

The Texas A&M study, which involved graduate student, postdoctoral, faculty and veterinarian researchers, involved the use of plaque reduction neutralization assays to test for SARS-CoV-2 antibodies in 80 deer at three captive cervid facilities in Central and South Texas, and additional work is ongoing.

Samples were tested in a

Biosafety Level 3 laboratory at the Texas A&M Veterinary Medical Diagnostic Laboratory.

"The level of infection we detected, which was more than 90% of the tested captive deer at one facility, cannot be explained by human contact alone," said Hamer, who also oversees a research laboratory focused on the ecology, evolution and epidemiology of vector-borne wildlife and zoonotic diseases using field-based studies and molecular tools.

"Only a subset of the deer that tested seroposi-

tive had close or direct contact with humans," she said. "While there may have been some initial human-to-deer transmission of the virus, the vast majority of transmission at that facility appears to have been from deer to deer."

Hamer also noted the prevalence of COVID-positive deer in the one Texas facility was more than double the amount reported in recent studies of wild deer populations in Texas and some northern states.

### The research and its benefits

The study will help re-

searchers better understand the interaction between humans and wild and/or managed animals and the virus, Hamer said. She added that study results may be especially applicable in facilities where wildlife is actively managed and fed through human contact.

"This information could be useful not only to captive cervid facilities, but also zoos and other locations where animals are in close contact with humans and are at a much closer distance from one another than what would be normal for them in the wild," Hamer said. "It's also important that we understand transmission among captive cervids and other managed animals so we can get a better picture of their role in the occurrence of SARS-CoV-2."

### Other findings

The study confirmed white-tailed deer typically do not get symptoms of SARS-CoV-2 but are easily able to contract and transmit the disease, said Dr. Walter Cook, a study co-author and wildlife veterinarian and clinical associate professor in the College of Veterinary Medicine and Biomedical Sciences. Other study co-authors from the college included doctoral students Chase Nunez and Logan Thomas.

Cook said other studies have shown certain wildlife to be susceptible to the virus, and what they learned in the new study could help in better understanding how they may transmit the disease.

Previous studies have shown domestic animals such as dogs and house cats can also contract the SARS-CoV-2 virus as a result of contact with infected humans. Hamer was also principal investigator in a Texas A&M-led study in March of last year that, for the first time worldwide, detected the United Kingdom variant of SARS-CoV-2 in a dog and a cat from the same household in Texas.

The new study will be helpful toward finding out whether there might be onward transmission from infected animals to animals of the same or a different species – or possibly back to people.

Hamer said vaccine manufacturers have already created veterinary vaccines for animals that are being used in some zoo environments to protect animals

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# Current issues that could impact cattle production and markets

Source: American Hereford Association

Kansas City, Mo. — "Pre-COVID, we had a just-in-time meat supply chain," according to Scott Bennett, director of congressional relations for the American Farm Bureau Federation (AFBF). Packing plants chugged at full capacity, harvest animals left for slaughter as quick as they were ready, and meat left the plants and entered the supply chain immediately.

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*Some producer-relevant issues lawmakers are wrangling with stem directly from the pandemic, while others continue their long-time simmer*

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"After seeing some grocery store shelves empty in April and May of 2020, seeing part of the supply chain just jam up, I think the general public is wanting to go to a just-in-case meat supply chain," Bennett said. He explained that's the impetus behind consumer and lawmaker interest in developing small, regional packing capacity.

Bennett was speaking to members of the American Hereford Association (AHA), guests and allied industry partners during an educational forum at the organization's Annual Membership Meeting and Conference in Kansas City, Missouri.

Some producer-relevant issues lawmakers are wrangling with stem directly from the pandemic, while others continue their long-time simmer. These are other insights Bennett shared.

## Price discovery

Bennett noted heightened interest in cattle markets by Congress and producers. Plenty of that was driven by the eye-popping price spread between wholesale beef prices and fed cattle prices. He explained AFBF continued working with Congress and various organizations to seek improved price discovery. As solutions are sought, Bennett cautioned, "Increased price discovery doesn't necessarily mean

higher prices. In fact, it could be the reverse. It could lower prices for producers."

AFBF supports much of the Cattle Price Discovery and Transparency sponsored by Sen. Deb Fischer (R-Neb.) and Sen. Chuck Grassley (R-Iowa). The legislation would also equip farmers with more information by establishing a cattle contract library, updating mandatory price

reporting and increasing fines for companies that violate the Packers and Stockyards Act.

However, the proposed legislation would also impose mandatory minimum cash fed cattle trade. AFBF members voted in January to oppose government mandates that force livestock processing facilities to purchase a set percentage of their live animal supply via cash bids.

On a related note, Bennett emphasized the need for Congress to reauthorize Livestock Mandatory Reporting, which mandates public price reporting.

## Gene editing

"I'm sure it's alarming to a lot of folks. My family [Knoll Crest Farm] has had Hereford cattle since 1944. The reason we are in the business is that generation after generation we selectively breed those cattle to become better, and it takes

time," Bennett explained.

Now, technology enables making immediate changes like polling horned cattle or making black ones red. Less talked about gene edits include such things as making cattle resistant to specific diseases or more adapted to specific climates.

So far, U.S. laws mostly prohibit gene-editing technology, so developers are going to other countries.

"American Farm Bureau, with other trade asso-

ciations, is working vehemently with USDA and FDA to try to come up with some kind of regulatory protocol that makes sense, that actually encourages development of this technology," Bennett explained. "Even though you may disagree with the potential it has, it's much better to have it in our own backyard than in another country where we don't have the ability to control the outcomes."

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# Newly constructed Elliff-El Sauz Education Center to host students for Behind the Gates Education Program, welcomes new sponsors

San Antonio, TX -- The Elliff-El Sauz Education Center is a newly constructed facility on the East Foundation's El Sauz ranch near Port Mansfield, Texas and is designed to immerse students in experiential outdoor education. The facility is expected to host more than 1,500 students, grades K-12, annually from

across South Texas. The inaugural Behind the Gates event takes place Feb. 7-11, 2022.

Students will learn about land stewardship, ecology, wildlife management and conservation from East Foundation educators and partner organization volunteers. Situated directly in the midst of the

diverse native habitat and rangeland on the ranch, the site includes a large main pavilion and six smaller pavilions serving as covered learning stations connected by a nature trail.

"The program has already had an enormous impact on South Texas students and their teachers, and the demand from

regional schools continues to grow," said the East Foundation's Director of Education Tina Buford. "We are seeking additional partners to help us educate thousands of new students from across the region who will gain vital understanding of the natural world, while also gaining valuable TEKS-aligned science,

vocational and leadership skills critical to their future success."

The Education Center is named after lead sponsor Elliff, whose family of South Texas companies includes Elliff Motors, Elliff Trailers, Elliff Polaris, Elliff Kubota and a partnership in Boswell Elliff Ford.

"We are very excited about partnering with the East Foundation to promote conservation and education for the communities we serve," notes Bill Elliff.

In addition, East Foun-

ation is happy to announce the addition of our two newest supporters of the Elliff-El Sauz Education Center: Texas Regional Bank (TRB) and Enbridge, Inc. Both organizations recognize the importance of providing hands-on, outdoor educational opportunities to students in order to instill land stewardship principals and foster an appreciation for South Texas.

Texas Regional Bank contributed as a patron sponsor to the El Sauz Education Site. With community, success, innovation and vision as the core values of the institution, TRB aligns with the East Foundation mission of doing what's right for the land and the life that depends on it.

"We're proud to support the East Foundation in their effort to connect students in South Texas with the beautiful wildlife and the land around us," said Michael Scaief, chairman and CEO of Texas Regional Bank. "Exposing students to nature is one of the best ways to inspire good stewardship of our natural resources, so we believe strongly in this mission and support it passionately."

In October 2021, East Foundation was approved for the Enbridge Fueling Futures Grant as a patron sponsor for the El Sauz Education Site. The Fueling Futures program aims to energize communities through corporate donations and strategic partnerships, sponsorships, and employee volunteering and giving program. Enbridge believes in investing in and strengthening the sustainability of communities across North America.

"Enbridge Fueling Futures supports initiatives that contribute to a sustainable future through supporting environmental education," said Aly Root, Manager, Stakeholder Engagement, Southeast Region. "We are proud to create opportunities for students across South Texas to learn about conservation and stewardship."

East Foundation is grateful to add Enbridge and Texas Regional Bank to our list of Education Program and Facility supporters. Thank you to our existing sponsors: Elliff, Makena, Frost Bank, Roy W. & Ellen S. Quillin Foundation, Wildlife Systems,

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I received an email last week from the U.S. Cattlemen's Association and things appear to be getting interesting in Washington DC. The American Beef Labeling Act is gaining support from both sides of the isle. If passed this bill would help reinstate country of origin labeling providing transparency as to the origin the product came from. Think about it, what other products in the store don't inform consumers of their origin. Cattle producers and consumers alike should contact their representatives and encourage them to support this bill.

As I stated earlier, 2022 is starting off to be a busy year. We encourage everyone to not just sit on the sidelines but to find an organization and join in the fight for the cattle rancher's sustainability. Until next month, stay safe and God bless.

native Mississippian and one of the Old Three Hundred Colonists.

Hamilton placed a notice in The Texas Gazette to the effect that Bellair would stand stud beginning the first of September at Josiah Bell's place in Marion, now known as East Columbia, and continue servicing mares on alternating weeks at Bell's place and that of Andrew Roberts on Oyster Creek. The cost was \$6, \$12 to insure a foal. Two years later, the Gazette announced the commencement of the “Spring Races on the

San Felipe Turf.”

Of all the types and breeds of horses, the McLeans found the only one active in Texas more than a century ago was the quarter horse. According to their findings, “the first quarter race in Texas was run over the Houston Course in 1840, or exactly one hundred years before the American Quarter Horse Association was formally organized.”

Houston, an early day capital of Texas and a hotbed of horse racing during the years of the Republic, had its own jock-

ey club in 1838, which followed on the heels of others like the Planter's & Farmer's, Columbia, Washington and Velasco clubs. Early Texans were betting the ponies long before they did a lot of other things we might think of as more important, and McLean's book even lists the results of some of the state's earliest horse races and the horse racing records of that era.

McLean intended Fine Texas Horses to be a true reference work and not a book to be read once and discarded. But hidden

among a multitude of sires and dams and other deep minutia are curious nuggets of forgotten state history, such as the fact that the first Texas horse reported stolen belonged to George Childress, author of the Texas Declaration of Independence.

McLean wraps up the book with a section on Leviathan, the most famous horse of the period. Born in England, Leviathan came to America in 1830 and exerted a strong influence on blood horses in Tennessee and Kentucky as well as Texas.

We don't know if Leviathan ever actually stepped hoof on Texas soil, but his royal blood flowed here through the efforts of S.A. White, who bred one of Leviathan's sons to 80 Mexican mares and produced a new breed called the “Texian Horse.”

McLean concludes: “The chances are good, therefore, if you own a horse, that he already has in his veins some of the royal blood of England, as transmitted by Leviathan, even though you may not be able to afford a horse sired by a Texas King.”

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# With high fertilizer prices, are you better off buying fertilizer or supplemental hay?

By Linda Geist

Columbia, Mo. – Increases in fertilizer prices add to the cost of growing forage for grazing. This leads farmers to ask if they should buy hay or fertilizer, says John Lory, University of Missouri Extension nutrient management specialist.

Comparing the benefits of buying hay vs. applying fertilizer for better yields is complicated, but it is crucial to the bottom line, says

Lory.

A fair comparison looks at the costs of hay vs. fertilizer, whether the farmer can use the grown forage or purchased hay, and the nutrient efficiency of the grown forage vs. purchased feed.

Studies at the MU Forage Systems Research Center in Linneus and MU Southwest Research Center in Mount Vernon give some insight, he says.

MU researchers found that 50 pounds per acre of

nitrogen boosted spring pasture yield an average of 1,100 pounds per acre. With nitrogen fertilizer prices near \$1 per pound, the cost of that feed is 5 cents per pound.

## What is the cost based on utilization rate?

Lory explains that cattle only eat part of the forage available to them, leaving the rest to waste. High prices make it critical to manage pastures for high forage utilization rates.

Research shows that

cattle eat about 60% of available forage in highly efficient spring grazing systems, but rates typically dip below 50%. That means that cows waste about half of the fertilized forage. At 50% use, the actual cost of consumed forage doubles, says Lory. If nitrogen fertilizer is \$1 per pound, cost of consumed feed is 10 cents per pound. Many farmers can buy hay for less than that now.

Forage use for purchased feed usually runs

higher than that for grazing, says Lory. Hay utilization rates can reach 80% but most often are closer to 65%. If hay is \$80 per ton, the cost per pound is 4 cents. However, at 65% utilization, the cost per pound of feed eaten goes to 6 cents.

“These examples show how purchased feed has the potential to be an economically competitive approach compared to buying fertilizer when prices are high,” says Lory.

## Hay, feed and fertilizer

The fertilizer value of hay can offset cost.

“When you bring hay or other supplemental feed onto your farm, you are buying feed and fertilizer at the same time,” says Lory. “A ton of fescue hay contains nearly 100 pounds of fertilizer nutrients. If spread strategically on your farm, these nutrients provide fertilizer value to offset the cost of the hay.”

Beef cows typically excrete most of the nutrients they eat. To get the most value from hay, move the hay and cows to pastures that need fertilizer. Unroll hay bales, move hay rings or use some type of bale-graze system to spread across pastures. All of the excreted phosphate, potassium, sulfur and micronutrients in the hay is available to the pasture as fertilizer, but only about 25% of the nitrogen is available. The rest is lost or tied up in the soil organic matter. So, a ton of hay with 12.5% protein provides about 10 pounds of nitrogen fertilizer, 12 pounds of phosphate and 35 pounds of potash.

The fertilizer value of hay is usually a little over a penny per pound, or slightly more than \$20 per ton. Recently, nitrogen prices rose to nearly \$1 per pound, and phosphate and potash prices more than doubled. This increases the fertilizer value of hay to more than 2.5 cents per pound.

In pastures, nutrients brought onto the farms as feed or fertilizer recycle and improve yields. When winter feeding hay, the hay's fertilizer will increase spring pasture growth. When properly managed, about 5 tons of feed on a pasture with a total nitrogen fertilizer value of 50 pounds can provide an additional 1,000 pounds or more of quality spring forage growth.

Fertilizer value also can influence hay purchase decisions, says Lory. Buying high-quality hay increases the fertilizer value of the hay. With current costs, a ton of hay may have \$20 more fertilizer value than poor-quality hay, making the higher-quality hay the more economical feed, even if it costs more up front.

## Predictable feed at a known price with fertilizer value

“Buying hay instead of fertilizer can provide a pre-  
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# Record numbers enroll in Hereford Feedout Programs

Source: American Hereford Association

Kansas City, Mo. – Seedstock and commercial cattle producers enrolled a record 756 head of Hereford and Hereford-influenced steers in the American Hereford Association’s (AHA) 2022 feedout programs. The significant increase in cattle numbers from 104 participants in 17 states underscores the value producers are gaining from the opportunity.

“I enrolled cattle because I wanted to get the carcass data back and attribute how those cattle perform going back to their dam and sire,” says Lee Elzemeyer, a Hereford breeder from Richmond, Indiana, who is participating in the Hereford Feedout Program (HFP) for the second year. “As a producer it is important for us to know which animals produce the highest quality meat, while also looking at other traits that can add premiums to the final product.” He encourages others to participate.

Participants in the HFP, which began in 2020, enroll a minimum of five head of steers that comply with a specified 45-day weaning and preconditioning protocol. They receive feedlot performance data for their

cattle throughout the feeding period, as well as carcass data at the end.

Similarly, the National Junior Hereford Association (NJHA) Fed Steer Shootout (FSS) program, begun in 2017, enables NJHA members to enroll a minimum of one steer, meeting the same weaning and preconditioning requirements of the HFP. Juniors also receive feedlot and carcass data for their entries and have the opportunity to compete for lucrative prizes by participating in an associated feedlot education program. This year’s FSS includes 200 steers from 74 NJHA members in 17 states.

“The growth in the feedout programs provided by the AHA is exciting to see and is a great testament to the progressiveness of Hereford breeders across the country,” says Trey Befort, AHA director of commercial programs.

“These programs provide a great avenue for participants to gain a better understanding of the cattle feeding industry, while collecting valuable data to benchmark genetic merit and make improvements.”

Cattle for both programs are fed at HRC Feed Yards at Scott City, Kansas, which provides the platform for participants to maximize their profit potential and to expand their marketing avenues by gaining access to an industry-leading marketing grid

offered by U.S. Premium Beef®. This allows participating cattle to be candidates for the Certified Hereford Beef® brand through National Beef Packing Company. HRC offers participants convenient, cost-effective financing options. HRC also hosts an annual field day where participants have a chance to see their entries during the feeding period.

Kora Hawkins, Jane Lew, West Virginia competed in the 2020 and 2021 FSS and attended the field

day. “Meeting new people, learning about the feedlot and understanding how cattle perform was a great experience,” she says. Hawkins is participating in the 2022 program and encourages others to participate to learn more about their genetics to make better breeding decisions.

For more information about the Hereford Feedout Programs, visit [hereford.org/genetics/breed-improvement/feedout-program/](http://hereford.org/genetics/breed-improvement/feedout-program/).

## Better off...

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dictable feed supply to supplement spring pasture growth at a known price,” says Lory. “High utilization can be assured through judicious feeding practices, and unneeded hay can be stored if not used. With high prices, the fertilizer value of the hay has more than doubled, currently around 2 ½ cents per pound of forage or \$50 per ton, offsetting a significant fraction of cost of hay. The fertilizer value of the hay also will boost spring forage growth.”

No matter how you meet your herd forage needs, he adds, high prices require you to maximize forage utilization, both when feeding hay and managing pastures.

For more information, see the MU Extension publication “Calculating Fertilizer Value of Supplemental Feed for Cattle on Pasture.” The four-page guide is available for free download at [extension.missouri.edu/g2083](http://extension.missouri.edu/g2083).

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# AgriLife TODAY

## Texas crop, weather

### High fertilizer prices, drought leave wheat outlook cloudy

By Adam Russell, Texas AgriLife Today

High fertilizer prices and dry weather have many Texas wheat farmers facing the viability and profitability of their crop, according to a Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service expert.

Calvin Trostle, Ph.D., AgriLife Extension agronomist, Lubbock, said wheat producers around the state, especially those in areas experiencing drought, need to consider ways to minimize inputs and maximize crop output potential.

Trostle said wheat producers in the Texas High Plains are dealing with extreme to severe drought and face a decision on whether dryland fields are worth saving. Many later-planted fields across the region have not emerged,

and dryland field trial wheat plots Trostle planted Nov. 5 have only produced about a 2% stand so far.

Earlier-planted fields around the region have fared better and are at least established, he said, but still need rainfall badly.

“Producers are talking about input prices, especially fertilizer, and the potential for their wheat,” he said. “Wheat may look like it’s not worth saving, but we’ve been surprised in the past. Wheat is tough and can take off, but it will need moisture at some point.”

#### High fertilizer prices cause concern

Trostle said weather patterns will make the decision for most producers, but there are ways to potentially capitalize on past fertilizer applications and optimize future top dressings. Reducing input could be the difference between production budgets ending in the black or the red.

Recent Texas nitrogen fertilizers with no phosphorous or potassium like 32-0-0 urea ammonium nitrate and 46-0-0 urea were \$645-\$695 per ton and \$910-\$950 per ton, respectively. Trostle said these prices equated to a \$1 to \$1.09 per unit price for actual nitrogen, and before now he had never seen above the low-70 cent range.

“High fertilizer prices and dry weather have many Texas wheat farmers facing critical decisions regarding the viability and profitability of their crop”

Trostle said some price forecasts project fertilizer and grain prices may pull back somewhat. But the timing of any dip in fertilizer prices may not be in time for wheat producers in the southern half of Texas to benefit, and future dips in wheat prices would add another element of concern.

Wheat fields in South and Central Texas typically receive top-dress nitrogen applications in February compared to March in the High Plains.

“We may see the unit prices go down, but the question will be the crop’s condition and moisture prospects,” he said. “Producers will also have to consider wheat price projections and the yield potential at harvest.”

#### Optimize fertilizer applications with timing

Trostle said producers with irrigation will have options regarding timing their nitrogen application because they can water it in. But Mother Nature will weigh heavily on many dryland producers’ decision to apply nitrogen fertilizer

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and how to time it.

“Timing the application with a weather system that is likely to deliver rain or melting snow to incorporate the nitrogen into the soil is critical to minimize losses,” he said. “But it’s also important to make sure there is nitrogen in the soil a week before wheat begins to joint and plants shift their energy from vegetative growth toward reproductive growth.”

Available nitrogen is critical at this stage, Trostle said, because it influences yield outcomes. The period, which lasts around seven days, will determine spikelet numbers on the wheat head and how many seeds per spikelet. These are strong components of yield potential.

Trostle said 24 spikelets per head is good, but that a lack of nitrogen can limit yield potential. Inadequate nitrogen coupled with poor moisture can have a significant impact on grain yields.

Because timing fertilizer applications with moisture is important before joint stage, Trostle said dryland producers should consider applications ahead of any significant forecast for potential moisture. Sticking to a schedule and growth stage could decrease the application’s value to the crop if drier than normal weather conditions hold after a top-dressing of nitrogen is applied.

“Putting nitrogen out won’t help until rain or irrigation, so they have to ask themselves, ‘Have I ever gone six weeks without rain in February or early March?’” he said. “If you’re next opportunity might be six weeks out and you miss the opportunity to get fertilizer nitrogen into the root zone, then you’ve missed the opportunity to positively impact yields.”

Beyond post-application rainfall, temperatures are also an important factor in reducing gaseous loss of surface-applied ammonium-based fertilizers, Trostle said. Applications lose less nitrogen in cooler temperatures – below 60 degrees – compared to warmer temperatures.

**Optimize fertilization with deeper, more detailed soil analysis**

Deeper assessments of nitrate availability for crops could yield savings for producers while fertilizer prices remain high,

Trostle said.

AgriLife Extension’s typical recommendation includes sampling to a depth of 6 inches at minimum, but Trostle recommends a companion analysis for soil nitrates as much as 24 inches deep.

Trostle said studies have revealed as much as 50-60 pounds of nitrate-nitrogen per acre at those depths, which established wheat stands can access. This residual nitrogen could reduce the amount of fertilizer needed further along in wheat’s long growing season.

“In-season soil sampling is not something we typically talk about, but the wheat season is long, and a companion analysis that looks at subsoil nitrogen could reduce the nitrogen that is really needed for surface application,” he said. “Some farmers find a lot more nitrate residuals than they expected, and that represents savings.”

AgriLife Extension district reporters compiled the following summaries:

**CENTRAL:** Dry conditions continued but rainfall was in the forecast. Isolated small wildfires occurred.

Burning bans were in effect. Fields were prepped for corn planting. Heavy frost occurred over the past two weeks, which resulted in Bermuda grass pastures finally going dormant. The heavy frosts damaged winter oat fields that were at or approaching elongation stage. Oat tops were browning with no available soil moisture to recover. Grazing quality and quantity was impacted and will be slower to recover. Winter wheat also showed frost damage on the upper leaves but much less than

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A map of the 12 Texas A&M AgriLife Extension districts:



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shown to develop disease when infected.

“If we find that infection will endanger the life of animals, or if animals can readily spread the virus to humans, then there will be lots of motivation to also consider widespread vaccination of target animals against SARS-CoV-2,” she said. “But this is not the situation, and the most impact right now will be from vaccinating people.”

**Hunting, meat preparation/consumption**  
Rebecca Dittmar, Agri Life Extension family and community health specialist for food protection management, Kerrville, said safe handling and processing of animals in the field is critical to human and wild game safety.

“Hunters coming in contact with animal carcasses and harvesting wild game should be aware of the possibility of zoonotic diseases and foodborne illness,” Dittmar said.

Deer in the wild are susceptible to chronic wasting disease, tick-borne diseases, brucellosis and other diseases. Results of the new

study suggest SARS-CoV-2 transmission might be another factor for consideration in the hunting and harvesting of deer.

Hensley said if a hunter follows recommended guidelines when handling a deer carcass or any other

wild game during field dressing and processing, there is little likelihood of acquiring any infectious disease, including SARS-CoV-2.

“Venison is a lean, healthy red meat,” he said.  
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winter oat fields. Growers were waiting for cold conditions to promote successful preemergence herbicide applications to pastures with sandburs and other spring-germinating broadleaf weeds. Seeds for certain cotton varieties were booked, and growers were looking for decent alternatives and herbicides because availability may be an issue. Fertilizer prices were up 200% from last year, and crop prices had not improved, which may impact corn acres and/or yields. Stock tanks were showing major level drops throughout the fall and winter. Supplemental feeding was necessary for all livestock.

**ROLLING PLAINS:** Conditions were very dry and windy, causing fire concerns. Pasture and rangeland conditions were mostly very poor. The lack of moisture and emergence made it difficult to tell what wheat fields were planted. Emerged wheat was grazed by stockers, and producers were relying on hay supplies that were tightening. Stock tanks were drying up

and cattle were getting stuck in the mud attempting to access water.

**COASTAL BEND:** Conditions were mostly dry. Producers worked fields to control weeds, and some were fertilizing. Preparations were being made to planters and equipment. Corn planting should begin in the next three weeks. Freezing temperatures in the northern portion of the reporting area caused a decline in pastures and forage. Rangeland and pasture conditions were fair in most areas. There was

some standing forage, but little of nutritional value. Hay inventories were plentiful. Livestock producers were feeding hay, protein and energy. Livestock markets were still selling moderate numbers of cattle with steady to higher prices. Livestock were in good condition.

**EAST:** Conditions have become extremely dry in parts of the district. Beyond a few arctic cold fronts, the weather was relatively mild so far this winter. Cold temperatures hit winter pastures hard as

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High fertilizer prices have Texas wheat producers questioning their potential to produce a profitable grain crop as high input costs, including fertilizer, continue and drought conditions expand across the state. (Texas A&M AgriLife photo by Laura McKenzie)

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“The accepted recommendation is that venison be cooked to a minimum internal temperature of 145 degrees for steak and 165 for ground venison. This should destroy any pathogen, so again there is little to no risk of transmission.”

Dittmar said AgriLife Extension has publications and instructional videos to help hunters ensure their own safety and the safety of the wild game they harvest. Topics include how to properly field dress an animal, packaging meat for storage, cooking wild game and chronic wasting disease.

She said the publication, “From Field to Plate: Benefits of Locally Harvested Wild Game in Texas and How to Keep It Safe,” provides information on the tools and proper steps needed in processing an animal carcass.

AgriLife Extension also has a short instructional video titled “Hunting Safety: Field Dressing Wild Game” that shows the steps required to safely field dress a large wild game animal.

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Fee for assisting a difficult birth: \$75 (difficult birth should be defined in the agreement).

**Conclusion**

Taking the time to thoroughly develop a written agreement may seem a bit daunting, but doing so will help to clearly communicate expectations for all parties involved and also

reduce the risk of misunderstandings. Where appropriate, an attorney should be consulted to draft a legal agreement. The information provided in this article does not, and is not intended to, constitute legal advice. It is provided for general informational purposes only and you should not act or refrain from acting based on any information provided in this article. Please consult with your own legal counsel with respect to any particular situation or specific legal questions you may have.

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well. Some winter wheat looked decent, but the lack of moisture was delaying recovery from freezing temperatures. Livestock were in good condition. Ponds were becoming a major concern, and animals were getting stuck in deep mud trying to access water.

**SOUTH PLAINS**

Conditions were very dry with above-average temperatures. All crops were harvested.

**PANHANDLE:** Dry, cold conditions persisted. Moisture was extremely limited. Drought conditions were affecting winter wheat and native pastures. If significant rains do not arrive by April, only irrigated corn acres will be available for planting. Some very light snow occurred midweek to halt farming activities, but it made no difference in the extremely dry soil moisture conditions. Some producers were irrigating wheat on warmer days. Some pre-plant tillage was occurring for summer crops. Cattle on rangelands were receiving supplemental feed.

**NORTH:** Soil moisture was very short to short and continued to decline across the district. Temperatures were cold and windy. Cold, dry conditions were damaging to the winter wheat and pastures. Livestock were in good condition. Ponds were becoming a major concern due to water level declines. Some animals got stuck while wading out in deep mud to access water.

**FAR WEST:** Conditions were very dry, and temperatures were warm for this time of year. Daytime temperatures varied from the mid-40s to the mid-60s with overnight highs between the upper 30s and 16 degrees one night. Light snow flurries were reported, but nothing stuck, and no recordable precipitation occurred. Cotton ginning continued and will most likely go on for another month. Yields and grades were excellent this season. Wheat conditions worsened. About 5% of planted fields emerged, and dryland fields that

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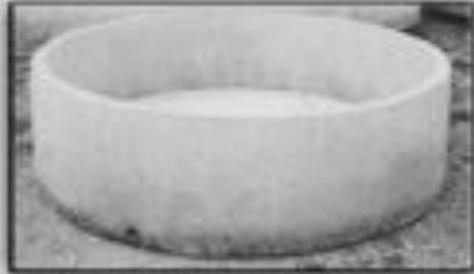
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emerged were dead. Irrigated wheat on drip systems had not emerged between the tapes. Growers who dug ditches to install new drip irrigation said there was no moisture up to 6 feet in ground depth. Rangeland and pastures were very hard and dry. Cattle were receiving supplemental feed, and more producers were thinning herds due to lack of forages and high feed costs. Pecan farmers continued harvesting pecans.

**WEST CENTRAL:** Conditions were extremely dry. Severe drought conditions continued, and wildfires were a concern. A few small fires were reported, but minimal damages were reported. A cold front moved through midweek and brought colder temperatures. Winter wheat was in very poor shape. Small grains were dying due to lack of soil moisture.

**SOUTHEAST:** Heavy rains arrived with a cold front. Pastures and fields were too wet for fieldwork with more rain in the forecast. Most areas reported short to adequate soil mois-

ture. Pasture and rangeland conditions were fair to good. Cold temperatures burned cool season pastures several weeks ago and were slowing recovery. Another killing freeze was in the forecast.

**SOUTHWEST:** Cold fronts produced trace amounts of precipitation across the district. Pasture and rangeland conditions continued to decline with the lack of moisture. Wheat and oat crops were in fair to good condition. Preparation for spring corn and sorghum planting was underway. Livestock were in fair condition. Producers continued supplemental feeding of both livestock and wildlife.

**SOUTH:** The northern, western and eastern parts of the district continued to experience dry weather and very short soil moisture levels. Southern areas reported wet conditions and adequate soil moisture. Farmers were idle and waiting for rainfall to be forecast so they could apply preplant fertilizers and chemicals. The lack of rain was impacting oat field production. Winter Garden crops like cabbage and spinach were doing well,

and fields were being prepared for spring planting. Growers in Hidalgo County were expected to begin planting corn and sorghum following recent rainfall. Citrus and sugarcane were harvested. Temperatures swung from warm to cold with daytime highs ranging from the high 60s to the low 40s. Rangelands were dormant due to lack of moisture but looked good in areas with moisture. A freeze around three weeks ago knocked back green grasses in some areas, and while some were recovering, dry conditions were slowing the process. Ranchers were feeding cattle and other livestock and providing protein for wildlife. Cattle were beginning to browse pear cactus, and cattle body conditions were declining in some areas. Ranchers reported hay supplies were plentiful. Coastal Bermuda grass round bales were selling for \$50-\$65. Stock tanks were low and declining. Cattle sales were consistent with 400-500-pound steers selling for \$1.47-\$1.75 per pound. Heifers in the same weight class were selling for \$1.30-\$1.52 per pound.

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# Iowa State University innovator is gaining national interest for new 'healthy' fat technology

**Source: Iowa State University**

Ames, Iowa -- An Iowa State University meat scientist is a leading innovator in the search for new fats that offer more choices to health-conscious consumers.

Rodrigo Tarté, an assistant professor in the Iowa State Department of Animal Science, is at the forefront of research to find alternatives for satu-

rated animal fats that retain the original products' desirable qualities of taste, texture and appearance.

"While animal fats can be part of a healthy diet," Tarté said, "a growing number of people want to reduce or avoid them. The meat industry is trying to adapt, and that's where these new fats fit in."

A new technology Tarté developed in collaboration with Nuria Acevedo, formerly of Iowa State's Department of Food Science and Human Nutrition, uses a biphasic gel with both water- and oil-based components that can simulate solid and semi-solid animal fats. This result overcomes a big industry challenge – it can hold up well as a

replacement for semi-solid animal fats in foods like sausages, salami or bratwurst. The new gel could also replace highly saturated vegetable-based fats, like coconut and palm oils, used in trendy vegetarian meat substitutes.

An earlier oleogel the researchers created was a softer, oil-based product best suited to simulate fat in homogenous products,

like processed lunch meats. This new gel, in contrast, has very similar "mouth-feel" and appearance as solid fat and holds up to being ground and further processed as part of meat or meat-like products that have larger, chunkier fat particles that give them a distinctive texture.

"This technology can allow food processors to tailor the fatty acid profiles

of their products, while turning out items that taste and perform very much like the original," Tarté said. "It can replace fat on a one-to-one basis, using a combination of water and unsaturated plant-based oils like soybean oil, so it reduces fat overall and also uses those that might be considered more healthful."

Tarté and Acevedo's work, supported primarily by the United Soybean Board, reflects years of trial and error in the lab where the most promising outcomes were scaled up for inclusion in meat products. First, they put their experimental products through a battery of tests to analyze properties like texture, color, appearance, oxidative stability, freeze-thaw stability and microscopic structure. Those that performed well then went to sensory taste-testing panels to see if humans picked up on any differences.

"We're at the point now where we have a proven concept," Tarté said. "We're working on refinements. For example, the flavor of the product still needs some work, but this is very solvable."

One of the primary drawbacks to the biphasic gel is that it requires both hot and cold processes to produce, whereas meat processors work almost solely in cold environments. As a result, Tarté envisions the new fats would be sourced from a third-party, as is the case with many other food components.

The work is gaining attention and industry buzz: The magazine "Meatingplace" recently lauded Tarté as an independent thinker and thoughtful innovator in product research and development. At this year's annual meeting of the American Meat Science Association, his team's poster presentation outlining the recent research was selected as one of the top two abstracts.

"It's exciting," Tarté said. "This technology represents the next frontier in the simulation of semi-solid fats, especially animal fats that haven't had a good replacement. But it has potential for other products, too. It could even be used to deliver bioactive compounds like medicines or supplements, in ways that increase their potential health benefits."

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## USDA offers new EQIP Conservation Contracts

Temple, TX -- The U.S. Department of Agriculture's Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) in Texas is announcing first-round funding sign-up for Conservation Incentive Contracts (CIC), a new option available through the Environmental Quality Incentive Program (EQIP).

EQIP-CIC expands resource benefits for Texas producers through incentive conservation practices such as wildlife management, cover crops, nutrient management, conservation crop rotations, and prescribed grazing. Additionally, EQIP-CIC allows producers to target priority resource concerns on their property by offering incentive payments for a five-year contract without needing to enroll the entire operation into the program. EQIP-CIC is designed to be a stepping-stone between EQIP and the Conservation Stewardship Program, to help producers improve their level of conservation and earn benefits of longer-term conservation enhancements.

"We have to continue to support and expand the adoption of conservation approaches to support producers in their work to participate in climate-smart agriculture practices and build more resilient operations," said NRCS Texas State Conservationist Kristy Oates. "We are continuously working to improve our programs to ensure we're giving Texas farmers and ranchers the best tools to conserve natural resources."

Texas NRCS will offer funding through two separate initiatives. A Piney Woods Restoration Initiative is available for applicants in East Texas to help restore declining Piney Woods Habitat. A Climate Smart Agriculture and Wildlife Initiative available statewide prioritizing applications that address wildlife habitat and climate smart agriculture practices as well as addressing resource concerns on expired Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) lands. Individuals interested in applying for the EQIP-CIC should contact their local NRCS conservationist as soon as possible. Be sure to check the status of your Service Center when you reach out to us.

While applications for EQIP are accepted throughout the year, interested producers should submit applications to their local NRCS office by Feb 25, 2022, to be considered for the 2022 ranking funding period. Visit Texas NRCS website under "Financial Assistance/EQIP" for more details. To learn more about EQIP or other technical and financial assistance available through NRCS conservation programs, visit Get Started with NRCS or contact your local USDA Service Center.



# Livestock Sales Calendar

EDITOR'S NOTE: Bold-faced listings have advertisements in this issue.



- FEB 5 South Texas Hereford Association Spring Sale, Beeville, TX
- FEB 5 Pride of Texas Female Sale, Beeville, TX
- FEB 10 Jordan Cattle Auction Special Bull Offering, San Saba, TX
- FEB 12 San Antonio Livestock Show & Rodeo Beefmaster Subasta, San Antonio, TX

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- FEB 19 15th Annual Foundation Angus Alliance Sale, Luling, TX
- FEB 19 MP Brangus Bull Sale, Comanche, TX
- FEB 19 Beefmaster Border Classic Sale, Edcouch, TX
- FEB 19 7P Ranch Simmental Annual Spring Bull & Female Sale, Tyler, TX
- FEB 19 Jordan Cattle Auction Early Spring Replacement Female Sale, San Saba, TX

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- FEB 23 Thomas Charolais, Inc. Spring Bull Sale, Raymondville, TX
- FEB 26 American Brahman Breeders Association National F-1 & Brahman Female Sale, Columbus, TX
- FEB 26 44 Farms Angus Bull Sale, Cameron, TX
- FEB 26 Hallettsville Livestock Commission Special Female Sale, Hallettsville, TX
- MAR 1 Houston International Simmental/Simbrah Sale, Houston, TX
- MAR 2 Houston All Breeds Commercial Female Sale, Houston, TX
- MAR 2 Houston All Breeds Registered Range Bull Sale, Houston, TX
- MAR 2 American Brahman Breeders Association International Brahman Sale, Houston, TX
- MAR 4 Houston Magic XXII Beefmaster Sale, Houston, TX
- MAR 4 South Texas Beefmaster Breeders Association Houston Futurity & Sale, Houston, TX
- MAR 5 South Texas Cattle Marketing Spring Replacement Sale, Nixon, TX
- MAR 5 Genetic Edge Houston Brangus Sale, Houston, TX

- MAR 9 R.A. Brown Ranch Spring Bull & Female Sale, Throckmorton, TX
- MAR 11 Cavender-Druggin' M & Partners Spring Brangus Bull Sale at Neches River Ranch, Jacksonville, TX
- MAR 12 Jones Cattle Company Production Sale, Hondo, TX
- MAR 12 Phillips Ranch Inaugural Brangus Production Sale, Bunnell, FL
- MAR 12 S.E. ICA 27th Annual Commercial Bull & Heifer Sale, Beaumont, TX
- MAR 18 Mound Creek Ranch Brangus Female Sale, Leona, TX
- MAR 19 Mound Creek Ranch Brangus Bull Sale, Leona, TX
- MAR 19 Live Oak Beefmaster Breeders Association Spring Sale, Three Rivers, TX
- MAR 19 Texas Elite F1 and Brahman Female Sale, Caldwell, TX

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- APR 2 TBBA Brangus Female Sale, Salado, TX
- APR 9 Collier Farms Advantage Beefmaster Sale, Giddings, TX
- APR 9 ACE @ Wiley Ranch and Louisiana Brangus Bull Sale, Effie, LA
- APR 9 MP Brangus at Diamond D Spring Brangus Sale, Poteet, TX
- APR 22 NextGen Flint Hills Spring Bull Sale, Paxico, KS
- APR 23 Cavender-Druggin' M & Partners Spring Brangus & Commercial Female Sales, Jacksonville, TX
- APR 23 Lesikar Angus Female Sale, Athens, TX
- MAY 7 Quest For Excellence Charolais Female Sale, College Station, TX
- MAY 7 Williams Ranch Company Share the Genetics Brangus Female Sale, Gonzales, TX
- MAY 21 Swinging B & Friends Beefmaster Sale, Salado, TX
- JUN 10 ACE @ Quail Valley Farm Mature Cowherd Sale, Oneonta, AL
- JUN 11 Customer Appreciation Sale @ Quail Valley Farm, Oneonta, AL
- JUNE 11 Wallen Prairie Ranch Beefmaster Production Sale, Lockwood, MO
- JUNE 25 Southern Tradition Beefmaster Sale, Savannah, TN
- AUG 6 J&T Farm Beefmaster Production Sale, Lexington, TN
- AUG 20 Emmons Ranch Beefmaster Production Sale, Bryan, TX

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- February 28-March 20-Houston Livestock Show & Rodeo, Houston, TX
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5 Ang x F1 Here x Brah hfrs, 16 mos, open.

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**Hartmann Ranch**  
5 Cert F1 Here x Brahman hfrs, 18 mos, open.  
5 Reg Brah hfrs, 22-23 mos, open.

**Herrmann Cattle Co.**  
5 Cert F1 Here x Brah hfrs, 15-16 mos, open.  
5 Cert F1 Here x Brah hfrs, 15-16 mos, open.

**Hillwood Land & Cattle**  
5 Brang hfrs, 24 mos, 8 mos bred to Brang.

**Hodde Land & Cattle Co**  
5 Brang x Here hfrs, 14-15 mos, open.  
5 Brang prs, 28 mos, 60-90 day calves by Brang.  
5 Ang x F1 Here x Brah prs, 28 mos with 60-90 day calves by Brang.

**HT Chapman Cattle Company**  
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**Indian Hills Ranch**  
5 Brang hfrs, 12-14 mos, open.  
5 Brang hfrs, 12-14 mos, open

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5 Brang prs, 24 mos with 30-60 day calves by Ang.  
5 Brang prs, 24 mos with 30-60 day calves by Ang.

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5 E6 Blmstr x Red Ang prs, 26-27 mos, 60-90 day calves by Irish Ang.  
5 E6 Blmstr x F1 Here x Brah prs, 26-27 mos, 60-90 day calves by Irish Ang.  
5 Brang x F1 Here x Brah prs, 26-27 mos, 60-90 day calves by Irish Ang.

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5 Cert F1 Here x Brah hfrs, 14-16 mos, open.

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5 F1 Here x Brah prs, 24-26 mos., 20-45 day calves by Angus

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5 F1 Ang x Brah, 13-15 mos., Open

**MA Tyler Ranch**  
5 Ang x F1 Here x Brah prs, 24 mos, 10-45 day calves by Red Ang.  
5 Ang x F1 Here x Brah prs, 24 mos, 10-45 day calves by Red Ang.

**MK Ranch**  
5 Brang x Here hfrs, 24 mos, bred 8 mos to Ang.  
5 Ang x F1 Here x Brah hfrs, 24 mos, bred 8 mos to Ang.

**Muenchow Farms**  
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**Pruski Cattle Co., LLC**  
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**Richards - Bar P Partnership**  
5 F1 Here x Brah hfrs, 16-17 mos, open.

**Richardson Ranch**  
5 Cert F1 Here x Brah hfrs, 14-15 mos, open.  
5 F1 Here x Brah hfrs, 14-15 mos, open.

**Rocking Chair Ranch**  
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5 Reg. Here hfrs, bred 7 mos to Reg. Here

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5 Brang x Pld. Here hfrs, 13 mos, open.

**Rocky "G" Ranch**  
5 Gold Cert F1 Here x Brah hfrs, 15-17 mos, open.  
5 Cert F1 Here x Brah hfrs, 12-13 mos, open.  
5 F1 Here x Brah hfrs, 13-14 mos, open.  
5 F1 Here x Brah hfrs, 15-16 mos, open.  
5 Brah hfrs, 15-16 mos, open.

**Running P Cattle Co.**  
5 Reg Here hfrs, 10 mos, open.

**S3 Ranch**  
5 Gold Cert F1 Here x Brah prs, calves by Ang

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5 F1 Here x Brah hfrs, 16-18 mos, open.

**Donnell Ranch**  
5 Brah, 12 mos, open

**South Texas Cattle Marketing**  
5 F1 Here x Brah prs, 28-30 mos, 5-6 mo calves by Ang, Exp sinc Dec 1st to Ang  
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5 S.G. x Here prs, 27 mos, 100-120 day calves by Ang.

**Trehy Ranch**  
5 Brang X Here hfrs, 14 mos, open.  
5 Brang prs, 24 mos, bred to Brang, 30-45 day calves by Ang.  
5 Brang prs, 24 mos, bred to Here, 30-45 day calves by Ang.  
5 Brang prs, 24 mos, bred to Here, 30-45 day calves by Ang.

**Verstuyft Farms**  
5 Brang hfrs, 24 mos, bred 7-8 mos to Brang.  
5 Brang hfrs, 24 mos, bred 7-8 mos to Brang.  
5 Brang prs, 24 mos, 15-50 day calves by Brang.  
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**W D Cattle Co.**  
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5 Cert F1 Here x Brah prs, 25-26 mos, 15-45 day calves by Ang.

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## Lot 27 - JFB Beckett Ralston 415H3

DOB: 1/28/20

SIRE: Mr CJ Beckett (DDD Black Gold 804S25)

DAM: Ms EJ Bree (Mr EJ Laredo)

BW: 68 lbs.; Adj. WW: 572 lbs.; Adj. YW: 866 lbs.

EPDs: CE: 6.2; BW: 0.4; WW: 26; YW: 47; Milk: 7; TM: 20;

SC: 0.51; REA: 0.54; IMF: -0.01.

Ranks in the top 20% for CED & REA EPDs.



## Lot 28 - JFB Beckett Sloan 62H

DOB: 2/13/20

SIRE: Mr CJ Beckett (DDD Black Gold 804S25)

DAM: BH Ms LM 11-62 (LM Mr 311 634/151)

BW: 87 lbs.; Adj. WW: 614 lbs.; Adj. YW: 1,050 lbs.

EPDs: CE: 2.1; BW: 3.2; WW: 39; YW: 73; Milk: 9; TM: 28;

SC: 1.11; REA: 0.52; IMF: -0.04.

This herd sire prospect ranks in the top 5% for Terminal Index, 10% for WW, 15% for YW & TM EPDs. His dam is a consistent producer. Her '21 calf is another quality bull calf that looks just like 62H. This bull is balanced with a perfect structure that can really move well. He is deep sided, pretty fronted, and good headed. Maybe the best we have raised!



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# Cattle branding is still the best way to prove ownership

By Clay Coppedge

The first cattle brand in Texas was probably three Latin crosses, which meant the cattle belonged to explorer Hernan Cortes of Spain, who brought cattle with him to the Americas in the late 16th century. Few of the early Spanish brands in Texas contained any letters but were mostly images that left room for the sons of the original owner to add their own touches. Even then, branding was nothing new. The Egyptians were hogtying and branding cattle 4,500 years ago.

Ranchers here adopted a more practical approach to branding their animals by using letters and numbers that can be easily read, though pitchforks, frying pans, hatchets and the like are also common. There was little room for interpretation in a brand like 6666 or XIT. Stephen F. Austin branded his cattle here in 1836, and people in Texas and most of the western U.S. have been branding livestock here ever

since.

That seems worth mentioning now when the brand re-registration period is upon us. Once every 10 years, Texas' brands are re-registered in county courthouses across the state. Brands are registered or re-registered with the county clerk where the livestock are raised. This decade's re-registration period began Aug. 31, 2021 and ends on Feb. 28, 2022. Any brand not registered or re-registered by that time is up for grabs.

The Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association (TSCRA) coordinates the re-registration process partly because that organization's special rangers, which investigate livestock theft and other crimes, rely heavily on brands in recovering stolen livestock. The organization was formed in 1877 largely as a way to combat cattle theft and has done so ever since.

Marvin Wills, a former game warden and now a

special agent with Texas and Southwest Cattle Raisers Association (TSCRA), believes the oldest way of proving ownership of livestock and protecting against rustling—branding—is still the best.

"If you don't have your cattle branded, chances of getting the cattle back are slim to none," he said. "I like big brands displayed prominently on the cattle, something I can see and identify when I'm looking at them through binoculars."

Brands can be registered on the animal's left or right shoulder, side, rib, flank, hip, loin, thigh, jaw, face, tail back or nose. "The same brand can be used by another person if the location of the brand is different," Wills said. "If you put your brand on the left hip, someone else can put that same brand on the right shoulder."

According to the Texas Agriculture Code, if an owner's livestock is raised in two counties, the brand

must be registered in both counties. Earmarks are considered part of the brand and must also be registered.

In reading brands, it's helpful to know that a number or letter on its side is usually called "lazy" and if a design is joined to a half-circle below it is "rocking." If the design seems to have wings it is "flying." A straight-horizontal line by itself is a "bar."

The business of branding has long been done with a branding iron. A "running" brand had a curve at the end of it that allowed the brander to draw a little picture, which meant that every brand would be slightly different. A "stamp" brand has the brand design fashioned at the end and makes every brand identical. Though branding has traditionally been done with a hot brand, a completely opposite method — freeze branding — has also become popular.

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### LOTS 356-360

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# New regulations, limits on the use of Enlist herbicide by farmers

*AgriLife Extension providing trainings across the state with updates*

By Kay Ledbetter, Texas AgriLife Today

Cotton, corn and soybean producers in 22 Texas counties will be restricted on the use of two popular herbicides this growing season after the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency renews registrations.

The EPA granted new registrations and labels for Corteva's Enlist One and Enlist Duo herbicides, but with additional requirements and a list of counties across the U.S. where their use will be banned.

Scott Nolte, Ph.D. Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service state weed specialist, said AgriLife Extension continues to offer agriculture producers training to meet federal and state guidelines for the use of dicamba and 2,4-D, and this new information is being incorporated into those trainings.

Over the next few months, AgriLife Extension will offer producers multiple opportunities to complete their Auxin-Specific Certification Training for this growing season. EPA also renewed three dicamba herbicide labels – Engenia, Tavium and Xtendimax – in 2020 and made updates to the application requirements. The 2022 trainings will include information about all the recent changes.

## Branding...

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Not every state in the country recognizes cattle brands. Most of the ones that do are in the western U.S. The United States Department of Agriculture, in searching for ways to trace all the livestock and meat that is shipped or sold across state lines, recommends ear tags as a way to identify livestock.

Willis said that ear tags are fine but they have a tendency to fall out. "Even if you use ear tags, branding is still the best way to identify your animals," he said.

For more information on the brand re-registration process, including the "Marks and Brands" form for the county clerk, go to [tsra.org/brands](http://tsra.org/brands).

### Products banned in Texas counties

Enlist One and Enlist Duo are 2,4-D-based pesticides for over-the-top use in 2,4-D-tolerant cotton, corn and soybeans to help control broadleaf weeds.

They were registered for five years in 2017, and that registration was set to expire on Jan. 12.

The new registration was issued on Jan. 11, and will be in place for seven months. (Continued on page 45)

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### Leigh Dyer and the T Anchor Ranch

The T Anchor Ranch in the Texas Panhandle began in the simple twinkling of cowboy Leigh Dyer's eye and became, for a time, one of the largest ranches in the state, home to the world's largest cattle drive, and some peculiar economics.

Leigh Dyer was a cowboy and Charles Goodnight's brother-in-law. He worked as a drover for Goodnight in 1867 over the Goodnight-Loving Trail to Fort Sumner, New Mexico and beyond. He was there in 1876 when Goodnight moved his operations from Colorado and drove the first herd of Texas longhorns into the Palo Duro, thus establishing the first ranch in the Panhandle, the JA.

A year later, Dyer drove his own shorthorn cattle, crossbred with JA bulls, to a 320-acre site near the present-day town of Canyon. Dyer and his brother Walter cut surprisingly large cedar logs from

canyons at Fal de Hour Ranch and hauled them along an old Comanche trail to the home site near Palo Duro and Tierra Blanca creeks. That was the first house in Randall County and the beginning of what would become the T Anchor Ranch.

The early 1880s was a good time to go into the cattle business. As a 1938 Amarillo Globe News story put it, "The buffalo were gone and the grass was free."

A year after starting the ranch, Dyer, who had only a claim of priority on the land, sold the claim to the surveying firm of Gunter, Munson and Summerfield. Unappropriated public land in the Panhandle was subject to land certificates, most of which sold for 25 cents an acre. The firm got title to Panhandle land by finding the old certificates and surveying them in partnership with land companies.

"They gained possession of the land so rapidly that Col. Goodnight was forced to buy from them the land of which he settled," a Randall County history notes. "He paid 75 cents an acre."

Jule Gunter, a nephew of the surveying company's Jot Gunter, bought Summerfield's share of the operation in 1881. Around that same time, the ranch fenced about 240,000 acres of formerly open range to keep the ever-increasing T Anchor herd from drifting out of sight and out of touch, marking the official end of the open range and free grass.

In the very early days, the ranch operated under the GMS and Crescent G brands, but when Jule Gunter brought a herd with the T Anchor brand from his Burneyville ranch in the Indian Territory, the ranch formally adopted the T Anchor brand and the name T Anchor Ranch. Dyer signed on as a ranch boss.

Under the T Anchor brand, the ranch was the site of the largest single cattle drive in Texas history on Aug. 24, 1882 when T Anchor cowboys rounded up and drove 10,652 cattle from Tulia to Canyon, a distance of about 30 miles.

According to the Texas State Historical Association: "On August 24 the T Anchor men began combing the canyons and rounding up the cattle to drive them back to the home ranch. Though [Jule] Gunter had planned to divide the herd into two groups, a chance decision resulted in the largest single cattle drive in history. Sixteen cowboys with a remuda of 125 horses herded 10,652 cattle to Big Lake and took half a day to run them through the fenceline gate while Vas Stickley and Jule Gunter counted them. That night the cattle were bedded down over an area so large that it took over an hour for a horse to circle them at a fast trot."

At its peak, the T Anchor covered most of Deaf Smith and Randall Counties and parts of Swisher, Castro, Armstrong, Briscoe and Oldham Counties with 480,000 acres under fence. The Gunter's sold out to Munson in 1883. By then, everybody and his brother wanted to get into the cattle business, and Munson didn't like it. He saw a time coming when there would be too many cattle on the land and in the marketplace for the business to remain profitable. In 1885, he sold the T Anchor, including 225 sections of land, 25,000 cattle and 325 horses, to the Cedar Valley Land Company for \$800,000.

Cedar Valley operated the ranch until 1902 then broke it into blocks and sold them to farmers and ranchers. The state later bought the old headquarters and 200 acres of surrounding land for West Texas State College, now West Texas A&M University.

In 1975, when a flood threatened the house that the Dyer brothers built by hand in 1877, the college dismantled the house, moved it to the Panhandle-Plains Historical Museum in Canyon and fully restored it to what it was like when Dyer and his brother built it.

As for Leigh Dyer, he kept cowboying and ranching and was known as a superb and humane breeder and handler of horses. He helped establish the

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### Regulations...

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years, said Tiffany Lashmet, J.D., AgriLife Extension agriculture law specialist, Amarillo. The new label adds several new requirements to protect endangered species, pollinators and habitats, and limit off-target drift.

The labels prohibit the use of Enlist Duo in 217 counties in 21 states and prohibit the use of Enlist One in 169 counties in 14 states. The EPA said this prohibition is "in counties where EPA has identified risks to listed species that use corn, cotton or soybean fields for diet and/or habitat."

In Texas, the use of

Enlist Duo is prohibited in the following counties: Bastrop, Bell, Bowie, Burlison, Cameron, Colorado, Cooke, Fannin, Grayson, Hidalgo, Hill, Lamar, McLennan, Milam, Nueces, Red River, Refugio, Robertson, San Patricio, Victoria, Willacy and Williamson.

In Texas, the use of Enlist One is prohibited in the following counties: Bell, Bowie, Cameron, Cooke, Fannin, Grayson, Hidalgo, Hill, Lamar, McLennan, Nueces, Red River, San Patricio, Willacy and Williamson.

#### New Label Requirements

The new label requirements include, but are not limited to:

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EPA renews Enlist technologies registrations, but with limitations and county restrictions. (Texas A&M AgriLife photo by Kay Ledbetter)

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**LOTS 146-150:** 5 head of Brahman heifers, 28 months of age. Bred 5 months to Angus. This is an excellent pen of broody Brahman females. They are very gentle and can make someone a heck of a set of F-1 producers for many years. Bred to calving ease 44 Farms Angus bulls. You are going to like the calves you will be getting.



**LOTS 151-155 & 156-160:** 10 head of Brahman pairs, 30 months of age. Exposed to Brahman bulls with 120+ day old calves at side by Brahman. Everyone likes Brahman pairs and we are bringing two pens of our very best. These young pairs are some kind of fancy. The calves are sired by a top V8 Ranch Brahman bull and the cows are exposed back to a V8 bull. This is the correct way to get in the Brahman and F-1 business... start with quality.

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#### Lots 331-335

5 Certified F1 Hereford x Brahman Chocolate heifers, 14-16 months of age, open.

#### Lots 336-340

5 Certified. F1 Hereford x Brahman pairs, 28 months of age, with 30-60 day calves by Angus.

#### Lots 341-345

5 F1 Hereford x Brahman heifers, 14-16 months of age, open.

#### Lots 346-350

5 F1 Angus x Brahman heifers, 14-16 months of age, open.

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**Lots 111-115:** 5 head of Certified F-1 Hereford X Brahman pairs, 28 months of age with 60 day old calves at side by Angus. Look at the quality and class this pen of red tinted tigerstripe pairs. They are feminine from front to back and look at the nice udders they have. The Angus calves at side are just a bonus to this package.



**Lots 116-120:** 5 head of F-1 Hereford X Brahman pairs, 26 months of age with 30 day old calves at side by Angus. A very feminine and fancy set of light colored tigerstripe pairs. Moderate framed, excellent udders and very gentle. If you want them fancy, then this is the pen for you!

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### Regulations...

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- No application permitted after soybean and cotton crops are in bloom and might attract pollinators.

- No application permitted when rainfall is expected within 48 hours or soil is fully saturated.

- No irrigation that could produce runoff within 48 hours of application.

- Runoff reduction measures required.

- Only approved tank mixes, nozzles and spray pressures allowed.

- Downwind 30-foot in-field buffer required to protect sensitive areas.

- Corteva to provide mandatory education and training about importance of pollinators.

#### Training information

Various trainings have been scheduled around the state where dicamba and 2,4-D products are used. Check with your local AgriLife Extension county agent to find the closest training.

The first of five trainings for the Lubbock region will be on Jan. 21, and the remaining trainings on Feb. 14, March 10, April 8 and May 13. Each one-hour

training will have a fee of \$10 and start at 9 a.m. The in-person trainings will be at the Texas A&M AgriLife Research and Extension Center for Lubbock, 1102 Drew St. Online versions will be conducted via Zoom.

To participate in one of these trainings, attendees must preregister at least one day before the session and select whether they will be attending in person or online. Those attending online will receive further instructions.

## REPUTATION HEIFERS



**LOTS 371-375:** 5 Certified F1 Angus x Brahman heifers, 12 months of age, open. Out of JD Hudgins Brahman bulls!

**LOTS 376-380:** 5 Star 5 Certified Santa Gertrudis x Angus heifers, 12 months of age, open. You won't find a fancier set!

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**LOTS 406-410:** 5 Angus X F-1 Hereford X Brahman heifers, 24 months of age. Bred 8 months to an Angus bull. Mates to lots 401-405 but just as good and ready to calve soon.

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#### Lot 9 - CX Dreams Hombre 36H2

ID: 36H2 • REG: RR10451247 • DOB: 01/29/2020  
CX Legends Dream 610/U1  
CX Dream's Hombre 31/A  
CX Ms Brinks Excalibur 31/U  
CX Home Run 314/X2  
CX Ms Home Run 36/B1  
Ms K&K 36/L7  
CX Dreams Hombre 36H2, a son of CX Dream's Hombre 31/A, the International Houston Livestock Show Grand Champion and the Show Bull of the Year 2015-2016. Low birth weight, high performing bull with high yearling ratios. Lots of muscle and bone to go along with his moderate frame, deep sided and deep flanked with plenty of top and power. Good sheathed bull with the right angle. His dam is one of the best uttered cows at Cox Excalibur with plenty of milk. This pedigree with CX Home Run 135/P along with Center Ranch 314/L22 gives the buyer some of the most proven genetics in all Red Brangus.



#### Lot 10 - CX Dream Forever 177H2

ID: 177H2 • REG: RR10457251 • DOB: 03/21/2020  
CX Legends Dream 610/U1  
CX Dream Forever 365/A  
Miss J-R 365-3  
CX Legend 46/P2  
CX Ms Legend 177/W  
CX Ms Pay 117/L  
CX Dream Forever 177H2, a son of CX Dream Forever 365/A, one of the top 2 bulls ever at Cox Excalibur in the last 38 years. His calves have averaged the highest sellers in our repeat customers over the last 4 years. Take a close look at this moderate, thick, clean, heavy muscled bull. His natural thickness, width and length are perfect for the cattlemen looking to add easy fleshing cattle to their herd. The genetics in his pedigree have been in our herd at Cox Excalibur for over 30 years, and we don't keep them around unless they prove to perform on grass and produce a calf every year. Fertility and longevity are very important at CX.



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# Management tips to reduce the impact of calf scours- causes, signs, treatment

By **A.J. Tarpoff, DVM, MS, Kansas State Beef Extension veterinarian**

Neonatal calf scours (diarrhea) is a multifactorial issue. The risk and occurrence can change year to year based on many different factors. Typically, early spring calving due to the cold, wet and windy weather, creates some unique challenges in combating calf scours for cattle producers.

**Causes**

Scours can be initiated by infectious agents such as viruses, bacteria, and even protozoan parasites. It is important to note that most of the pathogens of concern are shed at low levels through the feces by healthy members of the resident cowherd. Most of the disease and death loss related to scours occurs within the first month of age. The bacteria, E. coli, is a common culprit within the first five days of life. Rota virus, Corona virus, and cryptosporidium (pro-

tozoa) are commonly identified in cases between one week and three weeks of age. Mixed infectious with more than one pathogen commonly occurs as well. Salmonella and Clostridial infections can also occur with minimal clinical signs before acute death.

Nutritional causes of neonatal diarrhea can also occur. "Milk Scours", as it is often referred to, is a non-infectious cause of white loose manure. This tends to occur after a cow/calf separation event. The hungry calves tend to over eat leading to undigested milk passing through the digestive tract. The intestinal disruption is often self-limiting and clears up within a day or two without treatment.

**Clinical signs**

The most common clinical signs of calf scours are watery stool, lethargy, and

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## Lot 25

**Mr HLC Three D 13H**  
**DOB: 01/03/2020**

Sire: DMR Three D 541E12  
Dam: Ms C Star Abrams 13A7  
BW: 77 lbs.; Adj. WW: 604 lbs.; Adj. YW: 1,250 lbs.  
EPDs: CE: 5.3; BW: .2; WW: 23; YW: 43; Milk: 5; TM: 16; SC: .42;  
REA: .37; IMF: .10.  
Three D grandson with above average bone and foot size. This bull is correct with a level hip and clean shouldered. Don't miss him!



## Lot 26

**MR HLC Three D Smokie 192H**  
**DOB: 02/02/2020**

Sire: DMR Three D 541E12  
Dam: Ms HLC Smokie 192B2  
BW: 72 lbs.; Adj. WW: 676 lbs.; Adj. YW: 1,285 lbs.  
EPDs: CE: 6.4; BW: .6; WW: 30; YW: 56; Milk: 5; TM: 20; SC: .83; REA: .40; IMF: .02.  
This super herd sire prospect is big ribbed, deep sided with tons of bone ad foot size. Daughters of this bull will carry more body and skeletal mass than the average sire group. He carries Three D, Jethro, Patton and the maternal traits of Wat Lead Gun—all in one pedigree!



### Lots 261-265

5 Brangus x Hereford super baldy heifers, 14-15 months of age, open.

### Lots 266-270

5 Brangus pairs, 28 months of age, with 60-90 day calves at side by Brangus.

### Lots 271-275

5 Angus x F1 Hereford x Brahman cross pairs, 28 months of age, with 60-90 day calves by Brangus.

### Lots 196-200

5 Golden Certified F1 Hereford x Brahman cross pairs, 26 months of age, with 30-60 day calves by Hereford.

**Watch for our consignments at the March 2nd Houston All Breed Sale—back in Houston!**

**Videos can be viewed of our bulls at: [www.idealvideoproductions.com/sale22](http://www.idealvideoproductions.com/sale22)**

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**LOT 36:**  
**PF Cool & New 9161 Polled**  
 I.D.: 9061 • Reg: M935119 • DOB: 12/16/2019  
 M6 Cool Rep 8108 ET  
 M6 Cool & New 602 Polled  
 M6 Ms New Nancy 277 P ET Polled  
 HBR Cannon 737 Polled  
 Sage Ms 82F Cannon 1261 Polled  
 Sage Ms Fast Stony Twina 2661 Polled  
 BW: 84 lbs.; Adj. WW: 743 lbs.  
 EPDs: CE: 5; BW: 1; WW: 56; YW: 100; Milk: 56.  
 This Charolais bull has it all...size, muscle, length and performance. Your calf crop will never look and perform better if you add this herd bull to your program.



**LOT 37:**  
**PF Cool & Blue 0403 Polled**  
 I.D.: 0403 • Reg: M938059 • DOB: 01/25/2020  
 M6 Cool Rep 8108 ET  
 M6 Cool & New 602 Polled  
 M6 Ms New Nancy 277 P ET Polled  
 LT Blue Value 7903 ET Polled  
 LT/CRP Blue Value 4003-02 Polled  
 CRP Cannon Polled  
 BW: 84 lbs.; Adj. WW: 873 lbs.  
 EPDs: CE: 5.2; BW: .3; WW: 63; YW: 108; Milk: 31; TM: 247;  
 REA: .51.  
 This is a very smooth made, yet thick butted Charolais bull. Just look at his overall performance and you can easily see what your next calf crop will look like.



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**LOTS 226-230:** 5 head of Golden Certified F-1 Polled Hereford X Brahman pairs, 28-30 months of age with 60-90 day old calves at side by Angus. Exposed back to Angus. Always known for feminine and broody females, these pairs will not disappoint you. They sell with 44 Farms Angus sired calves and are exposed back the same way.



**LOTS 231-235:** 5 head of Golden Certified F-1 Polled Hereford X Brahman pairs, 28-30 months of age with 60-90 day old calves at side by Angus. Exposed back to Angus. This solid pen of Golden Certified F1's pairs are really good. The calves at side are a bonus and the females are exposed back to a 44 Farms Angus bull.

**Watch for our consignments to The Houston All Breed Commercial Female Sale - March 2, 2022**

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**Lot 17 - GMR Mr 263 Manso**  
 ID: 263 • REG: 1021968 • DOB: 11/22/2019  
 JDH Mr Dwayne Manso 837/3 { JDH Prescott Manso 82/6  
 JDH Lady Hoyo Manso 262/3  
 Miss RB 649/3 { JADL Rey TE 110  
 Ms RB 279/2

**YBW: 66 lbs.; Adj. WW: 664 lbs.**  
**EPDs: BW: 1.8; WW: 27; YW: 48; Milk: 10; SC: -.18; REA: .48; IMF: .01.**  
 This Brahman bull is some kind of special. He combines exceptional performance with eye appeal that makes this bull the complete package.



**Lot 17 - GMR Mr Lofton Manso 286**  
 ID: 286 • REG: 1028125 • DOB: 04/06/2020  
 JDH Mr Shannon Manso 886/1 { JDH Sir Lawford Manso 616/6  
 JDH Ms Fife Manso 311/1  
 JDH Mr Mosley Manso 368/1  
 JDH Lady Cheree Manso 408/2 { JDH Lady Lee Ann Manso 504/1

**BW: 72 lbs.; Adj. WW: 625 lbs.; Adj. YW: 987 lbs.**  
**EPDs: CE: 5.89; BW: 2.9; WW: 26; YW: 39; Milk: 6; TM: 20; SC: -.19; REA: .21; IMF: 0.1.**  
**Ultrasound: Adj. REA: 12.21; Adj. IMF: 2.5; Adj. Fat: .27.**  
 If you like Brahman cattle then you are going to like this bull. He is thick, deep, long bodied and gentle.  
**Super genetics...super performance...he has it all.**



**Lots 216-220 -**  
 5 head of Registered Beefmaster heifers, 22-24 months of age. Bred 3 1/2-7 months to Registered Beefmaster. If you like them fancy, then this is the pen for you. These Beefmaster heifers are deep and feminine and out of some of the breeds top genetics. They are also bred to some of Beefmasters best genetics.



**Lots 221-225**  
 5 head of Registered Brahman heifers, 21-24 months of age. Sell open. Deep, soggy Brahman heifers are very gentle and extra good. These heifers are now ready for bulls and will top producers for many years.

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**Tips...**

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dehydration.

•**Diarrhea:** The color of the stool can be brown, green, yellow, or grey in color. Tail and the rear legs may be covered in wet manure. Bloody stools can also be seen with Salmonella, Clostridial, or coccidiosis.

•**Lethargy:** noted by decreased desire to nurse, depressed attitude, and reluctance to stand. Staggered walk may also occur.

“*Scours can be initiated by infectious agents such as viruses, bacteria, and even protozoan parasites*”

•**Dehydration:** identified by having sunken eyes. Another effective means to measure dehydration is by tenting the skin of the calf. A well hydrated calf's skin

will snap back flat after pinching it. If it takes 1-3 seconds, the calf would be ~6-8% dehydrated. If the skin tent takes up to 5 seconds, the calf would be ~8-10% dehydrated. The severe loss of fluids also interrupts the calf's acid/base and electrolyte balances

**Treatment**

The most important thing to do when deciding how to treat calf scours is to work with a local veterinarian. They have the expertise to help guide producers through the process on how to intervene to give the best chance for calf survival. Treatment of calf scours is directed toward correcting the main issues: Dehydration, Acid/Base imbalance, and Electrolyte imbalance. Fluid therapy is typically the first step in scour treatment. This is usually carried out through oral electrolytes and fluids to correct the dehydration and continued loss. There are many electrolyte formulations available on the market. Not all formulations are the same. They are formulated for many different purposes depending on electrolyte, energy, and pH buffering needs. Selection

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**LOTS 136-140:** 5 Santa Gertrudis X Hereford pairs, 24 months of age with 60 day old calves at side by Brangus. Brood cows for a long time. These Santa Gertrudis cross females are very fancy and functional and have an excellent set of Brangus calves at side.



**LOTS 141-145:** 5 Brangus X Santa Gertrudis pairs, 24 months of age with 60 day old calves at side by Brangus bulls. Mates to the pairs in lots 136-140 but out of Brangus bulls. Really smooth, hardy and milking machines.

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## Winter supplementation of beef calves – when supplementation doesn't pay

By Karla H. Wilke, UNL cow/calf systems and stocker management specialist

Spring born calves are often weaned in the fall, supplemented through the winter at a low rate of gain, and then graze summer grass, taking advantage of compensatory gain until feedlot entry. Many producers assume providing minimal protein supplementation to target approximately 1.0 pound/day gain during the winter is the most economical system. However, research data would suggest this assumption is not the most economical management system.

A study evaluating feeding 450 pound steers 0, 1.1, 2.3, or 3.4 pounds of dried distillers grains (DDGS)/d (dry matter basis) while the calves grazed dormant native range reported a linear gain response of 0.60, 1.06, 1.41, and 1.72 pounds/day, respectively. However, when the calves were subsequently allowed to graze high quality growing forage, the calves that were not supplemented on dormant range experienced compensatory gain and had a similar ending body weight to the calves supplemented with 1.1 pound of DDGS (625 pounds for both treatments). Those non-supplemented calves compensated 100% compared to the low supplementation level. However, they only compensated 38% and 46% compared with the two higher levels of supplementation and those calves maintained a weight advantage of 653 and 656 pounds, respectively. Therefore, the producer who spent money to achieve only 1 pound/day gain on dormant range lost money after grazing better quality forage because those calves weighed the same as the group that did not incur supplement expense. Supplement expense was optimal when calves were supplemented 2.3 pounds of DDGS targeting 1.5 pounds/d gain, regardless if DDGS was priced high or low if calves were kept through a high quality forage grazing phase. If calves were sold after winter grazing, supplementing with 3.4 pounds of DDGS resulted in the best economic analysis.

In a meta-analysis of six



Data suggest that spending money to supplement cattle at a low rate of gain and having that weight advantage lost in subsequent phases is costly to producers. Photo credit Troy Walz.

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### LOTS 121-125

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**LOTS 176-180: 5 head of Santa Gertrudis X Hereford pairs, 26 months of age with 45-60 day old calves at side by Brangus. These pairs are extra fancy with lots of length, depth and femininity. Combine them with an excellent set of Brangus calves at side and this is a pen you will want to own.**

**LOTS 181-185: 5 head of Santa Gertrudis X Hereford pairs, 26 months of age with 45-60 day old calves at side by Brangus. Mates to the other pen, these females have been crowd favorites for many years. The Santa Gertrudis X Hereford cross just seems to bring out the best and this pen is one of our favorites.**

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# Fancy Brangus Built heifers selling at the San Antonio All Breed Sale

## LOTS 411-415:



Brangus Built heifers, 13-16 months of age, open. We are proud to consign this high quality pen of Brangus Built Heifers to the sale. These heifers are sired by Mound Creek Ranch and Williams Ranch bulls and out of some outstanding Brangus females. Take them home and put them in your front pasture to breed to your choice of bulls. You will be proud to own them!



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## Judging team... (Continued from page 50)

the meat judging and livestock judging competitions and a reserve champion title and third place in the wool judging competition.

Lamb said these successes reflect the quality of students and coaches to the Department of Animal Science mission to provide exceptional high-impact learning opportunities to our students.

“We are proud of the recent success of our teams at the NWSS, as this reflects on the outstanding

students that we have the honor to educate,” he said.

### Livestock Judging Team

The Aggies brought home the National Western Champion Team Overall award and the Reserve Champion Team Carload title. To win the overall title, they placed first in placing cattle, first in reasons, second in placing hogs and third in placing sheep/goats.

Texas A&M individuals placing were:

•Maddie Schroeder, Columbia City, Indiana, second overall — tied for first, sixth hogs, seventh

sheep and goats, ninth reasons, 10th cattle.

•Logan Jackson, Eastland, first reasons, second cattle, second cattle reasons and fourth overall.

•Kristen Massingill, Hamilton, second feedlot cattle, third cattle, sixth overall, sixth reasons, ninth hogs.

“Competitive teams, such as the livestock, meats and wool teams in the Texas A&M Department of Animal Science are some of the greatest high-impact learning opportunities that we can offer our undergraduate students”

•Katie Kempen, San Antonio, third reasons, fourth cattle, fifth cattle reasons, 12th overall.

•Michael Rezendes, Madera, California, 22nd overall.

The winning members of the Carload judging team are Tar Tut, Faribault, Minnesota; Gunner Crawford, Adamstown, Maryland; Logan Thomas, Raymondville; Emma Mercer, Hyattville, Wyoming; and Carter Burgin, Spearman.

Other team members are Lauren Thomas, Raymondville; Kenzy Hoffmann, New Braunfels; Brook Nervig, Roscoe; Mason Pape, Justin; Seth Hilfiker, Holtville, California; and Gage Hogan, Sterling City. The coaches are Caleb Boardman, Frannie, Wyoming, faculty member; Landon Eldridge, graduate assistant, Snook; and Kyle Despain, undergraduate assistant, Laramie, Wyoming.

The Livestock Judging Team has four competitions lined up in the next two months: Sioux Empire Livestock Show, Jan. 30; Fort Worth Stock Show and Rodeo, Feb. 4; San Antonio Stock Show and Rodeo, Feb. 26; and Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo, March 14.

### Meat Judging Team

The Texas A&M Meat Judging Team earned the champion team title at the Jan. 16 contest at JBS beef plant in Greeley, Colorado, coordinated by the American Meat Science Association. To win the overall champion team award, the Texas A&M team placed first in specifications, second in beef

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# Statewide estate survey underway among farmers, ranchers, rural landowners

By Kay Ledbetter, Texas AgriLife Today

Tiffany Lashmet, J.D., AgriLife Extension agricultural law specialist, and Justin Benavidez, Ph.D., AgriLife Extension economist, both in Amarillo, are conducting a survey of farmers, ranchers, agribusiness owners and rural landowners about estate and succession planning.



Equipment and land are passed from one generation to another and determining what farmers and ranchers need to know about the process is at the center of a new Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service estate survey. (Texas A&M AgriLife photo by Kay Ledbetter)

to hiring a lawyer for final- ization of plans.

“Estate and business succession planning is one of the most important things that any farmer, rancher or rural landowner can do,” Lashmet said. “Unfortunately, the statistics tell us many simply aren’t doing it.”

She said they’ve just launched the survey, which is available online or by mail. The survey link is <https://tx.ag/EstateSurvey>. The raw data—anything provided by individuals completing the survey—will not be shared.

“We are excited to have grant funding from Texas Corn Producers to conduct this survey to help us understand who is and is not working on estate plans, what barriers exist, and what educational resources we can develop that would be helpful in this process,” Lashmet said.

Texas Corn Producer Board Chairman Robert Gordon said Texas’ family farms are the foundation of the future of agriculture.

“Knowing how we can best support these small businesses as they pass to the next generation is important,” Gordon said. “Texas Corn Producers sees this need, and is proud to support AgriLife in this effort.”

### Survey plans, outcomes

Benavidez said they will take the surveys from now until mid-March, and they are specifically interested in getting input from across the state.

“Once we collect all of the survey responses, we will analyze those and prepare a report that summarizes the results,” Lashmet said. “This report will look at trends we see from the data and will allow us to help identify the key issues for which additional educational information and training would be helpful.”

Lashmet conducts estate training across Texas and has developed steps individuals can take prior

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### Judging team...

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grading, second in pork judging, third in lamb judging and third in placings.

Texas A&M's high individuals included:

- Gage Walsh, Santa Fe, third overall — tied for second, second in pork and placings, fourth grading.

- Alexandra Smith, Flower Mound, third reasons and fifth in overall, pork and specifications.

- Molly Hicks, Joshua, second grading, seventh overall.

- Bailey Lamb, Huntsville, third specifications,

10th overall.

- Cassie Brown, College Station, high point alternate.

- Morgan McKinzie, Stephenville, third alternate.

- Nathan Barrett, Nor-mangee, 10th alternate.

Other team members included Abby Tack, Humble; Rylie Philipello, Bryan; and Avery Foster, Cedar Park. The coaches are Kaylee Greiner, Christiansburg, Virginia, and Paige Williams, Austin and the faculty coordinator is Jennifer Wyle, Boerne.

The Meat Judging Team will next compete as a part

of the Fort Worth Stock Show and Rodeo.

Wool Judging Team

Texas A&M's Wool Judging Teams competed in the National Western Collegiate Wool Contest, placing second and third. They were the high team in placings and reasons, and four team members placed in the top 10 overall — Hayden White, Waco, second; Cooper Ford, Weslaco, third; Caitlyn Hobbs, Mt. Pleasant, fifth; and Makayla Waiser, Kerrville, ninth.

In the alternates contest, Texas A&M had seven individuals in the top 10: Grace Parks, Essex, Vermont, first; Michael Penner, Cameron, second; Jodi Hoke, Huntsville, third; Logan Moore, Eldorado, fourth; Emily Ecord, Groveton, fifth; Rachael Detten, Hereford, sixth; and Elise Stovall, Katy, eighth.

Other team members include Abigail Borden, Kerrville; Avery Flanagan, Ballinger; Zachary Hoelscher, Robinson; and Jaxson Zimmerman, Franklin. Coaches include Shawn Ramsey, Ph.D., faculty and Carson Millican, Seminole;

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Texas A&M's Meat Judging Team at the National Western Stock Show in Denver. (Texas A&M AgriLife photo)

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**LOT 7: BR Charlie 9227 • I.D.: 9227**  
Reg. No.: 44100033 • Birth: 12/16/2019

BR Hutton 4030ET  
BR Charlies Hutton 6033  
BR Brianne 4043  
BR Copper 124Y  
BR Elvira D605  
BR DM 424 Miss Adv 6128

BW: 90 lbs; Adj. WW: 826 lbs. Adj. YW: 1,254 lbs.  
EPDs: CE: -3.2; BW: 3.9; WW: 65; YW: 93; Milk: 24; TM: 57;  
SC: 0.6; REA: 0.49; IMF: 0.12.

Long bodied and lots of class sums up this top notch Polled Hereford bull. He has impressive performance, travels freely and will match up extremely well with Brahman cows to produce some F1 babies like you've never seen.



**LOT 8: BR 109 Catapult H003 ET • I.D.: H003**  
Reg. No.: 44122397 • Birth: 01/07/2020

TH 122 711 Victor 719T  
CRR 719 Catapult 109  
CRR 0437 Eclipse 808  
Atlas 66T Mr Helton 150Y ET  
BR Amber 6089  
BR Dans Amber 3A22

BW: 92 lbs.; Adj. WW: 827 lbs.; Adj. YW: 1,242 lbs.  
EPDs: CE: -7.7; BW: 6.3; WW: 68; YW: 113; Milk: 37; TM: 71;  
SC: 0.9; REA: 0.43; IMF: 0.20.

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**Tips...**

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decisions of these products should be made with the input of a veterinarian. Always follow label directions when mixing and administering electrolyte

solutions. However, if the calf is severely dehydrated IV fluids administered by a veterinarian offers the best chance to recovery. Many times the calves lose their ability to maintain proper body temperature. Supportive care through ther-

mal support during the course of disease may help increase calf vigor, desire to suckle, and mentation. Veterinarians may also include oral or systemic antibiotics in certain cases when it has been determined to be bacterial cause, or septicemia is a concern.

Possible treatment procedures should be discussed with a veterinarian before the calving season begins. Having a basic inventory of supplies and products as well as a protocol in place will ensure proper early treatment in the course of the disease.

If treatment response is poor, or if there is abnormally high incidence of disease, further diagnostics from a necropsy and results from a Veterinary Diagnostic Lab will help with proper treatment regimens.

**Prevention**

Neonatal calf scours (diarrhea) is a multifactorial issue. Regardless of the pathogen(s) involved, there are some basic management strategies to reduce the risk of developing an outbreak. Four key areas to concentrate on are

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**MLS Sundance H635 PLD**



Lot 46 - H635 - Born 2/19/20  
Sire: LT Sundance 2251 PLD - Dam: JGS Venus Y179  
BW: 87 lbs; ANW: 715lbs; AYW: 1057 lbs  
EPOs: CE: 8.8; BW: -0.3; WW: 59; YW: 99; Milk: 22; MCE: 3.8; MI: 51; SC: 1.3; CW: 26; REA: 0.75; Marb: 0.16; TSI 238.11  
Yrling Ultrasound: AREA: 13.48 / 103%; AIMP: 2.88 / 142%  
H635 has caught our eye since he was a calf. Super correct in his structure and carries the length of body that all Sundance's possess. If you desire a sharp fronted, square made herd sire prospect that can really move, H635 is the bull for you! His dam Y179 is a proven donor and the dam of one of our consignments last year.

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**MLS Advocate H638**



Lot 47 - H638 - Born 2/20/20  
Sire: LT Patriot 4004 PLD - Dam: JGS Ms Rio Y157  
BW: 86 lbs; AWW: 715lbs; AYW: 1162 lbs  
EPOs: CE: 3; BW: 0.8; WW: 60; YW: 113; Milk: 30; MCE: -0.5; MI: 60; SC: 0.7; CW: 31; REA: .72; Marb: .28; TSI: 258.91  
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**Lot 31 - KH Hector 482G**  
 ID: KH482G • REG: 44269763 • DOB: 11/15/19  
 PCC 0054 Hutton 6077 ET  
 { NJW 73S 980 Hutton 109Z ET  
 MDP New Mexico Lady 0054 ET  
 KH Hailey 156Z  
 { KJ 927P Tech 090W ET  
 KH Clare 61X

**Lot 32 - KH Athens 509H**  
 ID: 509H • REG: P44185498 • DOB: 04/05/20  
 RW KLD Ruger 109 7029 ET  
 { CRR 719 Catapult 109  
 RW Mindy 3078 6096  
 KH Anna 177A  
 { Git-R-Done 19R ET  
 KH Miss Charolette 15U

EPDs: CE: 2.1; BW: 2.1; WW: 50; YW: 79.  
 A really smooth, dark red Polled Hereford bull. T482G travels extremely well, solid made with a nice strong top line. This is the kind of bull that will produce some excellent calves.

EPDs: CE: 3.6; BW: 3.9; WW: 54; YW: 91.  
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## Tips...

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biosecurity, supporting proper immune function, environmental management, and hygiene.

### Biosecurity

It is imperative to not inadvertently introduce disease into an operation. But it is something that is often overlooked. If a new calf or cow from outside the herd is introduced during or around calving season (30 days before/30 days

after), ensure that those individuals are quarantined and separated from the rest of the herd. This often happens when we graft a sale barn calf onto a cow that lost its calf, or purchase a milk cow to nurse an orphan. Any animals from outside your herd can introduce this devastating disease to your operation.

Sick animals (especially scouring calves) can shed enormous amounts of pathogens into the environment. Isolating these

animals and eliminating any mingling of infirmed animals and newborns will greatly reduce the exposure risk to new born calves.

### Immune function

Calf hood immune protection all starts with the first critical meal known as colostrum. Ensuring adequate intake and suckling behavior of the freshly born calf is important. Intake within the first few hours of life will increase (Continued on page 57)

## Supplementation...

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studies, 500-pound calves were supplemented to target a winter rate of gain of 0.5 or 1.5 pounds/d. After summer grazing, the calves supplemented to target the low rate of winter gain only compensated 37% (weighing 768 pounds) resulting in the calves targeted for a higher winter rate of gain being heavier at feedlot entry (weighing 840 pounds). Subsequently, the calves targeted for high gain in the winter were heavier at harvest (1307 pounds vs. 1230 pounds), successfully maintaining that weight advantage through all three phases of

production. The economic analysis determined that the most profitable steers were the ones gaining 1.5 pounds/d on dormant winter range regardless of whether DDGS was priced low or high.

These study results suggest that targeting winter gain of 1.5 pounds/day is most likely to result in added body weight that is maintained throughout subsequent phases including summer grazing and feedlot finishing and can be an economical practice. More importantly, these data suggest that spending money to supplement cattle at a low rate of gain and having that weight advantage lost in subsequent

phases is costly to producers.

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**Tips...**

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the efficiency of colostrum antibody transfer into the calf. But colostrum quality all stems back to care of the cow. Previous research has shown proper nutritional

supplementation to maintain Body Condition Score (BCS) will help increase both colostrum quality and quantity in the dam. Vaccination status of the dam can also play a critical role in calf health. Boosting immune function will

transfer a higher level of antibody to those pathogens into the colostrum.

**Environment**

The solution to pollution is dilution! Reducing the environmental contamination of pathogens that new born calves are exposed to is a great way to reduce the risk of scours. These pathogens build up in the environment where cattle are housed for extended periods of time. An excellent program to reduce the contamination and risk of the disease is the Sandhills Calving System. The principles behind this system are two-fold. First, calves born earlier in the calving season are exposed to smaller amounts of pathogens. Because of this, they typically do not break with disease. However, they do act as disease amplifiers. They will shed pathogens at a much higher rate. Separating calves by age group decreases the risk of exposure due to environmental contamination. Second, is limiting accumulation of pathogens on the calving ground, by calving in a "clean" area. These principles are put into practice by calving in one pasture or paddock for

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**LOTS 471-475** - F1 Hereford x Brahman open heifers, 13-14 months of age.

**LOTS 476-480** - F1 Hereford x Brahman open heifers, 15-16 months of age.

**LOTS 481-485** - Open Brahman heifers, 15-16 months of age.

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### Tips...

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about two weeks. Then moving still pregnant cows to a new calving area to calve for another two weeks, leaving the cow/calf pairs in the first pasture. Continue until the youngest calf is a month of age, then the animals can be managed as one group again. The theory is sound, and in practice can work quite well. Unfortunately, many operations do not have the cross fencing, water access or space availability to manage this. But, any movement to break the disease cycle can make a major impact on the course of the disease. By understanding these principles of separation and minimizing contamination, several steps can be taken to mitigate the risk. Utilizing pregnancy check data, operations can split herds into calving groups to be managed in different pastures. This will decrease overall contamination in the pasture settings. Rotating feeding and resting areas throughout the pasture can also dilute the amount of contamination that newborn calves are

exposed to. This may include utilizing portable windbreaks or shelters, rolling hay in different locations or moving hay feeders as the season progresses.

“Hygiene is also critically important to avoid accidental infection of newborn calves through handling and management procedures”

If a single calving area is utilized on the operation, strict management may be necessary to mitigate risk. Cows and newborn calves should be turned out into a “clean” pasture as soon as possible after birth. Ideally the pasture of choice should be filled with cows with calves of roughly the same age.

Barns and chute areas used to intervene during hard calving situations should also be kept clean. These areas also become contaminated through the season. Removing and replacing soiled bedding can reduce the pathogen load. After assisting births, cleaning teat ends of the

cow will reduce the exposure of environmental pathogens during the calf's first suckling opportunity.

#### Hygiene

Many scour pathogens can cause illness in people, this is known as Zoonosis. Personal hygiene is critical to ensure ranchers don't succumb to the same diarrhea causing bugs as their calves. Washing hands, wearing gloves, and disinfecting equipment can all reduce the chance of sickness.

Hygiene is also critically important to avoid accidental infection of newborn calves through handling and management procedures. Esophageal tube feeders, nursing bottles, gloves, boots, and coveralls can all carry dangerous pathogens from a sick calf to a newborn calf. Use separate tube feeders and equipment for sick calves, and be sure to wash them thoroughly between animals. Work flow is another important concept to consider. Handle sick or infirmed calves after any healthy calves or newborns. This will ensure there it not cross contamination from clothing.

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 SIRE: JDH Suma Manso 332/8  
 DAM: EA Rosetta 3012

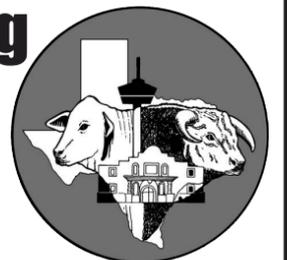
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**F1 BRANGUS BULL**

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 SIRE: JDH Suma Manso 332/8  
 DAM: EA Rosetta 3012



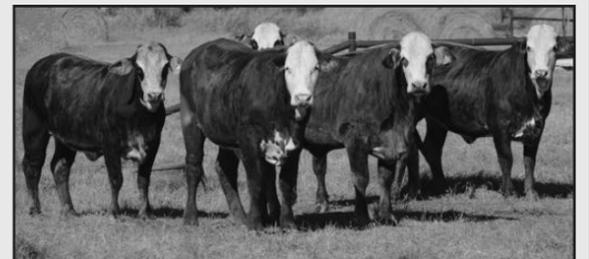
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# Texas Tech receives \$44 million philanthropic gift

By George Watson, Texas Tech director of media and public affairs

Gordon W. Davis has had a larger impact on the Texas Tech College of Agricultural Sciences & Natural Resources than just about anyone else. A local businessman who spent 10 years as an

associate professor in the college, Davis and his wife, Joyce, have given a \$44 million donation, which represents the single largest philanthropic donation to Texas Tech in school history and is one of the largest investments in people and programs in an agricultural college in the U.S.

The gift will fund three areas within the college:

- A \$25 million endowment that will directly benefit the college;
- A \$4 million gift to establish the Gordon and Joyce Davis Endowment for Excellence in Meat and Food Science; and
- A \$15 million gift from the Gordon W. Davis estate to benefit future educational efforts within the college.

To honor this generosity, Texas Tech University is renaming the college the Gordon W. Davis College of Agricultural Sciences & Natural Resources.

“My wife and I voted 2-0 on this college,” Davis said of his and Joyce’s decision. (Continued on page 60)

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**Lot 21 - HC Santito 2051**  
 ID: 2051 • REG: M959810 • DOB: 04/29/2020  
 DS Mr Big Cigar W20  
 MD International B3006 P  
 MD Ms Trademark X907  
 M6 Fresh Bravo 2125 P ET  
 LT Fresh Bravo 532  
 LT Ms Standard 359  
 BW: 82 lbs.; Adj. WW: 836 lbs. Adj. YW: 1,312 lbs.  
 EPDs: CE: 1.9; BW: 1.7; WW: 67; YW: 114; Milk: 18;  
 TM: 51; SC: 1.2; REA: 0.75; IMF: -0.011.



**Lot 22 - HC Fire Power 2099**  
 ID: 2099 • REG: M959814 • DOB: 05/16/2020  
 LT Ledger 0332 P  
 DC/KCM Excel F800 P  
 KCM Ms Equity D1093 PET  
 M6 Full Throttle 2138 PET  
 HC Full Tradition 1235  
 HC Ms Weight Watcher 1013  
 BW: 80 lbs.; Adj. WW: 810 lbs.; Adj. YW: 1,308 lbs.  
 EPDs: CE: 6.6; BW: 0.0; WW: 57; YW: 101; Milk: 25;  
 TM: 54; SC: 1.1; REA: 0.73; IMF: 0.005.



**Lot 23 - BEP Smooth Resource H2**  
 ID: H21 • REG: M943052 • DOB: 05/20/2020  
 LT Rushmore 8060 Pld  
 CCC WC Resource 417 P  
 WC CCC Blue Girl 1528 P  
 HF Hi Definition U08 ET  
 HF Ms Hi Def D187  
 KTR Ms Galli Jo ET  
 Adj. WW: 813 lbs.; Adj. YW: 1,396 lbs.  
 EPDs: CE: 50; BW: -0.2; WW: 57; YW: 96; Milk: 25; TM: 53; SC: 0.8; REA: 0.71; IMF: 0.021.



**Lot 24 - HC Mr. Tio Tom 2097**  
 ID: 2097 • REG: M959815 • DOB: 05/22/2020  
 LT Ledger 0332 P  
 DC/KCM Excel F800 P  
 KCM Ms Equity D1093 PET  
 Hayden A467  
 HC Coolmakere 1587  
 HC Ms Cool Pal 1017  
 BW: 82 lbs.; Adj. WW: 796 lbs.; Adj. YW: 1,288 lbs.  
 EPDs: CE: 50; BW: 65; WW: 62; YW: 104; Milk: 25; TM: 56; SC: 1.0; REA: 0.71; IMF: 0.015.

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**Lot 11 - BD: 1/27/20  
CFC BUCHANAN 23H2**



Herd Sire Prospect Big Lake Son  
EPDs: BW: 1.0 WW: 43 YW: 78 TM: 19 REA: .71 IMF: .31

**Lot 12 - BD: 3/9/20  
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EPDs: BW: 1.7 WW: 33 YW: 68 TM: 23 REA: .39 IMF: .15

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## Gift...

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sion to make this gift to the college. "We did this together.

"I think agriculture is a sleeping giant. We're out here in West Texas, one of the great agriculture areas of the whole world. We have great alumni from all over the country, especially Texas, that love the college and love the education they got in agriculture at Texas Tech. So why wouldn't we want to do this and get it better and better and better? The sleeping giant gets realized and becomes one of the preeminent colleges of agricultural sciences in the world."

The gift also will challenge Davis College leadership to forge a bold vision for future fundraising to continue supporting new and ongoing projects within the college and its seven departments and increase the level of excellence already established.

The seven departments within the Davis College are:

- Agricultural and Applied Economics
- Agricultural Education & Communications

- Animal & Food Sciences
- Landscape Architecture
- Plant and Soil Science
- Natural Resources Management
- Veterinary Sciences

These new endowments will continue to enhance the worldwide stature and success of the college by funding scholarships for the Texas Tech Meat Sciences and Muscle Biology program and the Food Safety and Microbiology program as well as overall excellence for the entire college.

"The legacy of Gordon Davis at Texas Tech reflects his passionate dedication to students and a history of promoting excellence in the College of Agricultural Sciences & Natural Resources, first as a faculty member and then through generous support as a successful entrepreneur," Texas Tech President Lawrence Schovanec said. "This historic and transformative gift from Gordon and Joyce Davis amplifies that legacy and will provide resources that will enhance educational experiences, academic programs and faculty research.

I am profoundly grateful for their extraordinary commitment and investment in the future of the college and Texas Tech University."

"Gordon and Joyce Davis' gift is about investing in people," said Provost and Senior Vice President Ron Hendrick. "The Davises know that investing in students, faculty and staff in the Gordon W. Davis College of Agricultural Sciences & Natural Resources is critical to its success, and our success as a university. The Davises' generous gift demonstrates their commitment to, and strong belief in, education and academics as a pathway to success."

### About Gordon W. Davis

These new gifts add to the Davis family's legacy of giving over the years. In 2006, the \$500,000 Gordon W. Davis Meat Science Enhancement Endowment helped maintain facility equipment and support teaching, outreach and research activities in the Department of Animal & Food Sciences. The meat science laboratory building on campus bears the Gordon W. Davis name. At

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# McMurtry Brangus Trusted Reliable Genetics



**Lot 34 -  
MB Chisholm 268H2 - Born 2/9/20**  
Sire: CB Chisholm 75A21  
Dam: Ms Brinks Pickett 268T3  
BW: 79 lbs.; Adj. WW: 691 lbs.; Adj. YW: 1,288 lbs.  
EPDs: CE: 3.4; BW: 2.4; WW: 29; YW: 51; Milk: 12; TM: 26; SC: .81; REA: .52; IMF: .07

If you are looking for stout made bulls with lots of muscle, bone and depth of body, this Chisolm son is the bull for you. He's maternal too, ranking in the top 20% for Milk and SC EPDs.



**Lot 35 -  
MB Big Town 268H6 - Born 5/7/20**  
Sire: BWCC Big Town 192B16  
Dam: Ms Gracen Ltd 268Y (Ltd Of Brinks 415T28)  
BW: 71 lbs.; Adj. WW: 640 lbs.; Adj. YW: 1,141 lbs.  
EPDs: CE: 6; BW: 0; WW: 28; YW: 52; Milk: 15; TM: 29; SC: 1.03; REA: .53; IMF: .12

268H6 is a moderate framed son of the popular AI sire Big Town, and out of an LTD daughter on the bottom side. He ranks in the top 10% for Milk & SC, 15% for TM and 20% for REA & Fertility Index. He is bold ribbed, deep-sided and thick with a super disposition as well as sheath angle. We think you will like him!

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BW: 84; WW: 780; YW: 1375; SC: 44

**Lot 6 - B&C Mighty Stock 0041**  
ID: 0041 • REG: P44182133 • DOB: 3/21/20

- B&C MIGHTY 8016F { NJW 792 22Z MIGHTY 49C ET
- B&C MS SENSATION 5069C { B&C MS SENSATION 5069C
- B&C MS STOCK RAM 8007F { C STOCKMAN 2059 ET
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BW: 82; WW: 765; YW: 1365; SC: 43

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the same time, Davis also gave \$500,000 to establish the Gordon W. Davis Endowed Chair in the Department of Animal & Food Sciences, which was

matched by the Regents' Faculty Endowment Program, creating a new faculty position currently held by professor Brad Johnson.

The Gordon W. Davis Endowed Scholarship for Excellence in Meat Judging was established in

1996 by the Meat Science Alumni Association to provide financial assistance for students majoring in meat science who are participating on the Texas Tech Meat Judging Team. Today, the team is the three-time defending national champion and has been called "the Alabama football of the meat judging world" by Sports Illustrated.

A year later, in 1997, Davis helped establish the Gordon W. Davis Endowed Scholarship for undergraduate students in the Department of Animal & Food Science who are studying meat science.

In 2020, the Gordon and Joyce Davis Foundation was created to award scholarships to students planning to attend community colleges, universities or trade schools.

Davis, who earned bachelor's degrees in agriculture science and education from Washington State University and a doctorate in meat science from Texas A&M University, spent the early part of his career as an instructor and faculty member at several colleges. He began as a high school instructor in the late 1960s

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Lot 19 - GMR Absolute 928 - DOB: 1/18/20



Sire: SWEL Whistling Ray 219S  
Dam: GMR Rito 792

BW: 71 lbs.; Adj. WW: 654 lbs.; Adj. YW: 1,110 lbs.  
EPDs: CE: 5; BW: 2.1; WW: 52; YW: 93; Milk: 22; SC: .69; REA: .22; IMF: .48.

Lot 20 - GMR Southern Charm 024 - DOB: 2/15/20



Sire: BUBS Southern Charm AA31  
Dam: GMR Royal Queen 623

BW: 70 lbs.; Adj. WW: 690 lbs.; Adj. YW: 1,052 lbs.  
EPDs: CE: 6; BW: 1.9; WW: 61; YW: 102; Milk: 28; SC: 1.41; REA: .68; IMF: .61.

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**Lot 1 - Atlas 500C Massive 31D 98G**

ID: 98G • REG: P44281357 • DOB: 12/08/2019

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Atlas MS 110T Ribeye 74B ET

NJW 73S 980 Hutton 109Z ET

Atlas MS 347 Shesalady 50C ET

CJH Miss Robin 347

EPDs:

CE: 2.9; BW: 4.4; WW: 58; YW: 99; SC: 1.4; Milk: 31; M&G: 60  
98 is about as thick, meaty, and easy doing bull as you can make one, plus he is free moving. He looks like the rear end of a semi truck from behind.



**Lot 3 - Atlas 321L Sooner 435 026H ET**

ID: 026H • REG: P44307541 • DOB: 2/19/2020

Remitall Online 122L

DMBR Sooner

DM L1 Dominette 901

Star SS Thunder LT 62J

Star Spiridge Kessey 321LET

SSF Keysha 949

EPDs: CE: -1.0; BW: 4.4; WW: 63; YW: 99; Milk: 20; M&G: 52

This polled ET son is out of the Barber's most used bull for years-- Sooner and a Star Lake National Champion female. He is deep dark red--bred to be heavy maternal.



**Lot 2 - Atlas 21Z Right Time 6692 4H**

ID: 4H • REG: 44173455 • DOB: 01/01/2020

CRR About Time 743

BR About Time 6692 ET

BR CSF Gabrielle 8051 ET

KCL 17N Neon Sign 2042 12W ET

KCL 12W Rockette 105W 21Z

KCL 135S Big Big Sky 105W

BW: 77 lbs.

EPDs: CE: 1.0; BW: 3.8; WW: 55; YW: 83; Milk: 19; M&G: 46  
Big, stout horned bull -- high performance.



**Lot 4 - Atlas 34F Copper 6124 54H**

ID: 54H • REG: 44307243 • DOB: 04/27/2020

BR Copper 124Y

JCS 124Y Copper 6124

JCS Classy Lady 1324

BR Belle Air 6011

Atlas 69W Pretty 6011 34F ET

Atlas Pretty As 66T 10N 69W

BW: 89 lbs.

EPDs: CE: -3.4; BW: 4.2; WW: 62; YW: 100; Milk: 26; M&G: 57.  
You have to admire the performance and growth of this bull which is out of a two year-old heifer who is out of the great Belle Air bull.



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and later was an instructor at Texas A&M while finishing his master's and doctorate requirements. He then spent three years on the faculty at the University of Tennessee and 10 years at Texas Tech. In 1990, he left to enter the private sector.

During his time in academia, he coached two national champion meat judging teams, at Texas A&M in 1973 and Texas Tech in 1989 – that would be the first of what is now 16 national championships in Lubbock. Professor Mark Miller, the San Antonio Stock Show & Rodeo Chair in Meat Science, Food Processing and Preservation, competed in meat judging for Davis in 1981 and served as an assistant coach in 1982 and 1983. He succeeded Davis in that role and has led Texas Tech to 15 more national championships.

“Gordon Davis has been an amazing supporter of the kids,” Miller said. “His passion for excellence and drive to make Texas Tech a world class meat science program has made a significant impact on the

lives of many people and will continue to do so for eternity. We are blessed to have Gordon Davis as a friend and family member in our meat science program at Texas Tech.”

Recognizing a need for enhanced instructional material, in 1984, Davis entered the entrepreneurial world and established CEV Multimedia, which started out producing multimedia textbooks for curricula. Today, iCEV develops online curricula, ins-

tructional materials and certification testing in Career & Technical Education (CTE) for agricultural sciences; architecture, construction, transportation and manufacturing; business, marketing, finance, information technology and media; career exploration; family and consumer sciences; health science; law, public safety, correction and security; and science, technology, engineering and math

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### San Antonio Livestock Exposition All Breeds Bull and Heifer Sale Educational Program

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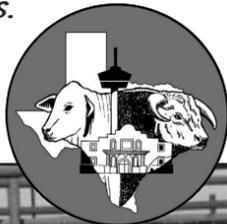
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**LOT 48 - RW Catapult 0115 ET**  
ID: 0115 - REG.: P44319695  
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CRR 719 CATAPULT 109 (SOD,DLF,HYF,IEF,MDF)  
CRR 4037 ECLIPSE 808 (DLF,HYF,IEF)  
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HHW4 JORDAN 3220 (DLF,HYF,IEF)  
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**Lot 49 - RW Nitro 0104**  
ID: 0104 - REG.: 44321588  
BIRTH: 03/08/20

UPS TCC NITRO 1ET (SOD,DLF,HYF,IEF)  
BR NITRO 3078 ET (DLF,HYF,IEF,MSUDF)  
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(STEM).  
In 2012, CEV earned both the Governor's State of Texas Small Business Award and the U.S. Chamber of Commerce's Blue Ribbon Small Business Award. In 2014, the company was named the Association of Career & Technical Education (ACTE) Business Leader of the Year.

Davis has been recognized numerous times by the college, including with the Albert Usener Award

in 1990, the Outstanding Meat Science Alumni Award in 1996, the Meat-head of the Year Award in 1998, the Animal & Food Sciences Hall of Fame Distinguished Service Award in 2003, and the Gerald W. Thomas Outstanding Agriculturalist Award for Agribusiness in 2009. He also earned the Distinguished Service Award from Washington State in 2008.

Other awards he has earned include the National Agricultural Alumni Association's Ruby C. McSwain Outstanding Phi-

lanthropist Award, the American Meat Science Association's (AMSA) Intercollegiate Meat Judging Meritorious Service Award and the Texas Plains Chapter of the Association of Fundraising Professionals' Outstanding Philanthropist Award.

"This investment places Texas Tech with the best colleges of agriculture in the nation," said Byron Kennedy, vice president for Advancement. "The effect of this investment will change the trajectory of this university."

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# Rockefeller Sons Rich On Performance! Coming To San Antonio!



**Lot 13 - 6S Rockefeller 488H**  
Born 2/1/20

**Sire: DDD Rockefeller 804B25**  
**Dam: DDD Ms Elsie 488Z7**  
BW: 60 lbs.; Adj. WW: 677 lbs.; Adj. YW: 1,308 lbs.  
EPDS: CE: 6.3; BW: 2.1; WW: 36; YW: 65; Milk: 8; TM: 26; SC: .26; REA: .51; IMF: 00.  
YrInj Adj. REA: 15.74; Adj. IMF: 1.2.  
This Rockefeller has style and balance yet carries the performance traits one would expect from a Csonka grandson. He is long-sided, great fronted and has a great sheath angle. Don't overlook this one.



**Lot 14 - 6SMW Rockefeller 820H5**  
Born 3/27/20

**Sire: DDD Rockefeller 804B25**  
**Dam: 6S MW Trinity 820B4**  
BW: 80 lbs.; Adj. WW: 614 lbs.; Adj. YW: 1,262 lbs.  
EPDS: CE: 1.7; BW: 3.8; WW: 33; YW: 57; Milk: 9; TM: 26; SC: .08; REA: .39; IMF: .04.  
If you are searching for a moderate framed, wide based, thick topped bull with depth of body and bone, the H20H5 is the bull for you. These Rockefeller sons carry a lot of performance and are moderate at birth.

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**Lot 40 - RCR Long 144Y Domino 20019**

DOB: 2/20/20 REG: 44119858  
**Sire:** NJW Long Haul 36E ET  
**Dam:** RCR 144Y Ms Time Bar 17137  
BW: 80 lbs.; Adj. WW: 694 lbs. Adj. YW: 1,259 lbs.  
EPDS: CE: 8.9; BW: 1.6; WW: 58; YW: 93; Milk: 31; SC: 1.2; REA: 0.48; IMF: 0.11.  
Adj. REA: 15.8; Adj. IMF: 3.7; Adj. Fat: .41.  
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**Lot 41 - RCR 6730 Classic 20063**

DOB: 3/17/20 REG: 44137200  
**Sire:** RCR Lipan Silver 16730 ET  
**Dam:** RCR 9163 Au Domet 408 13050  
BW: 90 lbs.; Adj. WW: 610 lbs.; Adj. YW: 1,244 lbs.  
EPDS: CE: 1.3; BW: 3.7; WW: 51; YW: 80; Milk: 31; SC: 0.7; REA: 0.13; IMF: 0.11.  
Adj. REA: 14.2; Adj. IMF: 4.02; Adj. Fat: .41.  
A stout made easy fleshing polled bull that is deep bodied, heavy boned, thick topped and should produce the right kind of progeny for any marketing scenario.

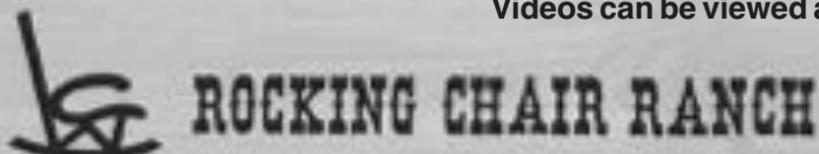


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Shoe Bar Ranch on the Red River in Hall County, trailed the first JA herd of

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and the assistant coaches are Miles Mathis, Kingsville, and Caleb Kott, Junction.

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longhorns to Dodge City, and managed the Quitaque Ranch for Goodnight. He died in 1902, the same year that the land company sold off the T Anchor in bits and pieces.

### The cowboy who invented steer wrestling

Old time cowboy Bill Pickett, who invented the practice of what is known today as bulldogging, or steer wrestling, said he got the idea from watching how herd dogs dealt with stubborn cattle. A younger brother told historian Clara Stearns Scarbrough that Pickett used to prac-

tice the act that would eventually make him famous in the family's pasture outside of Noack, in Williamson County.

"Will got to bulldogging down there in the pasture at night," the brother said. "On moonlit nights he would go out there and get on a horse and bulldog. {His parents} caught him at it and brought those cattle {nearer to the house} to practice bulldogging so the younger children couldn't see."

Pickett, the oldest of 13 children born in Texas to former slaves, was the

first—or at least the first to admit—that he subdued unruly steers by jumping on them and biting their lips. The first instance of Pickett using this technique might have been in Rockdale, in 1903, when an unruly longhorn steer tried Pickett's patience to the point where he jumped off the horse's back onto the back of the steer and grabbed its horns. The steer did not take kindly to this treatment until Pickett bit the cow's lower lip, at which time the steer hit the ground with a compliant thud.

Pickett told a different story to fellow rodeo star Matt Hinkle. He told Hinkle that he first used the maneuver when a cow tried to gore his beloved horse, Chico. "I just had to keep that old cow from running his horns into my little Chico," he told Hinkle. (Hinkle, incidentally, added his own twist to the art of bulldogging. Already known for bulldogging from a speeding automobile, he attempted to wrestle a steer by jumping onto its back from an airplane at a 1931 rodeo in Nuevo Laredo. The bull

charged the plane as it swooped in and wrecked itself, the airplane, and Hinkle. Hinkle never fully recovered from the injuries he sustained that day but the stunt gave him another claim to rodeo fame.)

Billed as the Dusky Demon, Pickett exhibited his bulldogging skills at rodeos, fairs and exhibitions worldwide. He became famous when he bulldogged a steer at the 1904 Cheyenne Frontier Days Rodeo, which had about the same appeal as today's Super Bowl.

Since then, Pickett has been known as the cowboy who invented steer wrestling, though lip biting is no longer allowed in the modern arena. What is not as well known was that Pickett was also America's first Black cowboy movie star. In 1921, Pickett starred in two movies for the Norman Film Manufacturing Co., *The Bulldogger* and *The Crimson Skull*. A few outtakes of those films survive, but the only one featuring Pickett is a 25-second clip of him performing roping tricks.

Pickett was the first Black performer elected to the National Cowboy Hall of Fame and Western Heritage Center in Oklahoma. The U.S. Postal Service honored him in 1993 as part of its "Legends of the West" stamp series but the picture that appeared on the original stamp was of his brother. That stamp was recalled and replaced with one showing correct picture. The back printing on the revised stamp changed his birthdate from 1870 to 1871, but no one is really sure which date, if either, is correct.

Pickett died when he was 61 (or so) after a horse he was roping kicked him in the head. The horse began pawing at Pickett's hat as Pickett approached the horse with a bridle. The horse's hoof clipped Pickett's head and knocked him down.

*"The horse then jumped on Ol' Bill and stomped his brains into the dust," Hinkle recalled sadly.*

*At the Cowboy Hall of Fame, these words are inscribed to Pickett:*

*"Like many men in the old time West*

*On any job he did his best*

*He left a blank that's hard to fill*

*For there will never be another Bill."*



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