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Culling decisions due to drought

By Adele Harty, Igrow

An important component to a drought management plan is how to effectively incorporate culling strategies for the cow herd that align with the goals and objectives of your operation. There are multiple factors to consider when it comes to culling strategies, and there is not a “one size fits all” set of criteria that will work for every producer. First and foremost, producers need to take an inventory of available feed resources and costs associated with them. If the current situation indicates very little forage production in the form of grass and hay, it’s time to evaluate your options. One option may include failed crops, such as wheat and oats, but quanti-

ty, quality and price may limit the use of some of these forages for extended periods of time. Depending on the timing of the drought, there may be an opportunity to plant forage crops to help get through, but the success of these crops depends on precipitation.

Developing culling criteria

Once the feed inventory is known, then the criteria for making culling decisions can be developed. As these criteria are being developed, focus on the mission and vision of your operation. What are your core values and what are your most important priorities? Ensure your culling criteria is in line with your mission and vision.

If you don’t have a mission and vision, take some time and write down where you would like to be and what you would like to be doing in all areas of the operation in 10, 15 or 20 years. Group similar items together to highlight the items that are most important to you and your core values. Use this as a basis for your operation and management decisions to move the operation in the desired direction.

Now that you are focused on core values, think about your cow herd and which criteria and cows will help you reach your goals and which ones are limiting you? Here are some options for where you might start making culling decisions to keep your operation viable without damaging the available feed and forage resources.

Making culling decisions

- Pregnancy test early and cull opens and late calvers

This allows more forage resources to be allocated to the productive females,

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Just Your Standard Bull

By Michael Sturgess

TEXAS Trails...

By Clay Coppedge

There is a video clip taken on June 16, 2022, of Justice Sonia Sotomayor commenting to an audience about Justice Clarence Thomas. If you haven't listened to it, I encourage you to do so. The clip begins with Sotomayor saying that she has probably disagreed with him more than any other Justice.

And then she starts her next sentence with two very powerful words—"and yet." She goes on to describe Justice Thomas as the "one Justice that literally knows every employee's name. Every one of them. And not only does he know their names, he (Thomas) remembers their families' names and history. He's the first one who will go up to someone when you are walking with him and say, is your son okay, how is your daughter doing in college? He's the first one that when my stepfather died, sent me flowers in Florida. He is a man who cares deeply about the court as an institution, about the people who work there, but about people."

She goes on to say that his vision is different than hers about how to help people. And this is where her ideology and Justice Thomas differ. She goes on further to explain than

Justice Thomas believes in an individual's ability to pull themselves up by their own bootstraps. She furthermore states that "I believe that some people can't get to their bootstraps without help. They need someone to help them lift their foot up so that they can reach those bootstraps."

She goes on to explain that those are two very different philosophies. And she is absolutely correct.

One philosophy leads to the creation of a part of our population that becomes dependent on this assistance. This further leads to the erosion of states' rights, so that the Federal government can step in to write laws that favor their continued oversight. Pretty soon, this base is big enough to perpetuate itself. And when they need a little boost, they simply open our borders to millions of illegal immigrants, who will become dependent on this assistance, and therefore cast their vote for those who will continue this assistance.

Roe v Wade has less to do with women's right to an abortion and more to do with the states' rights to make these decisions—as it was intended in our constitution. It has more to do with stopping the over-

reach of federal bureaucracies and more to do placing the sovereignty of our nation back into the hands of the people.

I saw a quote from President Ronald Reagan last weekend that really hit home for me. "Let the Fourth of July always be a reminder that here in this land, for the first time, it was decided that man is born with certain God-given rights; that government is only a convenience created and managed by the people, with no powers of its own except those voluntarily granted to it by the people. We sometimes forget that truth and we never should."

If I had been his proof-reader back in those days, the only thing I would have changed to this statement would have been to add two words after God-given rights, to God-given rights and abilities.

There are Olympic athletes that show us what we are capable of. They constantly break the barriers for the fastest or strongest. They do this with God-given talent and abilities. They work and train hard. They push their own limits to achieve things greater than anyone thought possible. But if they don't work and don't train; eat what they want when they want it. Will they achieve those same goals?

Who will be the next Usian Bolt? Who will be the next Albert Einstein?
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The Story of Goodbye Old Paint

We'll never know who wrote the traditional and iconic cowboy song "Goodbye Old Paint." The song most likely emerged from one the great cattle drives sometime between the 1860s and 1880s. No doubt, some anonymous cowboy auditioned it around a campfire on a cattle drive one night and it caught on to the point where people are still singing it today, far beyond any Western campfire.

Most histories credit a cowboy from Bartlett, Texas named Jess Morris with writing the song despite the fact that Morris didn't write it and never claimed he did. He was born in 1878, in the middle of the cattle drive era, but the only cattle drive he went on happened after he'd learned "Goodbye Old Paint" from a Black cowboy named Charley Willis, who worked on the family's ranch for Jess Morris' father, E.J. Morris.

"Charley played a Jewsharp and taught me how to play it," Jess Morris told folk music collector John Lomax. "It was on this Jew's-harp that I learned to play 'Old Paint' at the age of seven. In later years, I learned to play 'Old Paint' on the fiddle in my own special arrangement—tuning the fiddle accordingly."

Jess Morris' own "special arrangement" for fiddle caught the ears of other fiddlers, who recognized it

as sophisticated and intricate. Morris always claimed to be nothing more than a cowboy fiddler, but he studied in Bartlett with a Professor Kuler, who had studied the instrument in Italy. He also took lessons in Austin, and at Valparaiso, Indiana, but he left of his own accord, claiming he was a fiddler with no desire to be a violinist.

Lomax, a professor at the University of Texas, heard Morris' version of "Goodbye, Old Paint" and

wrote to him, saying it was the best version of the song he'd ever heard and he wanted to record it as Morris performed it. The result appears on the classic folk album "Cowboy Songs, Ballads and Cattle Calls from Texas."

Morris' family moved to the Panhandle when he was 12, where he was known as a good ranch hand on the sprawling XIT Ranch but a great fiddler, drawing rave reviews from the local press. "The audience for-

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USDA Livestock Export/ Import Statistics For 6-30-22			
SPECIES:	6-25-2022:	Wk.-Dt.:	Yr.-Dt.:
1) BEEF CATTLE			
a. Slaughter	1,167	854	44,492
b. Breeding Males	2	19	1,339
c. Breeding Females	1	2	784
Total	1,170	875	46,615
2) HOGS			
a. Slaughter	0	0	0
b. Breeding Males	62	0	859
c. Breeding Females	0	0	897
Total	62	90	1,756
3) SHEEP			
a. Slaughter	0	0	0
1) lambs	0	0	0
2) ewes	0	0	0
b. Breeding Males	0	0	0
c. Breeding Females	0	0	0
Total	0	0	0
4) DAIRY CATTLE			
a. Breeding Males	1	0	2
b. Breeding Females	228	41	3,075
Total	229	41	3,077
5) GOATS			
a. Angora	0	0	0
b. Spanish	0	0	0
c. Other	0	0	0
Total	0	0	0
6) HORSES			
a. Slaughter	362	388	6,420
b. Breeding Males	26	6	515
c. Breeding Females	34	15	872
d. Geldings	33	4	380
e. Burro/Mule/Pony	0	0	11
Total	455	413	8,198
7) EXOTICS			
Total	0	0	102
MEXICO TO NEW MEXICO IMPORTS			
SPECIES:	7-2-2022:	1-1-22 - Present:	
FEEDER CATTLE	5,241	246,272	
MEXICO TO TEXAS IMPORTS			
FEEDER CATTLE	3,264	93,539	

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DC News...

USDA announces additional flexibilities to help address threats to global food security

Washington -- The U.S. Department of Agriculture will allow Conservation Reserve Program participants who are in the final year of their CRP contract to request voluntary termination of their CRP contract following the end of the primary nesting season for fiscal year 2022. Participants approved for this one-time, voluntary termination will not have to repay rental payments, a flexibility implemented this year to help mitigate the global food supply challenges caused by the Russian invasion of Ukraine and other factors. USDA also announced additional flexibilities for the Environmental Quality Incentives Program and Conservation Stewardship Program.

"Putin's unjustified invasion of Ukraine has cut off a critical source of wheat, corn, barley, oilseeds, and cooking oil, and we've heard from many producers who want to better understand their options to help respond to global food needs," said Zach Ducheneaux, administrator of USDA's Farm Service Agency. "This announcement will help producers make informed decisions about land use and conservation options."

FSA is mailing letters to producers with expiring acres that detail this flexibility and share other options, such as re-enrolling sensitive acres in the CRP Continuous signup and considering growing organic crops. Producers will be asked to make the request for voluntary termination in writing through their local USDA Service Center.

If approved for voluntary termination, preparations can occur after the conclusion of the primary nesting season. Producers will then be able to hay, graze, begin land preparation activities and plant a fall-seeded crop before Oct. 1, 2022. For land in colder climates, this flexibility may allow for better establishment of a winter

wheat crop or better prepare the land for spring planting.

Since CRP land typically does not have a recent

history of pesticide or herbicide application, USDA is encouraging producers to consider organic production. USDA's Natural Resources Conservation Service provides technical and financial assistance to help producers plan and implement conservation practices, including those that work well for organic operations, such as pest management and mulching. Meanwhile, FSA offers cost-share for certification costs and other fees.

Participants can also choose to enroll all or part of their expiring acres into

the Continuous CRP signup for 2022. Important conservation benefits may still be achieved by re-enrolling sensitive acres such as buffers or wetlands. Expiring water quality practices such as filter strips, grass waterways, and riparian buffers may be eligible to be reenrolled under the Clean Lakes, Estuaries, and Rivers (CLEAR) and CLEAR 30 options under CRP. Additionally, expiring continuous CRP practices such as shelterbelts, field windbreaks, and other buffer practices may also be re-

enrolled to provide benefits for organic farming operations.

If producers are not planning to farm the land from their expiring CRP contract, the Transition

Incentives Program may also provide them two additional annual rental payments after their contract expires on the condition that they sell or rent
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USDA Major Livestock Reports:

Producers Livestock Auction, San Angelo, Texas, June 30, 2022: Total receipts: 1,084, last reported (6-16-22) 1,10, last year 572. Feeder cattle: 629 (58.0%), last reported (6-16-22) 664 (60.0%), last year 463 (80.9%). Slaughter cattle: 314 (29.0%), last reported (6-16-22) 310 (28.0%), last year 80 (14.0%). Replacement cattle: 141 (13.0%), last reported (6-16-22) 133 (12.0%), last year 29 (5.1%). Compared to two weeks ago steer and heifer calves and yearlings over 500 lbs steady, calves under 500 lbs 2.00-4.00 lower. Slaughter cows 1.00-3.00 lower; slaughter bulls steady. Stock cows and pairs steady in light test. Trading and demand moderate. Supply included: 58% Feeder Cattle (43% Steers, 48% Heifers, 9% Bulls); 29% Slaughter Cattle (92% Cows, 8% Bulls); 13% Replacement Cattle (87% Stock Cows, 1% Bred Cows, 11% Cow-Calf Pairs). Feeder cattle supply over 600 lbs was 14%.

Oklahoma National Stockyards, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, June 28, 2022: Total receipts: 7,633, last reported (6-20-22): 6,356, last year: 8,842. Feeder cattle: 7,633 (100.0%), last reported (6-20-22): 6,356 (100.0%), last year: 8,842 (100.0%). Compared to last week: Feeder steers over 800 lbs 2.00-6.00 higher; under 800 lbs steady to 2.00 lower. Feeder heifers 1.00-4.00 lower. Demand moderate to good for feeder cattle. Steer and heifer calves 2.00-4.00 higher. Demand good for calves. Cool front moved in and temps in the mid-80's, however summer will return mid-week. Supply included: 100% Feeder Cattle (55% Steers, 44% Heifers, 2% Bulls). Feeder cattle supply over 600 lbs was 60%.

SALE: Beeville Livestock Commission, Inc.
Beeville, Texas
DATE OF SALE: 6-24-22
VOLUME: 747
TREND: Steady/lower.

	STEERS	HEIFERS
200-300 lbs.	135-185	104-160
300-400 lbs.	133-183	112-151
400-500 lbs.	121-163	106-150
500-600 lbs.	121-162	103-138
600-700 lbs.	110-145	85-124
700-800 lbs.	—	—
Slaughter cows	25-79	—
Slaughter Bulls	40-109	—
Stocker cows	525-875	—
Pairs	600-1100	—

SALE: Brazos Valley Livestock Commission
Bryan, Texas
DATE OF SALE: 6-21-22
VOLUME: 1307
TREND: Steady/higher.

	STEERS	HEIFERS
200-300 lbs.	175-200	140-165
300-400 lbs.	170-195	135-160
400-500 lbs.	160-192	135-156
500-600 lbs.	142-169	130-154
600-700 lbs.	138-157	128-150
700-800 lbs.	150-154	120-126
Slaughter cows	58-105	—
Slaughter bulls	85-107	—
Stocker cows	860-1290	—
Pairs	860-1575	—

SALE: Live Oak Auction, Inc.
Three Rivers, Texas
DATE OF SALE: 6-27-22
VOLUME: 1634
TREND: Steady/lower.

	STEERS	HEIFERS
200-300 lbs.	152-192	130-168
300-400 lbs.	152-194	130-164
400-500 lbs.	141-190	122-156
500-600 lbs.	128-174	120-154
600-700 lbs.	120-160	106-140
700-800 lbs.	104-144	92-134
Slaughter cows	38-92	—
Slaughter bulls	84-106	—
Stocker cows	550-1100	—
Pairs	825-1375	—

SALE: Nixon Livestock Commission, Inc.
Nixon, Texas
DATE OF SALE: 6-27-22
VOLUME: 1969
TREND: Steady/higher.

	STEERS	HEIFERS
200-300 lbs.	148-233	137-185
300-400 lbs.	145-240	132-179
400-500 lbs.	145-183	134-177
500-600 lbs.	139-171	129-173
600-700 lbs.	129-165	120-144
700-800 lbs.	123-151	112-144
Slaughter cows	25-100	—
Slaughter bulls	91-116	—
Stocker cows	450-1100	—
Pairs	810	—

SALE: Gulf Coast Livestock Auction, LLC
Alice, Texas
DATE OF SALE: 6-28-22
VOLUME: 700
TREND: Steady/higher.

	STEERS	HEIFERS
200-300 lbs.	152-184	135-160
300-400 lbs.	155-181	140-170
400-500 lbs.	145-175	135-160
500-600 lbs.	135-165	125-146
600-700 lbs.	130-145	118-140
700-800 lbs.	110-130	90-110
Slaughter cows	30-92	—
Slaughter bulls	70-106	—
Stocker cows	775-1050	—
Pairs	850-1250	—

SALE: Gillespie Livestock Company
Fredericksburg, Texas
DATE OF SALE: 6-29-22
VOLUME: 1423
TREND: Steady/higher.

	STEERS	HEIFERS
200-300 lbs.	140-220	160-180
300-400 lbs.	160-212	150-170
400-500 lbs.	150-200	140-170
500-600 lbs.	140-195	130-160
600-700 lbs.	140-189	115-152
700-800 lbs.	130-160	120-132
Slaughter cows	40-84	—
Slaughter Bulls	70-104	—
Stocker cows	800-1250	—
Pairs	1000-1700	—

SALE: Groesbeck Auction/Livestock Co., LLC
Groesbeck, Texas
DATE OF SALE: 6-30-22
VOLUME: 919
TREND: Steady/lower.

	STEERS	HEIFERS
200-300 lbs.	—	—
300-400 lbs.	165-200	145-175
400-500 lbs.	165-190	140-165
500-600 lbs.	150-175	130-160
600-700 lbs.	142-165	125-150
700-800 lbs.	113-150	110-138
Slaughter cows	50-92	—
Slaughter bulls	80-111	—
Stocker cows	350-1250	—
Pairs	750-1400	—

SALE: Jordan Cattle Auction
San Saba & Mason, Texas
DATE OF SALE: 6-30-22
VOLUME: 3681
TREND: Steady/no change.

	STEERS	HEIFERS
200-300 lbs.	170-228	150-200
300-400 lbs.	160-216	150-180
400-500 lbs.	150-200	140-172
500-600 lbs.	150-197	135-176
600-700 lbs.	135-168	125-154
700-800 lbs.	125-158	115-130
Slaughter cows	30-98	—
Slaughter bulls	83-113	—
Stocker cows	600-1225	—
Pairs	800-1600	—

SALE: Giddings Livestock Commission
Giddings, Texas
DATE OF SALE: 6-27-22
VOLUME: 1770
TREND: Steady/higher.

	STEERS	HEIFERS
200-300 lbs.	148-200	128-180
300-400 lbs.	154-190	141-185
400-500 lbs.	155-195	145-190
500-600 lbs.	152-170	143-165
600-700 lbs.	144-155	131-152.5
700-800 lbs.	128-148	120-140
Slaughter cows	35-97	—
Slaughter bulls	85-115	—
Stocker cows	600-1050	—
Pairs	800-1325	—

SALE: Lampasas Cattle Auction
Lampasas, Texas
DATE OF SALE: 6-29-22
VOLUME: 742
TREND: Steady/higher.

	STEERS	HEIFERS
200-300 lbs.	154-208	146-164
300-400 lbs.	158-214	149-170
400-500 lbs.	144-186	142-168
500-600 lbs.	147-184	138-162
600-700 lbs.	135-170	130-150
700-800 lbs.	127-154	121-141
Slaughter cows	32-90	—
Slaughter bulls	90-110	—
Stocker cows	700-1100	—
Pairs	850-1300	—

SALE: East Texas Livestock, Inc.
Crockett, Texas
DATE OF SALE: 6-28-22
VOLUME: 2281
TREND: steady/higher.

	STEERS	HEIFERS
200-300 lbs.	138-186	141-167
300-400 lbs.	135-188	133-177
400-500 lbs.	133-194	121-172
500-600 lbs.	128-171	114-161
600-700 lbs.	117-167	108-150
700-800 lbs.	—	—
Slaughter cows	72-92	—
Slaughter Bulls	88-113	—
Stocker cows	580-1125	—
Pairs	820-1325	—

SALE: Caldwell Livestock Commission Co., Inc.
Caldwell, Texas
DATE OF SALE: 6-29-22
VOLUME: 949
TREND: Steady/higher.

	STEERS	HEIFERS
200-300 lbs.	150-220	130-150
300-400 lbs.	160-197	145-150
400-500 lbs.	160-192	150-187
500-600 lbs.	150-175	136-156
600-700 lbs.	140-157	133-145
700-800 lbs.	133-150	115-128
Slaughter cows	30-87	—
Slaughter bulls	80-111	—
Stocker cows	775-1100	—
Pairs	775-1200	—

SALE: Buffalo Livestock Commission Co., Inc.
Buffalo, Texas
DATE OF SALE: 6-25-22
VOLUME: 1691
TREND: Steady/higher.

	STEERS	HEIFERS
200-300 lbs.	150-215	125-173
300-400 lbs.	150-207	120-185
400-500 lbs.	140-200	120-168
500-600 lbs.	140-176	115-165
600-700 lbs.	135-165	110-155
700-800 lbs.	120-163	105-132
Slaughter cows	25-99	—
Slaughter bulls	75-120	—
Stocker cows	750-1200	—
Pairs	750-1750	—

SALE: Navasota Livestock Auction Co.
Navasota, Texas
DATE OF SALE: 6-25-22
VOLUME: 1498
TREND: Active/no change.

	STEERS	HEIFERS
200-300 lbs.	110-200	110-185
300-400 lbs.	110-190	105-170
400-500 lbs.	110-178	100-161
500-600 lbs.	110-166	100-157
600-700 lbs.	100-162	100-148
700-800 lbs.	—	—
Slaughter cows	50-91	—
Slaughter bulls	60-110	—
Stocker cows	700-1175	—
Pairs	—	—

SALE: Cattleman's Brenham Livestock
Brenham, Texas
DATE OF SALE: 6-24-22
VOLUME: 1358
TREND: Steady/higher.

	STEERS	HEIFERS
200-300 lbs.	135-220	130-197
300-400 lbs.	130-192	127-166
400-500 lbs.	120-183	123-195
500-600 lbs.	115-180	120-169
600-700 lbs.	110-155	112-145
700-800 lbs.	100-145	100-127
Slaughter cows	33-94	—
Slaughter bulls	57-113	—
Stocker cows	450-1250	—
Pairs	550-1300	—

SALE: Cuero-Victoria Livestock Markets
Cuero & Victoria, Texas
DATE OF SALE: 6-24-22
VOLUME: 2086
TREND: Steady/higher.

	STEERS	HEIFERS
200-300 lbs.	151-194	132-177.5
300-400 lbs.	145-184	132-178
400-500 lbs.	139-170	133-170
500-600 lbs.	139-164	128-185
600-700 lbs.	132-154	122-153
700-800 lbs.	136-150	115-139
Slaughter cows	44-97	—
Slaughter Bulls	90-115	—
Stocker cows	90-103	—
Pairs	—	—

SALE: Gonzales Livestock Market, Inc.
Gonzales, Texas
DATE OF SALE: 6-28-22
VOLUME: 1685
TREND: Steady/higher.

	STEERS	HEIFERS
200-300 lbs.	175-215	158-175
300-400 lbs.	185-200	157-160
400-500 lbs.	175-185	140-159
500-600 lbs.	149-169	143-152
600-700 lbs.	147-152	134-142
700-800 lbs.	141-151	—
Slaughter cows	34-90	—
Slaughter bulls	88-116	—
Stocker cows	600-1000	—
Pairs	750-1000	—

SALE: Columbus Livestock Co.
Columbus, Texas
DATE OF SALE: 6-30-22
VOLUME: 760
TREND: Steady/higher.

	STEERS	HEIFERS
200-300 lbs.	112-180	120-163
300-400 lbs.	125-200	135-170
400-500 lbs.	125-180	130-174
500-600 lbs.	110-178	120-169
600-700 lbs.	110-170	125-145
700-800 lbs.	110-154	110-130
Slaughter cows	40-84	—
Slaughter bulls	65-105	—
Stocker cows	550-1200	—
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SALE: Four County Livestock Auction
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	STEERS	HEIFERS
200-300 lbs.	125-195	100-165
300-400 lbs.	120-185	100-165
400-500 lbs.	110-182.5	100-160
500-600 lbs.	100-177	90-155
600-700 lbs.	100-159	90-146
700-800 lbs.	—	—
Slaughter cows	40-94	—
Slaughter bulls	80-108	—
Stocker cows	525-1075	—
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SALE: El Campo Livestock Auction
El Campo, Texas
DATE OF SALE: 6-28-22
VOLUME: 481
TREND: Steady/higher.

	STEERS	HEIFERS
200-300 lbs.	166-190	118-150
300-400 lbs.	162-179	141-160
400-500 lbs.	165-180	146-160
500-600 lbs.	152-176	144-158
600-700 lbs.	144-159	115-151
700-800 lbs.	—	—
Slaughter cows	20-85	—
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Stocker cows	—	—
Pairs	1000-1100	—

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Executive Director's Report...
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Independent Cattlemen's Association of Texas' 48th Annual Convention & trade show held

The Independent Cattlemen's Association (ICA) completed an exciting convention on Friday, June 24th. The 48th annual convention was held at the City of San Marcos Convention Center in San Marcos, Texas. Activities at the convention included: an entertaining evening with well-known comedian, William Lee Martin, live music performed by the Clay Hollis Band, and Isaac Jacob, educational speakers, our ICA Legacy & Legends Awards Luncheon, a silent and live auction, the drawdown fundraiser and concluded with a pasture and range forage presentation, along with the option to receive CEU credits from this session.

Convention started on Wednesday morning with registration check in, then carried on throughout the day with educational speakers and into the evening with our dinner, comedian, and live music entertainment. Thursday morning sessions kicked off again and were in full

swing all day. Some of the sessions included our ICA Cattlemen's Panel that had several well-versed industry representatives who shared their opinion on different industry related topics. We were delighted to have Texas Agriculture Commissioner, Sid Miller, joins us via zoom during our luncheon to share some insight on his trip to London, where he was in the middle of a trade mission. Miller was also keynote speaker for our luncheon where we had the opportunity to award several scholarships and awards to outstanding members and youth of ICA. We were also honored to have the United States Cattlemen's Association President, Brooke Miller, join us to give updates on issues that are currently taking place in Washington D.C. He was also able to answer questions during a Q&A session regarding current industry happenings. The day concluded with the annual

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Entomology 101: pasture and cattle insects

I was very pleased to participate in the 2022 Independent Cattlemen's Association's Annual Meeting with Dr. Noel Troxclair, Uvalde County Extension Agent, and entomologist. Troxclair discussed pasture insect pests. I had no idea that there was a difference between Army Worms and Fall Army Worms or that there were so many different species of grasshoppers!

I have always thought that entomologists have a sense of humor, especially in naming insects, imagine these - Big Headed, Red Legged, Two Striped grasshoppers. He also covered updates on the Bermuda-grass Stem Maggot, first identified over a dozen years ago in Victoria County by County Extension Agent Joe Janak and Dr. Roy Parker, Extension entomologist emeritus, both now retired.

Troxclair also presented information on ways to identify these pests and how to determine the numbers by sampling and when and how to control them. He also covered the pesticides that could be used to

control them as well as cost and effectiveness.

I covered the identification and control of external parasites of cattle using traditional pesticides as well as cultural practices. The parasite that has the greatest impact is still the horn fly. The fact that it reproduces in fresh manure almost guarantees we will always have them. Fortunately, not all of the eggs laid hatch and external treatments (tags, pour-ons, sprays, etc.) and feed additives (both insecticides as well as growth regulators) can be used in combination to keep the number of flies under control. The sheer number of flies and the number of blood meals each one takes (over 20 per day) can cause a significant problem and they can transmit diseases and parasites and cause horn fly allergies which cause cattle to rub their hides raw because of the itching. Pasture rotation and breaking up manure piles by dragging pastures can reduce but not eliminate populations.

There are other exter-
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Howdy friends.

I hope all of you are doing well. I am a little early writing this article but it seems lately there isn't much free time, so I figured I'd write this while I have a chance. If you are getting rain, you are fortunate. We have had less than an inch since last fall and it doesn't look to be getting any better anytime soon. Couple that with the 100 degree days and it is downright miserable.

I mentioned last month we were headed to Washington D.C. for the United States Cattlemen's Association (USCA) fly in. Cooper Little and I (both of ICA) flew into D.C. last week and spent several days with some friends from USCA. Good thing I was with Cooper. This country boy hasn't flown in 15-20 years and my how things have changed. If you don't have a smart phone you are lost. Checking into

flights, ordering at restaurants, Uber, paying for services. Wow!!!! Anyhow, we did make it in and had a very productive week.

Sunday we hooked up with Justin Tupper, wife Brooke and Lia Biondo all of USCA. We drove south a ways to the home of Dr. Brooke Miller and his wife Ann. They are registered Angus breeders and Miller is the president of USCA. The ranch looks like a scene from a movie. It was absolutely gorgeous with rolling green hills dotted with awesome Black Angus cattle.

Monday we began visiting the offices of several representatives. We had a great deal of positive feedback. Our primary position was to support the price transparency and discovery bill along with the livestock investigator bill. Both of these bills will go a long way to creating a competi-

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*Chapter Happenings...***Around The Lone Star State****Mid-Tex ICA Chapter**

Mid-Tex I.C.A. Chapter is sponsoring a meet and greet on July 26th, 2022 at the ICA State Office in Lockhart, located at 220 W. San Antonio St. Dr. Bill Selman will be the guest speaker with an update on livestock antibiotic law changes and more.

We invite members and prospects to come and partake in the refreshments that will be provided. Door prizes and cold beer will also add fun to the evening. Please RSVP to the ICA State Office by July 20th at 512-620-0162 or email: TICA@ICATexas.com.

We look forward to see-

ing you all there.

Gonzales ICA Chapter

The Gonzales Chapter was represented at the ICA Annual Convention by 14 members. The chapter also has resumed its regular membership meeting schedule in 2022.

In February, president Perry Winegeart and the members welcomed ICA President Brad Cotton, ICA Board Member Glen Tate and ICA Executive Director Cooper Little. Dr. Joe Paschal gave the program, speaking on parasite control. The program in May was focused on brush

management, delivered by Rachel Hinton representing Cortera.

Guada-Coma ICA Chapter

Unfortunately, I was unable to attend this year but my eyes at the 48th Annual ICA Convention was Greg Seidenberger. His insights into what is happening in Guadalupe County is an eye opener. He understands the logic of what is going on at a county and state level. He writes that Guadalupe County is growing rapidly. Lots of farm and ranch land is turning into residential housing. Challenges to ag producers include more traffic on country roads and less patience from drivers when we pull trailers or drive tractors. We can't stop progress or housing developments but we can be extra cautious driving and hauling. Contact your state representative or senator and encourage them to budget for and direct TXDot to make repairs and improvements to FM roads, especially here in South Texas. Metropolitan areas seem to get the most funding for roadwork-- understandable for population and traffic. But if we don't invest in FM roads, we face safety issues and potential supply chain shortages if we cannot safely and efficiently get our feed and animals to market.

Regarding scholarship awards, Seidenberger also addressed why they are important. "We need to help our young folks realize their dreams and become well educated. Our support, our encouragement and certainly our example are critical in shaping their future. These youth will be our leaders,

our farmers and ranchers and ICA members, who will sustain this organization. Thanks to incredible volunteers and generous donors we in local chapters and at state level are able to offer scholarships for these young people. Someday, from the comfort of our rocking chairs, we may watch them take the reins of our ag operations and our ICA.

Marvin Boeck, one of our directors, received his 2022 Trailblazer Award at the convention from our chapter. He is rich in knowledge of agriculture. He is also a Farm Bureau director, San Antonio Youth Livestock liaison and is very generous with his time and talents for our club. Congratulations Marvin! I understand it was a

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drawdown fund-raiser, live auction and silent auction. The winner of the drawdown was Chuck Kiker from Beau-mont, Texas. He received a brand-new Can-Am D-9 Defender Velocity Powersports located in Victoria, Texas.

Friday morning, the tradeshow ended, a presentation was held over pasture and range forage, and CEU credits were offered to those who attended the session. Convention concluded after a presentation from a DV Auction com-

mmercial cattle manager and livestock market analyst.

Our award winners from the Legacy & Legends luncheon are as follows.

Trail Blazer Awards: Jim Marsh, Michael Ehrig, Dr. James Tiemann, Chase Kiker, Marvin Boeck, Thomas Jackson, Jr., and Kimberly Ratcliff.

Steffany Lynn Sklar Memorial Scholarship Winners: Phoebe Hampton, Sarah Trim, Kourtney Winkler, Keely Williams, Hadley Harris, Bennett Janssen and Drew Alexander.

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Address...

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tive market for producers and feeders. The more I researched these bills, the more I am convinced they are needed. I have heard some folks say they don't want government in the market. That ship has sailed. We do not have a free market. The majority of producers are price takers and there is no negotiation on cattle pricing. Whether you like it or not, government is involved in our industry. The market will continue to function as it has. The majority of cattle will be sold on contracts but there will be a minimum amount purchased on a cash trade which opens the door for negotiations by the smaller producers/feeders. Better cattle will still be sold on a premium and packers will not be required to pay everyone the same. However, the transparency will allow sellers the ability to know what price cattle are being traded at. I am also hearing numerous stories of large feeders that are proponents of this bill but choose not to lobby for it as their stance may have a negative affect with their existing trade partners. We did receive some pushback from a couple legislators who admitted the system is

broke but had no suggestions on how to improve it. Forty percent of the ranchers have left the industry since 1980. To operate status quo could have a devastating affect for ranchers as well as the national security of our food supply.

I am happy to say we also me with Secretary of Agriculture Vilsak and I came away very impressed. Ranchers definitely have a friend in him. There is a movement under way to bring COOL back to the consumer and his office appears to be on the same page with the American rancher. As we questioned several of the folks on the position they had on COOL, the response was "who wouldn't be in favor of that"? I've wondered that for a long time now. Hopefully, in the not so distant future, the producer will reap the rewards for the high quality beef raised in our country. It doesn't appear the comingling of beef and selling as a product of USA has many friends in Washington.

As I stated early on, I am really glad I made this trip and hope to go again sometime. Except for Mother Nature in some parts of the country, the future of the cattle industry looks promising.

Until next month, stay safe and God Bless.

Paschal...

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nal parasites of cattle that are important, the "armored" flies like the stable and horse flies and of course, ticks and lice that can transmit several diseases and it is important to be able to identify them and then select the proper control method or product. Many of these require litter or wet areas of leaves or bedding to reproduce so cleaning up these areas reduce the use of pesticides and infestations by these parasites.

If you would like more information on either of these presentations, contact me.



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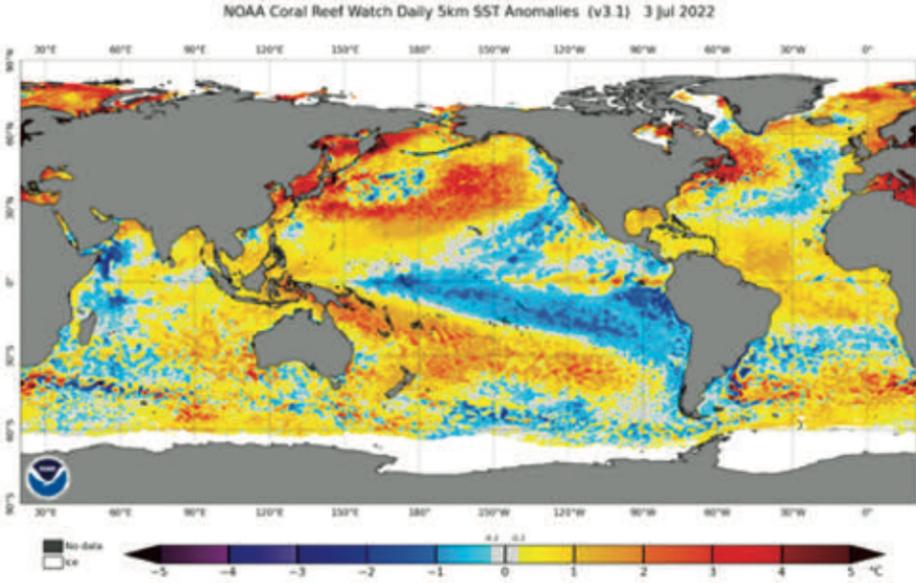


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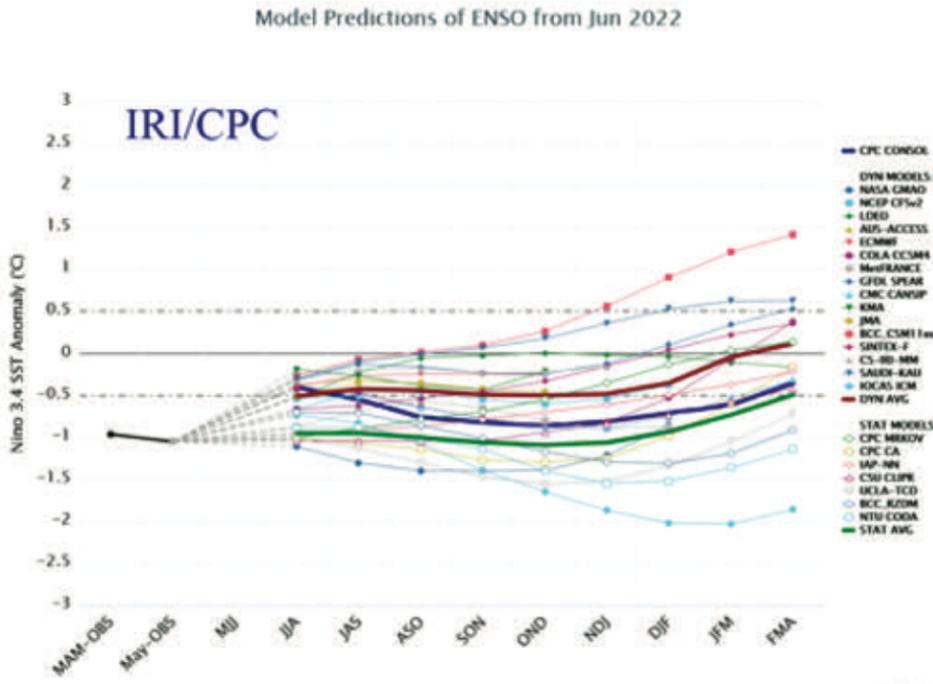
By Brian Bledsoe

I'm writing this just before the latest long range model updates arrive. However, there likely isn't going to be a lot of change in them, from the last time we chatted. Here is a look at the latest sea surface temperature anomalies:

So, what does that mean for us? With hurricane season upon us, we always have the chance at scoring a tropical storm or hurricane, which would help significantly with the drought that will maintain for some areas and reemerge for others. But as I always say, that is a wild card that I will rarely bank on. The latest IRI Model Ensemble precipitation forecast looks like this:



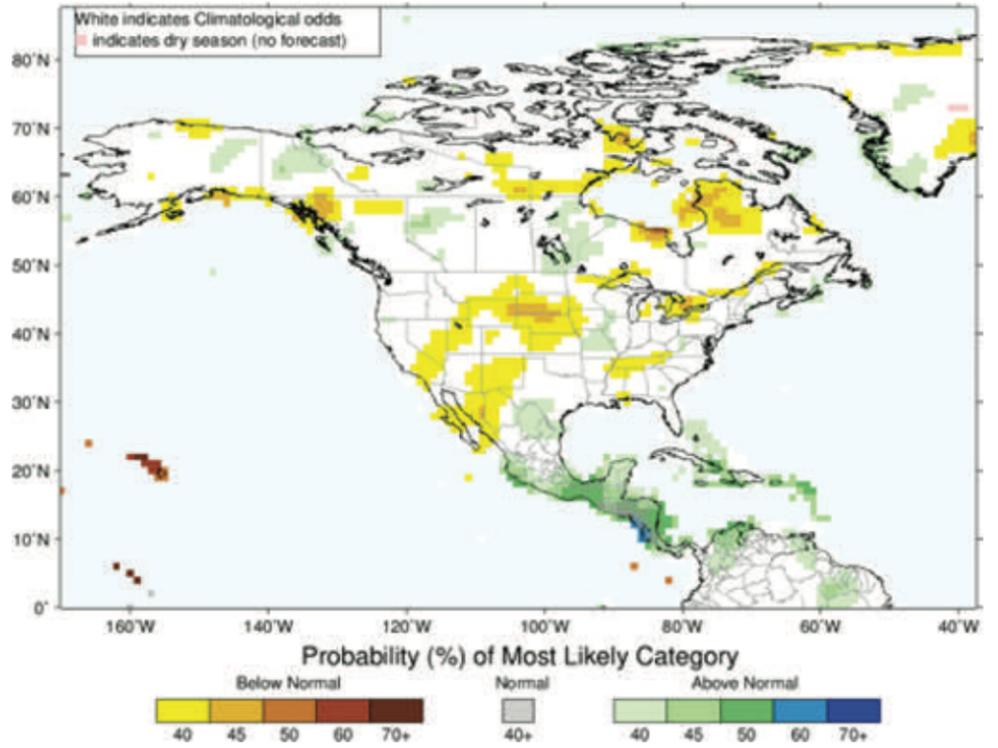
Again, you can see all of the blue shading along the equatorial Pacific Ocean. While La Niña may have had some weakening (which is typical this time of year), it is still very much present. The fact that it never truly went away and maintained some of its strength will make it easier to intensify again this fall. Here is an update on the likelihood of La Niña in the coming months.



You can see that the majority of the computer models keep their forecasts at -0.5 or lower for the next several months. That keeps us firmly in La Niña territory with a high likelihood of intensification.

August - October

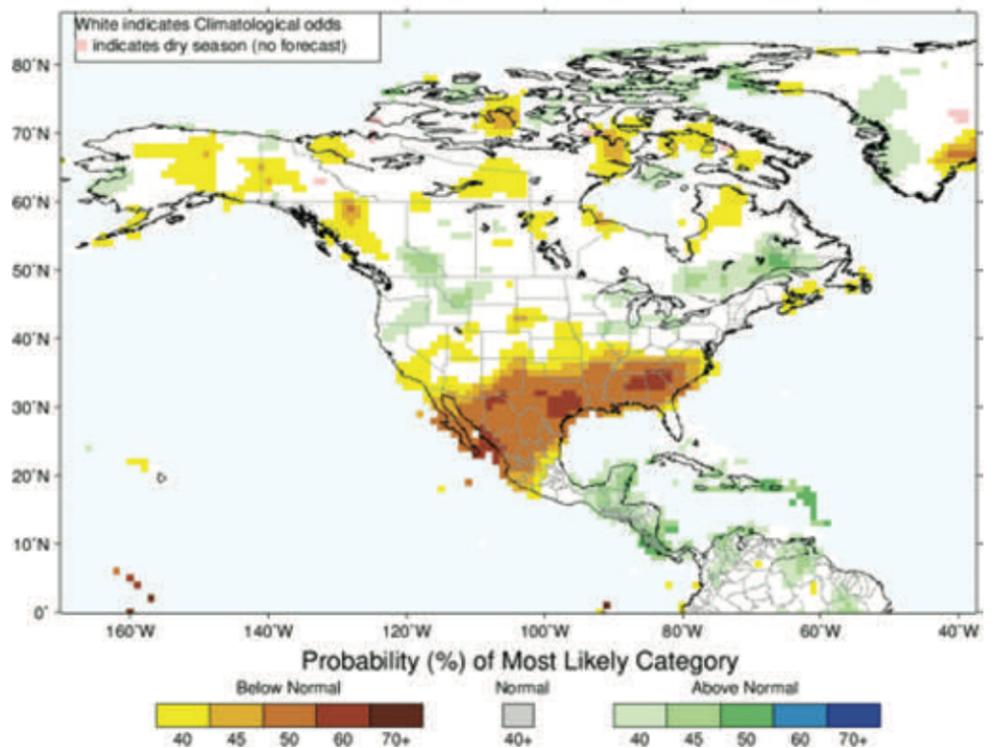
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The map above shows mainly average rainfall for the white shaded areas, with a little green shading over Southwest Texas. This may be due to increased tropical storm / hurricane activity. Fingers crossed that will occur, and hopefully erode much of the drought and developing drought in the region. But as I have said before, that scenario is really tough to count on.

October - December

IRI Multi-Model Probability Forecast for Precipitation for October-November-December 2022, Issued June 2022



The reason I am hoping for those tropical rains is due to the likelihood of more La Niña induced dryness for the last quarter of the year. The map above shows a strong dry signal for the southern tier of the country in the fall and early winter. Given the fact that La Niña is likely to be around and could be fairly stout, this scenario seems very plausible. And one I think you should plan for.

I will see you all at the 2022 Texas A&M Beef Cattle Short Course next month, where I will have a fresh update. See you then!

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

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Texas crop, weather

High temperatures take toll on Texas crops

By Adam Russell, Texas AgriLife Today

The high temperatures experienced over recent weeks across much of the state could translate into lower yields for producers, according to a Texas A&M AgriLife Research expert.

Lee Tarpley, Ph.D., AgriLife Research plant physiologist, Beaumont, said the recent heat wave arrived at a bad time for rice fields along the Gulf Coast. The triple-digit temperatures coupled with lingering drought conditions are also likely to negatively impact other crops during sensitive production stages.

All plants and vegetation experience heat stress when daytime and nighttime temperatures hit extreme highs like Texas has experienced over recent weeks. Heat and drought can stress plants, damage their cell membranes and disrupt metabolic efficiency during processes like photosynthesis and respiration, Tarpley said.

But the combination of high daytime and nighttime temperatures can economically damage commodity crops, especially during sensitive growth periods like flowering, he said.

"The period of high temperatures came so early that it will likely hit a lot of crops when they are most sensitive," he said.

For example, Tarpley said the cotton fields endured 100-plus degree days, above-normal nighttime temperatures and less than optimal soil moisture levels at bloom. The convergence of conditions is likely to translate into aborted squares and thus fewer pounds per acre or discounted gradings.

Rice and other grains experience similar yield loss under stressful conditions, but differently. Heat and moisture stress lead to reduced seed set and grain fill as heat leads to oxidative stress and can damage flower parts and developing reproductive structure.

High temperatures can also negatively impact the viability of pollen, which can influence how the ultimate crop sets and fills out, Tarpley said. Texas water-

melon and cantaloupe producers reported pollination viability issues due to high temperatures earlier this season.

"Pollen development is a heat-sensitive period for rice and some other crops," he said. "That stage pre-

cedes flowering by 10-14 days, and it was in the upper 90s during the day, which is rare for Beaumont. So, I expect there to be some impact on pollen development in rice fields."

Some later-planted crops, like corn and cotton in the Texas Plains, could also be more susceptible to the recent heat wave, especially in drier areas and if hot, dry conditions persist, Tarpley said.

Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service reports indicate dryland acres in drought-stricken parts of the state were suffering

even before the recent heat wave. Many planted crop acres have not emerged and were replanted with other crops that were also showing signs of drought stress or have not emerged.

Tarpley said he is concerned about water restrictions due to drought and their impact on irrigated crops, including rice, which needs shallow flooded fields. Restrictions could inhibit water pumping from canals. As fields dry down, nitrogen fertilizer becomes volatile in the heat and decreases its availability, further con-

tributing to production losses related to the input cost and the ultimate reduction in yield potential.

"We've heard some reports of anticipated

lower yields in rice, but nothing alarming so far," he said. "The question for rice is keeping the fields flooded, which comes down to water availability."

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their land to a beginning or veteran farmer or rancher or a member of a socially disadvantaged group.

Producers interested in the Continuous CRP signup, CLEAR 30, or TIP should contact FSA by Aug. 5, 2022.

NRCS Conservation Programs

USDA also encourages producers to consider NRCS conservation programs, which help producers integrate conservation on croplands, grazing lands and other agricultural landscapes. EQIP and CSP can help producers plant cover crops, manage nutrients and improve irrigation and grazing systems. Additionally, the Agricultural Conservation Easement Program, or state or private easement programs, may be such an option. In many cases, a combination of approaches can be taken

on the same parcel. For example, riparian areas or other sensitive parts of a parcel may be enrolled in continuous CRP and the remaining land that is returned to farming can participate in CSP or EQIP and may be eligible to receive additional ranking points.

Additionally, NRCS is also offering a new flexibility for EQIP and CSP participants who have cover cropping including in their existing contracts. NRCS will allow participants to either modify their plans to plant a cover crop (and instead shift to a conservation crop rotation) or delay their cover crop plans a year, without needing to terminate the existing contract. This will allow for flexibility to respond to market signals while still ensuring the conservation benefits through NRCS financial and technical assistance for participating producers.

Producers and landowners can learn more about these options by contacting FSA and NRCS at their local USDA Service Center.

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Culling...

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and the opens and late calvers can go down the road. Culling late calvers or selling as short bred should result in a tighter calving distribution next year, increasing herd uniformity. Consider marketing options for open heifers, as they have the potential to perform well in a feedlot.

•Cull cows older than a specified age

Older cows are typically larger, may not maintain body condition as easily and may not be leading the genetic potential of the herd. However, these females are adapted to your system and are likely already paid for, so it is important to evaluate the big picture and ensure that

the decision is based on the goals of the operation.

•Sell replacement heifer calves rather than developing them

Evaluate the cost to develop replacement heifer calves and the time it takes until they start paying for themselves. The drawback in selling them is that these females represent the newest genetics in the herd. Take time to evaluate the pros and cons for your operation.

•Sell yearlings earlier than normal to stretch forage for cows

Yearlings are a more liquid asset than cows. Being able to sell them earlier can reduce grazing pressure and potentially ensure more grazing is available for the cow herd, depending on resource inventory.

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Sympathies to Foerster family...

Leroy C. Foerster of Orange Grove, Texas passed away peacefully Thursday, June 16, 2022. He was born Oct. 12, 1934, in San Antonio, Texas to Leroy and Henrietta

Foerster.

He went to San Antonio Central Catholic High School and graduated from Texas A&M University in 1953. He met and married Barbara in the Adirondack mountains of upstate New York in 1958. They moved to Colorado where they had their five children.

Foerster was assigned to Lowry Air Force Base in Denver, retiring in 1961. He then worked for Chevron in the oil fields of Colorado and Utah. In

1967, he brought the family back to Texas. He grew Alice Air Systems and Air & Pump Company in Corpus Christi into a thriving businesses. Then, being a true Texan, upon retirement, he bought land near Orange Grove and began his third career as a cattle rancher. He was involved as a Boy Scout Leader, president of the Alice and Corpus Christi Rotary Clubs, South Texas Beefmasters Breeders Association president, and 2010

Jim Wells County Rancher of the Year. He had many passions and hobbies over the years; an avid hunter, golfer, gardener, sailor and he loved planning a seminar or party.

He is survived by his wife of 63 years, Barbara; brother Michael (Karen), five children: Cheryl (Jeff), Holli (Mark), Chris (Janice), Paul (Carrie) and Charles; six grandchildren, Brian (Erica), Alex, Breanna (Josh), Sean, Luke and Carl; and four great grand-

children, Damira, Melajiah, Landen and Alex Jr.

Cemetery in San Antonio, Texas.

A rosary and mass was held June 27 at St. John of the Cross Catholic Church, Orange Grove, Texas. Burial will take place on a later date at Holy Cross

In lieu of flowers, donations to St. John of the Cross Catholic Church of Orange Grove or a charity of your choice are welcomed.

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Water restrictions are also a concern for other parts of the state, including West and South Texas. Pecan and cotton producers in West Texas rely on water from the Elephant Butte Reservoir in New Mexico, which has provided limited water. Some crops in that area have received effluent water from El Paso.

The Rio Grande Valley, which produces a wide range of crops, relies on water released from Lake Amistad near Del Rio and Falcon Lake south of Laredo, but reservoir capacities have been declining. Lake Amistad sits just above 36% capacity, while Falcon Lake is just under 16% full.

AgriLife Extension district reporters compiled the following summaries:

CENTRAL: Record hot conditions continued with no rainfall. There were 20 100-plus degree days reported so far. Crop drought stress continued with virtually no soil moisture. Watering restrictions were now in effect. Corn crops were burning up rapidly and otherwise showing widespread insufficient kernel fill. Sorghum was coloring and declining, but fields were still holding on. Cotton looked good, and most fields were flowering. Pastures and rangelands were in poor condition. Stock tanks were becoming drastically low, and local ranchers were purchasing hay bales to supplement pasture growth. There were reports of round bales selling for \$150 each, with some reaching \$200. Some culling of beef herds was occurring due to the high feed and forage costs.

ROLLING PLAINS: Extreme heat dried out soil moisture. Daytime temperatures reached beyond 100 degrees. Sudan grass looked good but was starting to die back. Some crop fields were burned up and plowed under. Wind, heat and drought were taking a toll on the few acres of cot-

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ton that emerged. Some cotton reached the nine-node vegetative stage with no pest issues and good

beneficial insect populations. Sorghum fields had good beneficial insect numbers present as well. Corn and sorghum fields were declining weekly in some areas, and yields were

expected to suffer. Peanuts looked good. Cattle were being fed cake and supplemental feed. Bermuda grass fields had some green, but grasses were dry. Most of the hay fields were cut and baled, but producers will be lucky to get two cuttings based on their condition. Hay supplies were tight and expensive. Some crops burned up and needed to be plowed under.

COASTAL BEND:

Hot and dry weather persisted, and soil conditions were extremely dry. Most corn fields were nearing full maturity, and some pro-

ducers were harvesting. Sorghum was close to harvest, with some harvest beginning on early planted fields. Cotton fields were short and maturing at an accelerated rate due to

heat and drought. Rice was heading out. All crop yields were expected to be low due to extreme drought. Rangeland and pasture conditions continued to decline, and forage sup-

plies were tightening as supplemental feeding continued. Livestock on rangeland were finding mesquite beans, which were helping to hold condition. Many producers were selling calves early and culling cows to conserve the remaining grass. The livestock market was holding up under the increased number of cattle being sold. The short-term weather pattern showed an increased chance of rainfall.

EAST: Drought conditions worsened, as very little to no rainfall was reported. Several counties implemented burn bans. High temperatures and lack of moisture halted grass growth and drastically slowed hay production. Pasture and rangeland conditions varied from very poor to good. Subsoil and topsoil conditions were short to very short. Many producers were culling herds due to input costs. Livestock were in fair to good condition. Creek and pond levels were dropping and caused concern about water supplies. Horse flies were a problem.

SOUTH PLAINS: Dry conditions continued across the district. Some counties reported some showers that could provide relief for rangelands. Much of the dryland cotton across the district was in poor to fair condition. Some irrigated cotton was starting to square. Cattle were on supplemental feed across the district. Irrigated corn was in fair condition.

PANHANDLE: Soil moisture was short. Wheat harvest continued, but very little wheat was being harvested due to drought, and yields were low on surviving acres. Corn was doing well under irrigation. Dryland crops were suffering under extreme heat and drought. Isolated showers helped in those areas, but significant, widespread rains were needed. Overall, rangeland and pasture conditions were poor, and crop conditions were poor to fair.

NORTH: Soil moisture was short following two weeks of 100-plus degree temperatures and sustained winds. Hit-and-miss rain showers did not help soil moisture levels. Some counties were under burn bans. Producers were cutting hay but only reporting one-third of their normal production. Pastures continued to decline. The

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sorghum crop looked good and appeared to be tolerating the dry heat. Rain in the next few weeks will be necessary for the sorghum to finish strong. Some corn was dying back prematurely due to the lack of moisture. Soybeans looked good, but late-planted fields were struggling. Cattle were in good condition. Parasite and fly loads were decreasing. Goat kidding was going well.

WEST CENTRAL: Conditions were dry, and temperatures remained over 100 degrees. Cotton was growing, but most fields were spotty depending on when they were planted and moisture levels at planting. Hay fields were in trouble, with many dollars invested. The pecan crop did not look promising at all. Insect pests were increasing. Culling increased for all livestock, but the cattle market was holding steady.

SOUTHWEST: Conditions were extremely dry and windy with temperatures in the 100s. Irrigated crops were still in good shape. Corn was drying fast, and many fields were being made into hay. Sorghum turned color. Rangelands were very dry and being de-stocked. Supplemental feeding of livestock continued. A local sale barn reported lower sale volumes due to the lack of cattle in the area. Prices were still fair as producers continued to reduce numbers. Fawn survival rates were questionable due to the heat and lack of vegetation. Local rivers and creeks were at historical lows. Tanks were drying up.

SOUTH: Most areas reported short soil moisture levels, while others reported very short to adequate conditions. All areas reported high temperatures, including daytime highs above 100 degrees. Winds and heat were hurting irrigation applications. Vegetable crop production declined significantly, and row crop conditions were declining as well. Producers were preparing row crop fields for harvest. Peanut planting was completed, and early planted fields were pegging. Corn fields were denting and coloring, and sorghum was showing signs of moisture

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Culling...

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•Cull based on disposition, thriftiness, production, etc.

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The bottom line

If you don't have a written drought plan, the component on culling is an important part of that plan, so piece by piece, start putting your plan together so you are prepared for the next drought.



Livestock Sales Calendar

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AUG 27 Jordan Cattle Auction Early Fall Special Replacement Female Sale, San Saba, TX

SEP 3 South Texas Cattle Marketing Fall Replacement Female Sale, Nixon, TX

SEP 7 Buffalo Livestock Marketing Pre-Conditioned Calf Sale, Buffalo, TX

SEP 10 Collier Farms Advantage Fall Beefmaster Sale, Giddings, TX

SEP 10 ACE @ Wiley Ranch Brangus & Santa Gertrudis Female Sale, Effie, LA

SEP 10 East Texas and Heart of Texas Simmental/Simbrah Sale, Henderson, TX

SEP 17 Midsouth & Neal Family Annual Brangus Bull & Female Sale, St Francisville, LA

SEP 23-24 Fling Hills Classic Beefmaster Female & Bull Sale, Paxico, KS

SEP 24 Jordan Cattle Auction Fall Special Replacement Female Sale, San Saba, TX

SEP 24-25 Synergy XV, Giddings, TX

OCT 1 Lyssy's Heart of the Herd Beefmaster Production Sale, Luling, TX

OCT 1 Scamardo Brangus Production Sale, Bryan, TX

OCT 6 Dudley Brothers 61st Annual Hereford Bull Sale, Comanche, TX

OCT 8 Addison Brangus Performance Sale, Cullman, AL

OCT 8 Cox Excalibur Red Brangus Production Sale, Weimar, TX

OCT 8 Carr & Others Beefmaster Fall Sale, Floresville, TX

OCT 11-12 RA Brown Ranch Fall Bull, Female & Quarter Horse Sale, Throckmorton, TX

OCT 12 Buffalo Livestock Marketing Pre-Conditioned Calf Sale, Buffalo, TX

OCT 13 Jordan Cattle Auction Special Bull Offering featuring Martin-Bruni Brangus, Rogers Herefords & Simmons Charolais, San Saba, TX

OCT 15 Strait-Hefte Tried & True Santa Gertrudis Production Sale, Streetman, TX

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OCT 21 Herndon Farms Brangus & Charolais Female Sale, Lyons, GA

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OCT 22 Herndon Farms Brangus & Charolais Bull Sale, Lyons, GA

OCT 22 Star G Brangus Production Sale, Ben Wheeler, TX

OCT 29 7P Ranch Simmental Annual Fall Bull & Female Sale, Tyler, TX

OCT 29 Jordan Cattle Auction Fall "Best of the Best" Replacement Female Sale, San Saba, TX

NOV 3 Jordan Cattle Auction Special Bull Offering featuring Hales Angus Farms & Cannon Charolais Ranch, San Saba, TX

NOV 5 Tanner Farms Angus & Brangus Bull Sale, Shuqualak, MS

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NOV 11 ACE @ Quail Valley Farms Brangus & Santa Gertrudis Female Sale, Oneonta, AL

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DEC 15 Jordan Cattle Auction Special Bull Offering, San Saba, TX

Troy Robinett to lead the Texas Auctioneer Association as president



Troy Robinett

The membership of the Texas Auctioneer Association (TAA) elected Troy Robinett as their president for the coming year. The election was held at the recent convention in Frisco, Texas.

Robinett has served on the TAA Board for eight years and was a co-founder of the TAA sponsored Lone Star Open Bid Calling Contest, the highest paying auctioneer contest in the U.S. He and his wife, Amelia and their two sons reside in Decatur, Texas.

A first generation auctioneer, Robinett calls cattle sales, equipment sales and benefit events throughout the United States. He was named the 2014 Texas State Champion Auctioneer. He is a 2009 graduate of the Missouri Auction School and the Benefit Auction Specialist Course. He is president of Robinett Auction Services, an auction company focused on registered bull and production sales and commercial replacement female sales.

"The TAA has played an important role in my development as an auctioneer. I have been able to grow my business through the continuing education programs, by networking with other successful auctioneers and establishing mentor relationships. My career has been influenced greatly by TAA and its members. I'm honored to serve in this position and have the opportunity to contribute and lead the organization," he said.

Since 1956, the TAA has been actively promoting and enhancing the auction method of marketing. Today, the association serves its diverse membership by involvement in legislative issues to protect the auction industry, by offering extensive educational training and promoting the value of price discovery through auctions.

"I look forward to working for our membership as president and exploring ways we can continue to help our members grow their businesses and provide support to them. I'm honored to serve my peers and to give back to the association," said Robinett.

He will be joined in leading the 65-year-old association with Jarod Hamm as president-elect; Doug Bradford, first vice president; Trey Galloway, second vice president; and Montie Davis, secretary/treasurer.

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great convention. We had 12 folks attending from our local chapter and all enjoyed the entertainment and fun.

Until next time, Carilyn John

Southeast Texas ICA Chapter

Hello from Southeast Texas. It's been a busy summer already, from recognizing our scholarship recipients to attending the ICA State 48th Annual Convention in San Marcos. The 2022 SETICA High School Scholarship recipients and their families were recognized during the annual SETICA Workers Appreciation Social hosted by Lounette Thornton. The SETICA Scholarship recipients are Journey Hamilton and Payton Burleson, both graduates of East Chambers High School. Hamilton is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Skipper Hamilton and her goal is to be a veterinarian. Burleson is the daughter of Celia and the late Yale Devillier and her goal is to be a math teacher. The social was graciously hosted by Thornton and her family at her lovely home in Stowell. As always, everyone who attended enjoyed a delicious steak dinner with all the trimmings. Thank you to the Thornton Family for opening your home to us again. I would also like to thank our cooks; James Riley, Allen Peltier, Robert Greb, Lance Coleman and Chuck Kiker for grilling really

great steaks and Wayne Williford for the awesome beans and everyone that provided salads and desserts. You are all appreciated and it was all delicious. We may be working, but we always have some fun, too. Consider coming out and working with us on a fundraiser and getting involved, we always feed you.

Then, just last week, 20 of SETICA members attended the ICA State Convention held in San Marcos. It was hot and dry while we were there, but I see that area has received some much needed rain since we left. The headliner speaker this year was Texas Ag Commissioner, Sid Miller. After our commitment was made an important meeting came up he needed to attend in London. Instead of just sending someone from his office, which he also did, he spoke to us via zoom. There were lots of great speakers and panels of speakers that you missed out on if you were not there. Thursday started out special for one Kiker family. Chase Kiker was awarded the Southeast Texas Chapter 2022 Trailblazer award during our headliner luncheon. Later that evening the fun and excitement really picked up during the auctions, as well as the Drawdown Raffle where 500 tickets had been sold for a chance to win 21 prizes and the grand prize of a Can-Am D9. So when it was announced that Kim and Chuck Kiker had won the 2022 Can-Am, Kiker threw his hat in the air as he ran to the front! But don't ask him how many tickets he bought to win that grand prize. Aside from winning prizes, your purchase of a ticket and/or attending the convention, you are supporting an organization that is dedicated to protecting farmers, ranchers, and land owner rights. You can attend all meeting(s) that interest you from cattle

industry politics and economics to ranch management, pasture management, pest control and many more subjects. Now is the time to tell the state office if there is something YOU are interested in learning about and can ask questions from a knowledgeable representative. They are listening.

The 31st annual SETICA Drawdown will be held in October and letters will be mailed to past ticket holders soon. If you are not planning on keeping your ticket this year, please let the committee know, so we can pass the ticket on to someone on the waiting list.

Happy Trails, Debbie Riley, SETICA secretary Victoria Crossroads ICA Chapter

The Victoria Crossroads Chapter will be meeting on July 28th, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. at the Sky Restaurant in Victoria, Texas with new president Kyle Motal at the helm. We hope all members and guests will join us to celebrate his inaugural meeting.

The main agenda item during this meeting will be a planning discussion of our upcoming fundraiser. We will also be hosting guest speaker, Dr. Jared Hanselman, D.V.M. from South Texas Large Animal Mobile Veterinary Services. He will address vaccine protocols.

Meals are optional at this meeting. We hope to see you there!

East Texas ICA Chapter

East-Texas I.C.A. Chapter will meet on July 19th, 2022 at 6:30 p.m. at the 1855 Restaurant and Saloon in Palestine, Texas. Please note at this meeting we will be offering one (1) CEU Credit on Pest Control and Forages presented by Dr. Vanessa Olson with Texas A&M Agri-Life Research. The ICA State office will be offering a \$10.00 discount on members and prospective members dinner plates.

Please RSVP to Kimberly Ratcliff at Kimberly_Ratcliff@yahoo.com or at (512) 620-0162.

South Central Texas ICA Chapter

Hello to all ICA members and especially the SCTICA Chapter members. We will have a meeting this summer on August 2, 2022, at the Poth

Catholic Church at 6:30 p.m. More info will be shared through the mail.

If you didn't attend the 2022 ICA Convention then you missed a well-produced event. All of the speakers were great, we had more vendors than previous years and we had a great turnout of members and new members. There was a lot of positive energy.

Cooper Little and his staff get a "Gold Star" for their first convention and for the great, positive response to it. Every speaker mentioned Cooper's efforts and thanked him for putting together the group of well-versed speakers.

Corbin Wall again attended and helped lead the Q&A session with President Brooke Miller and Lia Biondo of United States Cattlemen's Association (USCA). There was great discussion with feedback from the floor! They are supporting legislature that is currently being addressed and asking for anyone who has ideas to help the cattlemen's cause to speak up. One statement made that captured everyone's attention was by Wall, "Cattle business we see now could die by 2026 if something isn't done. We don't want to end up like the hog business." The knowledge shared by these speakers was factual, accurate and, at times scary.

One of the many highlights was recognizing Bill Hyman. He received an "Honorary Commissioner of Agriculture of Texas" certificate from Deputy Commissioner Jason Fearneyhough. The lunch audience also heard Commissioner Sid Miller speak from London as he was working on a trade deal out of our country.

A special highlight was the SCTICA chapter recognized Bill Hyman as their Top Hand and he was presented a boot jack by President Laurie Miller and Treasurer Brenda Moore. Hugs were exchanged and stories shared of the beginning of the SCTICA chapter, "Bill was a very big part of our chapter getting started in 2005. It was an honor to recognize him and thank him as well as share memories from over 15 years ago," stated Laurie Miller.

Mid-Tex ICA Chapter

Mid-Tex I.C.A. Chapter is sponsoring a Meet &

Greet on July 26th, 2022 at the I.C.A. State Office in Lockhart at 220 W. San Antonio St. Dr. Bill Selman will be the guest speaker offering an Update on Livestock Antibiotic Law Changes and more.

We invite members and prospects to come and partake in the meals and bev-

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stress. Sugarcane aphid numbers were increasing in sorghum. Sorghum and corn harvests were underway in some areas. Cotton was blooming, but many dryland fields were not progressing well. Tarnish and green plant bugs were reported in some cotton, and producers were expected to spray. Stinkbugs were in soybeans. Watermelons and cantaloupes irrigated by canal water were doing well. Sunflower harvest was almost halfway complete, with 1,200-1,800 pounds-per-acre yields reported. Citrus and sugarcane were being irrigated.

erages that will be provided. Door prizes and cold beer will also add fun to the evening.

Please RSVP to the ICA State Office by July 20th at 512-620-0162 or email: TICA@ICATexas.com

We look forward to seeing you all there.

Irrigated Bermuda grass was producing good bales. Forage quality in pastures and rangelands were declining. Hay production was below normal. Pastures and hay grazer were being sprayed with herbicides and liquid fertilizer, but pasture and rangeland conditions continued to decline. Producers were providing supplemental feed to livestock and trying to secure hay. Cattle were being marketed in above-average volumes as producers continued to cull deeper. Cattle body condition scores were declining. Deer were beginning to fawn, but water and food sources were scarce.

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got all dignity in a hearty yell on 'Goodbye Old Paint,' an Amarillo newspaper reported from a fiddler's contest. Jess Morris remained a cowboy and a fiddler for the rest of his days.

But what happened to Willis, the man who taught the song to Jess Morris?

Willis was born a slave in Milam County and he learned the cowboy trade while enslaved. He was especially good with horses, and in 1871 he signed on with the Snyder Brothers out of Georgetown as a drover on a trip with several thousand cattle up the Chisholm Trail to Wyoming.

Back in Milam County, Willis went to work for E.J. Morris, breaking horses. Though he taught the seven-year-old Jess Morris how to play "Goodbye Old Paint," Morris said another Black cowboy, Jerry Neely, gave him his first fiddle lesson.

Willis married in 1870 and he and his wife Laura raised four sons and three daughters. He died in 1930 after a long and musical life, at the age of 80. Several years ago I chanced to talk to his grandson, Artie Morris (no relation to Jess Morris), who grew up in Temple with a strange desire to be a country

singer.

"I wanted to be a country singer, and I couldn't do it because there were no Black country singers," he said. "I'd go in clubs and the band didn't want to play for me. They would play off-key, they'd do all sorts of stuff just to mess me up."

So he went to Nashville in 1955, several years before Charley Pride would become the first Black superstar of country music. Doors opened when executives heard his tapes but closed that much faster when he showed up in person. Black people wouldn't buy the records, executives told him, because it was country, and white folks wouldn't buy it because he was Black.

Artie went to California, worked as a television host, recorded some songs for Adkorp Records, and spent seven years as a writer for Buck Owens' publishing company. He returned home to Texas in the early 1990s and released a 10-song CD of traditional cowboy songs, including, of course, "Goodbye Old Paint." He said he tried to put himself in the mindset of his great grandfather, on a 2,000-mile trail drive up the Chisholm Trail.

"I always wanted to be a cowboy, but I was afraid of cows," he said. "So I thought it was best to sing about it."

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