

Evaluating post-partum interval and calving rates

By Rick Rasby and T.L. Meyer, Nebraska Extension

Let's talk about ways to positively impact post-partum interval (PPI) and pregnancy rates. Consider the following criteria for an efficient beef cow herd:

- Calving interval (number of days between calves) is 365 days or less.
- Females raise a calf to weaning.
- Cow mature weight and milk production fit the re-



sources and need little to no extra feed or supplements.

If the calving interval is 365 days or less, a cow or heifer must be rebred and be pregnant by about 80 to 85 days after calving (gestation is 280 to 285 days). To make this happen, understand the factors that impact the post-partum interval length. The post-partum interval (PPI) is the time from calving until the cow resumes a fertile estrous cycle. After calving, cows will enter post-partum anestrus. Anestrus means cows are not exhibiting normal estrous cycles and cannot become pregnant. Under "ideal" conditions, the anestrus lasts 40 to 60 days in beef females. During this time, uterine involution (the uterus returns to normal size) occurs and she prepares herself for the next pregnancy. If conditions are not ideal, PPI can last 100 days or more.

What factors impact the post-partum interval?

- Cow age – 2 and 3-year-old females have longer PPI.
- Body condition at calving – thin cows, BCS 4 and less have longer PPI.
- Calving difficulty – dystocia lengthens PPI.

Because first-calf heifers have a longer PPI, they should be bred to calve their first calf ahead of the mature

cow herd. The focus is to breed heifers to calve ahead of the cows and to breed heifers to calving ease bulls. Calves in first-calf heifers will be in gestation fewer days when bred to calving ease bulls. Remember, even with ideal management for reproductive performance, first-calf heifers will have a longer PPI, so they need extra time post-calving to get ready reproductively to become pregnant with their second calf.

To manage PPI, feed cows to calve in BCS of 5, and first-calf-females to calve in BCS of 6. Depending on feeds available, first-calvers will likely require some supplementation to get to BCS 6 prior to calving. For the mature (3-years-old and older) cows, if they can be in BCS 5 before calving with little to no supplementation that would indicate milk production and mature weight fit the feed/forage resources. If replacement heifers are selected from within the herd and mature cows must continually be fed extra feeds and supplements to get them to ideal body condition before calving, then reevaluate your breeding program. It may indicate mature cow weight is increasing, milk production is increasing, or both are in-



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creasing at the same time.

There is a belief that reducing dietary energy during late pregnancy will decrease fetal size and result in improved calving ease. Underfeeding energy does not decrease calving difficulty. Underfeeding beef females will increase the length of the PPI, especially underfeeding young beef females.

Some research shows reproductive performance of cows calving in a 4, 5, or 6 BCS is not different (Mulliniks et al., (2012) J.

Anim. Sci. 90:2811-2817). This may suggest cows adapt to their production environment with acceptable reproductive performance of cows

at a lower body condition, but it may take years of selection to get there. Spring-calving cows that calve in a BCS of

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Just Your **Standard Bull**
By Michael Sturgess

TEXAS Trails...
By Clay Coppedge

I recently had a lengthy discussion with a long-time friend and colleague in the cattle business about what we call legacy ranches. Our discussion centered around the seedstock industry. He and I, along with others we work with have now spent 40 plus years in this business. It has been a labor of love serving this industry, but as the years go by, one begins to ponder about who will take the reins going forward.

Don't get me wrong. I'm not suggesting that it's time to sit on the front porch swing and watch life go by. But what I am suggesting is that we are of the age that we need to begin to equip the next generation to take over and improve upon what we have built.

There are some who will have children who are actively involved in the family ranch or business that serves this industry. There are many that don't.

One of the best examples of a legacy ranch in

our part of the country is the RA Brown Ranch in Throckmorton. Since I began to help at those sales back as far as 1986, it has been my pleasure to work with Rob and Peggy Brown initially and currently with Donnell and Kelli Brown. But it doesn't stop there. We now are working alongside the next generation of Brown's—sons Tucker and Lanham. And just as Donnell and Kelli have and still are, Tucker and Lanham will help lead this industry into the future.

Jim Banner and I started this publication back in 1989. In addition, we helped start the San Antonio All Breed Sale back in 1992. When we started this business, I was 29-years-old. Jim was 30. Jim has three wonderful kids. Lauren and I have our daughter Shelbi. While we love them all, they have not played an active role in this industry. So, one is left to ponder—who will take the lead in the future?

For those of you in your

30's out there with a background in this industry, you need to know this. There is a group of us in our 60's—and we are watching you! Among you are our future leaders. Among you is a small group of hard-working men and women who will show the ability to focus on the task or tasks at hand and are willing to see it through until the end. Those who feel entitled need not apply. But what you do have is an opportunity to prove your worth.

We already have our eyes on a few of you. But many more are needed. Good ones are easy to spot because they work so much harder and smarter than those around them. But many more are needed!

We would love to share with you the things we have done right and the things we have done wrong. We want to see you succeed. We want to help you get there.

And when the day comes when it is time to hang up our spurs, we want to know that we have left it in good hands.

We hope you will enjoy this edition San Antonio Stock Show Edition of the Southern Livestock Standard. And we hope you will join us for the 33rd Annual San Antonio Livestock Show All Breeds Bull & Commercial Female Sale on Feb. 13-14.

The Aurora Incident

In April of 1897, several people reported seeing a strange cigar-shaped airship gliding over Texas. There were dozens of sightings in mostly North and North Central Texas, including multiple sightings in Hill, Tarrant, Fannin, Ellis, Grayson, Bowie, Collin, Hunt and Johnson counties.

Accounts varied somewhat from one source to another but witnesses generally described a 50-60 foot vessel shaped like a cigar with propellers on each end, large wings and big floodlights. Some sources even claimed to have talked to the pilot and crew, who were alternately described as being from the North Pole, New York and Mars.

The alleged sightings reached a peak when S.E. Haydon wrote a story for the *Dallas Morning News* about the airship's crash near Aurora and the discovery of a pilot who was "not of this world."

"It sailed directly over the public square and when it reached the north part of town collided with the tower of Judge Proctor's windmill and went to pieces with a terrific explosion, scattering debris over several acres of ground, wrecking the windmill and water tank and destroying the Judge's flower garden... The pilot of the ship is supposed to have been the only one on board, and while his remains are badly disfigured, enough of the original has been picked up to show that he was not an inhabitant of this world."

A Mr. T.J. Weems, identified in Haydon's article as "an authority on astronomy," was of the opinion that the pilot was a native of the planet Mars. Haydon reported that papers found on the pilot were written in "some unknown hieroglyphics."

While all of this seems like a remarkable enough news story, the natural follow-up would be to cover the spaceman's funeral, which Haydon reported was to have taken place at noon the following day. No such story ever appeared. We might assume that a Martian funeral would qualify as news in any century, but maybe not.

The town where this supposedly happened, Aurora, was one of those little towns around the turn of the last century with a great future

behind it. The boll weevil took the cotton crop, spotted fever ravaged the population and the railroad quit building long before it got to Aurora. The town was dying.

Haydon, we should note, was the Aurora correspondent for the *Morning News*. Locals remembered him as something of a practical joker and suggested that his joking nature found its way into his journalism. A 1997 *Time* magazine article quoted long-time Aurora resident Etta Peques as saying that Haydon

made the whole thing up in an effort to bring people to the town before it died. That's the general consensus but, of course, some people smell a conspiracy.

The International UFO Bureau found out about the story in the 1970s and a horde of media types and UFO enthusiasts descended on the little town. The UFO Bureau wanted to exhume a body in the cemetery in the belief that it was the Martian but the city's answer was a hard "No."

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1) BEEF CATTLE			
a. Slaughter	104	571	976
b. Breeding Males	155	0	155
c. Breeding Females	372	7	379
Total	631	578	1,510
2) HOGS			
a. Slaughter	0	0	0
b. Breeding Males	0	0	0
c. Breeding Females	0	0	0
Total	0	0	0
3) SHEEP			
a. Slaughter			
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b. Breeding Males	0	0	0
c. Breeding Females	0	0	0
Total	0	0	0
4) DAIRY CATTLE			
a. Breeding Males	0	0	0
b. Breeding Females	174	173	347
Total	174	173	347
5) HORSES			
a. Slaughter	123	247	615
b. Breeding Males	3	24	38
c. Breeding Females	12	39	63
d. Geldings	1	12	21
e. Burro/Mule/Pony	0	0	0
Total	139	322	737
6) EXOTICS			
Total	0	0	0

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MEXICO TO TEXAS IMPORTS		
SPECIES:	1-15-24:	1-1-23 - Present
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Texas crop, weather

Drought loosens grip on Texas agriculture

By Randi Williams, Texas AgriLife Today

Drought continues to linger in patches of the state, but Texas agricultural producers face much better cropping

outlooks going into spring, according to Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service experts.

AgriLife Extension agronomists Jourdan Bell, Ph.D., Amarillo; Reagan Noland, Ph.D., San Angelo;

and Ronnie Schnell, Ph.D., Bryan-College Station, agreed that soil moisture conditions have improved compared to last year. However, they are still concerned that cropping conditions could decline without additional timely moisture, especially in drier areas.

Around 97% of the state was experiencing some level of drought on Sept. 26, 2023, with around two-thirds of Texas mired in severe to exceptional drought, according to the U.S. Drought Monitor. As of Jan. 16, 2024, that figure had dropped to 58% of the state experiencing levels of



Producers have been facing much better cropping outlooks for spring, but drought conditions are still covering one-third of the state. (Texas A&M AgriLife photo by Michael Miller)

drought with about 13% experiencing severe to extreme

drought and zero areas reporting exceptional drought.

Exceptional drought is indicative of significant widespread crop and pasture losses and emergency-level water shortages in reservoirs, streams and wells.

“Ask me in a week or so after these rain systems move through,” Bell said. “Our area is projected to get 1 inch, and that would be an ideal amount to get some dry-sown wheat up and to help established fields. But we’ll definitely need more to keep the positive trend going.”

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The Aurora cemetery has an historical marker that mentions the airship mystery. A headstone marking the site where the airship pilot was buried disappeared about the same time the wider world discovered Haydon’s old article.

As for the rash of Texas UFO sightings in April of 1897, one theory holds that men who had been working on the railroad all the live-long day made up the stories at night and spread them along various stops along the way. A conductor known as “Truthful Skully” went on record as saying that he saw a very small man repairing the airship in Wood County.

The story has spawned a couple of TV segments and at least one bad movie, *The Aurora Encounter* in 1986. The fact that it didn’t happen the way Haydon described it—in fact, it never happened at all—hasn’t stopped people from believing the story. Website postings list it as part of a long line of government cover-ups, right up there with the mysterious alien controversy in Roswell, New Mexico.

S.E. Haydon’s story didn’t have much in the way of collaborating evidence or reliable witnesses, but it had staying power. We’re still telling it. As songwriter Mason Williams once sang, “Who needs truth if it’s dull?”

What to feed when there's not anything

By Missouri University Extension

COLUMBIA, Mo. – Many beef producers found themselves trying to pull a rabbit out of the hat as they rang in 2024 with low hay supplies, says University of Missouri Extension beef nutrition specialist Eric Bailey.

Bailey says post-drought feeding woes leave producers challenged with “what to feed when there is no feed.”

The severity of the drought in 2022 and 2023 may have been underrated, he says. Many areas of the country faced precipitation deficits of 12-20 inches in mid-November before entering winter – typically the driest season of the year.

Effects of those deficits continue to carry over for cattle farms and ranches. Bailey says producers should strive to keep winter feeding costs to \$5 or less per cow per day.

Bailey urges producers to look at their total mixed ration (TMR) to ensure that cattle receive adequate nutrition for good health, milk production and reproduction in the days ahead. TDN needs differ for lactating (62%) and (55%) dry cows.

Feed cows based on nutrient requirements, rather than appetite. Ask if bellowing cows are hungry or just wanting. Limit intake slightly – from 2.5% to 2.0% of body weight per day. Small reductions such as this should lower your feed bill but not adversely affect the cow's health.

Bailey offers these tips for stretching your feed during the next few months:

- **Check out MU Extension's new Feedstuff Finder** at <https://feedstufffinder.org>. The platform helps producers and consumers of feedstuffs find one another, cut transportation costs and manage tight winter feed supplies when feed costs and availability can be volatile.

- **Switch up the menu based on your budget.** Consider the cost of feeding hay vs. corn. Corn prices are low at present and prices are high for hay, even poor-quality hay that may not offer good nutrition. Put a pencil to it and figure out which provides the most nutrition for the dollar.

- **Reduce hay waste.**
- **Consider investing in farm infrastructure.** This might be a good time to consider investing in covered storage for hay to reduce waste. Fences and watering systems can allow grazing of cornstalks.

- **Ask if feed savings will offset paying for a mixer.** Assuming you have a tractor, you can save \$50 per cow. “Even if you have 100 cows, that's a huge savings,” says Bailey.

- **Always, always, always, look at your stocking rate** and be ready to hitch the trailer. You can feed corn silage without a mixer as a high-nutrient, high-waste alternative. Exposure to air increases spoilage and decreases feed value and pal-

atability. Knowing how the silage was put up will help you determine if it is a good value. If it smells like dirty feet, walk away.

Figure dry ton costs for the best deal. Corn silage at \$80 per ton and at 35% dry matter amounts to \$228.57 per dry ton. Corn at \$5.32 per bushel is \$223.54 per dry ton, and soyhulls at 13 cents per pound is \$288.88 per dry ton.

Consider feeding cornstalks if you have fencing and a water supply. Limit cows

to grazing cornstalks for two months or less and allow an acre per cow per month. Protein intake is limited after the first 30 days on the same field as cows eat their way through leaves, husk and, finally, stalks and cobs. Also, consider soil compaction caused by grazing cattle.

The nutrient value of grazed cornstalks diminishes with time and need to be supplemented. Bailey recommends supplementing with 5 pounds of a 14% commodity mix per cow per day. The goal is to get 0.75 pounds of crude protein per cow per day.

Another option for some



When faced with weathered bales, low hay supplies in the barn and high feed prices, livestock producers must adjust to maintain healthy bottom lines. Photo courtesy of Eric Bailey.

is cotton gin trash, which is leaves and stems of the cotton plant left after harvest. The residual seeds, bolls,



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Can we compete?

By Dr. Jeff Lehmkuhler, University of Kentucky PhD, PAS, beef Extension professor

Do you know what it costs per pound of beef produced from your operation? How much does it cost to maintain a cow annually? How has the increase in inputs impacted your beef operations profitability? The old saying of you can only manage what you measure still holds. One cannot control the market price. The commodity markets have trends in which prices ebb and flow. Most of us are fa-

miliar with the cattle cycle. The cattle cycle historically was a 10-year period between the peaks or valleys of cattle inventory and subsequent prices as a function of macroeconomics. This cycle can be seen in Figure 1 from USDA ERS. The impact of continued drought, land prices, aging farmers, and other factors have resulted in the US Beef Cow inventory being at levels similar to those of the

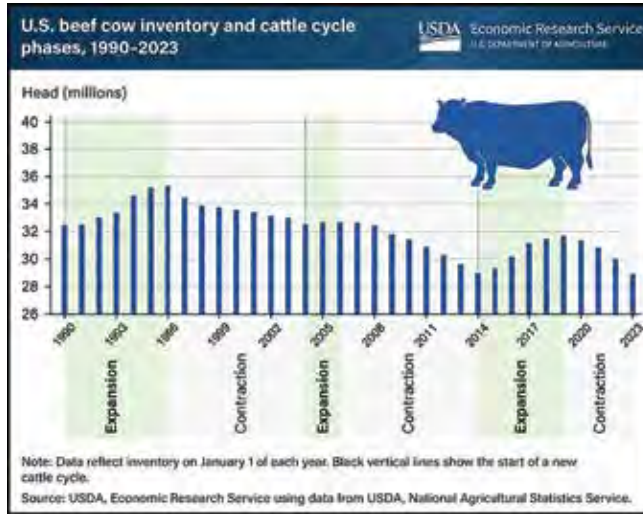


Figure 1.

mid 1960's. This bodes well next couple of years as demand for market prices over the next couple of years as demand for beef holds steady.



Figure 2.

I started my professional career during the early 2000's. At this time, I was pondering in my mind whether beef cattle systems could compete with grain production. Corn prices were

\$2.05 to \$2.46 per bushel. Figure 2 illustrates the price per bushel and return per acre from corn production for central Illinois as an example. The corn belt area had corn yields that averaged 120-165 bushels per acre for state averages. A gross value of production of 160 bushels at \$2.25/bushel would be about \$350/acre. I wondered if converting cropland to pasture would be economically viable; the return per acre was less than \$50/acre from grain. Look at the chart closely for recent years and ponder if marginal land is profitable for grain. I had deduced that if beef production per acre could be near 1,000 pounds, the beef system could compete economically with grain production. Much of this was based on the economic conditions. Heavy feeder cattle were selling for \$70-\$80/cwt while light weights were near \$110/cwt. Value of gain was near \$0.50 so 700 pounds of gain per acre would gross \$350 per acre. I was accounting for a bit of market fluctuations plus 1,000 pounds of beef gain per acre was a lofty goal to shoot for in a northern grazing season of about 180 days.

Some quick math means one would need just over 5 pounds of gain daily per acre to achieve the 1,000 pounds of gain per acre mark. This would require a stocking density of roughly two animals per acre that would gain 2.5 pounds/day grazing along with no grain inputs. Putting 450-pound calves out in the spring and pulling them ~200 days later weighing 950. An average weight of 700 pounds from start of the grazing season to the end could be used to estimate forage production required. Assuming a dry matter intake of 2.5% of body weight, 1400 pounds of animal weight per acre, recall two animals per acre, would be 3.5 tons of forage consumed. If one assumes a 60% forage utilization in a managed grazing system, then forage production would need to be roughly 11,700 pounds or just under six tons of dry matter per acre.

This is where reality began to challenge theory. (Continued on page 13A)



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Texas Crop...

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Short- and long-term weather outlook

John Nielsen-Gammon, Ph.D., Texas state climatologist and Regents Professor in the Texas A&M Department of Atmospheric Sciences, Bryan-College Station, said most of the state will receive a "good amount" of rain over the next week.

Nielsen-Gammon expects multiple storm systems could deliver drought ending moisture in areas like Central and East Texas that remain abnormally dry.

"About half the state has decent moisture, another 20% that is abnormally dry, so that leaves about one-third of the state, like Far West Texas, southern parts of the state and pockets in North and East Texas dealing with drought," he said. "Drought in much of South Texas is related to long-term rain deficits, so for parts of the state these rains could be enough to knock that drought out, because there are a couple separate systems in the forecast. It's just a matter of who catches conditions-altering amounts."

The long-term outlook is not as promising, said Nielsen-Gammon. All six climate models, run by weather agencies like the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, show Texas will be drier than normal in late spring, which is the peak rainy season for most of the state.

"Having all six models forecasting the same outcome tells me there is a strong likelihood it plays out that way," he said. "It doesn't mean bone dry. It just means less rain than we receive during the months that rainfall typically peaks."

Additionally, seasonal forecasts suggest summer weather patterns will be hotter and drier on average, he said.

Regional moisture, cropping conditions vary greatly

Noland said soil moisture and winter forage conditions were "OK," but that later-planted crops like sorghum and cotton will need additional moisture to establish. He expects producers in his region to begin planting corn seeds into decent moisture within the next six weeks but suspects more rainfall will be necessary to plant other warm-season crops.

"We're in much better shape than at this point last year because of the late fall, early winter rains," he said. "But it's too soon to project too much about how conditions might be by mid- to late-

spring."

San Angelo received 6.1 inches of rainfall between Oct. 1-Dec. 31, 2023, compared to the 30-year average of 4.5 inches.

Some dryland winter wheat fields around San Angelo have recently shown signs of drought stress, but temperatures have been cool enough to slow moisture losses, he said. Last year, many wheat fields were "dusted in," or planted into dry soil.

Many fields planted in that region from October-November 2022 failed to emerge or suffered a range of

issues due to too little rainfall at the right time while others' seeds remained dormant until rainfall led to germination in February. Late emergence was a setback for grain yield potential and significant setback for grazing potential.

Noland said there is some concern that the lack of heavy rainfall events to recharge regional aquifers could translate into lower irrigation capacity for crops this summer. But heavy rains in February filled aquifers to overflow last year.

Temperatures prior to recent freezes have been above normal, he said. Noland sus-

pects some oats and other winter crops more susceptible to freeze were likely stung by recent temperatures in the low-20s and teens, but he said winter wheat should fare well.

"I guess the El Niño can get some credit for the warmer, wetter weather, but for growers it could swing either direction depending on the weather between now and planting," he said.

More rain could change outlooks

Bell said the El Niño impact has been minimal in the Panhandle. Some areas have decent moisture, while oth-

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ers are very dry. She reported similar wheat conditions, including dry-sown fields that have yet to receive rainfall and fields that received enough moisture to germinate but then failed. Irrigated fields are variable. Irrigated wheat in the Northern Panhandle looked good, but in some areas the lack of sufficient irrigation capacity has limited winter forage production.

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Source: USDA

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has a voice and is counted in the highly anticipated and influential agricultural census data.

“This survey helps illustrate the breadth of American agriculture and enables USDA to get a complete count of all farmers and ranchers,” said NASS Administrator Hubert Hamer. “Every response matters. Even if a recipient believes that the survey does not apply to them, we ask that they respond to the few screening questions.”

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If a producer did not receive the 2022 Census of Agriculture or the NACS, NASS encourages them to sign up to be counted at www.agcounts.usda.gov/get-counted. All information reported by individuals will be kept confidential, as required by federal law. For more information about the NACS, visit www.nass.usda.gov/go/nacs. For assistance with the survey, call 888-424-7828.

Evaluating... (Continued from page 8A)

4 can have high reproductive performance if the weather cooperates from calving to the start of the breeding season and energy is not limited post-calving. There is also data that females that calve in low body condition (BCS 4 or less) have calves with a lower amount of immunoglobulin in the blood stream 24 hours after birth and are slower to stand and suckle compared to calves born to females in BCS 5 to 6 at calving. The question is how risk adverse of a producer are you? Data also say late spring/early summer calving cows can calve in lower body condition and have good reproductive performance. Regarding body condition, it is hard to play catch up, especially after calving, if there is a need to increase body condition. Consider always calving first-calf females in a BCS of 6.

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Texas Crop...

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Much of the Panhandle received heavy rains last May with amounts ranging up to 20 inches, she said. Some areas received more than 11 inches in two hours as multiple storm systems moved through the region.

But while the flash rain events set rainfall records and created heavy runoff, Bell believes those events did not help the soil moisture profile like slower, steadier rainfall might have.

"By late August and September, a lot of our fields were dry," she said. "The 100-plus degree days, and I just don't think we received good subsoil moisture from previous heavy rains. We've received some rainfall and some snow since then, but it was very little, and we have not recorded any rainfall so far this calendar year."

Schnell said moisture conditions in East Texas down to the coastal areas vary. Some areas in northeast and southwest parts of those regions have zero drought while central and southeastern areas are in abnormally dry to severe drought conditions, according to the drought monitor. Large swaths of Jasper, Newton and Sabine counties have moved from exceptional drought in September to extreme drought as of Jan. 16.

The forecasted rains could improve conditions in those regions, he said.

"The seven-day forecast suggests good chances of rain from Interstate 35 east and south, and hopefully those areas short on moisture can pick up some significant amounts," he said. "That would make me a little more optimistic that things will be set up nicely for planting."

Plan for the worst, hope for the best

Schnell said most Texas farmers should be optimistic at this point. Bell and Noland agree growers should be more optimistic than this time last year.

It would be ideal for soil moisture to improve going into planting, they said, adding they hope growers are able to take advantage of available moisture, plant as early as possible and manage their crops efficiently and effectively.

"Input prices have fallen somewhat, but so have market prices, so planning ahead to optimize fertility and control weed and insect pests to give the crop the best chance possible for yield," Schnell said. "Last year was very dry, but areas of South and Central

Texas had the best corn in years. Sometimes that drier pattern, if we get timely rains, it can change an outlook quickly."

AgriLife Extension district reporters compiled the following summaries:

CENTRAL

The region experienced consistent below-freezing temperatures, but most counties also received adequate rain, providing some drought relief. A few counties reported needing additional rain to relieve extreme drought conditions and replenish stock tanks and natural bodies of water. Native

pastures were in fair condition, with some counties reporting a die-off of various weeds and trees due to extreme temperatures. There were some reports of prolific weed pressure in neglected pastures. Fieldwork halted due to freezing temperatures but was quickly back underway when the weather permitted. Wheat and oats were considered good quality, although growth has slowed, and producers expected to see some freeze damage. The carinata crop planted in early fall and into December was substantially freeze-damaged and not expected to survive.

Hessian fly larvae continued to be observed in wheat varieties. Supplemental feeding was being carried out for all classes of livestock, and livestock were in fair condition.

ROLLING PLAINS

The region experienced record-level low temperatures, with areas dipping into negative digits with wind chill factors. Producers were busy thawing water or breaking ice while supplementing hay and feed for livestock. There were some reports of lost calves due to cold and predation. Yearling cattle on wheat pastures looked to be in good condition.

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



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COASTAL BEND

Dry conditions persisted, with soil moisture remaining low. Extreme cold temperatures and wind impacted farming operations. Some fieldwork was underway in preparation for corn and rice planting. Rangeland and pastures suffered from the cold spell, which affected perennial forages. The freezing temperatures caused some cattle to lose some condition, but supplemental and hay feeding allowed them to regain their condition. The market held strong despite chal-

lenges, fostering optimism for the upcoming season.

EAST

Frigid temperatures hit the district, with some areas reporting temperatures as low as 9 degrees while others reported temperatures in the teens. The cold and ice resulted in several problems for producers. Supplemental feed and hay amounts were increased drastically, and producers were breaking ice to keep water available for their herds. Winter gardens and forages were set back by the weather as well. Several cattle markets were closed due to weather conditions.

SOUTH PLAINS

Although subsoil and topsoil conditions were on the mend, rainfall was still needed to keep that moisture for wheat growing. Producers were counting on the moisture from last week's freeze to help grow the plants that survived. Producers were making decisions on this year's planting season. Cattle were reported to be in good condition.

PANHANDLE

The Panhandle region remained extremely dry. Temperatures were in the single digits, with the wind chill below zero. There was no farming activity. The cold weather increased the amount of supplemental cattle feeding to help maintain body condition and meet energy requirements. Labor increased as ice had to be broken on tanks to supply water to cattle. Overall, soil conditions were reported as ranging from adequate to very poor. Pasture and rangelands were reported to be fair to very poor. Winter wheat was reported as fair to poor.

NORTH

The district experienced lower temperatures than usual last week. Topsoil moisture ranged from adequate to short. Producers were planting oats and anticipating wet conditions. Livestock producers increased supplemental and hay feeding for their herds as the lower conditions have stunted their winter conditions.

FAR WEST

Temperatures remain below average, with nighttime temperatures dropping below 20 degrees and daytime temperatures rising to the mid-40s. The district received a slight mist and little precipitation. The strong winter storm that affected much of the state had only a brief hold on the Big Bend region, with temperatures dropping into the single digits overnight. Rangeland conditions remained steady, and soil moisture remained short to adequate. The grass was dormant, and pastures remained extremely bare except for a few winter weeds, which livestock consumed quickly. Livestock were in fair condition as producers continued supplemental and hay feeding and ensured they had access to water. Cotton has been harvested and most pecans have been harvested, although some pecan orchards were late harvesting. Ground preparation was in progress.

WEST CENTRAL

Light snow and rain were scattered across the district

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By: Cooper Little

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By Joe C. Paschal,
Extension Livestock Specialist,
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Hoodoo and voodoo

When I was at Texas A&M, I was fortunate enough to take a course in Beef Cattle Production under the late Frank C. Litterst, Jr. Like many young Aggies studying for a degree in animal science, I thought it would be an easy A. It was not. I studied my head off. However, it was an excellent class and Mr. Litterst, from his years of running cattle, made it quite interesting in his lectures, especially the one about "Hoodoo and Voodoo".

In my years of working as a livestock specialist for Texas A&M AgriLife, I often remembered the practices he related that old time ranchers had told him about, and even picked up a few new ones that he would have been happy to include. However, and I mean this with all sincerity, I do not demean anyone in relating this, I was told a most unusual story the other day about a fellow who said he had an uncle, now deceased, who could talk screwworms out of a wound on a horse or a cow.

For those of you that do not know what a screwworm is or of the battle fought to eliminate them from the Northern hemisphere, I will leave that to another day. The

female flies would lay their eggs in a fresh wound where they would hatch into worm like larvae that would then eat the living flesh in the wound, burrowing deep as they did so. Bucks in velvet, newborn livestock and wildlife and any wound caused by dehorners, a castration knife, even a bad wire cut, or thorn scrape would attract those flesh-eating flies and kill them if not treated. The only treatment was to catch the animal and coat the wound with an evil smelling ointment.

So, when I heard was told this, my interest was piqued. I asked what was said to the worms, but he did not know. He then told me that his uncle could even talk them out of a wound over the phone! Chuckle if you will but in those days, this was a serious problem for livestock producers and if he had even limited success, it was probably worth the effort! I just wish I had been able to actually meet the man or that some written or verbal history of what was said was available. He was also able to "count off warts" by holding them and rubbing them slowly and they would eventually fall off.

I am not one to say none of this is possible, I have seen

Chapter Happenings... Around The Lone Star State

South Central ICA Chapter

Rain, beautiful rain, filling tanks, creeks, ditches all over South Texas and blessing the struggling grass. Cattlemen swapping reports on rainfall amounts makes for smiles. That was the backdrop for South Central Texas Independent Cattlemen's meeting at the Jourdanton Community Center in Jourdanton Tuesday night, Jan. 23.

Dr. Thomas Hairgrove spoke on tick born disease and tick control combined with a reminder of bovine vaccination protocols. His depth of knowledge and expertise were appreciated by the members attending.

Dickie Jackson was re-elected president with Dr. Glenn Tate as vice president, Laurie Wilson, secretary and Brenda Moore as treasurer. Directors re-elected to a 3-year term were Laurie Wilson, Dickie Jackson, Gus Gonzalez, Ronnie Moore and Brenda Moore. Two new directors were also elected; Ward Smith of Pleasanton and Jeffery Oltjendiers of Floresville.

Karnes City High School senior, Katherine Porter, gave a presentation on Texas Brigades summer camp program for ages 13-17. Camp application period is open until
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 March 15th. Visit www.texasbrigades.org for more information on the 5-day summer camps. Camps include Ranch Brigade, Bass Brigade, Buckskin Brigade, Bobwhite Brigade, Coastal Brigade and Waterfowl Brigade.

Weldon Riggs announced the deadline of April 1, 2024, for scholarship applications. Our next meeting will be April 11, 2024, at Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church in Poth.

Southeast Texas ICA Chapter

Hello, from Southeast Texas ICA. Even though Mother Nature is throwing it at us, we are working hard to make a great start. The Officers & Budget Committee met recently to work on a 2024 budget to be voted on at the first board meeting on Feb. 8th. And our Commercial Bull & Heifer Sale Committee is working on the sale which is March 9th at Ford Park. If you are interested in participating in any way, there is a place you can serve. We start working on the grounds at Ford Park on Wednesday and will be there through Saturday's sale,

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Brazos Valley ICA Chapter

The Brazos Valley Chapter of the Independent Cattlemen's Association met at 6 p.m. on Tuesday, Jan. 23rd at Sargento's Mexican Restaurant near Franklin, Texas. David Groschke with the Robertson County office of Texas AgriLife Extension Service spoke about cattle

market trends. A delicious meal and beverages were provided by the Robertson County Farm Bureau. We also want to thank Luke Rekieta, with Capital Farm Credit, for donating the door prizes for the meeting.

Other topics of discussion included ICA scholarships for high school students and a new scholarship for students who already attend college. It was also noted that the ICA is celebrating our 50th year and members are urged to come and join us at our convention in San Marcos on July 1st through the 3rd. A lot of people are working hard to make



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Colorado Valley ICA Chapter

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The Colorado Valley ICA chapter is excited to announce that we will be holding a Producer's Meeting on Thursday, March 7th, at the CHB Land Management Office in La Grange, Texas. A BBQ meal will be served at 6:00 p.m. and the meeting and program will begin at 6:30 p.m. with two CEU Credits being offered. Please RSVP to the ICA State Office at (512) 620-0162 or tica@ica-texas.com. Spread the word and bring a friend. We look forward to seeing you there!

Guada-Coma ICA Chapter

The Guada-Coma ICA chapter had a great first meeting of the year Monday, Jan. 22nd at Seguin Cattle Company. We welcomed new members to our chapter as they were introduced.

Our guest speaker for the night was Cargill Animal Nutrition Beef Technical Services Specialist Justin Ramirez. He gave an informative presentation on multiple cattle rations that can be designed to meet any cattle raisers needs, from cow calf operations to stocker calf.

Penny Knippa talked about scholarships on the local level and the scholarships offered on the state level. The State ICA has the Steffany Lynn Sklar Memorial Scholarship and new to this year is the 2024 ICA State Collegiate Scholarship. Information on these scholarships can be found on the state ICA website.

I hope the winter freeze was not too hard on you and that this last week you were blessed with rain. Our next meeting will be March 18 at Seguin Cattle Company. We are looking forward to seeing

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I knew that we had alfalfa yields that were in the 6-7 tons per acre range. I also knew that forage production would not be linear over the growing season with more grass production coming in the spring and fall. From a scientific perspective, we used a put-and-take system to adjust stocking density based on available forage. We used

endophyte-free tall fescue or orchardgrass as the cool-season grass with or without either white or kura clover. We also were studying gains of Holstein steers in comparison to beef steers and heifers back at this time.

Can we compete with corn production on high quality soil and achieve the gain per acre needed to financially compete? With regards to forage production, I would argue that soil moisture or rather precipitation received combined with temperature has more of an impact on grass growth than our corn hybrids today. In other

words, researchers through breeding and selection have developed corn hybrids that are quite productive under marginal precipitation. Corn handles higher temperatures better than the cool-season perennial grass species that dominate the pastures in our region. In addition, animals subjected to heat stress are not going to achieve maximal performance. Internal parasites also can pose a greater detrimental impact on gains when stocking rates are higher and must be managed.

So how did we fair? It took us a couple seasons to convert the fields and get de-

cent stands for grazing. Our results are shown in Figure 3. This three-year study began in 2005 and we never quite achieved the 1,000-pound target for any of the forage systems we were studying. My colleague, Dr. Ken Albrecht, had achieved 1,000 pound/acre at the Lancaster station grazing kura clover-grass mixture. They removed heavy animals and replaced them with lighter animals while we kept the same animals the full season. However, we did hit the 700+ pound per acre mark in several systems over a few years. The effect of drought can be

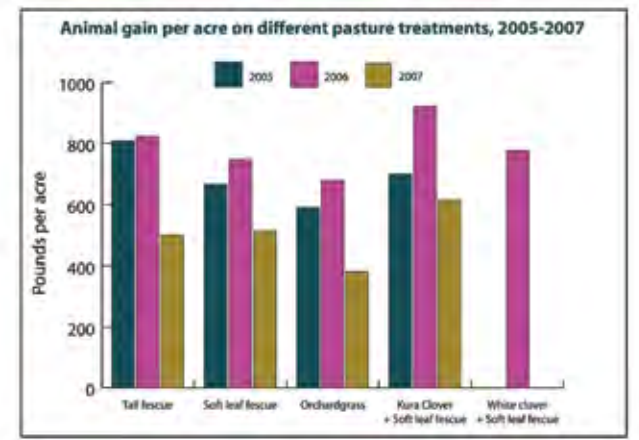


Figure 3.

seen in 2007 and the reason some three acres to support a cow-calf pair and have an adjusted weaning weight of 450 pounds, then it is 150 pounds or cow-calf system? If we as-

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Chapter...

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East Texas ICA Chapter

The East Texas ICA chapter held a belated holiday meeting on Jan.9 at the Regen Ranch in Oakwood, Texas, with sixteen people present and one new member joining.

Members took turns introducing themselves, talking about what facet of the beef industry they were involved in and why they decided to join ICA. Chapter president Kimberly Ratcliff shared news on the state level and asked for input from members for future program topics and areas of interest.

After a meal of delicious home-cooked entrees, sides and desserts, members enjoyed a lively "Takeaway Santa" gift exchange.

The next chapter meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 12 at 6 p.m. The Regen Ranch, located at 8698 County Road 239, Oakwood, Texas will again host the meeting.

Mid-Tex ICA Chapter

Howdy from the Mid-Tex ICA Chapter! We had a wonderful meeting at Lockhart Auction Inc. on Jan. 23rd at 6:30 p.m. We were happy to see many familiar faces in attendance, especially given the weather (more specifically rain) we have been experiencing. We would like to give a big thank you to our sponsor, Ronda Reagan, of The Pearl and Ronda A. Reagan Properties Inc., as well as our speaker, Ricky Gonzalez, with the Texas Animal Health Commission (TAHC) for giving a presentation over TAHC updates and information.

The Mid-Tex ICA Chapter is excited to announce that we will be giving out a 2024 Mid-Tex High School Scholarship. The deadline is May 1, 2024, and the scholarship application can be found on the ICA website: ICATexas.com, under the Forms and Links Tab.

Our next chapter meeting will be on March 26, 2024, at Lockhart Auction Inc. at 6:30 p.m. We hope to see you there!

Results from Superior Livestock's Bellringer Video Auction reported

Source: Superior Livestock

Superior Livestock Auction hosted their Bellringer video auction live on Jan. 10-12 from the Embassy Suites Downtown Ballroom in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. Cattle producers offered over 115,000 head of calves, yearlings and bred stock from 30 states for this auction. Cattle were sold on

contract to deliver immediately through September 2024. Superior Livestock went live with the auction at 8 a.m. CT. The Bellringer Video Auction was broadcast in HD on Dish Network Ch. 997 and streamed on Superior Livestock Auction's Click to Bid website.


Regions 1 & 2 Feeder

Steers and Heifers were met with an aggressive buyer base. Since feeders from these regions were only lightly tested in the latter part of 2023, it is hard to determine an actual dollar amount they had increased compared to the last auction; however, the undertones lead us to believe that we are

on track for a bullish 2024 market outlook. Regions 3/4/5/6 Feeder Steers were \$6 to \$10 higher since our last auction. Heifers from the same regions were also well received at steady to \$7 higher. Program Feeder Steers and Heifers from all regions found good support resulting in premiums as much as \$15 higher.

Beef Dairy Cross calves were in large supply and sold well in some areas. Regions 1 & 2 Weaned Calves, both Steers and Heifers, were in extremely strong demand. Moisture over a wide part our nation's grazing country and shorter supply pushed prices to near record levels. Regions 3/4/5/6 lighter

weight Calves on Cows and Weaned Calves were also on track to meet last year's record prices; however heavy calves over 625lbs struggled to maintain a steady market based on our last auction. Bred heifers were in strong supply and met with aggressive demand at steady levels since our last auction.



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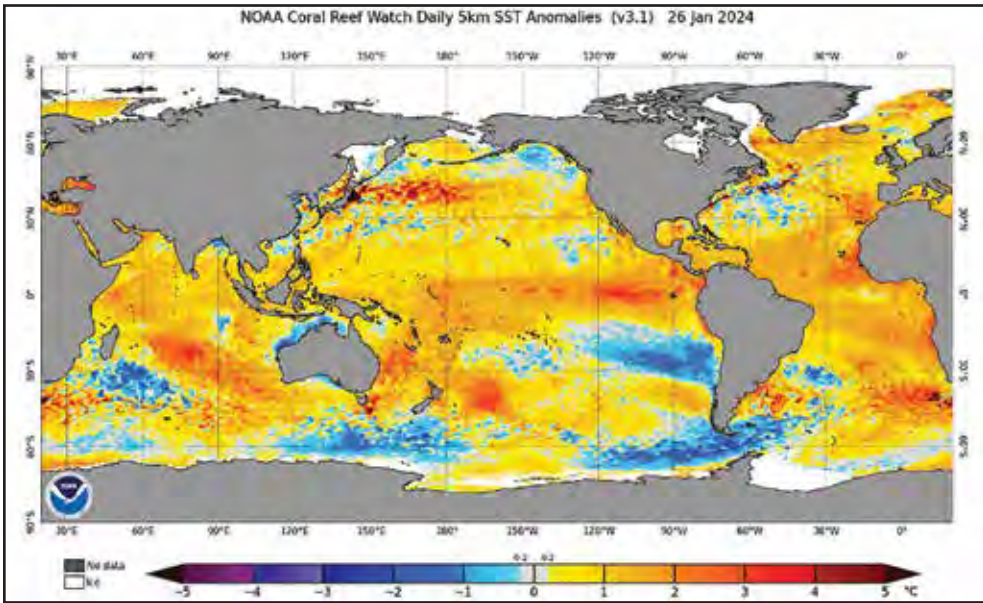




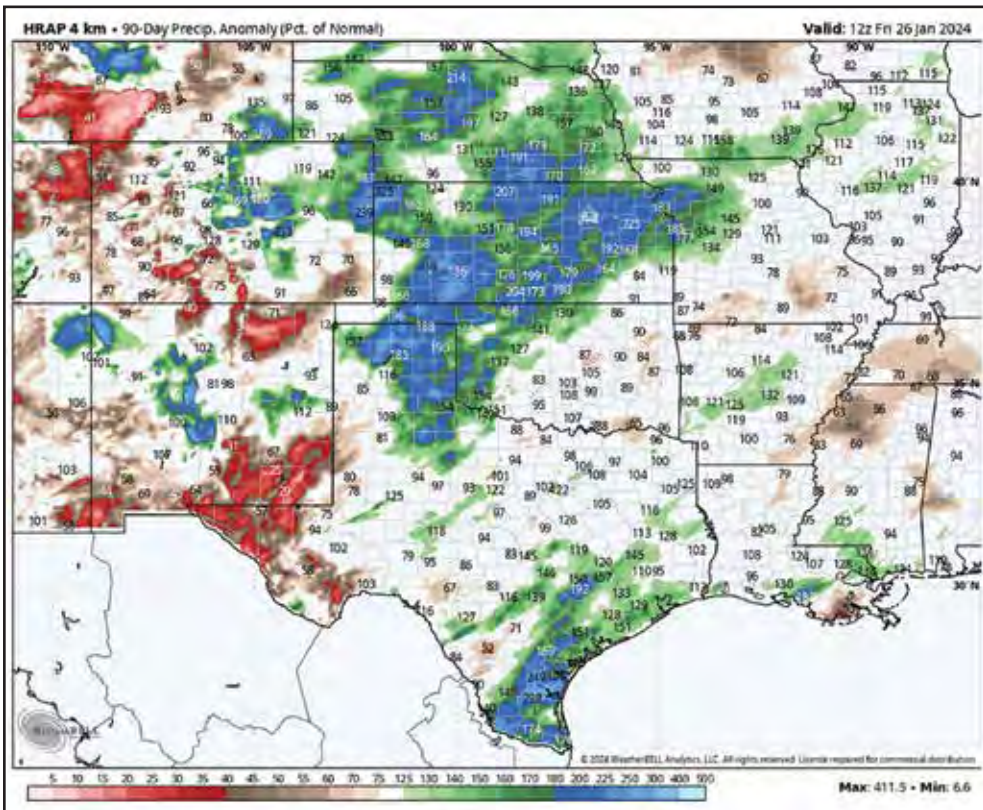
WEATHER WISE

By Brian Bledsoe

Hey folks, hope your 2024 is going well so far. As I have lamented in previous articles, this year is going to be changeable. We have been dealing with El Niño conditions for the past several months. The map below shows current sea surface temperature anomalies.



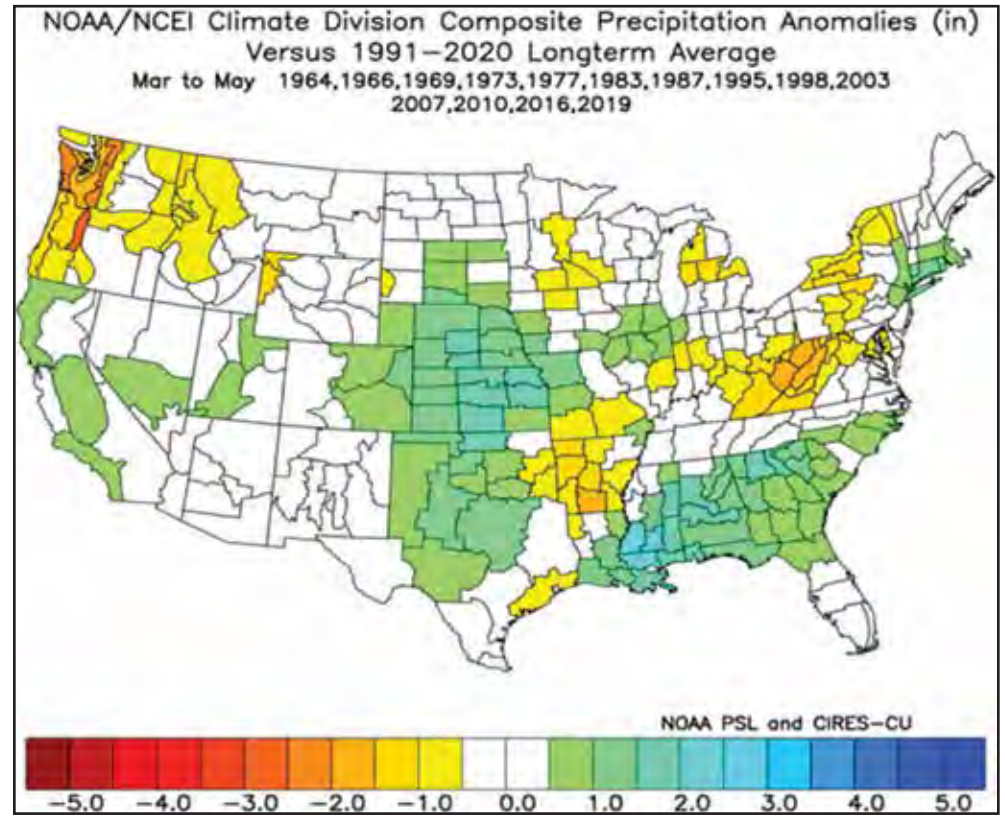
The region along the equator off the west coast of South America is still warmer than average. However, this El Niño has peaked and those water temperatures are cooling. They aren't cooling at a rapid pace, but they are cooling. Has this El Niño delivered a lot of moisture to the region? For some of us the answer is yes...for others, the answer is no. The map below shows precipitation % of normal, for the past 90 days.



There are certainly some dry spots across far west/southwest Texas and southern New Mexico. Other notable dry spots are along the Mississippi River. However, for most of Texas and northward, things have been doing ok.

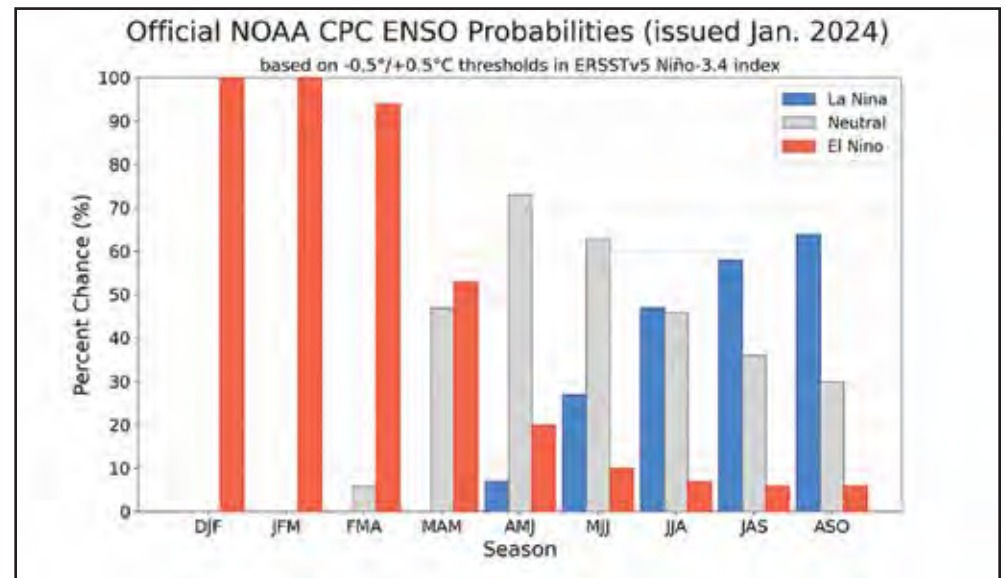
I believe it is incredibly important to capitalize on whatever the rest of this El Niño has for us. Historically speaking, the tail end of El Niño episodes and as we transition back to neutral conditions in the Pacific benefit us with moisture. However, make no mistake about it...we are not just transitioning back to neutral conditions in the El Niño/La Niña region of the Pacific. We will finish this El Niño, and likely revert back to La Niña conditions this year. Before we do that, I think we have a good window of opportunity to get some moisture. The map below shows precipitation anomalies from March-May, in all the recent years in history that we went from El Niño to La Niña. Green and blue show

up as wetter than average, while yellow to red show up as drier than average.



You can see that most areas of Texas did ok during the spring seasons of those years. There are some dry spots in far Southeast Texas into Arkansas, but most of the immediate region was average to above average for moisture. Is this a perfect roadmap to what will happen this spring? Not necessarily, but it does show you that history is on our side.

When will we transition to La Niña? Well, the graphic below from the Climate Prediction Center suggests that there is an almost 50% chance of us being in La Niña by June/July/August and an almost 70% chance of that happening by August/September/October.



Some of the computer model information that I have been browsing even has us achieving La Niña conditions by May! I think that might be a little early, but I'd be lying if I said that I wasn't concerned that this transition could be pretty rapid. At any rate, you know what La Niña usually means for us...DRY. So, I would make plans to be very calculated in how you use your moisture, because the odds are not in our favor later this year. Drought will likely be back in the cards.

If you have any questions or comments, please drop me an email... Brian Bledsoe, brianbledsoewx@gmail.com

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Graduate students committed to advancing the Beef Industry

Source: National Cattlemen's Foundation

CENTENNIAL, Colorado. (Jan. 17, 2024) – Megan Eckhardt of New Braunfels, Texas, and Jaime Luke of Stanberry, Missouri, have each been awarded a \$15,000 W.D. Farr Scholarship by the National Cattlemen's Foundation (NCF). The annual W.D. Farr Scholarship program recognizes outstanding graduate students for their academic

achievements, leadership and commitment to the advancement of the beef industry.

Eckhardt and Luke were selected from a record-number of 51 qualified applicants. The scholarship recipients will be recognized during CattleCon24, Jan. 31-Feb. 2, in Orlando, Florida.

Eckhardt received a bachelor's degree in animal

science and meat science business from Texas Tech University and a master's degree in animal science from Angelo State University. She is now pursuing her doctorate in meat science at West Texas A&M University. Involved with 4-H and FFA from an early age, Eckhardt grew up helping on her family's ranch in Texas. Participating in the full cycle

of beef production from pasture to plate sparked her passion for a career in meat science.

"One day I'd like to share my knowledge, experiences and research findings related to meat science with future students, colleagues and industry professionals," said Eckhardt. "This scholarship gets me closer to that aspiration."

Luke was raised on a diversified row crop and cow-calf operation in northwest Missouri. As her family discussed calving updates and commodity markets around the dinner table, Luke knew a career in the beef industry was in her future. She received bachelor's and master's degrees in agricultural economics from the University of Missouri and

is currently pursuing her doctorate in the same field at Kansas State University. While her focus is on agricultural economics, including livestock and meat markets, she is also involved with ongoing research seeking to understand the adoption of methane mitigating strategies by cattle producers.

"I believe there exists
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per acre. If a steer is grazing 0.75 acres for the season and gaining 1.5 pounds per day over 240 days (8 months), the gain per acre is 480 pounds. I also want to note that our beef cattle systems are also not going to be utilizing the most fertile soils either and there will be limits of production that can be achieved.

So, what's the point? I was unsuccessful at reaching 1,000 pounds of beef gain per acre, but land availability is decreasing while land prices are increasing. How many of us think as grain producers in product production per unit of land mass like bushels per acre or pounds of beef produced per acre? As the beef industry continues to be berated about greenhouse gas emissions, we can chase a lot of technology. However, let's not overlook the tools we currently have available to us for reducing inefficiencies in the production system. For cow-calf production, pounds of calf weaned per cow exposed is a key factor in profitability but also system efficiency. Changes in forage systems or slight improvements in forage systems can yield improvements in production. Yet, we don't even have to make changes in the forage system, just improving our management of the forages currently in the fields can have a positive impact. I have mentioned this before and will reiterate that managed grazing is recognized as a climate smart agricultural practice. Use of growth promoting implants can increase daily gains by 0.1-0.2 of a pound per day. Use of vaccines to keep cattle healthy and reducing abortion losses is a simple technology to improve efficiency. Spend the next few weeks before spring thinking about what small changes in your production system can be made to improve your production efficiency and profitability.

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Remembering Zan Parr Bar

The rare champion halter horse in modern ranch and roping horse pedigrees

By Mariella Krause

In the evolution of horse shows, the champion halter stallion who sires world-class ranch, roping and riding horses seems to have gone the way of the dodo bird and woolly mammoth.

Zan Parr Bar was among the last of his kind.

When Zan Parr Bar died 37 years ago, he was the leading sire of American Quarter Horse Association (AQHA) performance horses – in other words, show horses that were ridden, as opposed to “halter classes,” which are more like a beauty pageant’s swimsuit competition.

These days, Zan Parr Bar is best known for roping horses and appears in a lot of reining and reined cow horses’ pedigrees. Hardly anyone thinks of him as a halter horse, much less the primo halter horse: AQHA World Champion Stallion. Even more impressive, he was the first to win the world champion stallion title three times. His career record is amazing: he won first in 115 of the 122 halter classes. He also earned points in heeling (winning 25 of 50 outs), heading, western pleasure, calf roping and reining.

Originally, Quarter Horse judges were some version of a cowboy or rancher.

A halter horse was one the owner deemed worthy breeding stock. Judges appraised their conformation based on traits of a good ranch horse – sound feet and legs, short back, blah, blah, blah. People talk about the same traits now. However, somewhere along the way, “halter horses” morphed into an end product, rather than a means to an end. To the dismay of many, world champion forms no longer seem compatible with ranch horse functions. The versatile Zan Parr Bar may have been one of the last of his kind.

Zan Parr Bar was born in 1974 and was only four months old when purchased by William “Bill” Gibford of San Luis Obispo, California. As a young man, Gibford started a lot of colts sired by Driftwood, a famous roping horse, for owner Katie Peake. (Driftwood’s descendants are still in demand by ropers, barrel racers and ranchers.) In 1955, wise men at the well-known West Coast ag college selected Gibford to start their Quarter Horse breeding program. He used his budget to

buy four Driftwood daughters and an older, eye-catching palomino stallion Peake crossed on Driftwood mares. The stallion, Bras D’Or was a grandson of Zantanon.

In 1974 Gibford named his four-month-old stallion prospect “Zan” as a tribute to Zantanon, who was in both parents’ pedigrees. His most famous son, King P-234,

was among the first inducted into the AQHA Hall of Fame, but Zantanon’s own exploits were all but forgotten.

Born a century ago and raced in northern Mexico when the sport was a major attraction, he was well-bred but looked and lived like a peasant. The Mexican Revolution had been going on for many years, and citi-

zens related to the little underdog. Standing 14 hands and gaunt as a gutted snowbird, it’s said he was overworked, undernourished, and spent many afternoons tied outside a saloon. Gamblers bet against him time and again, making his owners rich. His secret was his deceptively fast start, and he


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February webinars to cover successful AI programs in commercial cattle herds

By Macy Shoulders, Oklahoma State University Communications



The upcoming series will feature information on controlled reproductive management and superior fertility in grazing conditions. (Photo by Mitchell Alcalá, OSU Agriculture)

The Oklahoma State University Beef Extension team will host three Rancher's Thursday Lunchtime Series sessions in February. The hourlong webinars will focus on implementing timed artificial insemination and selection programs designed to achieve a high level of fertility in commercial cow herds.

"These two presenters,

both veterinarians, have established proven, data-driven reproductive management and selection programs. They are truly among the best in the world," said Dr. David Lalman, OSU Extension beef cattle specialist.

The Rancher's Thursday Lunchtime Series is free of charge as experienced ranchers and scientists join to share production, management and

marketing tips. The following sessions will begin at noon via Zoom.

Feb. 8 – Controlled Reproductive Management in Cow/Calf Operations under Grazing Conditions - Dr. Guillermo de Nava, DVM, Salto, Uruguay

Feb. 15 – Breeding a Cow Herd for Superior Fertility in Grazing Conditions -Dr. Guillermo de Nava, DVM, Salto, Uruguay

Feb. 22 – Successful Implementation of Timed AI Programs in Commercial Herds - Dr. Richard Prather, DVM, Ellis

County Animal Hospital, Shattuck, Oklahoma

Registration is required. For more information, contact Lalman at 405-744-6060 or david.lalman@okstate.edu.

Texas Crop...

(Continued from page 10A) and accompanied by frigid temperatures, with three days below freezing. Soil conditions remained steady, but moisture was appreciated as it was received. Small grain fields were set back due to the freezing conditions. Wheat and oat pastures were struggling and in dire need of rain for cool-season annuals and native grasslands. The polar vortex challenged livestock producers who were feeding and busting ice for their livestock. Supplemental and hay feeding increased in response to the cold weather. Despite the freezing temperatures, cattle and wildlife were in decent condition.

SOUTHEAST

The arctic blast swept across the district, delaying the production of winter pastures. Producers continued supplemental and hay feeding and busting ice to ensure access to water for their cattle herds. Surface water was extremely low and affected the production of crawfish producers.

SOUTHWEST

The arctic weather blast brought temperatures below freezing for 48 hours. Light moisture was received from ice and sleet during the freeze, but it was inadequate for proper irrigation. Small grains were thriving, but winter weeds and short annual grass hindered pastures. Producers were preparing for corn and milo planting. Producers continued supplemental and hay feeding for their cattle herds. Wildlife activity increased with the cooler temperatures.

SOUTH

Freezing temperatures and a slight drizzle were received throughout the district last week. Turf producers were continuing harvest. Wheat and oat producers continued planting, and some crops have already emerged. Strawberry producers were monitoring the cold weather and loss of blooms and berries. Forage producers applied pest control around their crops and prepared fields for the spring growing season. The condition of beef cattle and wildlife decreased due to the lack of vegetation from the drought and freeze, leading producers to increase hay and supplemental feeding.

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Consistency in high school rodeo stuck with South Texas' Sissy Winn

By Johna Cravens

"Consistency" is one of the most valuable lessons Sissy Winn learned as a member of the National High School Rodeo Association (NHSRA). The professional barrel racer from Texas has qualified for the past two Wrangler National Finals Rodeo (NFR).

The petite blonde took full advantage of her junior high and high school rodeo opportunities. While growing up in

the small town of Sinton, just north of Corpus Christi, Winn started competing in the junior high division where she

Consistency defined her junior high and high school career as she qualified for her state finals and for nationals all seven years she was eligible.

worked every girls' event. "I loved the consistency you had to have in junior high

and high school rodeo," Winn said. "You had to be consistent at rodeos in your region to get to state, at state to get

to nationals and at nationals once you got there. "You have to be fast, of

course," she added "but then, being consistent on top of that because it matters on the average or the point system."

Consistency defined her junior high and high school career as she qualified for her state finals and for nationals all seven years she was eligible.

As a sixth grader in 2010, she qualified for her state finals in every event, won the Miss Texas Junior High



Sissy Winn. Photo by James Phifer at Fort Worth Stock Show & Rodeo

Rodeo crown, the state barrel racing and pole bending ti-

tles, and the rookie all-around state title. At the National Junior High Finals Rodeo (NJHFR), she won the pole bending championship and was in the barrel racing hunt. "Even though I hit a barrel in the short go," Winn said, "that helped me to win the reserve all-around and the rookie all-around cowgirl."

The next season she again qualified for state in every event, winning the Texas pole bending championship and earning the reserve national championship at the NJHFR. Her final junior high year she finished third in the state in barrel racing and fourth in that event at nationals which were in Gallup all three years.

"I loved Gallup, New Mexico," she said, "I made a lot of good memories there."

She continued to do well in Texas Region XII as she moved to the high school division where she enjoyed adding cutting to all her other events. (Reined cow horse was not yet offered.) In her freshman season she won the state barrel racing title, qualified for nationals in pole bending, and won the state girls' all-around and rookie titles. At nationals in Gillette, Wyoming, she finished in the top four in pole bending.

Winn said her dad, Tom, helped her learn roping and goat tying, but she knew those weren't her best events. Still, she and her parents talked through their strategy of earning points in every event she worked.

"Looking back, those building steps are huge," she said, "I competed against a lot of the girls in junior high and high school that I compete against today."

As a sophomore she qualified for nationals in pole bending and when shooting sports were added to NHSRA competition, she qualified for nationals in 22 light rifle as a junior and a senior, finishing fourth her senior year. She made the Texas state finals in every event as a junior and senior.

Winn credits the scholar- (Continued on page 26A)



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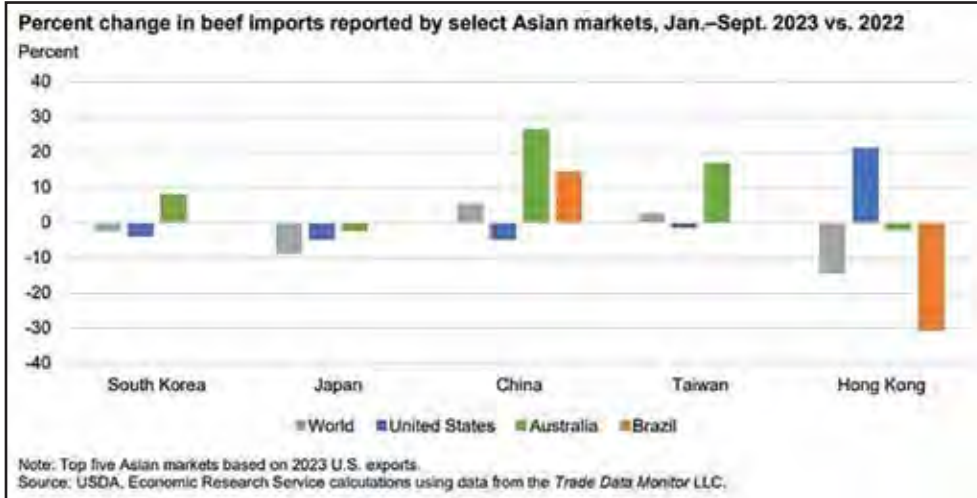
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Beef export forecast lowered slightly

Sources: Russell Knight and Hannah Taylor; USDA, ERS

Country	October 2023 exports	Year-to-date exports			Share of YTD exports, percent		
		2022	2023	Year-over-year volume change	Year-over-year percent change	2022	2023
South Korea	48.8	681.0	500.4	-120.6	-18	23	22
Japan	47.2	689.0	541.9	-147.0	-21	23	21
China	37.2	551.9	427.4	-124.5	-23	23	21
Mexico	28.2	227.2	258.4	31.1	14	16	17
Canada	21.8	228.1	227.9	-0.2	0	8	9
Taiwan	15.3	173.4	163.8	-9.6	-6	6	6
ROW	43.0	451.3	376.3	-75.0	-17	15	16
Total	241.5	3001.9	2558.1	-445.8	-15	15	16

Note: Volumes are in million pounds, carcass weight equivalent. The ranking of the top six countries shown here is based on 2023 year-to-date exports. YTD = year-to-date; ROW = rest of world.
Source: USDA, Economic Research Service calculations using data from U.S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of the Census.



October beef exports totaled nearly 242 million pounds, almost 21 percent lower year over year and 11 percent below the 5-year average. Monthly exports to nearly every major market were lower year over year with the exception of Taiwan and Mexico. October exports to Taiwan were nearly 11 percent higher year over year, and exports to Mexico were about 6 percent higher. The value of total U.S. beef exports through October is just over 7.8 billion dollars, which is 17 percent lower than last year.

Australia's exports through September this year were about 22 percent higher than a year ago. The chart below compares selected Asian countries' beef imports from the United States, Australia and Brazil, as well as total imports from the world, as reported in the Trade Data Monitor. Most Asian markets have imported less total beef from the world through September this year, but in some markets Australia's share of those imports has grown as its production has increased and it has stepped up to fill the gap left by lower U.S. exportable supplies. This is the case especially in both South Korea and Taiwan. Japan has imported nearly 9 percent less beef year over year, but despite a decrease in shipments the United States still remains the largest supplier of beef imports to Japan. The main supplier of beef to China and Hong Kong is Brazil; Hong Kong has imported significantly less beef from Brazil compared to a year ago, while China's imports of beef from Brazil are up slightly.

The export forecast for fourth-quarter 2023 is lowered slightly by 5 million pounds to 715 million. The annual forecast is 3.030 billion, a year-over-year decrease of almost 15 percent. The export forecast for 2024 is unchanged from last month at 2.845 billion pounds.



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‘Learn to live with ugly’ after freeze damage

Pruning dead plant material can cause more harm

By Adam Russell, Texas AgriLife Today



Freeze damaged trees may not make it after this latest cold snap, but homeowners should give high-value plants a chance to recover before removing them. ‘Looking dead’ is not necessarily dead in many cases. (Texas A&M AgriLife photo by Courtney Sacco)

A hard freeze can make plants an ugly eyesore in a landscape or garden.

But practice patience when it comes to freeze-damaged plants, according to a Texas A&M AgriLife expert.

Michael Arnold, Ph.D., director of The Gardens at Texas A&M University and professor of landscape horticulture in the Department of Horticultural Sciences

at the Texas A&M College of Agriculture and Life Sciences, Bryan-College Station, said warmer daytime temperatures may give gardeners the itch to get outside and prune back damaged leaves and clean up dead plant material following a hard freeze, but they should resist the urge.

Plants can be damaged by temperatures once they

reach 32 degrees, but a hard freeze – 28 degrees or below for four hours or more – can sting cold-hardy plants and kill those that are less cold tolerant. Whether a hard freeze hits in November or in February, homeowners and gardeners should consider their local average final frost date before any cleanup.

“There is a tendency to want to spruce things up, but if we do that too quickly, we can predispose the plants to even more freeze damage,” he said. “My advice is to be patient and learn to live with ugly.”

Patience best after freeze damage

Cold-sensitive plants like palm and banana trees or woody herbaceous perennials and ornamental grasses may look dead or dying after a hard freeze, but Arnold said it is best to give them time.

Pruning too early can cause more damage in two ways. First, it removes dead plant material that can help insulate living tissue from later freezing temperatures, and it may also stimulate new growth before the threat of frost has passed.

Warmer days can activate buds below any premature pruning cut, Arnold said. Stimulating new growth that is then exposed to freezing temperatures will inflict more damage to the plant.

Plants that look dead may recover, he said. Dead tissue will be apparent when the plant breaks dormancy in the spring, and waiting will ensure plants with live tissue recover. At that point, pruning is not detrimental to the plant’s long-term recovery.

Arnold said gardeners should wait until the threat of frost has passed for the location, which could be the first few weeks in January in the Rio Grande Valley into March in North Texas. He suggests pruning around typical local “pruning” dates but said gardeners could act a little early if the 10-day forecast shows temperatures will stay above freezing.

Gardeners should also give high value plants and trees extra time to show signs of life through the spring before they remove them, he said. Some plants may look dead and might require some help and rehabilitation, but if there is live tissue, there is a chance of recovery.

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Texas A&M Ranch Management School opens registration for April 8-12 session

Long-running event renamed thanks to David McKnight '73 Ranch Management University Endowment

By Kay Ledbetter, Texas AgriLife Today

The award-winning and newly renamed David McKnight '73 Ranch Management University is scheduled for April 8-12 at Texas A&M University in Bryan-College Station. Registration is open and seating has been expanded to the first 70 enrolled.

The workshop is a collaboration of the Texas A&M College of Agriculture and Life Sciences Department of Soil and Crop Sciences, Department of Animal Science, Department of Agricultural Economics and the Department of Rangeland, Wildlife and Fisheries Management. It also involves the Natural Resources Institute, NRI, and the U.S. Department of Agriculture Natural Resources Conservation Service.

This is the first spring session named for David McKnight, after the David McKnight '73 Ranch Management University Endowment was created last fall. McKnight graduated from Texas A&M in 1973 and spent much of his adulthood pursuing his interests in land conservation, farming and ranching.

"We are honored that Mr. McKnight thought so much of this training that he wanted to make a donation to ensure it continued," said Larry Redmon, Ph.D., Department of Soil and Crop Sciences associate department head and Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service program leader, Bryan-College Station. "The Ranch Management University is designed to give new or inexperienced ranchers and landowners a crash course on a lot of different subjects."

Event details

Each spring and fall, participants spend five days learning about a variety of ranch management topics ranging from soil fertility to forage and weed management to livestock and wildlife management.

Registration is \$625, and the deadline to register is March 29. Register online, or for more information, contact Linda Francis at linda.francis@ag.tamu.edu.

Workshop attendees will meet at the Scotts Miracle-Gro Turf Facility located at

3100 F&B Road, College Station. The program will begin at 11 a.m. on April 8 and run from 7:15 a.m. to 6 p.m. daily until its conclusion at noon on April 12.

Meals and break refreshments will be provided as well as a resource flash drive containing over 250 publications addressing

ranch resource management and a workbook of all presentations.

AgriLife Extension experts from across the state will lead the instruction. Three general Texas Department of Agriculture continuing education units will be offered to attendees.

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Everything from forage to livestock to agricultural laws and soil management will be discussed at the David McKnight '73 Ranch Management University in April at Texas A&M University. (Texas A&M AgriLife photo by Michael Miller)

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“That dead material may look ugly, but it is Mother Nature’s insulation, and cutting plants

back too soon can harm more than help,” he said. “You also don’t want to pull up plants just because they look dead. If there is live tissue in the crown

or below the ground, they are likely to recover. Some gardeners may not like to hear it, but right now is the time for patience.”



Be patient with plants that took the brunt of recent freezing temperatures. It may be an eyesore, but cleaning and pruning at this point could do more harm than good. (Texas A&M AgriLife photos by Sam Craft and Courtney Sacco)

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Speakers and topics

Day 1:

• Soil Fertility, Soils in the Field – Jake Mowrer, Ph.D., AgriLife Extension state soil fertility specialist and associate professor in the Department of Soils and Crop Sciences, Bryan-College Station.

• Planning for Profit, Marketing Livestock – Cow-Calf? Stockers? Feedlot? – David Anderson, Ph.D., AgriLife Extension beef economist and professor in the Department of Agricultural Economics,



Watershed discussions will be a part of the long-running Ranch Management University training. (Texas A&M AgriLife photo by Sam Craft)

Bryan-College Station.

Day 2:

• Ag Laws Texas Landowners Need to Know

– Tiffany Lashmet, J.D., AgriLife Extension agricultural law specialist and professor in the Department of Agricultural Economics, Amarillo.

• What is a Watershed? – Leanne Wiley, AgriLife Extension program specialist and Lone Star Healthy Streams program manager, Bryan-College Station.

• Structure of the U.S. Beef Industry; Genetic Strategies for Profitable Beef Production; Nutrient Requirements and Supplementation of Beef Cattle/Body Conditioning Scores; Animal Handling Demonstration; and Niche Marketing: Non-traditional Production Strategies – Jason Cleere, Ph.D., AgriLife Extension beef cattle specialist and associate professor in the Department of Animal Science, Bryan-College Station.

Day 3:

• Horse Production 101 – Jennifer Zoller, Ph.D., AgriLife Extension horse specialist and associate professor in the Department of Animal Science, Bryan-College Station.

• Forage Establishment, Importance of Stocking Rate, Options for Wintering Cattle – Redmon.

• Small Ruminant Production – Reid Redden, Ph.D., AgriLife Extension sheep and goat specialist, Department of Animal Science associate professor and center director at the Texas A&M AgriLife Research and Extension Center at San Angelo, and Jake Thorne, AgriLife Extension sheep and goat program specialist, San Angelo.

• Texas Well Owners Network, TWON: Well Informed – Joel Pigg, AgriLife Extension program specialist, Bryan-College Station.

• NRCS Programs for the Landowner – Jason Hohlt, USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service range specialist, Bryan-College Station.

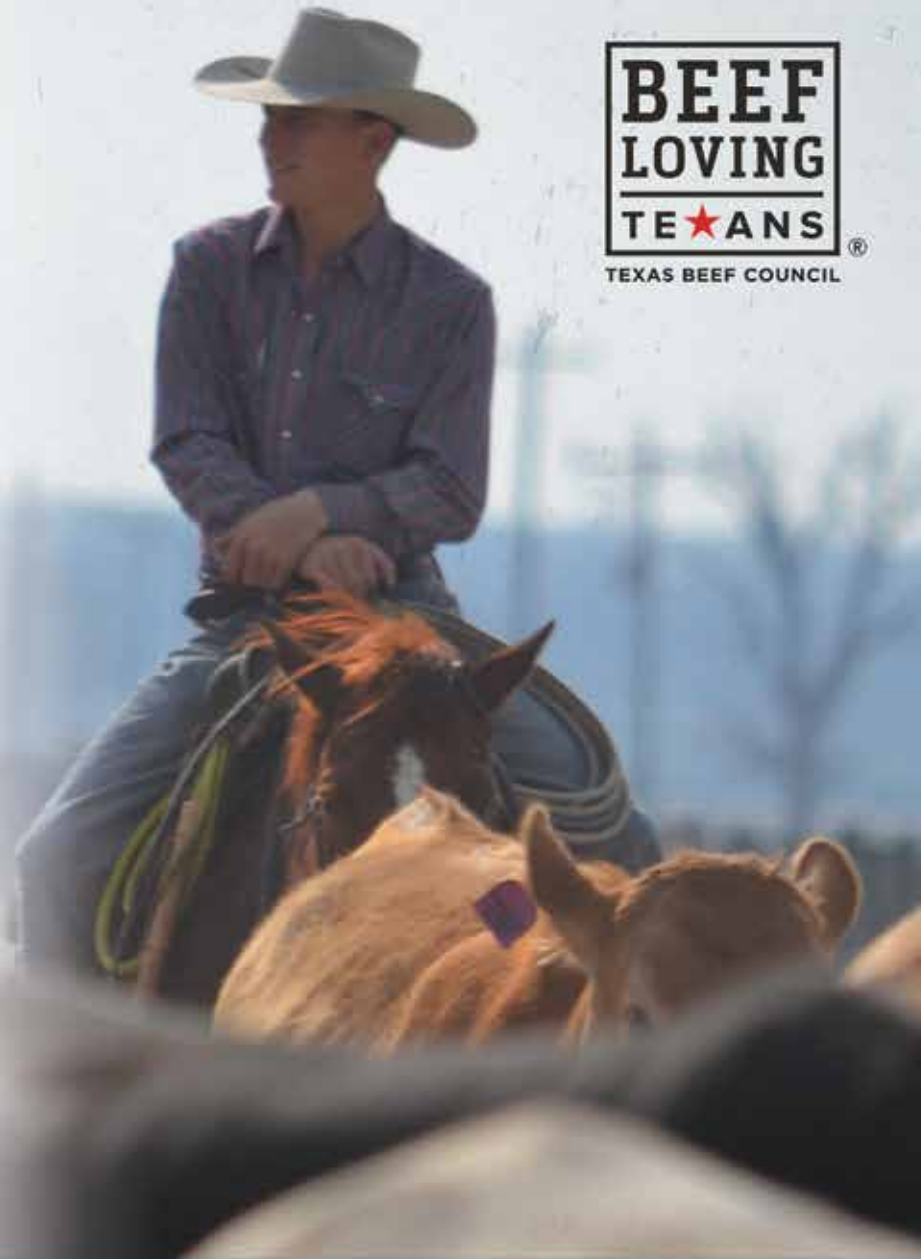
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was practically undefeated at 300 yards. Mexicans sang his praises literally in *corridos* about his races, and he became known as “the Man O’ War of Mexico.”

One of Gibford’s former students at Cal Poly, Carol Rose, bought Zan Parr Bar as a two-year-old and took him to Gainesville, Texas. The following year, he won 85 of 89 shows and earned more halter points than any other stallion. He stood grand at the Congress in Ohio in October and in November was selected world champion three-year-old at the World Show. And during those two months, he earned his first 19 points in western pleasure, even winning a six-point class in Memphis.

He continued to rack up performance points from 1978-80, ridden by Billy Allen of Scott City, Kansas, and placed well at the World Show in heading and heeling. Flexing muscles fine-tuned under a saddle, he was named the world champion aged stallion in both 1979 and 1980.

Leading a horse doesn’t give you near as much information about the traits horsemen call “heart and desire.”

Billy Allen, who trained him and many of his progeny, said “His heart and desire to excel made the difference for him.” He also found a polite way to say he wasn’t the easiest to train. “You had to let him learn. I knew Zan Parr Bar was special when he had to bear down and show he had both the desire and ability to do it.”

Carol Rose put it this way: “The foals seemed like they took just a little longer to train, but once they were trained, their hearts were as big as Texas. The more you asked, the more you got.”

Zan Parr Jack was 13 when he died of colitis X. He left behind 652 foals from 12 crops. Twenty-three became AQHA World Champions, winning 30 titles, mostly in roping.

During 2015, a mare and two geldings related to Zan Parr Bar were on-call at the National Finals for four top tie-down ropers. Marcos Costa and Stran Smith rode the AQHA/PRCA Horse of the Year, Sweet As Time (a.k.a. “Flea”). The geldings were Trevor Brazile’s “Deputy” and Monty Lewis’s “Squirrel”. The sire of all three is Popular Resortfigure, a former AQHA Superhorse (i.e. the all-around horse at the World Show).

Cody Ohl won the 2006 PRCA world title with the help of AQHA/PRCA Horse of the Year “Luke,” a grandson of

Zan Parr Express. And one of Tuff Cooper’s former rodeo horses was an own son of Zan Parr Bar, a 1988 gelding he called “Smurf.”

Halter horses at the AQHA World Show are still highly unlikely to qualify in performance events, but AQHA had added a class branded “ranch horse conformation” as part of Versatility Ranch Horse classes. The Ranch Horse of America association and many other groups include the class, too. It’s conducted like a traditional halter class, but fake tails and shiny hoof dressing are not in style. If you look back in the lineage

of the horses near the front, bet you’ll often find a link to Zan Parr Bar.

Evaluating...

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Studies have consistently shown that, by far, the greatest factor impacting calving difficulty in beef females is the birth weight of the calf. Next in line is sex of the calf. Male calves have heavier birth weights compared to female calves because the gestation length of male calves is longer. Also, age of dam impacts calving difficulty. First-calf females have a greater inci-

dence of dystocia. Pelvic area, gestation length, and cow weight had much, much less influence on calving difficulty. For first-calf females, breed them to bulls where the focus is on reducing calving difficulty (Birth Weight, Calving Ease Direct, and Calving Ease Maternal EPDs).


A question becomes - what is an acceptable reproductive rate? This number differs based on the operation. Based on some old Standardized Performance Analysis and CHAPS data, if percent calves weaned per females exposed to the bull during the breeding season is in the 87 to 92%

range, the cow enterprise has a good chance to be economical.

The greatest costs for the cow-calf enterprise are feed costs. Again, any time cows can reproduce at an acceptable rate with little to no extra feeds or supplements means that mature weight and milk production fit the forage/feed resources of the operation. If growth is the selection criteria and heifers are retained, cow mature weight will increase. It is probably worth mentioning, milk EPD is pounds of a calf’s weaning weight attributed to milk and mothering ability of the dam. Increasing weaning

weight by increasing milk also increases the cow’s nutrient needs, and not only during lactation. Higher-milking cows also have greater visceral organ weight. Even when not lactating these organs increase the cow’s nutrient needs.


Focus on management strategies to economically improve reproductive performance of the herd. This will have greater impact on the financial status of the cow-calf enterprise than most other management strategies. In addition, the management strategies discussed will have a positive impact on weaning weight.



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Consistency...

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ships she won as an NJHRA and NHSRA competitor for helping her pay for college. She chose to attend Texas A & M University and major in agricultural leadership and development. She made the uncommon choice not to be part of college rodeo, instead concentrating on her studies. That decision paid off as she graduated magna cum laude in 2020. That honor means she had a cumulative grade point average of 3.7 to 3.899. She also earned her degree in four years.

Tom Winn was adamant

that Sissy concentrate on her studies while in college. "We're not rodeoing," he told her. "You're going to concentrate on school." Even though she joined the WPRA as soon as she was eligible in 2017, she did not bring her barrel horses to school.

"My mom kept my horses in Corpus Christi and I lived in College Station," she said. "She would meet me at a pro rodeo, so I stayed focused on my studies. I know a lot of people do it differently, but that's what worked for me."

After her graduation from college, Winn began to concentrate on professional

rodeo. She finished 20th in the 2021 world standings, won the average at the Texas Circuit Finals and qualified for the NFR Open.

She built momentum in 2022, qualifying for her first NFR ranked seventh and placing in two of 10 rounds in Las Vegas. She also won the Texas Circuit Barrel Racing Championship and qualified for her second NFR Open. She'll compete at that event in July in Colorado Springs. She repeated to the NFR in 2023 and finished as #11 in the world.

For the past two years, she has combined her barrel rac-

ing talent and her years as a youth rodeo queen into back-to-back wins of the Jerry Ann Taylor Best-Dressed Cowgirl Award at the Fort Worth Stock Show & Rodeo (FWSSR). (In addition to her junior high title she was Miss Rodeo Texas Princess 2011 and Miss Rodeo Texas Teen 2015.)

The \$5,000 cash award is presented by the National Cowgirl Museum & Hall of Fame and the FWSSR in memory of hall honoree Jerry Ann Taylor who was known for her flamboyant style. To be eligible a barrel racer must compete in the champi-

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onship round of the FWSSR ProRodeo Tournament.

Winn and her mother embellished clothing from her sponsors Rock 'N Roll denim and Panhandle Slim for both winning outfits. They worked

most of the night to put the finishing touches on her winning ensembles.

Her parents continue to be a huge support to her rodeo career with one or both of them often traveling with her. "In the summer," she said, "we will have two rigs on the road to get to all the rodeos."

She has two main mounts - Chewingthehotwire, nicknamed "Chewy" trained by Shelby Ridling and AR Dash Ta Flame called "Scoop" trained by Danyelle Campbell. Plus, she travels with a couple of companion mini horses: Scout and Stormy. Stormy and Sissy were featured on The Cowboy Channel as part of the Matt Merritt Minute during the Fort Worth rodeo.

Texas A&M...

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Day 4:

- Using Wildlife as Agriculture for Property Tax Proposes, Northern Bobwhite Issues and Management, White-tailed Deer Management - Jim Cathey, Ph.D., professor and Texas A&M Natural Resources Institute associate director, Bryan-College Station.

- Feral Hog Issues/Trap Demonstration - Jay Long, NRI project coordinator.

- Aquatic Vegetation Management Basics - Brittany Chesser, AgriLife Extension aquatic vegetation program specialist, Bryan-College Station.

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What if cows could talk

By using acoustic data and machine learning to decipher cows' vocalizations, Virginia Tech researchers hope to shed new light on the animals' health, welfare and environmental impact

By Marya Barlow



Virginia Tech researchers plan to use audio data from cows to uncover patterns in their vocalizations that may shed light on their well-being, emotions and language. Photo by Madi Hahn for Virginia Tech

You may not know it, but cows share information every time they burp, moo, and chew that speaks volumes about their health and welfare.

Through the work of researchers in Virginia Tech's College of Agriculture and Life Sciences, we may soon know more about what cows are "telling" us and be able to use that information to improve their well-being.

James Chen, an animal data sciences researcher and assistant professor in the School of Animal Sciences is using a \$650,000 grant from the U.S. Department of Agriculture's National Institute of Food and Agriculture to develop an acoustic, data-driven tool to help enhance animal welfare and lower methane emissions in precision livestock farming.

"Vocalization is a major way cows express their emotions, and it is about time to listen to what they're telling us," Chen said.

Because sound data can be collected from cows individually and continuously, Chen said it's better than video or other observation methods for monitoring cows' emotions and health, including even subtle changes in breathing.

"The assessment of animal welfare has become a central discussion in society and is a controversial issue simply because the lack of objective tools leads to biased interpretations," he said. "By matching audio data with biological and visual cues, we can be more objective in our approach to analyzing their behavior."

Using artificial intelligence to interpret moos

Chen and his co-investigator, Virginia Cooperative Extension dairy scientist and Associate Professor Gonzalo Ferreira, plan to collect audio data from cows, their calves, and beef cattle in the pasture. They will then use machine learning to analyze and catalog thousands of points of acoustic data and interpret cow vocalizations such as mooing, chewing, and burping for signs of stress or illness.

"Let's think about a baby crying inside a plane or in church," Ferreira said. "As a father, I have an idea whether the baby is crying because it's

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hungry or wants attention. Our research question then is: Can we use audio data to interpret animals' needs?"

Chen and Ferreira are particularly interested in identifying vocal patterns for how cows' communicate distress.

By analyzing the frequency, amplitude, and duration of cow's moos and vocalizations and correlating the sound data with saliva cortisol samples taken from the cow, they can classify whether cows are experiencing no stress, mild stress, or severe stress and

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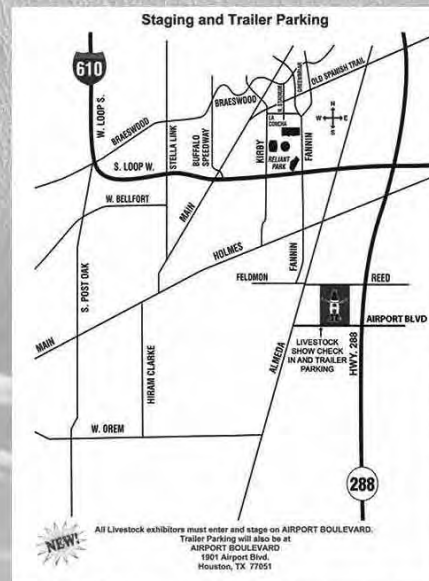


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Farmers, ranchers establish policy goals during 90th annual meeting

Source: Texas Farm Bureau

Frisco, Texas—Texas farmers and ranchers established policy to help guide the agricultural advocacy efforts of Texas Farm Bureau (TFB), the state's largest general farm and ranch organization.

Policies regarding water, rail transportation challenges and natural resources were among those approved by the nearly 800 voting delegates gathered at the organization's 90th annual meeting business session Dec. 3 in Frisco.

"Farm Bureau leaders from across the state set our policy goals for our organization for the coming year during the business session," TFB President Russell Boening said.

Voting delegates discussed the 1944 water treaty between the U.S. and Mexico, supporting stronger efforts to ensure that water delivery to the Rio Grande and annual allocations are strictly honored instead of carried over into a five-year reporting cycle.

"This policy supports oversight of all aspects of the U.S. to call on Mexico to fulfill its obligations under the projects, providing landowner education and safety,

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the 1944 treaty. The drought conditions and water scarcity in South Texas are causing major challenges for farmers and ranchers," Boening said. "The lack of consistent water deliveries is impacting agriculture, and Mexico should be held accountable to fulfill its water contributions in a timely manner."

Voting delegates discussed hydrogen energy projects, issuing support for state

and studying the impact of these projects on agriculture and wildlife. Farmers noted problems with blocked railroad crossings and cited the need for local law enforcement agencies to have the authority to make stopped trains move to allow for access to properties that are blocked. Voting delegates supported eliminating the oversized permit and the re-

quirement for the permit to transport hay. On the national level, delegates supported removing the U.S. from the United Nations (UN) because of the UN's attacks on U.S. agriculture.

"The UN continues to make incorrect and damaging accusations about agriculture, especially with the latest call in an upcoming report by a UN agency for Americans to dramatically reduce its meat consumption in order to reduce greenhouse gas emissions," Boening said. "Texas farmers and ranchers use climate-smart farming techniques and have continued to make advancements in reducing greenhouse gas emissions. The UN is grossly misrepresenting the food system, and this is our members' attempt to enact change."

Also on the national level, voting delegates supported a resolution that would provide disaster assistance for poultry growers, along with a resolution that supports activities



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and legislation that discourages the unnecessary loss of productive farmland.

State resolutions adopted at the TFB annual meeting become policies that guide the organization in 2024. National resolutions adopted by the voting delegates are sent to the American Farm Bureau Federation (AFBF) for consideration in its resolutions process.

Resolutions approved by AFBF delegates in January provide a roadmap for the na-

tional organization.

Leadership elected to serve

Boening was re-elected to his sixth term as president. Kevin Wilkerson of Mabank, Sam Snyder of Moran, John Griffith of Alto and Brian Jones of Edcouch were re-elected to two-year terms on the state board of directors. Snyder was elected vice president, and Walt Hagood of Wolfforth was elected secretary-treasurer.

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Farmers...

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Three new directors were also elected

Jared Blankenship of Hereford is the new District 1 state director. He is a third-generation farmer and rancher in the Panhandle. He grows corn, grain sorghum, wheat and hay and raises cattle. He also owns an ag construction company. He has been active in Farm Bureau for several years, serving as the president of Deaf Smith-Oldham County Farm Bureau and on the TFB Resolutions and Feed Grains committees. He's also a graduate of FarmLead VI, an agricultural leadership program offered by TFB. He and his wife, Sheri, have two children.

The new District 3 state director is Greg Buenger, DVM of Newcastle. He raises bulls and replacement females,

as well as a small number of show steers and heifers. He is a retired veterinarian. As a Farm Bureau member, he has served on the TFB Resolutions Committee and as a judge for TFB's scholarship program, including the Rural Veterinary Scholarship. He has also supervised the Ag Safety Day. He and his wife, Annetta, have six children.

Stuart Traylor of Conroe is the new District 11 state director. He's been active in Farm Bureau since 1973 and served as president of Montgomery County Farm Bureau since 1986. He has a small hay operation with his brother and works in the feed business. Traylor has served on the TFB Resolutions Committee twice and is active in state and national legislative advocacy efforts. He and his wife, Beth, have four children and 10 grandchildren.

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NCBA welcomes USDA pilot program to expand remote grading for beef

Program will help more cattle producers access additional value through USDA quality grades

Source: USDA

WASHINGTON (January 19, 2024) – The National Cattlemen’s Beef Association (NCBA) welcomed the U.S. Department of Agriculture’s (USDA) announcement that the agency is pursuing a Remote Grading Pilot Program for beef. The pilot program will allow a USDA meat grader to assign grades from a remote location, increasing the grading options available to producers who sell into smaller, local processing facilities.

“The USDA quality grades of prime, choice, and select are instantly recognized by consumers and an important way for cattle producers to be rewarded for

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raising high-quality beef,” said NCBA Vice President of Government Affairs Ethan Lane. “NCBA is glad that USDA is launching a USDA grader on-site are often too high for smaller, local, and regional processing facilities. This pilot program will help ensure that smaller processors have access to USDA grading too, which in turn benefits the cattle producers who sell to these smaller processors by ensuring that their beef receives a quality grade as well.

“The USDA quality grades of prime, choice, and select are instantly recognized by consumers and an important way for cattle producers to be rewarded for

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NCBA looks forward to working with USDA to implement and evaluate this pilot program.

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Conservative rancher JR Ramirez announces campaign for Texas House

Conservative ranch manager, JR Ramirez, announced his bid for the Republican nomination in Texas House District 80. District 80 represents all of Atascosa, Dimmit, Frio, Uvalde, Zavala counties, as well as portions of Webb County in South Texas.

JR Ramirez, a Laredo native, is a 9th generation Texan and 7th generation rancher who learned from his parents and grandpar-

ents at a young age that he must work hard to earn his keep and always be willing to care for and help those in need. After graduating from Texas A&M, Ramirez returned to South Texas to continue his career in ranching, quickly working his way up to manage some of the largest ranches in Texas.

Ramirez has witnessed first-hand the devastation that D.C.'s open border policies have on families

and businesses in South Texas. As a member of the Texas & Southwestern Cattle Raisers Associations Border Security Task Force, Ramirez has testified to Congress about the unfolding disaster.

"In South Texas, break-ins, property damage and high-speed chases are far too common," said Ramirez. "My daughters should be able to play in the yard or ride their bikes without checking

over their shoulders, children should not have to live in fear. If Washington won't secure the border, Texas must."

In addition to strengthening the border, Ramirez is running to defend our 2nd Amendment rights, protect the right to life, ensure that Texas is planning for our future water needs, strengthening education opportunities for our children, and permanently and significantly lowering our property taxes.

JR serves the community as a member of the Wintergarden Groundwater Conservation District Board. JR and his wife, Laura, are proudly passing along the family legacy of ranching to their two young daughters. The Ramirez family are parishioners at Sacred Heart Church in Uvalde and active volunteers with the Uvalde Youth Rodeo Club and the Uvalde County Junior Livestock Show.



JR Ramirez

What if...

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begin to decode their "language."

As part of the project, Chen is building a computational pipeline that integrates acoustic data management, pre-trained machine-learning models, and interactive visualization of animal sounds. The resulting data will be shared in an open-source, web-based application available to scientists, producers, and the public. Chen said his hope is that the information will help guide future protocols to improve animal welfare.

"Anyone can directly plug in and use our model to run their own experiment," he said. "This allows people to transform cows' vocalizations into interpretable information that humans can recognize."

Because cows' burps can release small amounts of methane, the researchers also will try to identify cows that burp less through audio data. By comparing the sound data to DNA samples from the cows, they hope to understand whether a genetic variant causes some cows to burp more than others. They also plan to examine the impact of rumen modifiers — food additives that inhibit methane gas production — to gauge the effects.

"Measuring methane emissions from cattle requires very expensive equipment, which would be prohibitive to farmers," Ferreira said. "If burping sounds are indeed related to methane emissions, then we might have the potential for selecting low methane-emitting animals at the commercial farm level in an affordable manner."

"Our eventual goal is to use this model on a larger scale," Chen said. "We hope to build a public data set that can help inform policy and regulations."

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Wagyu: The beef to beat

Research shows Wagyu beef shines as a consumer favorite

By Burt Rutherford, courtesy of American Wagyu Association

Dale Woerner, Ph.D., is a meat scientist with years of experience researching the composition of Wagyu beef. "I think it's pretty fair to say we've accumulated some pretty good data in favor of Wagyu. We're looking at a product that is, in fact, superior in terms of eating experience, not just because of high levels of marbling, but because of the composition of the beef these animals produce."

It's that exceptional eating experience that has led to the breed's growth and acceptance by both beef producers and beef consumers. "Wagyu is something that I've seen, over about the last 15 years, grow and grow and grow. And now I would think it's fair to say that it's hotter now than it ever has been before," the Cargill Endowed Professor at Texas Tech University told Wagyu breeders during the recent World Wagyu Conference in San Antonio, Texas.

"As we increase the level of marbling, we increase the likelihood of a positive eating experience," he said. Since Wagyu generally marbles at levels significantly higher than USDA Prime, that accounts for the rapidly growing consumer demand for Wagyu beef.

"Some of the research we've done where we've taken F1 Wagyu-cross product and investigated the differences in eating characteristics and the reality is, Wagyu is always out on its own every single time."

In fact, Woerner told Wagyu breeders that some of the highest levels seen in F1 or half-blood crosses come from Wagyu-dairy crosses and Wagyu-Angus crosses. "We're starting to see quite a few Wagyu-dairy crosses showing up in West Coast calf ranches and some of those migrating even into the High Plains of Texas," he said.

"You're taking two breeds

of cattle, including Wagyu and Holstein and Wagyu and Jersey, which have tons of synergy in terms of marbling and eating quality characteristics. This is a magical combination."

Beyond marbling, Woerner said Wagyu cattle have a higher proportion of what he calls invisible fat. "At the cellular level, they have more phospholipid and that's contributing to a greater amount of fat within the same range of marbling."

That's important because about two-thirds of the eating experience difference is driven by the amount of fat, he said. "Wagyu in any shape or form outperforms Prime in terms of total crude fat and marbling."

Woerner walked Wagyu breeders through multiple factors affecting eating quality, like the amino acid profile, the fatty acid profile, the volatile chemicals that produce flavor and sensory attributes, and tenderness.

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NCBA continues to push for death tax relief

Source: NCBA

WASHINGTON (January 18, 2024) – The National Cattlemen’s Beef Association (NCBA) strongly supports the Death Tax Repeal Act, led by Reps. Randy Feenstra (IA) and Sanford Bishop (GA). The Senate companion bill is led by Sen. John Thune (SD). Repealing the federal estate tax, also known as the Death Tax, is a top priority for NCBA.

“It is unconscionable for cattle producers to face a tax that forces them to sell all or part of their family’s farm or ranch due to the death of a family member. With the cost of farmland rapidly rising, the Death Tax presents a significant threat to the future of family farms and ranches,” said NCBA President and South Dakota cattle producer Todd Wilkinson. “Most cattle producers have significant assets but are cash-poor and operate on

thin margins, leaving them with few options when they are saddled with an unexpected tax liability. Some producers are forced to sell off assets including land, livestock, farm equipment, or even their home. This is an incredible loss, and it starts a vicious cycle where future generations continue to face punitive taxes their ancestors paid multiple times. Rural America needs a tax code that promotes multi-generational, family-owned businesses instead of chopping them up.”

Current Death Tax relief is set to expire at the end of 2025, and it is vital that Congress acts soon and provide permanent relief for our family operations. If the federal estate tax exemption reverts to pre-2017 limits, coupled with the rapid inflation of farmland values, many more families will be subject to the Death Tax.

Wagyu...

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Take aroma for example. “The aroma of beef produced by its chemical signature is really what helps differentiate high quality beef from lower quality beef,” he said. “And Wagyu is extraordinarily special in that regard.”

Then there’s taste and tenderness. In blind taste tests, Wagyu consistently is rated highest in both, he added. “Where it does outperform, it outperforms in overall flavor desirability, beefy brothy notes, brown grilled notes, buttery beef, and the list goes on,” he said.

Looking at shear force tests which determine tenderness, New York strip steaks from Wagyu carcasses had the same tenderness as conventional tenderloins. “So not only is this beef producing better flavor profiles, it’s also

more tender on average,” he told Wagyu breeders.

The fatty acid profile of beef is different for Wagyu, he said. “And we believe that this is the number one factor contributing to the differences we find in eating characteristics.”

Indeed, Wagyu has a higher percentage of two fatty acids associated with better health in humans as well as several fatty acids associated with the buttery flavor profile Wagyu beef is known for, he said.

With a nod to Certified Angus Beef, by far the most successful branded beef program in the country, Woerner said it’s possible other breeds could have enjoyed similar success. “Could other breeds be Wagyu beef? No. There’s no comparison within your set of beef, particularly in the conventional market.”

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- Atlas Farms, Grandview, TX**
4 Hereford
- B & C Cattle Company, Miami, TX**
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2 Red Brangus
- Cross F Cattle, Willow City, TX**
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- Donnell Ranch, Fowlerton, TX**
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- Flying Diamond Ranch, Bulverde, TX**
2 Brahman
- Golden Meadows Ranch, Helotes, TX**
2 Brahman
- Greenwood Cattle Co., Plantersville, TX**
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- Hodde Land & Cattle Co, Brenham, TX**
2 Brangus
- Indian Hills Ranch, Cranfills Gap, TX**
2 Brangus
- Jackson Family Brangus, Waco, TX**
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- Katcsmorak, Leming, TX**
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2 Brangus
- OH Triangle Ranch, San Angelo, TX**
4 Hereford
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- Pinnacle Cattle Co., Giddings, TX**
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- Rocking Chair Ranch, Ft. McKavett, TX**
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2 Red Angus
- Weinheimer Ranch, Stonewall, TX**
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- B & C Cattle Company - Miami, TX**
5 Reg Here hfrs, 12-13 mos, open.
5 Reg Here hfrs, 23-24 mos, 7-8 mos bred to Here.
- Bar P Cattle Co, Hamilton, TX**
5 F1 Here x Brah hfrs, 14-16 mos, open.
5 F1 Here x Brah hfrs, 14-16 mos, open.
5 Blk WF x Brah hfrs, 12-14 mos, open.
5 Blk WF x Brah hfrs, 12-14 mos, open.
- Bell Cattle Company - Gainesville, TX**
5 Cert F1 Here x Brah prs, 28 mos, 90 day calves by Ang.
5 F1 Here x Brah pre, 28 mos, 30-45 day calves by Ang.
- Bentke Cattle Company - Burton, TX**
5 F1 Here x Brah hfrs, 24 mos, bred 7 1/2-8 mos to reg. Ang.
- Big Drop Ranch - Hondo, TX**
5 E6 Bfmstr hfrs, 17 mos, open.
5 Reg Brah hfrs, 21-22 mos, open.
5 Reg Brah hfrs, 21-22 mos, open.
- Billy Yeary - Lampasas, TX**
5 Bfmstr x Red Ang prs, 27 mos, 60-75 day calves by Red Ang.
- Blandford Brahmans - Floresville, TX**
5 Brah hfrs, 24 mos, exposed 120 days to Brah.
- Bludau Ranch - Hallettsville, TX**
5 Gold Cert F1 Here x Brah hfrs, 13-14 mos, open.
5 Gold Cert F1 Here x Brah hfrs, 13-14 mos, open.
- Briggs Ranches - Bloomington, TX**
5 S.G. x Brang prs, 24 mos, 100 day calves by Brang.
5 SG prs, 24 mos, 100 day calves by Brang
- Circle B Farms - Robstown, TX**
5 Brah hfrs, 20 mos, open.
5 Brah hfrs, 20 mos, open.
- Corporon Acres - Schulenburg, TX**
5 SG x Here hfrs, 25 mos, 7-8 mos bred to Ang.
5 SG x Here hfrs, 25 mos, 7-8 mos bred to Ang.
- Diamond H Cattle - Brenham, TX**
5 Gold Cert F1 Here x Brah prs, 28 mos, 30-45 day calves by Ang.
5 F1 Here x Brah prs, 28 mos, 30-45 day calves by Ang.
- Donnell Ranch - Fowlerton, TX**
5 Golden Cert F1 Here X Brah hfrs, 12-14 mos, open.
5 Here x Brah prs, 24 mos, 20-45 day calves by Ang, bred to LBW Ang.
5 Reg Brah prs, 30 mos, 150 day calves by Pld Here.
- Double Duce Ranch, Cotulla, TX**
5 Brang X Here X Brang hfrs, 16 mos, open.
5 Brang X Here X Brang hfrs, 16 mos, open.
- EG Land & Livestock, Ltd - Bryan, TX**
5 Ang x F1 Here x Brah hfrs, 16 mos, open.
5 Ang x F1 Here x Brah hfrs, 16 mos, open.
- Elstner Cattle Co. - Weimer, TX**
5 Cert F1 Here X Brah, 12-14 mos., open
5 Cert F1 Here X Brah, 12-14 mos., open
- Flying Diamond Ranch, Bulverde, TX**
5 Bfmstr prs, 34 mos, 100-120 day calves by Bfmstr, 90 days bred to Bfmstr.
- Golden Meadows Ranch - Helotes, TX**
5 Reg. Brah hfrs, 19-22 mos, open.
5 Reg Brah hfrs, 21-26 mos, 3-4 mos bred to Brah.
- H&M Cattle Company - Wharton, TX**
5 Gold Cert F1 Here x Brah prs, 28-30 mos, 60-90 day calves by Angus, exp. to Ang.
5 Gold Cert F1 Here x Brah prs, 28-30 mos, 60-90 day calves by Angus, expd back.
- Hartmann Ranch - Floresville, TX**
5 Cert F1 Here x Brah hfrs, 16 mos, open
- Herrmann Cattle Co. - Caldwell, TX**
5 Cert F1 Here x Brah hfrs, 16 mos, open.
- H1 Here x Brah hfrs, 16 mos, open.**
- Hillwood Land & Cattle - Roanoke, TX**
5 Brang prs, 24-26 mos, 30-45 day calves by Brang.
- Hodde Land & Cattle Co - Brenham, TX**
5 Brang prs, 28 mos, 90 day calves by Brang.
- Indian Hills Ranch - Cranfills Gap, TX**
5 Brang x Here hfrs, 22 mos, bred 8 mos to Brang.
5 Brang hfrs, 22 mos, bred 8 mos to Brang.
- Jackson Family Brangus - Waco, TX**
5 Reg. Brang hfrs, 13-14 mos, open.
- Jasik Hay Farm - Pleasanton, TX**
5 Brang prs, 24 mos, 60-90 day calves by Ang.
5 Brang prs, 24 mos, 30-60 day calves by Ang.
- JCW Cattle Co, Crockett, TX**
5 F1 Here x Brah hfrs, 22 mos, 7-8 mos bred to 44 Farms LBW Ang.
5 F1 Here x Brah prs, 24 mos, 30-45 day calves by 44 Farms LBW Ang.
5 F1 Here x Brah prs, 24 mos, 30-45 day calves by 44 Farms LBW Ang.
- JM Cattle Co. - Gause, TX**
5 Bfmstr x Rd Ang prs, 27 mos, 90-120 day calves by Ang or Rd Ang.
5 Bfmstr x Rd Ang prs, 27 mos, 90-120 day calves by Ang or Rd Ang.
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- John Malazzo Farms - Caldwell, TX**
5 Cert F1 Here x Brah hfrs, 16 mos, open
5 Cert F1 Here x Brah prs, 28 mos, 60-90 day calves by Ang
5 F1 Here x Brah hfrs, 16 mos, open
5 Purebred Brah hfrs, 16-18 mos, open.
- La Vista Ranch, Gatesville, TX**
5 Cert F1 Here X Brah, 14 mos, open
5 Gold Cert F1 Here x Brah bred, 8-9 mos bred to LBW Ang.
5 Gold Cert F1 Here x Brah prs, 26 mos, 8-9 mos or calves at side by Ang.
- Lynn Melton Ranches - Grand Saline, TX**
5 F1 Brah x Ang hfrs, 12 mos, open.
5 SG x Ang hfrs, 12 mos, open.
- MA Tyler Ranch - Tilden, TX**
5 Ang x F1 Here x Brah prs, 24 mos, 10-40 day calves by Rd Ang.
5 3/4 Here x 1/4 Brah prs, 26 mos, 10-40 day calves by Brang.
- Martin & Schwartz - Brenham, TX**
5 Reg Brah hfrs, 16-20 months, open.
5 Reg Brah hfrs, 16-20 months, open.
- MK Ranch - Era, TX**
5 Brang hfrs, 24 mos, bred 7-8 mos to Ang.
5 Here x Brah x Ang hfrs, 24 mos, bred 7-8 mos to Ang.
- Rancho Dos Vidas Ltd. - Moore, TX**
5 Bfmstr x Rd Ang prs, 24 mos, 40-70 day calves by Rd Ang.
- Richardson Ranch - San Angelo, TX**
5 Cert F1 Here x Brah hfrs, 14-15 mos, open.
5 F1 Here x Brah hfrs, 14-15 mos, open.
- Rocking Chair Ranch - Ft. McKavett, TX**
5 Here hfrs, 24 mos, bred 7 mos to Here.
- Rocky "G" Ranch - San Antonio, TX**
5 F1 Here x Brah hfrs, 13-15 mos, open.
5 Golden Cert F1 Here x Brah hfrs, 14-15 mos, open.
5 F1 Here x Brah prs, 24-26 mos, 30-60 day calves by Ang.
5 Brah hfrs, 14-15 mos, open.
- S&W Cattle - Nevada, TX**
5 F1 Here x Brah prs, 28 mos, 60-90 day calves by Ang.
5 F1 Here x Brah prs, 28 mos, 60-90 day calves by Ang.
- Sanders & Son Cattle - Clifton, TX**
5 F1 Here x Brah prs, 24-26 mos, 30-60 day calves by Ang.
5 F1 Here x Brah prs, 24-26 mos, 30-60 day calves by Ang.
- South Texas Cattle Marketing - Pearsall, TX**
5 F1 Here x Brah hfrs, 14-16 mos, open.
5 F1 Here x Brah prs, 26-28 mos, with 60-90 calves by Ang
5 Brah prs, 28-30 mos, with 60-90 day calves by Here
5 Braunbray hfrs, 12 mos, open.
- TDCJ Ranch - Huntsville, TX**
5 Brah x prs, 34 mos, 180 day calves by Ang.
- Texas Oaks Cattle Ranch - Burton, TX**
5 SG x Here prs, 28 mos, 90-120 day calves by Ang.
5 SG x Here prs, 28 mos, 90-120 day calves by Ang.
- Two D - Falfurrias, TX**
5 Blk Ang. hfrs, 16-17 mos, open.
- Verstuyft Farms - Von Ormy, TX**
5 Brangus hfrs, 13 mos, open
5 Brang hfrs, 23 mos, bred 7 mos to Brang.
5 Brang hfrs, 23 mos, bred 7 mos to Brang.
5 Brang hfrs, 23 mos, bred 7-8 mos to Brang.
- W D Cattle Co. - Floresville, TX**
5 Cert F1 Here x Brah hfrs, 14-16 mos, open.
5 Cert F1 Here x Brah prs, 26-28 mos, 30-45 day calves by Ang.
5 Cert F1 Here x Brah prs, 26-28 mos, 30-45 day calves by Ang.
- Wafford Farms - Nevada, TX**
5 F1 Here x Brah hfrs, 28 mos, bred 8 mos to 44 Farms Ang
- Wellmann Cattle Company - Brenham, TX**
5 Reg Brang prs, 27 mos, 7-30 day calves by Reg. Brang.
5 Brang x Here prs, 27 mos, 60-90 day calves by Brang.
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The San Antonio Stock Show & Rodeo has grown to one of the largest, most prestigious single events in the city of San Antonio, with approximately 1.3 million visitors entering the fairgrounds each year. The success of the San Antonio Stock Show & Rodeo is attributed to over 6,000 volunteers who give countless hours to the organization. With community, donor, sponsor and volunteer support, the organization has committed more than \$243 million since inception. Through scholarships, grants, endowments, junior livestock auctions, calf scramble program and show premiums the event impacts over 21,000 youth in Texas, annually.

• Mission Statement: "A volunteer organization that emphasizes agriculture and education to develop the youth of Texas".

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• Over \$243 million has been generated since inception and the funds are awarded through scholarships, grants, endowments, auctions, a calf scramble program and show premiums.

• Last year alone, over 21,000 students were impacted to help further their educational and agricultural goals.

General Information

• The 75th annual San Antonio Stock Show &

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SHOWS

- Feb. 6-8 Junior Purebred Breeding Gilts
- Feb. 6-8 Junior Crossbred Gilts Show & Sale
- Feb. 7 Junior Market Poultry
- Feb. 7-9 Junior Dairy Cattle
- Feb. 8-10 Open Breeding Beef Cattle
- Feb. 9-10 Junior Commercial Ewes & Does
- Feb. 9-10 Junior Registered Breeding Sheep & Goats
- Feb. 9-11 Junior Breeding Angora Goats
- Feb. 9-11 Open Registered Breeding Sheep & Goats
- Feb. 12-13 Junior Market Goats
- Feb. 12-13 Junior Market Lambs

Feb. 12-13 Junior Breeding Heifers Wave 1 Americans

- Feb. 15-16 Wave 2 British & Continentals
- Feb. 16-18 Junior Market Barrows Wave 1 Dark Breeds & Dark Crosses
- Feb. 20-22 Wave 2 Light Breeds & Crosses
- Feb. 19-20 Junior Commercial Steers
- Feb. 19-20 Junior Market Steers Wave 1 Maine-Anjou, Charolais, Simmental, Simbrah, Brahman, Santa Gertrudis, Brangus, ABC
- Feb. 21-23 Wave 2 Thursday: Angus, Shorthorn, Hereford, Polled Hereford, Red Angus, Limousin, Red Cross Friday: Black Cross, Other Cross
- Feb. 23-24 Junior Ag Mechanics Show & Marketplace

CONTESTS

- Feb. 6 Swine Skillathon
- Feb. 7 Landscape Challenge, Nursery Landscape
- Feb. 8 Food Challenge, Dairy Judging Contest
- Feb. 9 Wildlife Judging Contest
- Feb. 10 Agricultural Public Speaking Contest
- Feb. 10 Intercollegiate & Junior Wool Judging Contest
- Feb. 11 Horse Skillathon
- Feb. 12 Horse Judging Contest
- Feb. 12 Sheep Skillathon
- Feb. 12 Beef Cattle Skillathon
- Feb. 15 Agrobotics Challenge



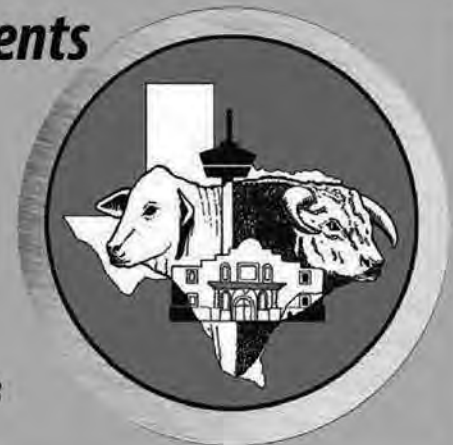
- Feb. 16 Floriculture Contest
- Feb. 16 Meat Science Skillathon
- Feb. 17 Consumer Decision Making Contest
- Feb. 17 Agricultural Science Fair
- Feb. 18 Meat Judging Contest
- Feb. 25 Junior Livestock Judging Contest

2024 San Antonio...

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- More than 10,500 Texas college students have benefited from a Rodeo scholarship in all 254 Texas Counties.
- Each year, about 550 new scholars are added to our scholarship program.
- Attendance for the last San Antonio Stock Show & Rodeo was approximately 1.3 million people entering the fairgrounds.
- There were approximately 24,000 total exhibitors in livestock and horse shows in 2022.
- Our International Room welcomed nearly 1,500 guests from 81 different countries.
- The San Antonio Stock Show & Rodeo Junior Livestock Show, one of the largest in the nation, had record participation with strong growth in the Junior Agricultural Mechanics Show, Junior Shoot-Out, Agrobotics and many knowledge-based competitions including Agricultural Public Speaking, judging competitions and Skillathons.
- Horse Show participation continues to increase with Youth Rodeo, Barrell racing and Team roping along with innovative events like sheep dog trials, Charreada, and Bull Fighter's Only.
- The Junior Livestock Auction had total sales over \$6.9 million in 2022 (a new record).
- Over 11,000 students participated in our school tours program – that's 11,000 new, young fans that we were able to educate about our event.

South Texas Cattle Marketing's consignments to the San Antonio Livestock Exposition Commercial Female Pen Show and Sale Wednesday, February 14th, 2024.



5 - True F-1 Tigerstripe First Calf heifer pairs,
With 60-90 day old calves at side by Angus bulls. These heifers are 26-28 months of age and have been held open for the bulls of your choice.

5 - Grey Brahman First Calf heifer pairs,
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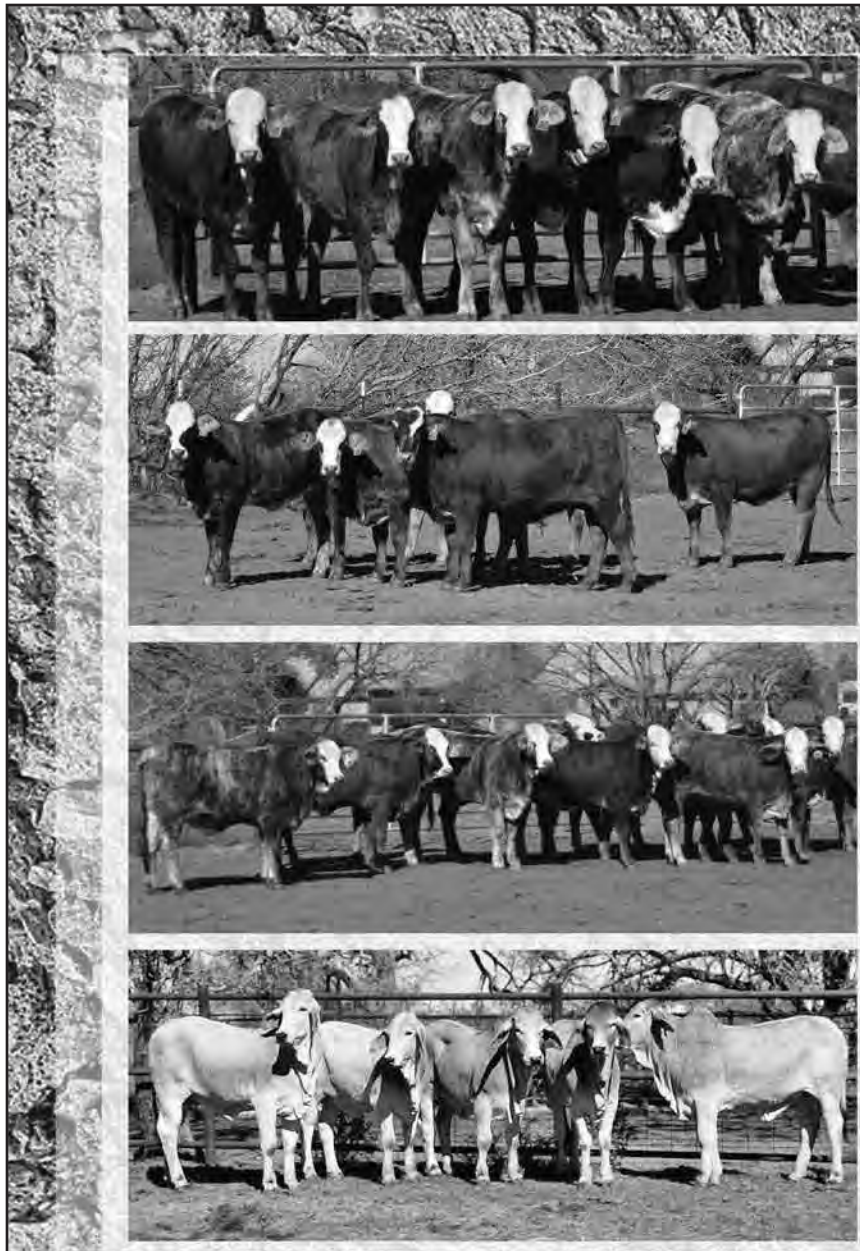
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LOTS 471-475 - Golden Certified F1 Hereford x Brahman heifers, 14-15 months, open.
LOTS 476-480 - Brahman heifers, 14-15 months, open. Mates to the 2023 champion pen of open heifers.

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Lot 35
OHT 9218 Long Yankee 204
REG: 44329154 • DOB: 2/21/22
Sire: BR Long Ranch 9218
Dam: DC Ms 315 Yankee Dom 735
CE 6.8 BW 1.8 WW 58 YW 96 Milk 33
SC 0.8 REA 0.49 IMF 0.08
BW 62 WW 704 YW 1,185

This is a well balanced, thick made bull that will add pounds and quality to your calves.




Lot 36
OHT 814 Duces Wild 205
REG: 44329155 • DOB: 2/22/22
Sire: OHT 782 Sensation 814F
Dam: DC Ms 102 Domino 408
CE 8.0 BW 1.1 WW 48 YW 86 Milk 34
SC 1.4 IMF 0.13
BW 62 WW 656 YW 1,110

This is really a nice, thick butted bull that also has lots of growth bred into him. Check out his performance because you are going to see it in his calves.



Lot 37
OHT 9218 Long Yankee 217
REG: 44331824 • DOB: 3/8/22
Sire: BR Long Ranch 9218
Dam: 782 Yankee Dom Sustain 833
CE 1.7 BW 3.3 WW 62 YW 101 Milk 36
SC 1.1 REA 0.54 IMF 0.02
BW 70 WW 670 YW 1,177

Just take a look at the pigment this good Hereford bull has. He also is loaded with lots of muscle and travels with style.



Lot 38
OHT 9218 Long Neon 218
REG: 44332469 • DOB: 5/10/22
Sire: BR Long Ranch 9218
Dam: DC Neon Dominette 140
CE 4.6 BW 2.5 WW 58 YW 95 Milk 30
SC 1.1 REA 0.47 IMF 0.02
BW 65 WW 646 YW 1,087

Pay attention here, this is a top quality Hereford bull with a little more frame but also has a tremendous amount of growth.

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LOT 11 - CFC Smoke 803K
BD: 1/24/22 Reg: R10498604



EPDS

	CE	BW	WW	YW	MILK	TM	SC	REA	IMF
EPD	7.1	-1	30	56	2	17	1.19	0.45	-0.02
%	25	20	30	25			10	20	

Another quiet bull choice, CFC SMOKE 803K will be a crowd pleaser with his great phenotype and maternal excellence along with Calving Ease deluxe for those wanting to breed heifers. He started out small out of a first calf heifer at 73# and grew big and stout with a yearling Ultrasound reading of 14.57 that rated an impressive 1.31 REA/CWT. You will love the bone, volume and look of this impressive herd sire prospect by the Signal bull and out of a Trail Boss daughter. Balanced EPD rankings with 10 traits in Top 30% or better including Top 25% Calving Ease Direct and Top 20% for low Birthweight.

BW: 73# WW: 576# YW: 1110# SC: 36.8 cm REA: 14.57 IMF: 4.13
Yearling Ultrasound: Adj. REA: 14.57; Adj. IMF: 4.13; Adj. Fat: .27

LOT 12 - CFC Empower 30K
BD: 2/11/22 Reg: R10498609



EPDS

	CE	BW	WW	YW	MILK	TM	SC	REA	IMF
EPD	2	2.4	50	84	2	28	0.6	0.51	0.33
%			2	2		15		15	

CFC EMPOWER 30K is a super gentle Empower son with elite genomic profile rankings of Top 2% for Weaning and Yearling Weight EPD's. He also shines with carcass merit at Top 15% for IMF and REA and he scanned "Choice" at 5.47 Adj. IMF. He is a maternal brother to CFC Medina 30J5 who sold here last year to Gary Wente as high selling Brangus bull at the San Antonio All Breeds Sale. His mother is one of our top brood cows and 30K is another stout 30 cow family bull that will be a herd improver!

BW: 83# WW: 635# YW: 1179# SC: 35.15 cm REA: 13.45 IMF: 5.57
Yearling Ultrasound: Adj. REA: 13.45; Adj. IMF: 5.57; Adj. Fat: .32

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Owning Your Piece of Texas workshop set for Feb. 20 in Tyler

Workshop focuses on Texas laws landowners need to know

By Rob Williams, Texas AgriLife Today

The Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service will host the Owning Your Piece of Texas: Key Laws Texas Landowners Need to Know workshop Feb. 20 in Tyler.

The workshop will be from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. at the Rose Garden Center, 420 Rose Park Drive. Registration cost is \$75.

Those interested can register by visiting <https://tx.ag/LawTyler> or contacting the AgriLife Extension office in Smith County at 903-590-2980 or smith-tx@tamu.edu. The deadline to register is 5 p.m. on Feb. 16.

A total of seven hours of Texas Real Estate Commission continuing education units will be available to real estate agents upon completion of the workshop. No pesticide applicator CEU credits are offered. A lunch will be provided.

On the agenda

The presenters and topics will include:

- Eminent domain – Stu Chaney, attorney, Marrs, Ellis and Hodge LLP, Austin.

- Landowner liability – Tiffany Lashmet, J.D., AgriLife Extension agricultural law specialist and associate professor in the Texas A&M Department of Agricultural Economics, Amarillo.

- Fence law – Lashmet.

- Water law – Lashmet.

- Special use tax valuation – Blake Bennett, Ph.D., AgriLife Extension economist and professor in the Department of Agricultural Economics, Dallas.

- Wildlife management valuation – Plateau Land Group, Austin.

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Billions of cicadas to bring a buzz to many states this spring

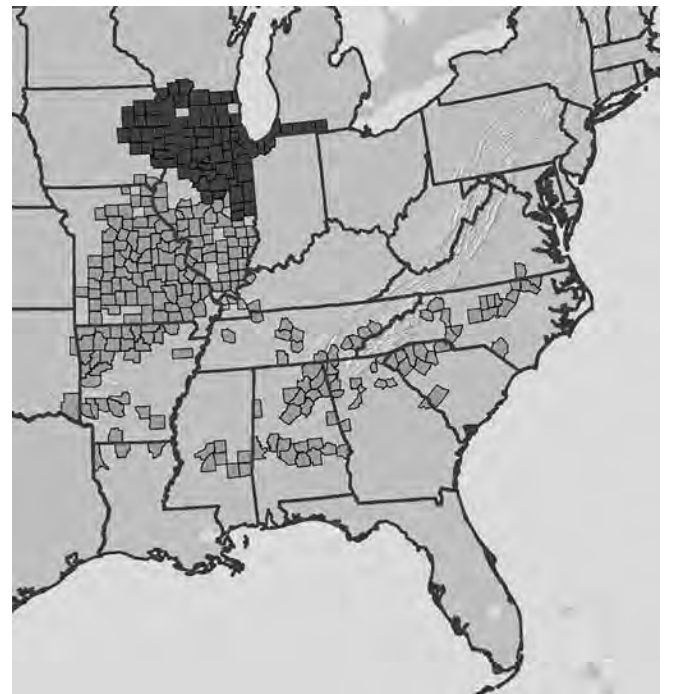
By Linda Geist, University of Missouri Extension

KANSAS CITY, Mo. – Billions of cicadas will buzz this spring as two broods appear in 13- and 17-year life cycles, says University of Missouri Extension specialist Tamra Reall.

These broods last emerged together in 1803 and won't appear together again for 221 years. "It will be crazy," she says, and she can't wait. Reall is a horticulturist in the Kansas City area and an entomologist known as "Dr. Bug."

That means that your grandchildren's great-great-grandchildren likely will be the next group to experience the dual emergence of these cicada broods that appear in 13- and 17-year life cycles, says University of Missouri Extension specialist Tamra Reall. Periodical cicadas have the longest known life cycle of any insect. Broods are

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Map shows where cicadas will be emerging this spring.

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Lots 361-365

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Lots 366-370

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Brangus

Lot 41 - Pinnacle Empire 594K2 (R10493123)

1/14/2022 • DMR Empire 795D12 x CLVR Ms Foundation 594D4

PERF: BW 78 Adj WW 648 Adj YW 1098 Adj SC 36.89 Adj REA 13.22 REA/CWT 1.20 Adj IMF 4.38

EPD Breed Ranking:

Top 3% Hfr Preg; Top 10% CEM; Top 15% WW, Stay; Top 25% YW, Fert Idx, NC; Top 30% REA; Top 35% BB



Ultrablack

Lot 42 - PCC Capitalist 316-49K2 (UB10513259)

3/27/2022 • LD Capitalist 316 x HBB Ms Formation 49Y10

PERF: BW 80 Adj WW 673 Adj YW 1216 Adj SC 35.19 Adj REA 14.95 REA/CWT 1.23 Adj IMF 4.86

EPD Breed Ranking:

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Lot 21 - GCC Dark Knight 924K • DOB 2/15/22

BW 74; WW 660; YW 1,031

EPDs CE 5.1; BW 1.3; WW 20; YW 41; Milk 1; TM 11; SC .27; REA .07; IMF 0.01



Lot 22 - GCC Kurveball 924K1 • DOB 3/11/22

BW 64; WW 690; YW 1,191

EPDs CE 5.5; BW 1.2; WW 18; YW 36; Milk 1; TM 11; SC .27; REA .07; IMF 0.01

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Billions...

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groups of cicadas that share the same emergence years. Broods receive a number listed as a Roman numeral. Brood XIII only emerges every 17 years while Brood XIX emerges every 13 years.

The last time these two particular broods emerged together was when Thomas Jefferson was president, decades before Missouri statehood. The next event will be in the year 2245.

Periodical cicadas belong to the genus *Magicicada*. "No surprise that it's called the 'Magicicada,' because it's magical," says Reall.

Emergence will occur in 18 Midwestern states. For the most part, most Missourians will only experience Brood XIX, the Great Southern Brood, which last appeared in Missouri in 2011. Expect them to emerge in late April to early May, says Reall.

Those in northeastern Missouri near the Illinois border might see – and hear – both broods.

Cicada nymphs stay in the soil for 13 or 17 years, depending on their brood. They emerge when the soil warms to 64 degrees and dig their way out of the ground. They subscribe to the "safety in numbers" approach and emerge all at once. They climb trees, fence posts or anything vertical before shedding their hard skins. Then they head to treetops to mate, lay their eggs and die within four to six weeks.

Expect to see cicadas after a spring rain, and expect to see a lot of them – as many as 1.5 million per acre, says Reall. This creates a feeding frenzy for predators and litter so heavy that the sidewalks and highways may need shoveling.

Brood XIX, a 13-year brood, has four species. Other states that will see Brood XIX include Alabama, Arkansas, Georgia, Indiana, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maryland, Mississippi, North Carolina, Oklahoma, South Carolina, Tennessee and Virginia. These will emerge late April through the second week of May.

Brood XIII, the Northern Illinois Brood, is a 17-year cicada with three species. It will appear in Iowa, Illinois, Indiana, Wisconsin and possibly Michigan in 2024. Some stragglers may make their way into southern Illinois and the St. Louis area. Expect emergence mid-May through June.

The loud sound you hear is from male cicadas as they send out their mating call, (Continued on page 13B)

Division of Agriculture seeks stakeholder input for strategic plan

By Mary Hightower, University of Arkansas System Division of Agriculture

LITTLE ROCK — The University of Arkansas System Division of Agriculture is asking for public input as it develops a new strategic plan for its extension and research activities.

The Division of Agriculture is host to two-thirds of the land-grant mission, serving as home to the Cooperative Extension Service, which conducts outreach, and the Arkansas Agricultural Experiment Station, which conducts research.

“We have a great responsibility to a great many people,” said Deacue Fields, vice president-agriculture for the University of Arkansas System and head of the Division of Agriculture. “There are various ways we review our activities on a regular basis to ensure we are positioned to serve the people of Arkansas. Creating a new strategic plan is one of our most important ways of doing this.

“This is not only a period of self-reflection for our staff, faculty and administration,

but also a time for us to listen closely to the people we serve and those we hope to serve,” Fields said.

Work has been underway for the new plan since early 2023 for its next plan, including in-person and online listening sessions with stakeholders. The effort is being spearheaded by Stacey McCullough, head of the extension service’s community, professional and economic development department.

The Division of Agriculture has a survey online for the public to provide feedback, which will be open until Feb. 15. It can be accessed at <https://www.uada.edu/about/mission-strategic-plan.aspx>

“Conducting research and extension education programs that are relevant to Arkansans is at the heart of what we strive to do,” McCullough said. “We really hope people will respond to this survey and share how we can best support them, their farms and businesses, their families and their communities.



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LOTS 606-610: 5 head of Certified F1 Hereford x Brahman heifers, 14 months, open.

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UPS SENSATION 2504 ET
NJW BW LADYSPORT DEW 78P ET
PCC 0054 HUTTON 6077 ET
KH LYNNLY 400F
KH LANE 253C

EPDs: CE 1.6; BW 2.0; WW 57; YW 89; Milk 62;
SC .9; REA .55; IMF -.018

Looking for a stout made Horned Hereford bull? Then look no farther. KH Levi is the perfect bull for raising everything from registered calves to F1's. His foot and leg structure are perfect for keeping up with the ladies during breeding season. We love his balanced body and incredible hip. He strikes a cow with a beautiful front end that ties in great to his shoulders. With his light birth weight and great weaning weight, he's a great candidate for a herd sire. If we were looking to buy a Horned Hereford bull, he would be at the top of our list.



Lot 32 - KH Lambert 714K

ID: 714K • REG: P44440687 • DOB: 2/28/22 • Polled
PCC 0054 HUTTON 6077 ET
KH FELIX 412F
KH MISS FOXY 180A
PCC 0054 HUTTON 6077 ET
KH LACEY 414F
KH LOLA 173A

EPDs: CE 0.7; BW 3.9; WW 60; YW 95; Milk 60;
SC .6; REA .42; IMF -.028

KH Lambert is a beautifully marked Polled Hereford bull. He is built extremely well from his hooks to pins, carries enough muscle down his lower 1/3 and has a beautiful hip. Lambert is a big legged and big footed bull that travels with ease. He has the eye pigmentation gene that shows on his right side. His sire, KH Felix, was heavily shown and hung several banners in 2019 and 2020. He continuously sires low birth weight calves that stouten up when it comes to weaning time, just like Lambert. Don't overlook this bull, we promise you will not be disappointed.

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Mercedes FFA take grand champion overall honor in Fort Worth Ag Mechanics Show

The Mercedes FFA Chapter won the Fort Worth Stock Show & Rodeo (FWSSR) Ag Mechanics Grand Champion honor, January 14th. Their winning entry was a hydraulic chute and head gates with an alleyway. Contestants were judged on their workmanship, record book of their time and expenses and interview with judges. The advisor is Oscar Rodriguez and he said that the bulk of the project was completed by two chapter members, but the entire chapter was involved with over 700 hours of work on the project. England Cattle Company, Mercedes, Texas

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Lot 9 - CX Mr Resolve 71K1

C-Atkinson's Resolution
Mr JLS 317W
CX Ms Home Run 23/Y

Mr-C-Prince 30W
CX Ms Prince 71/A
CX Ms Excalibur 71/N

DOB: 2/3/22 • BW: 78; Adj. WW: 710; Adj. YW: 1,205
EPDs: BW: 1; WW: 14; YW: 30; Milk: 4; TM: 12; SC: .03; REA: 15; IMF: .02
71K1 has the depth of body, width of base and muscling that will compliment any program from straight to crossbreeding.



Lot 10 - CX Mr HR Resolve 076K

C-Atkinson's Resolution
Mr JLS 317W
CX Ms Home Run 23/Y

Mr PB Redbull 521/09
Miss OB 076/13
CX Ms Payload 112/S

DOB: 2/28/22 • BW: 78; Adj. WW: 708; Adj. YW: 1,150
EPDs: BW: .03; WW: 14; YW: 31; Milk: 4; TM: 11; REA: 15; IMF: .02
A Half brother to Lot 9 but with added correctness in his lines. His structure is flawless, and he moves well on both ends. Add some pop to your breeding program with these quality Red Brangus bulls!



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Lot 23

Mr HLC 3D 30K
DOB 1/2/22
Sire: DMR Three D 468E10
Dam: Ms 101 Hombre 30Y13
BW: 75; Adj. WW: 775;
Adj. YW: 1,200
EPDs: CE: 2.5; BW: 1.4; WW: 41;
YW: 65; Milk: 7; TM: 28; SC: 1.03;
REA: .23; .23; IMF: -.06.
He has muscle and bone in spades! You will not find a heavier boned, bigger footed bull in the country than 30K.



Lot 24

Mr HLC 3D 39K
DOB 3/10/22
Sire: DMR Three D 468E10
Dam: Miss HLC Star 39E
BW: 77; Adj. WW: 755;
Adj. YW: 1,185
EPDs: CE: 4; BW: 0.9; WW: 30; YW: 52; Milk: 6; TM: 21; SC: 1.15; REA: 0.22; IMF: -.11
39K is clean in his lines, very correct and moves well. Pretty fronted with a good hip design and clean jointed.



Lots 311-315

5 head of Brangus pairs, 28 months of age, with 90 day calves by Brangus.



Lots 211-215

5 head of Golden Certified F1 Hereford x Brahman pairs, 28 months, 30-45 day calves by Ang.

Lots 216-220

5 head of F1 Hereford x Brahman pairs, 28 months, 30-45 day calves by Ang.

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LOTS 341-355

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January USDA Cattle on Feed Report assessment

By Stephen R. Koontz, Colorado State University Department of Agricultural and Resource Economics

The USDA Cattle on Feed Report released on Jan. 19 with new information regarding what happened in the cattle feeding sector during December was decidedly neutral. All the main pieces of information were very much in line with pre-report expectations. Placements are the most important piece of information in the Cattle on Feed report. Marketings can be assessed through daily and weekly slaughter information. And on feed inventories are largely the net changes due to these marketings and placements.

Placements were lower than those of the prior year and were exactly as anticipated. Pre-report expectations suggested that placements would be 95.5 percent of the prior year with a range of 91.5 to 98.0 percent. Actual placements during December were 95.5 percent at 1.704 million head. The futures market reacted very modestly lower on Monday with the weakness in the nearby and strength in the

deferred contracts. Trading is likely reflecting simple everyday volatility as opposed to any reaction to the report.

Fed cattle marketings were very modestly softer than anticipated. Pre-report expectations anticipated that marketings would be 99.3 percent of last year with a range of 98.2 to 100.7 percent. Actual marketings during December were 99.1 percent of the prior year at 1.725 million head. The sharply colder winter weather has slowed animal performance and gains. Likewise, the poor packer margins and softening of some beef product prices have not incentivized packers to play catch up.

I have discussed in prior newsletters that cattle on feed inventories would likely continue to tighten from the peaks in 2022. The beginning of January saw an inventory of 11.930 million, modestly larger than the beginning of December's inventory of 11.682 million head. And this was modestly larger than the inventory for the begin-

ning of November. But all of this was as expected. The pre-report survey suggested that the on-feed inventory would be 102.2 percent of last year with a range of 101.4 to 102.5 percent. Actual inventories were 102.1 percent of the prior year. Weather is one cause. The other are the beef prices and downstream margins. Tighter supplies are in this market's future, but we are not there yet. The changing fundamentals needed for this are strong marketings across several months and improvements in packer margins.

The inventory of cattle on feed over 150 days was down in December but remained sharply larger than that of the prior five years. That strong increase occurred in October and persists. This long feed inventory of animals will certainly impact the fed cattle through the first quarter. Both cattle on feed over 120 days and over 90 days are also sharply higher. And all of these on feed over days

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ID 169/1 • REG 1043052 • DOB 11/9/21
Sire: MR V8 933/7
Dam: MORENA MS Lady Kisses 870
BW 55; WW 585; YW 946
EPDs BW 2.9; WW 44; YW 72; Milk 2; SC -0.33; REA 0.67
This bull is a hoss! Just look at the volume and thickness this Brahman bull has. Sired by V8 933/7, this bull will produce you some outstanding calves.



Lot 16 - FDR Gideon 171/1

ID 171/1 • REG 1042332 • DOB 11/13/21
Sire: JDH MR JACKPOT MANSO 111/4
Dam: MISS V8 407/8
BW 65; WW 623; YW 923
EPDs BW 1.5; WW 30; YW 54; Milk 1; SC -0.10; REA 0.69
Look at the balance of meat and bone in this really good Brahman bull. He has a great disposition and lots of quality and eye appeal.



LOTS 266-270: 5 Beefmaster pairs, 34 months old, 100-120 day old calves by Beefmaster, 90 days bred to Beefmaster. What an opportunity! Coming three year old Beefmaster cows with Beefmaster calves at side and the cows are bred back to a Beefmaster bull. The cows are good milkers, long bodied and excellent cattle.



Lot 17 - FDR Dillinger 225/2

ID 225/2 • REG C1174088 • DOB 5/27/22
Sire: Lyssy 107/701
Dam: BB First Lady
BW 88; WW 592; YW 967
EPDs CE 2.6; BW 1.3; WW 29.2; YW 50.0; Milk 8.7; SC 0.4; REA -0.01; MARB -0.09
If you are looking for a bull that combines quality and performance then look no farther. This bull has it all in one package.



Lot 18 - FDR Deacon 228/2

ID 228/2 • REG C1174147 • DOB 5/31/22
Sire: Lyssy 107/701
Dam: Painted Love
BW 83; WW 538; YW 930
EPDs CE 3.6; BW 0.1; WW 32.1; YW 53.1; Milk 9.0; SC 0.7; REA -0.04; MARB 0.09
This is a moderate framed, long bodied Beefmaster bull that combines quality and eye appeal.

McLennan County Wheat Scout School to be offered Feb. 15 in Waco

Event features talks on pest, weed identification and control

By Rob Williams, Texas AgriLife Today

The Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service will host the McLennan County Wheat Scout School on Feb. 15 in Waco.

The event will be held from 8 a.m.-12:30 p.m. at the AgriLife Extension office in McLennan County, 4224 Cobbs Drive. Registration cost is \$10, and lunch will be provided during the program.

An RSVP is required by Feb. 12. To RSVP, contact the AgriLife Extension office in McLennan County at 254-757-5180, or Tyler Mays, AgriLife Extension integrated pest management

agent in Hill and McLennan counties, at 254-582-4022 or by email at tyler.mays@ag.tamu.edu.

There will be three Texas Department of Agriculture continuing education units available, including one general and two integrated pest management. Also, 5.5 hours of certified crop adviser continuing education units will

be available.

Scout school agenda

Topics and speakers at this program will include:

- Identification and management of wheat insect pests – Mays.
- Identification and management of wheat diseases – Tom Isakeit, Ph.D., AgriLife Extension plant pathologist and professor

in the Department of Plant Pathology and Microbiology, Bryan-College Station.

- Identification and management of common weeds – Matt Matocha, AgriLife Extension integrated pest management specialist, Stiles Farm, Thrall.
- Agronomic considerations for winter grain crops – Brandon Gerrish, Ph.D.,



Producers can learn more about identifying insect pests, weeds and diseases that affect wheat during the McLennan County Wheat Scout School on Feb. 15. (Texas A&M AgriLife photo by Michael Miller)

AgriLife Extension small grains specialist and assistant professor in the Department of Soil and Crop Sciences, Bryan-College Station. ~SLS

Mercedes...

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paid for the supplies and will own the project, once they compete the run of ag mechanic shows at upcoming stock shows. The chapter was awarded the banner and title, as well as \$2,500 from FWSSR and Priefert Manufacturing.

Billions...

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which can be as loud as a lawnmower and is unique to its species, Reall says. The synchronized male singing can be louder than a jet engine.

With five eyes each, they truly are on the lookout for a mate. They have only four to six weeks from the time they emerge from the soil to ensure the next generation of offspring. Once they mate, the males soon die.

After the female lays her eggs in the tree's branches, her work is done as well, and she also dies. Her nymphs fall to the ground, burrow into the soil and begin the process all over again.

Cicadas are drawn to the vibrating sounds of power tools and lawn mowers.

Cicadas, while loud and messy, are harmless to humans and their pets, says Reall. They don't sting or bite. She warns against using pesticides that will harm birds and beneficial insects such as butterflies, bees and moths. If there is concern about new trees or bushes, protect them with a loose cover of cheesecloth.

Reall urges Missourians to help map the cicada emergence using the Cicada Safari app, created by entomologist Gene Kritsky.

Full Brothers with Power... ... Macho & Gauntlet.



Sire: WC Milestone 5223 P - Dam: JGS Ms Rio Y187

Dam is also the dam of the \$15000 Blue Print Bull. She ranks in the top 2% for Marbling, 8% for Milk.

Lot 47 - K827 - Born 2/20/22

BW: 80 lbs; AWW: 747 lbs; AYW: 1294 lbs

EPDs: CE: 2.3; BW: 2.0; WW: 61; YW: 112; Milk: 30; MCE: 5.0; Mtl: 61;

SC: .7; CW: 25; REA: 0.8; Marb: 0.25; TSI 256.22

Lot 48 - K827 - Born 2/20/22

BW: 92 lbs; AWW: 727 lbs; AYW: 1132 lbs

EPDs: CE: 2.3; BW: 2.0; WW: 61; YW: 112; Milk: 30; MCE: 5.0; Mtl: 61;

SC: .7; CW: 25; REA: 0.8; Marb: 0.25; TSI 256.22

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W949 (Thunderella)
Pictured at 5 yrs of age



MLS Razzmatazz
K837 ET



Thunderstruck J757
Junior Calving Ease Sire
by
Maricopa and Thunderella

Lot 50 - MLS Razzmatazz K837 ET - EM981556 - Born 3/11/22

Sire: WC-LT Sculptor 5155 ET - Dam: JGS Ms Thunder SS W949

BW: 88 lbs; AWW: 645 lbs; AYW: 1165 lbs

EPDs: CE: 5.0; BW: 0.9; WW: 62; YW: 109; Milk: 21; MCE: 4.9; Mtl: 52;

SC: 1.4; CW: 24; REA: 0.86; Marb: 0.08; TSI 248.18

K837's sire is a Sculptor, a full brother to Rushmore and Ledger's dam. And another powerful ET son of the Thunderella donor cow. He's freaky fronted, great hipped and big ribbed like his dam. Started slower on his recip dam but caught up quickly at yearling. He's one that just keeps getting better every day. Good sires have great cow power behind them. Razzmatazz has it in spades!

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Statewide workshops to connect new rural landowners with natural resource personnel

Events scheduled for Lubbock, Corpus Christi, San Angelo, Bryan-College Station and Stephenville
By Sarah Fuller, Texas AgriLife Today



A series of free Texas A&M AgriLife workshops across the state will connect new rural landowners with land management resources to assist them in meeting their land management goals. (Texas A&M AgriLife photo by Laura McKenzie)

The Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service will hold a series of free workshops across the state to connect new rural landowners with land management resources and introduce land management agency personnel to the unique needs and potential land management goals of these new landowners.

The workshops, made possible through a grant from the U.S. Department of Agriculture Natural Resources Conservation Service, will be held at the following locations:

- Feb. 16-17: Texas A&M AgriLife Research and Extension Center at Lubbock, 1102 E. Drew St./Farm-to-Market Road 1294, Lubbock.

- March 8-9: Texas A&M AgriLife Research and Extension Center at Corpus Christi, 10345 Texas State Highway 44, Corpus Christi.

- April 12-13: Texas A&M AgriLife Research and Extension Center at San Angelo, 7887 U.S. Highway 87N., San Angelo.

- April 19-20: AgriLife Extension office in Brazos County, 4153 County Park Court, Bryan.

- April 26-27: Morgan Mill Community Center, 406 County Road 156, Stephenville.

Landowners are encouraged to register for the respective workshops at <https://tx.ag/NewLandowner>.

One general continuing education unit will be offered for Texas Department of Agriculture pesticide applicator license holders.

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The first day of each workshop will take place from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. and is focused on providing natural resource agency personnel with the knowledge and skills to develop collaborative relationships and meet the needs of new ex-urban landowners.

The second day of the workshop takes place from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., followed by a social. During this time, new

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Importance of irrigation water to Lower Rio Grande Valley agriculture highlighted in new report

Center for North American Studies examines direct, indirect economic impact of irrigation water loss to crop production in region
By Paul Schattenberg, Texas AgriLife Today

A new Center for North American Studies report shows the importance and value of irrigation water for crop production in the Lower Rio Grande Valley. (Texas A&M AgriLife photo by Sam Craft)



The economic impact of the complete lack of irrigation water for crop production in the Lower Rio Grande Valley in 2024 would be an estimated \$495.8 million in direct revenue loss, according to a recent report by the Center for North American Studies, CNAS.

The CNAS is part of the Texas A&M College of Agriculture and Life Sciences Department of Agricultural Economics. The report is a collaborative effort by the CNAS, Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service and Texas A&M AgriLife Research.

Luis Ribera, Ph.D., AgriLife Extension specialist in the Department of Agricultural Economics and CNAS director, said the report shows the economic impact of a "worst-case scenario" in which there would be a complete absence of irrigation water in the region.

"The past 30-plus years have demonstrated a trend toward fewer and fewer acre feet of irrigation water being available to the region," Ribera said. "We did this report at the request of agricultural producers in the Lower Rio Grande Valley who wanted to make people aware of the dire situation they are facing now and the uncertainty of ag production in 2024 due to less irrigation water."

He said irrigation water shortages in the region have occurred since the 1990s, exacerbated when Mexico began undersupplying the average minimum annual amount of water into the Rio Grande as required by a 1944 treaty.

"This water undersupply continues today," Ribera said. "The water deficit for the current five-year cycle per the treaty – one that began on Oct. 25, 2020 – was 673,892 acre-feet as of Dec. 9. This represents the second largest irrigation water deficit in the last three decades."

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USDA Major Livestock Reports:

Producers Livestock Auction, San Angelo, Texas, January 25, 2024: Total receipts: 647, last reported (1-18-24) 446, last year 733. Feeder cattle 453 (70.0%), last reported (1-18-24) 308 (69.1%), last year 447 (61.0%). Slaughter cattle 104 (16.1%), last reported (1-18-24) 107 (24.0%), last year 154 (21.0%). Replacement cattle 90 (13.9%), last reported (1-18-24) 31 (7.0%), last year 132 (18.0%). Compared to last week steer and heifer calves and yearlings 3.00-5.00 higher. Slaughter cows and bulls 1.00-2.00 higher. Stock cows and pairs slightly higher. Trading fairly active, demand very good. Supply included: 70% Feeder Cattle (36% Steers, 55% Heifers, 4% Cows, 5% Bulls); 16% Slaughter Cattle (89% Cows, 11% Bulls); 14% Replacement Cattle (77% Stock Cows, 17% Bred Cows, 7% Cow-Calf Pairs). Feeder cattle supply over 600 lbs was 29%.

Oklahoma National Stockyards, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, January 30, 2024: Total receipts 10,051, last reported (1-22-24) 5,836, last year 2,401. Feeder cattle: 10,051 (100.0%), last reported (1-22-24) 5,836 (100.0%), last year 2,401 (100.0%). Compared to last week: Feeder steers and heifers 5.00-10.00 higher. Steer and heifer calves 10.00-20.00 higher. Demand extremely good for all classes with very active trade. Quality average to attractive. Cattle futures continue to move higher but took an about face, closing lower ahead of this week's Cattle Inventory report. More spring like weather is in the forecast for this week and this on the heels of good rains over many areas of the state. Rain is a good thing but many cattle in supply carrying some mud. The effect of January's winter storms is beginning to show on much of the State's wheat pasture as it has turned a light brown. We will see what the long term effects those extreme cold temperatures had. Supply included: 100% Feeder Cattle (57% Steers, 42% Heifers, 1% Bulls). Feeder cattle supply over 600 lbs was 61%.

SALE: Beeville Livestock Commission, Inc.
Beeville, Texas
DATE OF SALE: 1-26-24
VOLUME: 280
TREND: Steady/higher.

	STEERS	HEIFERS
200-300 lbs.	276-315	218-241
300-400 lbs.	269-315	235-270
400-500 lbs.	261-310	233-260
500-600 lbs.	242-259	224-251
600-700 lbs.	223-249	210-221
700-800 lbs.	205-235	191-204
Slaughter cows	80-109	
Slaughter bulls	67-118	
Stocker cows	750-1550	
Pairs	—	

SALE: Brazos Valley Livestock Commission
Bryan, Texas
DATE OF SALE: 1-30-24
VOLUME: 1063
TREND: Steady/higher.

	STEERS	HEIFERS
200-300 lbs.	315-405	290-345
300-400 lbs.	320-405	280-340
400-500 lbs.	285-390	255-330
500-600 lbs.	255-320	225-270
600-700 lbs.	240-283	205-230
700-800 lbs.	230-236	210-217
Slaughter cows	84-120	
Slaughter bulls	105-131	
Stocker cows	935-1750	
Pairs	950-2050	

SALE: Live Oak Auction, Inc.
Three Rivers, Texas
DATE OF SALE: 1-29-24
VOLUME: 3112
TREND: Steady/higher.

	STEERS	HEIFERS
200-300 lbs.	280-382	242-324
300-400 lbs.	282-384	232-330
400-500 lbs.	230-340	196-294
500-600 lbs.	206-298	192-262
600-700 lbs.	190-286	188-250
700-800 lbs.	174-248	172-240
Slaughter cows	74-118	
Slaughter bulls	108-132	
Stocker cows	700-1450	
Pairs	1150-2000	

SALE: Nixon Livestock Commission, Inc.
Nixon, Texas
DATE OF SALE: 1-29-24
VOLUME: 1153
TREND: Steady/higher.

	STEERS	HEIFERS
200-300 lbs.	216-315	254-310
300-400 lbs.	284-295	225-293
400-500 lbs.	206-400	230-270
500-600 lbs.	272-375	212-255
600-700 lbs.	275-380	200-246
700-800 lbs.	249-325	197-211
Slaughter cows	70-112	
Slaughter bulls	90-128	
Stocker cows	800-1200	
Pairs	1100-1500	

SALE: Gulf Coast Livestock Auction, LLC
Alice, Texas
DATE OF SALE: 1-30-24
VOLUME: 915
TREND: Steady/higher.

	STEERS	HEIFERS
200-300 lbs.	265-315	235-315
300-400 lbs.	270-345	230-312
400-500 lbs.	248-310	233-300
500-600 lbs.	238-286	205-260
600-700 lbs.	215-260	195-240
700-800 lbs.	190-224	165-190
Slaughter cows	65-118	
Slaughter bulls	105-125	
Stocker cows	1050-1450	
Pairs	1250-1400	

SALE: Gillespie Livestock Company
Fredericksburg, Texas
DATE OF SALE: 1-31-24
VOLUME: 1637
TREND: Steady/higher.

	STEERS	HEIFERS
200-300 lbs.	200-382.5	210-305
300-400 lbs.	270-370	210-342
400-500 lbs.	260-257.5	200-325
500-600 lbs.	220-327.5	190-270
600-700 lbs.	200-297.5	180-250
700-800 lbs.	180-255	170-200
Slaughter cows	90-118	
Slaughter bulls	90-134	
Stocker cows	1300-1700	
Pairs	1250-1800	

SALE: Groesbeck Auction/Livestock Co., LLC
Groesbeck, Texas
DATE OF SALE: 1-18-24
VOLUME: 324
TREND: Steady/higher.

	STEERS	HEIFERS
200-300 lbs.	—	—
300-400 lbs.	260-335	220-320
400-500 lbs.	220-345	200-300
500-600 lbs.	200-280	180-275
600-700 lbs.	180-250	165-235
700-800 lbs.	170-225	150-220
Slaughter cows	70-100	
Slaughter bulls	50-123	
Stocker cows	450-1750	
Pairs	800-2100	

SALE: Jordan Cattle Auction
San Saba & Mason, Texas
DATE OF SALE: 1-25-24
VOLUME: 4092
TREND: Steady/higher.

	STEERS	HEIFERS
200-300 lbs.	231-300	286-330
300-400 lbs.	299-382	295-345
400-500 lbs.	297-350	250-302
500-600 lbs.	265-322	237-268
600-700 lbs.	242-262	216-254
700-800 lbs.	201-232	190-220
Slaughter cows	60-119	
Slaughter bulls	70-129	
Stocker cows	675-2475	
Pairs	1625-2950	

SALE: Giddings Livestock Commission
Giddings, Texas
DATE OF SALE: 1-29-24
VOLUME: 1216
TREND: Steady/higher.

	STEERS	HEIFERS
200-300 lbs.	317-385	288-380
300-400 lbs.	304-385	284-332.5
400-500 lbs.	276-360	250-320
500-600 lbs.	261-302.5	232-277.5
600-700 lbs.	229-267.5	209-257.5
700-800 lbs.	206-220	180-220
Slaughter cows	50-116	
Slaughter bulls	105-137	
Stocker cows	600-1600	
Pairs	1800-2100	

SALE: Lampasas Cattle Auction
Lampasas, Texas
DATE OF SALE: 1-24-24
VOLUME: 204
TREND: Steady/higher.

	STEERS	HEIFERS
200-300 lbs.	—	271-300
300-400 lbs.	210-316	—
400-500 lbs.	243-300	231-278
500-600 lbs.	208-292	225-238
600-700 lbs.	224-272	220-228
700-800 lbs.	207-227	177-200
Slaughter cows	80-109	
Slaughter bulls	85-123	
Stocker cows	1000-1750	
Pairs	2000	

SALE: East Texas Livestock, Inc.
Crockett, Texas
DATE OF SALE: 1-30-24
VOLUME: 2100
TREND: Steady/higher.

	STEERS	HEIFERS
200-300 lbs.	264-412	210-338
300-400 lbs.	231-385	190-300
400-500 lbs.	245-402	195-302
500-600 lbs.	216-390	165-280
600-700 lbs.	228-382	155-247
700-800 lbs.	211-334	—
Slaughter cows	80-116	
Slaughter bulls	109-128	
Stocker cows	880-2300	
Pairs	1100-2475	

SALE: Caldwell Livestock Commission Co., Inc.
Caldwell, Texas
DATE OF SALE: 1-31-24
VOLUME: 874
TREND: Steady/higher.

	STEERS	HEIFERS
200-300 lbs.	335-400	293-400
300-400 lbs.	331-395	290-385
400-500 lbs.	290-347	265-327
500-600 lbs.	275-300	240-312
600-700 lbs.	250-287	210-242
700-800 lbs.	225-245	175-215
Slaughter cows	50-127	
Slaughter bulls	84-137	
Stocker cows	800-1575	
Pairs	1425-1800	

SALE: Buffalo Livestock Commission Co., Inc.
Buffalo, Texas
DATE OF SALE: 1-13-24
VOLUME: 1087
TREND: Steady/lower.

	STEERS	HEIFERS
200-300 lbs.	230-324	210-300
300-400 lbs.	225-318	205-287
400-500 lbs.	215-310	200-268
500-600 lbs.	210-277	190-251
600-700 lbs.	195-271	165-220
700-800 lbs.	170-215	155-200
Slaughter cows	35-113	
Slaughter bulls	95-132	
Stocker cows	750-1425	
Pairs	750-1400	

SALE: Navasota Livestock Auction Co.
Navasota, Texas
DATE OF SALE: 1-27-24
VOLUME: 747
TREND: Active/higher.

	STEERS	HEIFERS
200-300 lbs.	185-365	185-320
300-400 lbs.	175-367.5	175-312.5
400-500 lbs.	175-320	175-280
500-600 lbs.	175-278	170-271
600-700 lbs.	175-267	170-227
700-800 lbs.	—	—
Slaughter cows	70-116	
Slaughter bulls	85-132.5	
Stocker cows	850-1500	
Pairs	—	

SALE: Cattleman's Brenham Livestock
Brenham, Texas
DATE OF SALE: 1-19-24
VOLUME: 997
TREND: Steady/higher.

	STEERS	HEIFERS
200-300 lbs.	250-345	145-210
300-400 lbs.	215-365	215-320
400-500 lbs.	200-330	210-310
500-600 lbs.	195-280	200-280
600-700 lbs.	185-250	185-250
700-800 lbs.	165-225	180-230
Slaughter cows	165-195	
Slaughter bulls	125-170	
Stocker cows	1150-1700	
Pairs	1400-1650	

SALE: Cuero-Victoria Livestock Markets
Cuero & Victoria, Texas
DATE OF SALE: 1-26-24
VOLUME: 341
TREND: Steady/higher.

	STEERS	HEIFERS
200-300 lbs.	—	183-242
300-400 lbs.	295-342	244-350
400-500 lbs.	260-340	247-328
500-600 lbs.	233-280	221-278
600-700 lbs.	244-259	212-260
700-800 lbs.	222-241	200-220
Slaughter cows	30-115	
Slaughter bulls	94-128	
Stocker cows	1050-1200	
Pairs	—	

SALE: Gonzales Livestock Market, Inc.
Gonzales, Texas
DATE OF SALE: 1-27-24
VOLUME: 400
TREND: Steady/higher.

	STEERS	HEIFERS
200-300 lbs.	295-335	285-330
300-400 lbs.	295-355	280-317
400-500 lbs.	275-345	227-295
500-600 lbs.	235-295	210-247
600-700 lbs.	215-250	185-212
700-800 lbs.	195-233	—
Slaughter cows	52-122	
Slaughter bulls	105-132	
Stocker cows	750-1500	
Pairs	1100-1900	

SALE: Cattleman's Columbus Livestock Auction
Columbus, Texas
DATE OF SALE: 1-31-24
VOLUME: 1207
TREND: Steady/higher.

	STEERS	HEIFERS
200-300 lbs.	285-400	280-355
300-400 lbs.	275-397	265-340
400-500 lbs.	265-375	250-310
500-600 lbs.	250-310	235-302
600-700 lbs.	230-268	200-230
700-800 lbs.	195-250	190-210
Slaughter cows	69-112	
Slaughter bulls	95-130	
Stocker cows	1000-1850	
Pairs	—	

SALE: Four County Livestock Auction
Industry, Texas
DATE OF SALE: 1-30-24
VOLUME: 363
TREND: Steady/higher.

	STEERS	HEIFERS
200-300 lbs.	240-400	210-350
300-400 lbs.	240-400	210-335
400-500 lbs.	230-400	200-300
500-600 lbs.	210-305	195-280
600-700 lbs.	185-277.5	185-235
700-800 lbs.	—	—
Slaughter cows	62-118	
Slaughter bulls	98-136	
Stocker cows	1050-2500	
Pairs	—	

SALE: El Campo Livestock Exchange LLC
El Campo, Texas
DATE OF SALE: 1-30-24
VOLUME: 1498
TREND: Steady/higher.

	STEERS	HEIFERS
200-300 lbs.	337-395	284-340
300-400 lbs.	310-395	269-375
400-500 lbs.	281-368	243-315
500-600 lbs.	265-320	228-265
600-700 lbs.	244-270	214-278
700-800 lbs.	217-259	172-220
Slaughter cows	75-116	
Slaughter bulls	100-132	
Stocker cows	1350-1475	
Pairs	1550-1750	

Sheep & Goat Auctions:

Producers Livestock Auction, San Angelo, Texas, January 31, 2024: Sheep and goats: Total receipts 7,280, last reported (1-23-24) 6,463, last year 1,641. Feeder sheep/lambs 291 (4.0%), last reported (1-23-24) 192 (3.0%), last year 15 (0.9%). Slaughter sheep/lambs 3,770 (51.8%), last reported (1-23-24) 3,033 (46.9%), last year 983 (59.9%). Replacement sheep/lambs 20 (0.3%), last reported (1-23-24) 40 (0.6%), last year 0 (0.0%). Feeder goats 946 (13.0%), last reported (1-23-24) 517 (8.0%), last year 98 (6.0%). Slaughter goats 2,108 (29.0%), last reported (1-23-24) 2,552 (39.5%), last year 529 (32.2%). Replacement goats 145 (2.0%), last reported (1-23-24) 129 (2.0%), last year 16 (1.0%). Compared to last week slaughter lambs 15.00-30.00 lower. Slaughter ewes firm to 5.00 higher. Feeder lambs not well tested. Nannies firm; kids 10.00-15.00 lower. Trading and demand moderate. Supply included: 4% Feeder Sheep/Lambs (100% Hair Lambs); 52% Slaughter Sheep/Lambs (3% Woolled & Shorn, 89% Hair Breeds, 0% Ewes, 6% Hair Ewes, 0% Bucks, 2% Hair Bucks); 0% Replacement Sheep/Lambs (100% Hair Ewes); 13% Feeder Goats (100% Kids); 29% Slaughter Goats (79% Kids, 13% Nannies/Does, 8% Bucks/Billies); 2% Replacement Goats (100% Nannies/Does).

Gillespie Livestock Company, Fredericksburg, Texas, January 30, 2024: Sheep and goats: 3,060 Light Lambs Lower. Heavy Lambs Lower. Kids Lower. Light Kids Lower. #1 Wool Lambs 40-60 Lb 180.00-290.00 Cwt. #1 Wool Lambs 60-80 Lb 170.00-290.00 Cwt. Bbd Lambs (40-60 Lb) 130.00-280.00 Cwt. Dorpx Lambs (40-60 Lb) 200.00-340.00 Cwt. Dorpx Lambs (60-80 Lb) 200.00-330.00 Cwt. Light Slaughter Lambs (45-80 Lb) 140.00-330.00 Cwt. Slaughter Lambs (100-150 Lb) 140.00-290.00 Cwt. Packer Ewes 20.00-130.00 Cwt. Sheep Bucks/Rams 90.00-200.00 Cwt. #1 Sp/Boex Kids (20-40 Lb) 100.00-445.00 Cwt. #1 Sp/Boex Kids (40-60 Lb) 140.00-445.00 Cwt. #1 Sp/Boex Kids (60

McClure named Santa Gertrudis Breeders International Executive Director

KINGSVILLE, Texas (Jan. 29, 2024) – Santa Gertrudis Breeders International (SGBI) announces Chris McClure as its executive director, effective immediately.

“SGBI welcomes Chris McClure as our new executive director,” says SGBI President Adolfo Sanchez. “He brings tremendous beef industry knowledge to the Santa Gertrudis breed as well as strong business experiences.”

As executive director, McClure will lead the association’s staff at SGBI headquarters in Kingsville, Texas, serve as a liaison between the board of directors and members and lead the advancement of one of the beef industry’s most versatile purebred breeds.

“I am excited to be joining SGBI,” McClure says. “Although my experience and background have been focused on commercial aspects of cattle production – rather than the registered



and purebred seedstock business – I have long been interested in Santa Gertrudis cattle, which, I believe, have tremendous, underutilized potential to positively impact today’s beef production industry.”

McClure’s background is rooted in the agriculture industry and includes extensive experience in agricultural finance, business consulting, animal health distribution and livestock diagnostics.

For the past nine years, McClure has worked as a business consultant for various clients, where he helped

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Lot 27 - JFB Duke Bowie 10K13

DOB: 1/19/22

Sire: WRC Mr John Adams 915G29

Dam: Ms JFB Beckett Embry 10G5

BW: 86; Adj. WW: 571; Adj. YW: 1,076.

EPDs: CE: 3.8; BW: 0.9; WW: 28; YW: 52; Milk: 10; TM: 25; SC: 1.04; REA: .22; IMF: -0.05
This bull is just the complete package. He’s got bone, depth and plenty of top in him, plus an extra side of eye appeal. He has a very balanced set of EPDs with growth and milk ranking in the top third of the breed. He is such a smooth-made bull that should lend itself to calving ease. We don’t creep feed, and feed a silage-based ratio after weaning, so his numbers are legit and he should hold his condition when you kick him out with the cows.



Lot 28 - JFB Beckett Lexus 430K2

DOB: 3/16/22

Sire: Mr CJ Beckett

Dam: Ms CJ Electra (Laredo daughter)

BW: 84; Adj. WW: 627; Adj. YW: 1,052.

EPDs: CW: 3.2; BW: 0.7; WW: 27; YW: 51; Milk: 11; TM: 25; SC: .81; REA: .16; IMF: -.06
This is the last of the Beckett progeny. Beckett was our main herd bull, still breeding cows at 10 years of age. That speaks volumes about his structural correctness and fertility. Look at the fluidity of movement of the 430K2 bull, coupled with his impressive body confirmation and balanced EPDs, he will stay in your herd a long time. His 627-pound weaning weight, with no creep feed, shows his ability to pass growth into his calf crop and his good temperament is definitely an added plus.

Videos on the bulls can be viewed at: www.idealvideoproductions.com/sale24



Lots 326-330

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LOT 5

B&C G16 Kelly 1366J ET

ID: 1366 • Reg: P44340769 • DOB: 11/15/21

Sire: Lowen Genesis G16 ET

Dam: B&C Ms Kelly Stock 8062F (B&C Stockman 5010C 1 ET)

EPDS: CED -1.1; BW 4.6; WW 71; YW 118; Milk 72; SC 1.2; REA .43; MARB .25

1366 is a must see. He is a polled bull with some of the best numbers of any bull in the sale. He is in the top 2% of the breed for all of his indexes and has great growth numbers. He also is extremely super sound and slick haired.



LOT 6

B&C Stock Boss 1353J

ID: 1353 • Reg: 44344587 • DOB: 11/20/21

Sire: B&C Stock Option 6026D ET

Dam: B&C MS Circle Sensation (NJW 765 88X Circleboss)

EPDS: CED 3.7; BW 2.7; WW 49; YW 79; Milk 60; SC 1.0; REA .51; MARB .25

1353 is a polled bull tha is impeccable in his structure plus he is big hiped, long bodied, and ready to go to work for you.



LOT 7

B&C Mighty Option 2263K ET

ID: 2263 • Reg: 44411276 • DOB: 3/22/22

Sire: B&C Stock Option 6026D ET

Dam: B&C MS Mighty 8017F (NJW 792 22Z Mighty 49C ET)

EPDS: CED 4.5; BW 2.2; WW 47; YW 75; Milk 55; SC 1.2; REA .56; MARB .19

2263 is tremendous in his power, he is big hiped, big footed, deep bodied and sound as a cat. For your next herd sire you don’t need to miss this one.



LOT 8

B&C Mighty Option 2264K ET

ID: 2264 • Reg: 44411277 • DOB: 4/5/22

Sire: B&C Stock Option 6026D

Dam: B&C MS Mighty 8017F (NJW 792 22Z Mighty 49C ET)

EPDS: CED 4.5; BW 2.2; WW 47; YW 75; Milk 55; SC 1.2; REA .56; MARB .19

2264 is a very impressive Stock Option son and he is a flushmate to the above mentioned bull, 2263. We feel that both of these bulls have what it takes to move any herd forward so don’t miss out. He has solid red marked eyes and just flat good, in fact he is possibly one of the best bulls we’ve ever sold anywhere!

LOTS 101-105 - Selling 5 head of registered open heifers, 12-13 months of age.

LOTS 106-110 - Selling 5 head of registered bred heifers, 23-24 months of age and bred 7-8 months to a registered Hereford bull.

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LOT 29

Mr JK AM Legacy 535K3

DOB: 2/26/22
Sire: DDD American Legacy 103B5
Dam: JK Ms Alanta 535G3
EPDs: CE: 6.1; BW: 0.5; WW: 29; YW: 49;
Milk: 10; TM: 25; SC: 0.18; REA: 0.38; IMF: 0.11
A sure-fire calving ease bull with a 61 lb. birth weight that still has loads to offer in phenotype, volume, muscle, sheath design and structural correctness.



LOT 30

Mr JK Crossfit 302H3 168K

DOB: 3/9/22
Sire: JK Crossfit 302H3
Dam: JK Ms Soggy 168H
EPDs: CE: 5.1; BW: 1.4; WW: 31; YW: 59;
Milk: 4; TM: 20; SC: 1.03; REA: 0.33; IMF: 0.26
This Crossfit grandson will give his progeny a pleasing look while providing calving ease, and should increase progeny performance. A bull that can get out and move and cover the country. He had an actual birth weight of 65 lbs.



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LOT 53 - JCS 9543 DOMINO 2345

REG: 44388573 • Birth: 3/17/22
Sire: JCS 5847 DOMINO 9543
Dam: JCS 5891 MISS COPPER 8376
EPDs: BW: 4.7; WW: 61; YW: 101; SC: 1.4; SCF: 19; Milk: 28; MG: 58; Udder: 1.30; Teat: 1.30; REA: 0.23; Marb: 0.40; BMIS: 401; BHS: 500; CHB: 138
This well made, sound, free moving bull continues to impress as he matures. He expresses tremendous length of body and hip with a really nice front end. A good footed bull that is clean in his joints and has a nice set of testicles. A lot of positive attributes in this rugged individual. His best days are still a head of him.



LOT 54 - RW 88X DOMINO 0125

REG: 44522572 • Birth: 4/15/22
Sire: JCS 5847 DOMINO 8480
Dam: C 177R LADY DOM 5052
An eye appealing bull that is structurally correct in his design. He is a smooth made, conservatively marked and can really get out and travel. This bold made individual is thick made from front to rear. An added bonus is his great disposition. Take advantage here as this bull has a lot to offer.

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January...

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are calculated and not in the report. However, the inventory-based outlook appears rather bearish.

The markets

What does the technical picture say? All cattle futures contracts have been in a rally since the sharp down move from late September to early December. The steep downtrend in all contracts has been broken and this is a buy or a bullish signal. Support is also set at the low prices since last December. But it

may be premature to identify an uptrend. The trends that I see from December into 2024 are a bit steep. Steep trends are easily broken without the market changing direction. I believe the cattle market will have strength into 2024. But I would not be surprised if the live and feeder cattle contract prices were soft for much of the first quarter and until the strength of the normal seasonal beef demand rally becomes more known. I anticipate uptrends forming in most if not all contracts. Watch your charts.

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McClure...

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businesses raise capital, develop business plans, maintain customer relationships and more. He has also previously worked with AzTx Cattle Company, Texas Heritage National Bank and Gold Standard Labs.

"I see a bright future for America's original beef breed because it is the right breed to meet the challenges of the future," McClure says. "We have a great group of breeders who are poised and ready to fill the demand for these true 'business-focused' cattle."

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LOTS 381-390: 10 head (2 pens of 5) of F1 Hereford x Brahman pairs, 24 months, 30-45 day calves by 44 Farms LBW Angus.

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Lot 43 - RCR Long Haul 2223

DOB: 2/11/22 REG: 44338095
BW: 88; Adj. WW: 581; Adj. YW: 1,111.
EPDs: CE: 5.1; BW: 2.6; WW: 67; YW: 109; Milk: 42; SC: 2.0; REA: 0.62; IMF: -0.01.
Yearling Ultrasound: Adj. REA: 12.7; Adj. IMF: 3.42; Adj. Fat: 0.1
2223 is a powerfully constructed carcass bull, he ratioed 108 for IMF and 107 REA for 1.14sq of REA/cwt. His sire NJW Long Haul is a leading bull for ABS and working here at the ranch.



Lot 44 - RCR 2221

DOB: 2/20/22 REG: 44337866
BW: 95; Adj. WW: 667; Adj. YW: 1,118.
EPDs: CE: 1.1; BW: 2.4; WW: 51; YW: 95; Milk: 30; SC: 1.4; REA: 0.56; IMF: -0.14
Yearling Ultrasound: Adj. REA: 11.7; Adj. IMF: 3.35; Adj. Fat: 0.17.
2221 is a 100% horned pedigreed, heavy pigmented, sound made bull. He scanned a 3.35 adjusted IMF for a 106 in herd ratio. His dam is 11 years old and still working on the ranch today!



LOTS 456-460: 5 head of registered bred Hereford heifers. These registered bred heifers were handpicked from the heart of the replacements and represent the top genetics in the Hereford breed. A great opportunity here to get an awesome set of females for a registered or F1 program. Heifers are bred 7+ months to a RCR Mandate son who is out of a Belle Air daughter.



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LOT 39: M6/PF Cool & New 703/1

ID: 1703 • REG: M967409 • DOB: 11/21/21
M6 Cool Rep 8108 ET
M6 Cool & New 602P
M6 Ms New Nancy 277 P ET
M6 Rock Star 306 P ET
CRP Ms Rock Star 7303-30
CRP Cannon Duke 3033
BW: 82; WW: 765; YW: 1220
EPDs: CE 9.5 BW 1.0 WW 65 YW 110 Milk 27
REA .54 IMF .10
This good bull is solid in his pedigree and exceptional in both his mother and sires EPDs.



LOT 40: PF Cool Bell 1724

ID: 1724 • REG: M968289 • DOB: 11/2/22
M6 Cool Rep 8108 ET
M6 Cool & New 602P
M6 Ms New Nancy 277 P ET
M6 Lone Star 542P
CRP Ms Nancy's Bell 7424
M6 Ms Nancy's Bel 4124 P
BW: 80; WW: 785; YW: 1275
EPDs: CE 8.9 BW .1 WW 67 YW 115 Milk 29
REA .85 IMF .11
Solid M6 genetics in this bull's pedigree. Maternal and terminal EPDs are excellent.

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LOTS 451-455:

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Statewide...

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rural landowners will receive foundational science-based information regarding the role of fire and grazing on their land. Community-building sessions will also be held with natural resource staff from agencies including Texas A&M AgriLife, Natural Resource Conservation Service, Texas A&M Forest Service, Texas Parks and Wildlife Department and others. Through these sessions, landowners will meet key individuals who can assist them in achieving their land management goals.

Workshops reflect trends in ex-urban rural land ownership

David Matarrita-Cascante, Ph.D., associate professor in the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences Department of Rangeland, Wildlife and Fisheries Management, said since the 1970s, researchers have noted a trend in urban residents moving to rural areas either seasonally or permanently for a number of reasons.

"While these moves were traditionally linked to tourism and leisure recreation, there has been growth in urban residents moving to agricultural areas," Matarrita-Cascante

said. "This was greatly amplified during the COVID-19 pandemic."

Matarrita-Cascante has studied these trends in relocation to rural areas for more than two decades and will facilitate the workshop.

Past research conducted by Matarrita-Cascante and others has shown these new landowners often purchase farms or ranches of smaller acreage, have little to no experience in agriculture, and display different demographic, economic and cultural characteristics in relation to the established long-term rural population.

Because these new landowners may differ from the traditional rural clients who natural resource agencies work with, Matarrita-Cascante said it's important to bring the two groups together to foster education, understanding and, ultimately, land stewardship.

"These workshops are a chance to get to know your community, get to know like-minded individuals who value conservation and stewardship, and become familiar with all of the resources and tools readily available for landowners looking for help," said Morgan Treadwell, Ph.D., AgriLife

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Lot 13 - JDR Cowboy C39 2E K2 ET

BD: 2/8/22 • Reg: P44356127

EPDs: CE: 7.5; BW: .5; WW: 45; YW: 76; MM 27; MG: 47; SC: 1.1; REA: .40; IMF: .37

This impressive Polled Hereford Cowboy son has bred in calving ease while exhibiting loads of rib shape and muscle. He ranks in the top 20% of the breed for BW and Calving Ease and the top 10% for Marbling and CHB.



Lots 221-225: Golden Certified F1 Hereford X Brahman heifers, 12-14 months of age, open.

A pretty set of dark colored Golden Certified tiger stripe open heifers. They will make a great junior program project or a super set of herd replacements.



Lots 231-235: Registered Brahman pairs, 30 months of age with 150 day old calves by Polled Hereford.

Build your herd with this outstanding pen of registered Brahman pairs. Five flashy dark F1 tiger stripe A.I. heifer calves at side by one of the Hereford breeds most widely used Polled Hereford sires, TH Masterplan 183F. Calves are ABBA Golden Certified.



Lot 14 - Mr JDR 231/2

BD: 7/14/22 • Reg: 1060496

EPDs: BW: .7; WW: 14; YW: 25; Milk: 8; SC: .09; REA: .21; IMF: 2.59

Yearling Ultrasound: Adj. REA: 9.55; Adj. IMF: 2.076; Adj. Fat: .11. A Polled Brahman bull of this caliber is difficult to find. Take advantage of this opportunity. His LBW and outstanding WW are a tremendous combination for any breeding program. This youngster is extremely fertile and ready to go to work.



Lots 226-230: Hereford x Brahman pairs, 24 months, 20-45 day old calves by Angus.

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Lots 241-245:

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Importance...

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Importance of irrigation water to Lower Rio Grande Valley

The report shows the value of agricultural production in the Lower Rio Grande Valley region, which includes Cameron, Hidalgo, Starr and Willacy counties, was approximately \$887 million in 2022.

Crop production accounted for some \$673 million or about 76% of total agricultural production, consisting mainly of feed crops, cotton, vegetables, miscellaneous crops, and fruits and nuts. Livestock and agriculture-related production were about \$85 million and \$129 million, respectively.

According to the report, a loss of irrigated crop production in the Lower Rio Grande Valley region would lead to an estimated total loss in economic output of \$993.2 million in 2024. It would also lead to a \$554.8 million loss in value-added contribution to the state's gross domestic product.

Additionally, the report states there would be the loss of an estimated 8,404 full- and part-time jobs dependent on the production and sales of the region's agricultural com-

modities.

"Irrigation water is essential to agricultural production in the Lower Rio Grande Valley where about half of its crop production acreage is irrigated," Ribera said. "This report demonstrates the necessity and value of irrigation water to crops in the region by showing the direct and indirect regional economic impact in a scenario where none of that resource would be available for crop production."

Effect of irrigation loss on row crops

Those crops in the Rio Grande Valley affected by irrigation water shortages are row crops — mainly sorghum, cotton, corn and specialty crops — mainly vegetables, citrus and sugarcane. Row crops can be grown in either irrigated or dryland production systems; however, specialty crops can only be grown under irrigation.

The study assessed potential crop losses based on historical data. Economic impacts are estimated by measuring the change in farm gate or regional gross value of row crops and specialty crops affected by the worst-case scenario water shortage.

"With the absence of water, irrigated row crops

would be assumed to produce dryland yields, causing a reduction in row crop farm-gate values," said Samuel Zapata, Ph.D., associate professor in the Department of Agricultural Economics. Zapata works at the Texas A&M Higher

Education Center at McAllen and the Texas A&M AgriLife Research and Extension Center in Weslaco. "The dryland yields used in the analysis actually provide a conservative estimate of the potential economic losses,

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Statewide...

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Extension rangeland specialist and associate professor in the Department of Rangeland, Wildlife and Fisheries Management, San Angelo.

For questions regard-

ing event details, email Treadwell at morgan.treadwell@ag.tamu.edu or Casey Matzke, project manager with the Texas A&M Center for Grazinglands and Ranch Management, at casey.matzke@ag.tamu.edu.

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Dam: Atlas 110T MS Rib 88X 99F ET
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EPDs CE 0.8; BW 3.5; WW 53; YW 83; Milk 51;
SC 0.5; REA 0.35; MARB 0.01

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ID 8K • REG P44353220 • DOB 1/16/22 • Polled
Sire: Atlas 4008 Panoramic 6124 91G
Dam: CSR U601 2059 Lass 413B ET
BW 83; WW 830; YW 1330
EPDs CE -4.9; BW 5.4; WW 57; YW 86; Milk 59;
SC 0.7; REA 0.55; MARB 0.03

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Lot 4 - Atlas 95G Perfect 84F 16K

ID 16K • REG P44530159 • DOB 2/22/22 • Polled
Sire: BG LOC 11B Perfecto 84F
Dam: Atlas 122B Fancy Copper 53G
BW 68; WW 720; YW 1220
EPDs CE 4.1; BW 1.6; WW 65; YW 101; Milk 65;
SC 0.7; REA 0.78; MARB -0.05

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Importance...

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with the total farm-gate loss for row crops estimated at \$44.3 million.”

Zapata said losses would be \$31.3 million, \$9.4 million and \$3.6 million for cotton, corn and sorghum, respectively.

Effect of irrigation loss on specialty crops

To estimate the impact of complete lack of irrigation water for specialty crops, the report divided these crops between perennial crops such as citrus and annual crops such as vegetables and sugarcane. It also makes the assumption

that citrus orchards would be turned into an annual crop, with the cost of removing citrus trees at \$800 per acre, as estimated by Texas Citrus Mutual.

The citrus industry in the Lower Rio Grande Valley has faced numerous challenges in recent years, including Hurricane Hanna in 2020, the crippling winter storm Uri in early 2021, plus droughts in 2022 and 2023.

“The recovering citrus industry has continued while struggling to keep orchards going due to the lack of irrigation water,” Zapata said. “But if citrus orchards had to be

removed as a result of a complete loss of irrigation water, the entire citrus industry in this region would be lost.”

The report shows the economic loss due to the lack of irrigation water at the farm level — the five-year average value of citrus production in the Lower Rio Grande Valley plus the cost to transition the orchards into other uses — would amount to approximately \$268.4 million.

Under the no-irrigation-water scenario, specialty vegetable crop and sugarcane production would come to a standstill. The estimated economic losses at the farm level would be the five-year average production value, some \$108.5 million and \$98.5 million respectively for specialty vegetable and sugarcane production.

The report, however, states the improbability that the acreage used in specialty crop production would completely remain out of crop production. Most likely, those irrigated crop acres would be converted into dryland crop production of cotton, corn or sorghum.

Broader economic effects of lack of irrigation water

The economic model used in the report was also applied to assess the broader economic effects as measured by the indicators of employment, value-added and economic output.

“This analysis represents the impacts of all economic activities that occur in the production of the described crops up until the point of sale of the crops at the farm level,” Ribera explained.

He said results in the report of the broader economic impact are also on the conservative side, as they do not include the losses that would occur beyond the farm-level sale of the crops.

“These would include losses related to transportation, storage, processing, packaging, marketing and other industries that support agriculture in the Lower Rio Grande Valley.”

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Agricultural economics report

Prepared by Purdue University Agricultural Economics Department

Despite recession warnings and adverse precursors in 2022, the United States economy performed better than predicted in 2023.

Purdue University Department of Agricultural Economics experts annually provide insights into the national economy, trade, policy, and food prices for the year.

These findings were recently published in the Purdue Agricultural Economics Report's annual outlook, including potential outcomes of a delayed farm bill.

"As we enter 2024, the farm bill debate's complexities persist. With federal spending cuts in focus, the projected cost of the farm bill will likely take center stage in agricultural committee deliberations this year," said Roman Keeney, associate professor of agricultural economics at Purdue University and co-editor of the report.

Inside the issue, Purdue agricultural economists predict an overall positive outlook for 2024 with modest GDP growth, low unemployment, decreasing inflation, and a potential lowering of interest

rates.

Here's a wrap-up on the U.S. economy

In December 2022, recession concerns triggered rapid interest rate hikes, but the predicted 2023 recession did not occur. By December 2023, positive economic indicators suggested a favorable outlook for 2024, anticipating moderated growth.

Despite the pessimistic sentiment, consumer spending rose by 2.3 percent above inflation in Q3 2023. Investment spending rebounded, and government purchases, particularly at the federal level, contributed to GDP growth. Both exports and imports declined, affecting trade dynamics.

In 2024, real GDP growth is projected at around 2.2 percent, with a potential slowdown in consumer spending and modest investment growth. Though experiencing a slight job growth slowdown in 2023, the labor market is expected to maintain a 4 percent unemployment rate by the end of 2024. Inflation is forecasted at 2.7 percent.

The Federal Reserve's policy, marked by interest rate

hikes in response to inflation, is expected to stabilize, with a median prediction of a 4.6 percent federal funds rate by the end of 2024. The three-month Treasury rate and the 10-year Treasury bond interest rate are projected to align with this trend, reaching approximately 4.6 percent and 4.4 percent, respectively, by December 2024.

An outlook for trade and policy

In 2023, the Russia/Ukraine war disrupted agriculture trade, impacting fertilizer and wheat markets, while oil and gas markets eventually normalized. U.S. trade policy offered large subsidies to semiconductor and electric vehicle industries, raising World Trade Organization concerns and affecting export-oriented agriculture. The 2023 WTO fishing subsidies agreement highlighted its ongoing role.

The 2024 U.S. Presidential election, featuring potential candidates Biden and Trump, holds implications for trade policy. Past policies, especially Trump's, influenced agriculture exports negatively. Challenges for export-oriented agriculture include limited

market access improvements, a shift in policy focus, and consequences of sector-specific subsidies. Despite positive developments, uncertainties persist, shaping the sector's future amid evolving trade policies.

Will 2024 bring a new Farm Bill?

In May 2023, the Congressional Budget Office projected a cost exceeding \$1.4 trillion for a ten-year continuation of the 2018 Farm Bill, with nutrition programs claiming a significant share. The farm bill's cost is poised to be a focal point in 2023 debates amid rising deficits, reaching nearly 7 percent of gross domestic product over the decade.

Farm bill priorities echo those of the previous year, emphasizing the total baseline amount to address diverse food and agriculture needs. Advocacy focuses on climate-smart agriculture, maintaining current crop insurance, and addressing concerns about direct farm payments. Integrating nutrition spending with farm income and agricultural conservation remains crucial for bipartisan support.

The outlook suggests new farm legislation might not take precedence until fiscal 2024 spending bills are resolved. Changes to mandatory spend-

ing programs could be negotiated during the budget process. Delays in federal spending bills will likely shift the farm bill debate into a challenging

ship and uncertainty, potentially leading to the absence of a replacement farm bill by October 2024.

The Policy Analysis for the Economic Region will actively monitor and provide updates through ongoing policy briefs.

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EPDs: CE: 5; BW: 0.4; WW: 30; YW: 51; Milk: 9; TM: 24; SC: .88; REA: .1; IMF: -.07

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Lot 34 -

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Sire: CB Tradition 468F16 || Dam: MT Ms Chisholm 268E3

BW: 71; Adj. WW: 614; Adj. YW: 1,110.

EPDs: CE: 7.6; BW: -.7; WW: 24; YW: 46; Milk: 9; TM: 22; SC: .69; REA: .2; IMF: -.05

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Food prices

In 2023, food price inflation slowed to 2.5 percent, the lowest since 2019. Prices for groceries rose by 1.2 percent, while food service increased by 4.9 percent.

Beef and sugar prices surged, with beef up by 8.8 percent due to high demand and low cattle inventories and sugar rising by 5 percent due to global droughts. In contrast, egg prices fell by 30 percent as Avian Influenza faded, and fresh vegetables and cheese products decreased 4.3 percent and 3.1 percent, respectively.

Despite easing food price inflation, the cumulative effect of inflation in recent years has left food prices 26 percent higher than in 2019. Consumer purchasing power has been eroded, impacting confidence. Economic conditions improved in the latter half of 2023, with historic Fed interest rate hikes slowing inflation. Overall economic growth led to increased incomes, with average wages rising by 3.6 percent through November, outpacing inflation for the first time since 2020.

Looking ahead to 2024, macroeconomic uncertainty persists. The Fed's focus on reducing inflation raises hopes,

but higher rates may impact economic growth, potentially leading to increased unemployment and slower wage growth.

While a predicted recession hasn't occurred, uncertainties surround achieving a "soft landing." The re-emergence of highly pathogenic avian influenza may impact poultry and egg prices in the food market. The USDA forecasts a continued deceleration in food prices in 2024, with a 0.6 percent decrease in Food at Home prices and a 4.9 percent increase in food away from home prices.

The dairy industry faces uncertainties in domestic and global demand. Global milk supply is expected to increase modestly, but geopolitical instability and strained trade relations may hinder demand growth. Key factors to monitor in 2024 include feed costs, labor availability, weather, inflation, macroeconomic concerns, and geopolitical factors impacting demand, especially potential "new" demand for dairy products

Farm financials

Farm incomes declined in 2023 compared to 2022; however, liquidity in the agricultural sector remains robust. Despite the income dip, bankers observe stable to slightly

higher farmer repayment rates.

The loan demand is decreasing, indicating lower operating loans for the 2024 growing season. This implies that if farm incomes decline and cash flow becomes a concern, there is less debt that might pose issues. Interest rates are also on a downward trend, and if the Fed Funds Rate decreases in 2024, farmers can expect a similar decrease in the interest rates they pay.

Overall, even if the agricultural credit market faces setbacks, it remains well-positioned to support the agricultural sector.

Crop cost and return

Despite reduced production costs, margins are anticipated to remain narrow in 2024. However, rotation corn and rotation soybeans may break even on highly productive soil. Given the relatively high-cost structure and tight margins, assessing input and crop decisions meticulously becomes crucial. Producers are advised to develop crop budgets and enhance overall record-keeping practices.

Farmland values

The farmland market, which has seen robust growth in recent years, shows indications of potential easing price

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Milk 27; REA .11; IMF .61



LOT 52
TG Red Bear 29U 2114
DOB 10/22/22
Sire: Duff Red Bear 18154
Dam: Rohas Dynamo 29U 8311
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EPDs CE 14; BW -1.5; WW 55; YW 91;
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EPDs: CE: 10; BW: 2.6; WW: 62; YW: 96; Milk: 19; TM: 50;
SC: .87; REA: .41
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LOT 58
Mr WFL Mr Kade 206K ET - DOB: 3/19/22
Sire: : TNGC Empire 736E
Dam: WFL Dixie 615D
BW: 82; Adj WW: 754; Adj YW: 1254
EPDs: CE: 11; BW: 1.3; WW: 81; YW: 132; Milk: 19; TM: 59;
SC: 1.25; REA: .54
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Hill Country Land Stewardship Conference to be March 14-15 in Kerrville

Registration open for annual conference focusing on land and wildlife management

By Rob Williams, Texas AgriLife Today

The eighth annual Hill Country Land Stewardship Conference will be held on March 14-15 in Kerrville. Hosted by the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service, the event will be held at the Y.O. Ranch Hotel and Conference Center, 2033 Sidney Baker St. Registration is \$125. To register and for additional conference details, visit <https://tx.ag/Mar2024BennettTrust>.

There will be a total of three general Texas Department of Agriculture continuing units available, and all meals and refreshments are included in the registration fee.

There also are four lev-

els of sponsorship available and those interested in being a sponsor can sign up on the registration link.

Sponsorships include the following:

- Bronze, \$250: Includes breakfast or lunch for one person on March 14.

- Silver, \$375: Includes breakfast and lunch for one person on March 14.

- Gold, \$500: Includes all meals for one person on March 14.

- Platinum, \$1,000: Includes all meals for March 14-15 and the March 15 tour for two people.

Goal and keynote speaker

The conference's goal is to help current and future landowners and managers learn about the unique needs for managing land in the Hill Country region.

This year's keynote speaker will be Rick Machen, Ph.D., professor in the Texas A&M-Kingsville Department of Animal Science and Veterinary Technology and Paul Genho Endowed Chair in Ranch Management.

Conference agenda and tours

There also will be an equipment showcase where vendors and demonstrators will have 30 minutes each to demonstrate the latest fire tools and herbi-

cide equipment.

March 14 activities begin at 7:30 a.m. with breakfast and the main program starting at 8 a.m. Speakers and topics will include:

- Brush management tools – Morgan Treadwell, Ph.D., AgriLife Extension range specialist and associate professor in the Department of Rangeland, Wildlife and Fisheries Sciences, San Angelo.

- Top laws – Tiffany Dowell Lashmet, J.D., AgriLife Extension agriculture law specialist and associate professor in the Department of Agricultural Economics, Amarillo.

- Sheep and goats – Reid Redden, Ph.D., AgriLife Extension sheep and goat specialist and center director, Texas A&M AgriLife Research and Extension Center at San Angelo, San Angelo.

- Managing whitetail deer – Larry Redmon, Ph.D., AgriLife Extension program leader and associate department head, Department of Soil and Crop Sciences, Bryan-College Station.

The second day will begin at 7:30 a.m. with breakfast

and participants will have the choice of touring either the Diamond V Ranch in Mountain Home or the Hillingdon Ranch in Comfort.

For more information, contact Linda Francis at linda-francis@ag.tamu.edu.

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growth for 2024. Indiana witnessed record-high farmland prices in 2023, with top-quality land reaching \$13,739 per acre. Although the growth was substantial, it was less pronounced than the previous year. Iowa and the broader Corn Belt also experienced a

slowdown in farmland value increases, with the Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago reporting a deceleration in land value growth across its district. The recent surge in farmland prices was influenced by higher commodity prices and increased demand for nonagricultural land conversion, but rising borrowing costs have tempered this growth.

Cash rental rates

The contribution margin for rotation corn and soybeans is expected to rise in 2024, indicating potential upward pressure on cash rental rates. However, challenges such as the 2023 cash rental rate exceeding the contribution margin for rotation corn may exert downward pressure on rental rates for corn acreage.

Farmers will likely highlight increased costs and concerns about lower commodity prices during negotiations for cash rent adjustments, creating a mix of positive and negative pressures in the cash rental market. While conditions vary, there appears to be modest positive price pressure in the cash rental market.

~SLS



Lot 25 - IH Mr Crow 607J7 • DOB 11/9/21

Sire: IH Crow 504Z
Dam: IH Ms Stacy 607Y2
BW 74; WW 715; YW 1,345
EPDs CE 4.2; BW 1.3; WW 16; YW 41; Milk 9; TM 17; SC .49; REA .19 IMF 0.1
607J7 is a long-sided smooth made bull that represents Indian Hills breeding top & bottom.



Lot 26 - IH Mr Reid 260K • DOB 2/22/22

Sire: IH Crow 504Z
Dam: KK Sunday 260E
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EPDs CE 5.4; BW .4; WW 20; YW 53; Milk 8; TM 19; SC .72; REA .31 IMF 0.1
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Sportfish stocking strategies in ponds subject of Feb. 13 webinar

Material to cover stocking strategies and fish species for small, large ponds

By Sarah Fuller, Texas AgriLife Today



A Feb. 13 webinar by the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service will focus on diverse sportfish stocking strategies for both large and small ponds. (Texas A&M AgriLife photo by Courtney Sacco.)

The Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service will host a Feb. 13 webinar focused on diverse stocking strategies for small ponds as well as ponds greater than 1 acre.

The webinar takes place from 6-7:30 p.m., and registration cost is \$35. To register, visit <https://tx.ag/SportfishStocking>.

Diverse stocking strategies and fish species addressed

Todd Sink, Ph.D., AgriLife Extension aquaculture specialist and associate professor in the Department of Rangeland, Wildlife and Fisheries Management, will be the featured speaker. Sink is also director of the AgriLife Extension Aquatic Diagnostics Laboratory in Bryan-College Station.

Stocking strategies covered include:

- Four stocking strategies and two variations for ponds smaller than 1 acre in size.
- Two stocking strategies with several variations for ponds larger than 1 acre in size.

Sink will also provide an understanding of basic genetics for stocking largemouth bass, the advantages and disadvantages of commonly available hybrid species, as well as management strategies for trophy catfish.

“Most importantly, we will cover the correct stocking order,” Sink said. “Stocking at the correct time in the correct order is critical to establishing a well-balanced pond that will provide decades of good fishing.”

Undesirable fish species that should not be stocked in ponds due to their potential negative effect on the fishery will also be discussed.

A 30-minute Q&A session will conclude the hourlong webinar.

For more information, contact Brittany Chesser, AgriLife Extension aquatic vegetation management program specialist and lead diagnostic scientist at the AgriLife Extension Aquatic Diagnostics Laboratory, at brittany.chesser@tamu.edu.



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