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## Shaping tomorrow's ag leaders at the San Antonio Stock Show & Rodeo

By Martha A. Hollida

No doubt livestock shows, rodeos, shopping and concerts are major draws at the San Antonio Stock Show & Rodeo. But another facet of the event and one that continues to grow each year is its wide array of youth competitive educational and leadership contests.

During this year's show, more than 30 contests will be offered for Texas FFA and 4-H members. These competitions draw individuals and teams from across the state,

along with FFA advisors, county extension agents, parents, and enthusiastic supporters who fill the contest rooms/awards assemblies with encouragement and energy.

"Since 1949, we've been committed to creating meaningful opportunities for youth through livestock and agriculture-related events," said Sterling Pieniazek, competitive events manager. "These experiences allow students to showcase their knowledge and skills while also helping prepare them for future careers and leadership roles. We're always looking for ways to grow and improve, and when new or innovative competition opportunities arise, we make a strong effort to bring them to life."

Livestock judging is among the longest-running contests at the show, with both collegiate and youth di-

visions. Beyond traditional livestock judging, the show also hosts contests in horse, meat, wool, dairy, floriculture, nursery landscape, poultry, and wildlife judging.

Another rapidly expanding segment is skillathon contests. These events test participants' knowledge of a specific species through written exams and hands-on identification stations. Topics may include nutrition, health, breeds, anatomy and physiology, management, and related content for beef, swine, sheep, horses, and meat animals.

Ag mechanics and tractor restoration contests showcase another impressive set of skills developed by Texas youth. Visitors who have never viewed the ag mechanics projects are encouraged to do so during the final weekend of the show. On display are trailers, farm equipment,



Youth from across Texas arrive in San Antonio to compete for honors across disciplines and species. The grand champion steer honor continues to be a focal point of the show.

deer stands, barbecue pits, and more. These are designed and built by students of all ages.

Students' creativity is also on display through the western art competition, which features entries from across the state in multiple age divi-

sions. The talent, craftsmanship, and attention to detail found in these works continue to impress show attendees year after year.

Public speaking remains one of the most popular and competitive contests at the San Antonio show.

Contestants range from as young as eight or nine years old through high school seniors. Depending on age division, participants deliver four- to eight-minute speeches on agricultural topics and respond to judges'

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# The TEXAS SIDE of Things

By Jim Banner

# TEXAS Trails...

By Clay Coppedge

When I was a kid, I remember nights sitting around the house reading books. Now, to be honest with you, my sisters read real books like *Gone with the Wind*, *To Kill a Mockingbird* or maybe *The Grapes of Wrath*...all great novels! But not me. When I say I used to read books, I'm primarily speaking of one our Ace Reid Cowpoke cartoon books that we kept on the coffee table. While no one was watching, I would choose my Cowpoke book and cover it with another book like *Old Yeller* or *Savage Sam* where it would look like I was being very studious. Truth be told, I was laughing my tail off looking at the pages following Jake and Maw as they tried to make a living on a ranch.

As most of you know who are familiar with Mr. Reid's cartoons, he found humor in the everyday failures we cattlemen routinely make and was able to illustrate the situation and perfectly match the right phrase for that comical predicament being pre-

resented. The interesting thing about his drawings is that they represent situations that are still as commonly known as they were when he produced them 60 years ago.

To prove my point, it just so happens that my all-time favorite cartoon was when Jake was sitting in the banker's office, Mr. Tuberville, and he is explaining to him why he couldn't make a payment on the money he had borrowed. Jake is explaining his marketing strategy and telling Mr. Tuberville that he was offered 30 cents a pound for his calves. He turned it down expecting to receive 35 cents and ended up selling them later for 25 cents. So, when you ask a rancher if they like to gamble, they are likely to say that they do it every day.

Hopefully by now, most of you have received some much-needed moisture and hopefully, you have read or heard about the latest USDA annual cattle inventory report. It was reported in January and it's very bullish

to say the least! Especially when it comes to the cow/calf producer because it confirms that the nation's beef cattle herds have declined to record levels. According to the number of cattle on feed, they are slightly up, which means that producers didn't retain large amounts replacement heifers. Why is this important? Because it's a sign that producers sold their heifer calves to go to the feedlot instead of retaining them for replacements which also means that this profitable market for producers should continue for a longer time. When we start to see heifer numbers going into the feedlot start declining, then we know that producers are starting to retain these numbers to build back their herds. But even then, its going to take two to three more years to get those females into production.

For instance, it was reported that there were 87.2 million head of cattle and calves in the U.S., down 2% from the 89.3 million head in January 2023. It was reported that this is the smallest cattle inventory number ever recorded. Once again, Texas leads the nation with 12 million head of cattle and calves which is a decline from last year's 12.5 million. Get this, the 2023 calf crop in Texas was estimated to be down 7% to 4.25 million head.

You might think, "So what?!" If you are a cow/calf producer like I am, this is a big deal! If I believe this cattle cycle is going to stay strong for another three to four years, then I can make plans and feel secure purchasing some better cows. Or perhaps, buy that bull to improve my weaning and yearling weights. We are in the driver's seat, at least for now. The big question is if we are going to be foolish and keep every heifer calf we have just to build back our cow herd or are we going to be smart and selective? Keep the really productive females and cull the sorry ones. Either way, with this market we are going to win because we are being selective. We are going to extend this market for maybe more years than we've ever experienced. Remember, we are in the driver's seat. Are you going to be smart and selective or crash the market because of greed? It's up to you.

~SLS

### The Earl of excess

The party that Joseph Heneage Finch threw at Big Spring in December of 1884 lasted two weeks and featured copious amounts of alcohol and who knows what else. Finch, an English nobleman turned West Texas rancher, was the life of the legendary party right up until the moment, on Jan. 13, 1885, when he uttered what might have been his final words—"Good-bye, boys"—and went to his bed, closed his eyes and never woke up.

A local doctor who prepared his body for shipment back to England reported that Finch's liver was hard as a rock and weighed either 14 or 30 pounds; accounts vary. The same doctor allegedly informed Finch he had 15 minutes to live less than 15 minutes before Finch went to bed and died, a month shy of his 36th birthday.

In England, Finch was known informally as "Sporting Joe" because of his outdoor and athletic pursuits but he was addressed formally as the Seventh Earl of Aylesford. The people of West Texas refused to call him Earl because that wasn't his name. John Birdwell, a former buffalo hunter and Finch's running buddy in Texas, told him, "You know, that just ain't gonna fly around here. We'll just call you Judge."

The West Texans knew little or nothing about Judge other than he liked to drink; he preferred mutton to beef; he bathed daily; he had a seemingly unlimited supply of money; and he was extremely generous. They knew nothing of his global escapades with Albert, Prince of Wales, soon to become King Edward VII of England, or how the two royal roustabouts embarked on a scheduled 17-week "goodwill tour" of India in 1875.

The Judge and Prince Albert's version of goodwill called for a lot of whiskey drinking and animal killing. Finch's long-suffering wife, the former Edith Williams, stayed home in England and carried on without him in an overtly adulterous manner. The Earl caught wind of the situation and rushed home to confront his wife and file for divorce, a no-no among royals of the day. The divorce proceedings revealed the Earl's own adulterous forays, which led Queen Victoria to

suggest, with royal authority, that he leave England and stay wherever he went.

The British courts curtailed Finch's remittance to \$50,000 a year (more like \$1 million in today's money) and Finch, the poor pauper, set sail for the U.S. In New York, railroad magnate Jay Gould suggested the young royal take his remittance and sense of adventure to the wide-open spaces of Texas where Gould just happened to be building railroads that needed people living nearby.

Finch and his entourage arrived in Big Spring in 1883 and inquired at the local hotel about a room. Told that the hotel was full, the Earl offered to buy the hotel. The owner named a price twice what it was worth. Finch paid cash on the spot and evicted the people in the two most expensive rooms. He returned the hotel to the owner the next day with the understanding that those two rooms would always be reserved for him.

Soon after that he built a  
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## USDA Livestock Export/Import Statistics For 1-29-26

SPECIES:	1-19-26:	Wk.-Dt.:	Yr.-Dt.:
1) BEEF CATTLE			
a. Slaughter	0	0	0
b. Breeding Males	5	10	15
c. Breeding Females	8	76	103
Total	13	86	118
2) HOGS			
a. Slaughter	0	0	0
b. Breeding Males	0	0	50
c. Breeding Females	0	0	2,129
Total	0	0	2,179
3) SHEEP			
a. Slaughter Ewes	0	0	0
Total	0	0	0
4) GOATS			
a. Spanish	0	0	0
Total	0	0	0
5) DAIRY CATTLE			
a. Breeding Males	0	0	0
b. Breeding Females	0	0	0
Total	0	0	0
6) HORSES			
a. Slaughter	443	503	1,477
b. Breeding Males	71	59	136
c. Breeding Females	62	46	125
d. Geldings	23	17	51
e. Burro/Mule/Pony	1	0	1
Total	600	625	1,790
7) EXOTICS			
Total	0	0	0
<b>MEXICO TO NEW MEXICO IMPORTS</b>			
SPECIES:	1-19-26:	1-1-26 - Present	
FEEDER CATTLE	0	0	
<b>MEXICO TO TEXAS IMPORTS</b>			
FEEDER CATTLE	0	0	



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### Shaping...

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questions. These contests are open to spectators, offering the public a firsthand look at the poise and confidence of Texas youth.

Additional contests include taxidermy, floriculture, barbecue cook-offs, food challenges, agribiotics, science fair, consumer decision making, photography and more.

“New this year, we’re introducing the ag product identification contest, where participants will identify 30 Texas agricultural products and answer a question related to each item,” Pieniasek said. “This will also be the second year for the taxidermy contest, and we’re excited to see its continued growth and increased interest.”

Many of these contests are eligible for scholarship funding for champions and top placings. For the 2025–2026 year, the show is awarding a total of \$1,865,000 in scholarships across multiple areas, including junior ag mechanics, the livestock show, pitmaster challenge, taxidermy, vaquero cook-off, and western art. These scholarships recognize hard work and dedication while supporting students’ continued education.

As with all events at the stock show and rodeo, volunteers play a critical role in planning and executing these competitions.

“With the number of contests we run, it really comes down to people and planning,” Pieniasek said. “We’re incredibly fortunate to have more than 7,000 dedicated volunteers who help bring the event to life each year. Whether it’s managing contests or supporting livestock shows, they consistently show up ready to work. We also rely on a strong team of superintendents and interns, along with long-standing

partnerships with universities such as Texas A&M, Texas Tech, Tarleton State, Texas A&M–Kingsville, Blinn College, West Texas A&M, and Palo Alto College. It truly is a team effort from start to finish.”

While livestock shows remain the foundation of youth competition at the show, the organization continues to raise the bar by expanding opportunities that develop leadership, practical skills, and career-building experiences, while recognizing the talent and dedication of Texas youth.

Be sure to view the daily



Youth livestock shows continue to be the foundation for the San Antonio Livestock Show and Rodeo.

schedule at sarodeo.com and this year, make time to step into a contest or two. From judging rooms to speaking

stages, you’ll see firsthand how this stock show is shaping the next generation of agricultural leaders.



Cattle, swine, horses, sheep, goats and poultry all compete over the show’s 17 day run.



Agribiotics is a challenge based contest where teams build a robot and then once at the contest, a set of challenges is presented for the robot to complete.

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### Texas Trails...

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meat market (the first permanent structure in Big Spring) to supply him with mutton, which was in short supply in cattle country. He owned the local saloon for one day and everyone drank for free while he was in charge. The locals began to suspect this English dude might be all right after all. Finch bought a 25,000-acre ranch north of town and \$40,000 worth of cattle, sight unseen, and moved into a plain story-and-a-half wooden house outside of town.

A Chicago reporter, investigating reports of a royal cas-

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# USDA launches new online portal for reporting foreign-owned agricultural land transactions

Source: USDA

Washington, D.C., - launching a new online portal to streamline reporting of transactions involv-

ing U.S. agricultural land by foreign persons, which can include businesses and governments, under the Agricultural Foreign Investment Disclosure Act of 1978 (AFIDA). The new online portal is part of a broader effort to strengthen enforcement and protect American farmland as USDA continues its implementation of the National Farm Security Action Plan.

“President Trump is putting America First, and this includes increasing transparency and scrutiny of one of our most valuable national assets, American farmland.

We are working to improve reporting of foreign owned land in the United States. This move to streamline the reporting portal will increase compliance and assist our efforts to effectively enforce farm accurate reporting of interests held by foreign adversaries in U.S. farmland,” said Secretary Brooke Rollins. “The online portal will allow us to obtain verifiable information about foreign interests in American agricultural land and protect the security of our farmers.”

The new online portal is available at [afida.landmark.usda.gov](http://afida.landmark.usda.gov). Users can access

the portal with [Login.gov](http://Login.gov), a sign in service that provides secure online access to participate in certain government programs and reporting requirements.

The new digital portal will gather the same information found on the current form FSA-153 and those subject to filing may still file using the current FSA-153 hard copy form if desired. However, filers should not duplicate filings by using both submission options.

### About the National Farm Security Action Plan

One of the key tenets of USDA’s National Farm

Security Action Plan (PDF, 1.2 MB) is strengthening processes around disclosure of foreign persons who have an interest in U.S. farmland. This historic plan, announced in July 2025, calls for aggressive implementation of reforms to the AFIDA process including improved verification and monitoring of collected AFIDA data. In addition to the new portal, USDA published an Advanced Notice of Proposed Rulemaking for AFIDA in December 2025.

### About AFIDA

The new portal is part of USDA’s efforts to streamline its process for electronic submission and retention of AFIDA disclosures, as initially required by the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2023. Today USDA also shared its annual AFIDA report for 2024 with Congress, which is available online. The report lists foreign holdings of U.S. agricultural land as 46 million acres, as of Dec. 31, 2024, and includes a section on land held and acquired by China, Russia, Iran and North Korea in recent years.

AFIDA became law in 1978, and its regulations were created to establish a nationwide system for the collec-

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tle on the Texas prairie, described the walls of the house as being “covered with rifles, shot guns, revolvers, derringers, cartridge belts, spurs, game bags and other articles of the same sort in bewildering numbers.”

A pile of empty bottles “as big as a haystack” was made up of three-fourths whiskey bottles and one-fourth beer bottles, according to the diligent reporter.

Saloon records that Howard County historian John Hutto uncovered during research for his 1938 county history revealed that the Judge routinely ordered a half gallon of whiskey a day and sometimes a quart bottle or two of gin as a booster. Hutto also noted that the Judge “carried his whiskey well” and rarely appeared to be under the influence.

Unlike most Europeans with fancy titles who owned Texas ranches, Finch was popular with the cowboys on his ranch. From the Chicago reporter: “There is much to be said to the Earl’s credit in his association with the cowboys, and he has won their confidence in a most remarkable manner... no knight ever had a more loyal legion.”



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# Governor Abbott issues disaster declaration to prevent New World screwworm fly infestation

Governor Greg Abbott on Jan. 29th issued a statewide disaster declaration to better equip the Texas New World Screwworm (NWS) Response Team to prevent the potential spread of the NWS fly into Texas and to better protect livestock and wildlife.

With this statewide disaster declaration, the Texas NWS Response Team can fully utilize all state government prevention and response resources to prevent the re-emergence of this destructive parasite.

“Although the New World screwworm fly is not yet present in Texas or the U.S., its northward spread from Mexico toward the U.S. southern border poses a serious threat to Texas’ livestock industry and wildlife,” said Governor Abbott. “State law authorizes me to act to prevent a threat of infestation that could cause severe damage to Texas property, and I will not wait for such harm to reach our livestock and wildlife. With this statewide disaster declaration, the Texas NWS Response Team can fully utilize all state government prevention and response resources to prevent the re-emergence of this destructive parasite. Texas is prepared to fully eradicate this pest if need be.”

Governor Abbott has taken preemptive action against the threat posed by NWS including:

- Directing the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD) and the Texas Animal Health Commission (TAHC) to establish a joint Texas New World Screwworm Response Team
- Partnering with the U.S. Department of Agriculture and Secretary Brooke Rollins to create a new \$750 million Domestic Sterile NWS Production Facility in Edinburg, Texas



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tion of information pertaining to foreign ownership of U.S. agricultural land. The regulations require foreign investors who acquire, transfer or hold an interest in U.S. agricultural land to report such holdings and transactions to the Secretary of Agriculture.

The data obtained from AFIDA disclosures are used in the preparation of an annual report to Congress.

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USDA Major Livestock Reports:

Producers Livestock Auction, San Angelo, Texas, January 29, 2026: Total receipts: 128, last reported (1-8-26) 911, last year 1,025. Feeder cattle 85 (66.4%), last reported (1-8-26) 727 (79.8%), last year 800 (78.0%). Slaughter cattle 43 (33.6%), last reported (1-8-26) 164 (18.0%), last year 102 (10.0%). Replacement cattle 0 (0.0%), last reported (1-8-26) 20 (2.2%), last year 123 (12.0%). Market trend not applicable due to light receipts. Light receipts due to winter weather placing a damper of livestock movement. Supply included: 66% Feeder Cattle (61% Steers, 11% Heifers, 28% Bulls); 34% Slaughter Cattle (89% Cows, 11% Bulls). Feeder cattle supply over 600 lbs was 61%.

Oklahoma National Stockyards, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, February 2, 2026: Total receipts 2,624, last reported (1-26-26) 9,551, last year 9,761. Feeder cattle: 2,624 (100.0%), last reported (1-26-26) 9,551 (100.0%), last year 9,761 (100.0%). Compared to the last sale two weeks ago: All classes lightly tested. Feeder steers 4.00-12.00 higher. Feeder heifers 3.00-8.00 higher. Steer and heifer calves mostly steady. Demand was very good with several buyers present, even with a light run. Quality average to attractive. Quite a bit of snow remains on the ground, but the big thaw is on. Temperatures are expected to run warmer than normal for the next 10 days or so. Quality average to attractive. Supply included: 100% Feeder Cattle (58% Steers, 41% Heifers, 1% Bulls). Feeder cattle supply over 600 lbs was 64%.

SALE: Beeville Livestock Commission, Inc. Beeville, Texas DATE OF SALE: 1-30-26 VOLUME: 188 TREND: Steady/higher. STEERS HEIFERS 200-300 lbs. 517-590 425-585 300-400 lbs. 494-565 418-470 400-500 lbs. 453-510 415-470 500-600 lbs. 422-475 384-435 600-700 lbs. 268-390 338-345 700-800 lbs. 315-330 316-330 Slaughter cows 75-196 Slaughter bulls 157-196 Stocker cows 1500-2700 Pairs —

SALE: Brazos Valley Livestock Commission Bryan, Texas DATE OF SALE: 2-3-26 VOLUME: 614 TREND: Steady/higher. STEERS HEIFERS 200-300 lbs. 570-650 520-550 300-400 lbs. 525-595 430-505 400-500 lbs. 465-525 400-495 500-600 lbs. 380-505 365-440 600-700 lbs. 365-435 330-370 700-800 lbs. 335-370 325-345 Slaughter cows 142-170 Slaughter bulls 175-198 Stocker cows 1825-2800 Pairs —

SALE: Live Oak Auction, Inc. Three Rivers, Texas DATE OF SALE: 2-2-26 VOLUME: 2277 TREND: Steady/higher. STEERS HEIFERS 200-300 lbs. 520-714 408-698 300-400 lbs. 478-628 392-546 400-500 lbs. 434-594 372-532 500-600 lbs. 378-540 348-482 600-700 lbs. 326-442 314-412 700-800 lbs. 308-372 286-352 Slaughter cows 120-164 Slaughter bulls 164-198 Stocker cows 1800-3400 Pairs 1900-3250

SALE: Nixon Livestock Commission, Inc. Nixon, Texas DATE OF SALE: 2-2-26 VOLUME: 737 TREND: Steady/higher. STEERS HEIFERS 200-300 lbs. 524-685 430-695 300-400 lbs. 390-645 427-635 400-500 lbs. 431-600 408-515 500-600 lbs. 400-515 362-485 600-700 lbs. 340-435 317-400 700-800 lbs. 318-363 294-350 Slaughter cows 89-172 Slaughter bulls 150-192 Stocker cows 1900-3000 Pairs 1500-3950

SALE: Gulf Coast Livestock Auction, LLC Alice, Texas DATE OF SALE: 2-3-26 VOLUME: 750 TREND: Steady/no change. STEERS HEIFERS 200-300 lbs. 575-675 465-560 300-400 lbs. 515-650 440-605 400-500 lbs. 440-570 410-500 500-600 lbs. 400-475 375-460 600-700 lbs. 355-430 325-418 700-800 lbs. 300-325 275-320 Slaughter cows 80-170 Slaughter bulls 140-190 Stocker cows 2800-3300 Pairs 3000-3700

SALE: Gillespie Livestock Company Fredericksburg, Texas DATE OF SALE: 1-21-26 VOLUME: 1032 TREND: Steady/no change. STEERS HEIFERS 200-300 lbs. 200-615 210-550 300-400 lbs. 270-570 210-475 400-500 lbs. 230-550 200-455 500-600 lbs. 215-482.5 180-410 600-700 lbs. 180-405 180-352.5 700-800 lbs. 170-360 170-350 Slaughter cows 70-180 Slaughter bulls 90-195 Stocker cows 2000-3800 Pairs 2000-4500

SALE: Groesbeck Auction/Livestock Co., LLC Groesbeck, Texas DATE OF SALE: 1-8-26 VOLUME: 988 TREND: Steady/higher. STEERS HEIFERS 200-300 lbs. — — 300-400 lbs. 450-615 350-520 400-500 lbs. 400-545 330-490 500-600 lbs. 375-480 305-425 600-700 lbs. 350-427 270-360 700-800 lbs. 300-365 250-330 Slaughter cows 60-160 Slaughter bulls 160-190 Stocker cows 1000-3800 Pairs 1800-4000

SALE: Jordan Cattle Auction San Saba & Mason, Texas DATE OF SALE: 1-29-26 VOLUME: 502 TREND: Steady/lower. STEERS HEIFERS 200-300 lbs. — 483-720 300-400 lbs. 418-450 400-470 400-500 lbs. 413-470 372-440 500-600 lbs. 404-435 345-420 600-700 lbs. 364-380 420-375 700-800 lbs. 333-347.5 288-330 Slaughter cows 108-170 Slaughter bulls — Stocker cows 1500-1350 Pairs 1750-3800

SALE: Giddings Livestock Commission Giddings, Texas DATE OF SALE: 2-2-26 VOLUME: 1088 TREND: Steady/higher. STEERS HEIFERS 200-300 lbs. 576-660 498-600 300-400 lbs. 515-650 480-595 400-500 lbs. 480-590 453-590 500-600 lbs. 443-520 397-580 600-700 lbs. 373-445 351-407.5 700-800 lbs. 337-400 338-375 Slaughter cows 80-179 Slaughter bulls 160-203 Stocker cows 1800-5300 Pairs 1800-4100

SALE: Milam County Livestock Auction Cameron, Texas DATE OF SALE: 1-30-26 VOLUME: 929 TREND: Steady/higher. STEERS HEIFERS 200-300 lbs. 240-670 300-690 300-400 lbs. 326-550 296-510 400-500 lbs. 279-550 257-500 500-600 lbs. 221-475 202-435 600-700 lbs. — — 700-800 lbs. — — Slaughter cows 90-173 Slaughter bulls 145-204 Stocker cows 1250-4250 Pairs 2050-3950

SALE: East Texas Livestock, Inc. Crockett, Texas DATE OF SALE: 2-3-26 VOLUME: 1858 TREND: Steady/higher. STEERS HEIFERS 200-300 lbs. 282-800 225-760 300-400 lbs. 268-665 218-620 400-500 lbs. 260-565 212-540 500-600 lbs. 255-505 206-490 600-700 lbs. 235-410 185-390 700-800 lbs. — — Slaughter cows 135-178 Slaughter bulls 184-212 Stocker cows 2350-3700 Pairs 3000-4150

SALE: Caldwell Livestock Commission Co., Inc. Caldwell, Texas DATE OF SALE: 1-28-26 VOLUME: 105 TREND: Steady/lower. STEERS HEIFERS 200-300 lbs. 500-555 475-500 300-400 lbs. 500-520 400-450 400-500 lbs. 467-505 442-510 500-600 lbs. 405-415 400-445 600-700 lbs. — — 700-800 lbs. — — Slaughter cows — Slaughter bulls 175-190 Stocker cows — Pairs —

SALE: Buffalo Livestock Commission Co., Inc. Buffalo, Texas DATE OF SALE: 1-31-26 VOLUME: 468 TREND: Steady/higher. STEERS HEIFERS 200-300 lbs. 360-580 300-540 300-400 lbs. 358-580 300-489 400-500 lbs. 345-540 305-492 500-600 lbs. 320-515 289-475 600-700 lbs. 295-415 275-368 700-800 lbs. 270-366 235-340 Slaughter cows 50-180 Slaughter bulls 160-210 Stocker cows 1400-3800 Pairs —

SALE: Navasota Livestock Auction Co. Navasota, Texas DATE OF SALE: 1-31-26 VOLUME: 1009 TREND: Steady/higher. STEERS HEIFERS 200-300 lbs. 350-675 325-620 300-400 lbs. 350-620 325-490 400-500 lbs. 300-565 300-457.5 500-600 lbs. 300-500 300-442.5 600-700 lbs. 300-428 300-390 700-800 lbs. — — Slaughter cows 100-166 Slaughter bulls 130-197 Stocker cows 1700-3000 Pairs —

SALE: Cattleman's Brenham Livestock Brenham, Texas DATE OF SALE: 1-30-26 VOLUME: 410 TREND: Steady/higher. STEERS HEIFERS 200-300 lbs. 390-650 320-610 300-400 lbs. 325-555 300-530 400-500 lbs. 300-560 290-455 500-600 lbs. 285-485 280-422 600-700 lbs. 255-410 240-375 700-800 lbs. 200-390 235-330 Slaughter cows 80-178 Slaughter bulls 131-198 Stocker cows 1750-4400 Pairs 2500-5500

SALE: Cuero-Victoria Livestock Markets Cuero & Victoria, Texas DATE OF SALE: 1-30-26 VOLUME: 1403 TREND: Steady/higher. STEERS HEIFERS 200-300 lbs. 520-645 450-540 300-400 lbs. 480-645 420-630 400-500 lbs. 437-550 383-494 500-600 lbs. 400-490 351-450 600-700 lbs. 368-430 338-398 700-800 lbs. 339-368 305-332 Slaughter cows 74-167 Slaughter bulls 135-208 Stocker cows 2200-3250 Pairs 2950-4050

SALE: Gonzales Livestock Market, Inc. Gonzales, Texas DATE OF SALE: 1-31-26 VOLUME: 666 TREND: Steady/higher. STEERS HEIFERS 200-300 lbs. 425-785 — 300-400 lbs. 420-645 375-650 400-500 lbs. 390-560 350-475 500-600 lbs. 310-525 320-465 600-700 lbs. 285-415 285-445 700-800 lbs. 335-365 340-365 Slaughter cows 75-159 Slaughter bulls 155-195 Stocker cows 1200-3600 Pairs 1800-4200

SALE: Cattleman's Columbus Livestock Auction Columbus, Texas DATE OF SALE: 1-28-26 VOLUME: 330 TREND: Steady/no change. STEERS HEIFERS 200-300 lbs. 500-720 480-700 300-400 lbs. 425-605 415-475 400-500 lbs. 385-465 400-447 500-600 lbs. 360-430 355-392 600-700 lbs. 345-402 340-354 700-800 lbs. 325-370 310-317 Slaughter cows 75-170 Slaughter bulls 148-195 Stocker cows 1850-3000 Pairs 3000-4100

SALE: Four County Livestock Auction Industry, Texas DATE OF SALE: 2-3-26 VOLUME: 695 TREND: Steady/no change. STEERS HEIFERS 200-300 lbs. 440-700 300-640 300-400 lbs. 420-595 300-530 400-500 lbs. 380-560 300-490 500-600 lbs. 370-520 260-500 600-700 lbs. 330-450 260-395 700-800 lbs. — — Slaughter cows 90-171 Slaughter bulls 170-194 Stocker cows 1350-2800 Pairs 1400-4015

SALE: El Campo Livestock Exchange LLC El Campo, Texas DATE OF SALE: 2-3-26 VOLUME: 1835 TREND: Steady/higher. STEERS HEIFERS 200-300 lbs. 529-700 480-655 300-400 lbs. 529-660 463-630 400-500 lbs. 473-635 417-500 500-600 lbs. 433-555 385-560 600-700 lbs. 384-500 360-440 700-800 lbs. 315-383 300-370 Slaughter cows 100-185 Slaughter bulls 170-200 Stocker cows 2400-3800 Pairs 3100-3400

Sheep & Goat Auctions:

Producers Livestock Auction, San Angelo, Texas, February 3, 2026: Sheep and goats: Total receipts 4,425, last reported (1-20-26) 5,090, last year 5,600. Feeder sheep/lambs 0 (0.0%), last reported (1-20-26) 0 (0.0%), last year 336 (6.0%). Slaughter sheep/lambs 2,539 (57.4%), last reported (1-20-26) 2,134 (41.9%), last year 2,626 (46.9%). Replacement sheep/lambs 0 (0.0%), last reported (1-20-26) 0 (0.0%), last year 56 (1.0%). Feeder goats 141 (3.2%), last reported (1-20-26) 303 (6.0%), last year 672 (12.0%). Slaughter goats 1,745 (39.4%), last reported (1-20-26) 2,653 (52.1%), last year 1,835 (32.8%). Replacement goats 0 (0.0%), last reported (1-20-26) 0 (0.0%), last year 75 (1.3%). Compared to two weeks ago: slaughter hair lambs traded sharply higher and slaughter ewes traded steady to firm. Feeder goats traded sharply higher and slaughter goats traded sharply higher and nannies and billies traded unevenly steady. Next report release will be February 10, 2026. Supply included: 57% Slaughter Sheep/Lambs (5% Woolled & Shorn, 84% Hair Breeds, 1% Ewes, 9% Hair Ewes, 0% Bucks, 1% Hair Bucks); 3% Feeder Goats (100% Kids); 39% Slaughter Goats (76% Kids, 18% Nannies/Does, 5% Bucks/Billies, 1% Wethers); 0% Replacement Goats (100% Families).

Gillespie Livestock Company, Fredericksburg, Texas, January 27, 2026:

● No sheep and goat sale ●

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### Executive Director's Report...

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### President's Address...

By: Greg Seidenberger

On Jan. 29th, Governor Greg Abbott issued a disaster declaration on the New World screwworm (NWS). This declaration does NOT signal there is a presence of NWS in the state of Texas or the United States. Currently, there is no presence of NWS.

The declaration largely reiterates the timeline of state and federal government actions taken and instances of concern surrounding a potential NWS presence in the state of Texas. The declaration does clarify the existing jurisdiction to combat the pest lies

with the Texas Animal Health Commission (TAHC). The declaration also announces the already established Texas NWS Response Team to address NWS prevention and response efforts.

This is nothing new. Producers have been aware the TAHC is and would be the lead agency facilitating a response to NWS if it enters our state. The TAHC and Texas Parks and Wildlife (TPW) New World Screwworm Response Team mentioned in the Governor's declaration

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### Freeze lessons

When cold weather came in South Texas, we would make sure the cows were in good body condition and had enough forage or hay to keep warm and put them in a brushy pasture to be out of the wind, even in ice and snow. Moving to South Central Texas, and a place with no brush, made me rethink that. In the past few years, we have experienced (as many of you have) some brutally cold weather of harsh freezes and often sleet and snow. Mature cattle in good body condition can tolerate a few days of that type of weather if they can get out of the wind and stay dry. Hard for them to do if you don't have any heavy brush and you're on top of a hill. Well, you pull out the stock trailer from the barn and create a warm and dry spot and then create a wind break with the trailer. Unfortunately, whoever built my barn has it facing to the northeast, so the trailer makes a windbreak. Some cows will use it while others will still hang out in the yaupon and oak. As many of you can attest, don't calve in this season if you don't have to. We have all had the experience of assisting or worrying about cows calving in this extreme cold, usually they survive, sometimes they do not.

Cows still require water,

no matter how cold it gets. I see lots of social media posts about chopping ice to get water for cows. Seems that concrete and metal troughs freeze about equally fast. Formerly, I would just take the floats off and let the troughs run. It allowed water to flow unfrozen and protected the wells. Last year, I used a device that prevented freezing and it worked well, keeping the troughs relatively ice free. This year, not so much. Maybe it was colder. I double up my concentrate and feed every day when it gets cold like this. I start before it gets here and continue for a few days after, then return to the normal amount every other day. When cows get cold and shiver to stay warm, they use tremendous amounts of energy. Hay and supplements provide energy for digestion (and a lot of it) but the constant demand for energy often leads to an energy sink that cannot be replaced for many days or even weeks, so it's best to bulk it up before and after the cold spell. I don't like cold weather and I'm sure my cows don't either. My favorite social media line was "whoever thinks this weather is delightful never chopped ice in it for their cows". I agree.

~SLS

Mother Nature sure loves to play games with us. Before the ice came crashing in, we still had trees with green leaves. In fact, some of the post oak trees were budding out. But this arctic blast took care of all that. Some of my two-week-old calves got quite a shock with their first experience with ice. Of course, they were playing like little children and sporting their nice winter coats. I hope you were as fortunate as I was and experienced no frozen or broken pipes. Insulation and dripping works well if the power stays on.

Last month, we said an eternal farewell to a long-serving and beloved ICA member. Dr. Sammy Knippa was a past president of the Guada-Coma ICA Chapter and served many years as a veterinarian. We will miss his gentle smile and quiet encouragement, but we cherish forever the memories he left us. RIP Dr. Sammy!

A giant ICA congratulations to Kerry Wiggins on being inducted into the Rodeo Austin Hall of Fame. If you have ever been to Rodeo Austin, you know what a well-run and entertaining event this always is. Kerry is a past ICA State president and continues to serve on the ICA Board of Directors. This

induction rightly acknowledges Kerry's many years of selfless service, innovation and strong leadership.

As we move further into the new year there are many challenges in our industry. The New World screwworm continues to be a top priority and multiple government agencies are working together to combat this threat. The cold weather in affected areas in Mexico may have helped slow down the spread of this nasty pest. But that is temporary at best. Other challenges include the high cost of feed and supplies and finding ranch help as many of us are ageing and not as agile as we once were. I know in my area we used to get high school students to do farm labor, but these days it seems very few young men actually want to do manual labor. If only I could clone a younger version of myself, I would have someone to boss around!

Your Texas ICA works hard every day to keep members informed and educated. I encourage you to view our website, icatexas.com, and if you are not a member, please consider joining us. Local chapters conduct meetings that provide a good meal, an opportunity for fel-

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*Chapter Happenings...*

# Around The Lone Star State

**South Central ICA Chapter**

Winter hit hard in January sending cattlemen to wrap pipes, chop ice and feed cold cattle. In South Central Texas moisture fell sparingly in the form of sleet, leaving a slick surface on the roads. Forecasts call for a little more moisture and freezing weather soon. These freezing temperatures are not favorable to New World Screwworms. The larvae die if frozen and the flies can't live at low temperatures or through extended drought. Something to think about while chopping ice.

South Central Texas ICA held a meeting in Poth at Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church on Jan. 15, 2026. The membership voted on a slate of new officers and directors. Congratulations to Jeffery Oltjendiers, president; Ward Smith, vice president; Beth Carter, secretary and Brad Cotton, treasurer. Dr. T. R. Lansford, Texas Animal Health Commission deputy

executive director and assistant state veterinarian, gave a very informative update on the New World Screwworm. His presentation included a slide show including the status and the number of cases in Mexico. USDA's website screwworm.com provides additional information.

**Guada-Coma ICA Chapter**

Hello from a chilly South Texas! January is going out like a lion! Freezing weather all over along with some snow, ice and wind have made taking care of the cattle challenging and it will no doubt deplete our hay inventories. Any green that was left in the grass was gone overnight. The warm weather we have had so far is gone, but hopefully after we get past this, we get the rain we desperately need this spring. I attended two ICA meetings this month and both were focused on New World screwworm. The level of concern is high but on a positive note, there are new treatments in

the pipeline along with things that are currently available and have been approved for treatment of screwworms and cattle fever ticks also. The production facilities for the sterile flies (currently coming from Panama) are some time away from coming online, probably 18 months to 3 years. The benefit of this freezing weather is the effect it will have on the NWS.

Looking forward to February, there are multiple sales for bulls and females starting with the South Texas Hereford Sale in Beeville on Feb. 7th, the San Antonio Livestock Show All Breeds Sale on Feb. 18th and Houston on March 4th. State ICA staff will be present at the Beeville and San Antonio sales, so be sure to stop by the booth. In addition, many breeders will be having production sales showcasing their quality livestock. You can find the details of these sales in the Southern Livestock Standard.

Our chapter scholarship applications will be coming up before you know it, the deadline is April 6th, so be prepared and be sure to get yours in and remember your family needs membership

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**Executive...**

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was established in June of 2025. Good or bad, my speculation is this announcement is an attempted slide at Ag Commissioner Sid Miller's reelection effort.

Per Section 161.041 of the Texas Agriculture Code, TAHC is granted authority to protect all livestock from diseases, eradicate or control any disease or agent that could affect livestock, and, in the event of a conflict of authority between state agencies, to assume the responsibility for disease control efforts.

Unfortunately, the Governor's disaster declaration also coincided with the USDA's Annual Cattle Inventory Report.

On Jan. 30th, the USDA's Annual Cattle Inventory Report was published and indicated a 1% decrease in U.S. heifer inventory, a 2% decrease in the U.S. calf crop, and 3% decrease in cattle on feed, when compared to 2024. Many anticipate this report, and the facts included, to drive some more upward movement in cattle prices.

The Independent Cattlemen's Association of Texas (ICA) hopes the

Governor's announcement didn't take the short-term wind out of the sails that this recent USDA Annual Cattle Inventory Report should have provided the market.

Also to note on timing, the Governor's disaster declaration takes place during a time where the western hemisphere is experiencing abnormally frigid temperatures. The northern Mexican state of Tamaulipas has been of growing concern with increased case detection of NWS flies.

Typically, the average high temperatures in Tamaulipas for the month of January range from 70-85 degrees. However, over the weekend of January 25th, the forecast showed Tamaulipas experienced several days with a high of 45 degrees. The weekend of Jan.31st, Tamaulipas experienced low temperatures in the 40s. The NWS adult flies stop movement activity at temperatures below 66 degrees and dormant pupae die at soil temperatures below 46 degrees.

We appreciate focus on the serious threat the pest poses to the health of U.S. livestock. Our state and nation's figures of authority should primarily focus on urging the expedited completion of the already funded sterile fly facilities. The only real solution. Less focus on affirming who holds the stick to regulate producers upon the NWS fly's arrival. Stay informed. Stay level.

**President's...**

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lowship, and a program that provides useful information or updates on the latest happenings in our industry. We also understand the importance of the next generation of producers and encourage eligible students to apply for our state ICA high school and collegiate scholarships. Call the state office at 512/620-0162 if you have questions or would like a membership application. Hope to see you soon.

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for eligibility. Don't forget to apply for the state scholarships that are also available and due by May 1st.

Before closing we would like to express our sincere sympathy to the Knippa family. Dr. Sammy Knippa was a long-time supporter of ICA, donating his time and effort at both the state and local levels and he will be greatly missed. Our next meeting is on Monday, March 16th at

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Seguin Cattle Company. Dr Caroline Alsop with Southern Winds Vet Services will be speaking about herd and bull selection. Be sure to make plans to attend and bring a friend or neighbor who could benefit from ICA membership, there is power in numbers. The convention will be here before we know it, this year it's June 24-26, don't miss it.

**Colorado Valley ICA Chapter**

Howdy from the Colorado Valley ICA! Cows and bulls were higher this week. Calf

market was outstanding again. Pastures are bare and the cattle are loving the hay. Hay continues to move up and down the highway. Still looking for rain, but not the cold weather that we have had as of late. Be sure to check out the ICA Weekly E-Blast for great information and tips on livestock management during harsh winter conditions.

Our Annual CVICA Fundraiser BBQ & Trade Show is being held on Saturday, Feb. 21st, at the KC Hall in La Grange located at 190 S. Brown Street. The meal consists of BBQ brisket, beef sausage, pinto beans,

battered potatoes and other sides. The event starts at 4:00 p.m. Free refreshments will be served from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. Meal starts at 6:00 p.m. The event features cash door prizes, a raffle, silent and regular auctions, industry vendors and more! Both meal and raffle tickets are available at the door or can be reserved by contacting Steve Janda at (979)709-8836. This event is open to the public, so bring a friend and join us. We look forward to seeing y'all there!

**Mid-Tex ICA Chapter**

Greetings from the Mid-Tex ICA Chapter and Lockhart, Texas, the home of

the Independent Cattlemen's Association of Texas (ICA) headquarters! We're off to a great start this year with enthusiastic officers that were elected back in October: President, Tommy Jackson; vice president, Jon Mitchell; secretary, Ronda Reagan and treasurer, Kristopher Frey. It's so good to have dedicated producers willing to serve. We started our year with a great chapter meeting that included a delicious beef meal, an informative presentation on the breeding season by Dr. Caroline Alsop with Southern Winds Vet Clinic, as well as voting to award three \$500

scholarships to local students. Our local chapter and state ICA applications are open, and can be obtained by going to the ICA website and clicking on the Forms & Links Tab.

On Tuesday, Feb. 10th we will be holding a Mid-Tex Chapter meeting and "Local Policy Forum" with local elected officials and candidates, including County Judge Hoppy Haden. The event will be held at 6:30 p.m. at The Blue Pearl, 112 N. Main Street, Lockhart. The forum aims to foster a constructive dialogue between local producers and policy-

makers. We hope you will be able to attend and share your perspective on current legislative efforts, listen to concerns from other members and answer questions about agricultural policy and rural development. If you have questions you'd like to have addressed and you'd like to RSVP, please contact the ICA State Office at [tica@icatexas.com](mailto:tica@icatexas.com). As you all know, the big freeze hit us all hard. It's our hope that you, your family, your home and your livestock did not suffer. The sleet here turned into a layer of ice, but unfortunately, the melt did not create much water for our drought-ridden ground. I did get .6 of rain the day before the freezing temps. Hopefully you did too.

We are excited to announce our next meeting will be at 6:30 p.m. On Tuesday, April 14th, at a new location: the 2 Bar C Ranch in Luling, Texas. A beef meal will be catered and Capital Farm Credit of Lockhart will be our meal sponsor and speaker. In other news, on Jan. 22nd the Lockhart Auction had an 800+- head sale. They reported on Facebook: "We ended up having a good run right before the ice storm! The market would have been just about steady... with some of the lighter classes of cattle [selling] cheaper because of the weather." Continue to pray for rain and God Bless America!

**Southeast Texas ICA Chapter**

Howdy everyone, from the Southeast Texas ICA Chapter. It's been somewhat of a real winter down here so far. We had an early frost at Thanksgiving, eight to ten consistently cool to cold days before and during Christmas and now moving well into a week of subfreezing icy temperatures toward the end of January along with back-to-back two and a half inch downpours. That being said, it's getting muddy and cattle are smoking through feed and hay. Cattle prices are still doing well and we're noticing around the countryside that calves are dropping often.

We have been busy planning our chapter budget and producer meetings while many are struggling with cold and flu, typical this time of year in our climate. Planning is also under way for our Annual SETICA Commercial Bull and Heifer Sale on Saturday, March 14th. Keep an eye out for additional notices or visit the Forms & Links tab on the ICA website to view sale information and consignment forms. Again, I will mention that the sale

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this year will be held at the Rice Festival Park in Winnie, Texas at the Sonnier Pavilion and Arena. You don't want to miss this sale! There will be some of the best cattle from all over the state, plenty of good food, fellowship, and this facility is very comfortable with plenty of travel accommodation options in the adjacent area.

Our scholarship committee will be preparing for the school year to come to an end and reviewing applications from outstanding students from six or eight high schools in our chapter region. Eligible applicants are encouraged to apply for our local chapter scholarship as well as the State ICA high school scholarship. These applications can be found on the ICA Website under the Forms & Links tab. Until next time stay well, stay warm, stay healthy and thank you all for what you do for our beef industry.

**Gonzales ICA Chapter**

Howdy and best wishes from Gonzales County chapter ICA. We are hoping that if you have not received a plentiful range of rain, that you will. The Central TX ICA All Breed Sale is moving. We have moved the sale to a spring date of April 29th, and we are also moving the location to the Gonzales Commission Co. Sale Barn. Additional sale information and consignment forms will be available soon, so stay tuned.

Scholarship packets have been dropped off at the local schools and are also available on the ICA website. We invite all seniors who have parents or grandparents in the Gonzales ICA chapter to apply. We also remind you to have your eligible student apply for the state ICA scholarship, as well. Keep an eye out for details on our next chapter meeting, coming soon.

**Brazos Valley ICA Chapter**

Hello from Brazos Valley. I have never been a fan of cold weather and did not welcome this arctic blast. In addition to feeding hay and cubes, I now had to drain pipes, put space heaters in pump houses, etc. I was insulating a pipe elbow at a water trough when my cell phone, which I liked a lot, fell out of my jacket pocket and into the water. I found it on the bottom, and sure enough, it no longer worked. I had to drive into town and use a landline to call my wife and tell her not to panic if she called and I didn't answer. After a few

days I had my new phone, but this is just another reason why I don't like cold weather. On the other hand, I comfort myself with the thought that this cold weather should be tough on the screwworms in Mexico. Maybe the cold does have a bright side after all. I am also thankful for the recent rain we've received.

This is your reminder of the state and local ICA scholarships. Please tell your high school and college students about them. College is expensive and scholarships do help. Applications and eligibility requirements can be found on the ICA website. Plans

for the State ICA Convention are well underway and I am looking forward to bringing my family to our annual gathering. My kids always enjoy attending and I know that the workshops, entertainmen, and food will be excellent. Please make plans to join us this June 24th-26th and invite your friends!

**Victoria Crossroads ICA Chapter**

Happy New Year! The Crossroads area continues to deal with drought conditions and we have just come through our first real cold front here in Victoria, Texas. Despite the challenges, the

cattle market is still holding steady in the Crossroads area. We have three youth commercial heifer sales coming up over the next month in Victoria, Goliad, and DeWitt Counties, and we wish all the exhibitors the best of luck.

We held our first meeting of the year on Thursday, Jan.22nd, in Victoria. A big thank you to Dierlam Feed Store for providing the meal. Stewart Pickett with Velocity Powersports shared information on their Hired Hands program, which allows producers to test drive and try out a side-by-side unit for a week. Our guest speaker, Attorney

Dian Kliem, provided valuable insight into the different options available for estate planning, which was very informative for our members. Following the presentation, we conducted chapter business, including discussion of our current fundraiser, the Super Bowl Football Board and planning for our 2026 BBQ & Auction Scholarship Fundraiser which will be held on Saturday, May 9th at Club Westerner in Victoria. This month, we will be holding a fundraiser planning meeting at Froggy's in Victoria, to finalize details before our event in May. Keep an eye out for

upcoming meeting details this spring in your mailboxes and on the ICA website calendar. Please stay safe through the upcoming cold snap, and we look forward to seeing everyone at our next meeting.

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## Texas crop, weather

### Texas drought, shifting markets shape 2026 crop outlook

By Karn Dhingra, Texas AgriLife Today

Texas row crop producers are heading into planting season amid early weather uncertainty, shifting price relationships in major commodities, and economic pressure from high input costs, according to Texas A&M AgriLife

Extension Service economists.

While timely rains supported strong cotton yields in 2025, the upcoming season is beginning under La Niña conditions that have kept much of Texas warm and dry since the fall. The pattern is expected to fade by March, but dryness could persist into key planting periods across the state's staggered cotton calendar, said John Robinson, Ph.D., AgriLife Extension cotton economist in the Texas A&M Department of Agricultural Economics.

Robinson said that contrasts sharply with last year's



Texas cotton producers face early drought concerns and shifting market conditions heading into the 2026 planting season. (Michael Miller/Texas A&M AgriLife)

wetter-than-normal conditions and raises the likelihood

of lower production and more volatile pricing through the spring and early summer.

#### La Niña shifts cotton outlook with early drought risk

Even if weather-driven rallies appear, Robinson said they rarely hold through harvest, leaving growers exposed to timing risk in a market that exports 85%-90% of U.S. cotton and responds quickly to global demand signals.

The state's cotton sector also continues to feel a cost squeeze, with input costs outpacing gains in market prices and tightening margins across Texas row-crop operations.

#### Corn-soy acreage balance and global wheat pressures ahead

Beyond cotton, 2026 pricing dynamics in corn, soybeans and wheat will influence planting decisions and market behavior, especially in the Corn Belt and export-driven oilseed markets, said Mark Welch, Ph.D., AgriLife Extension grain economist in the Department of Agricultural Economics.

Corn remains a primary price driver for grain commodities and continues to shape acreage decisions in the Midwest. U.S. corn plantings reached roughly 98.8 million acres in 2025, rising by more than 8 million acres over 2024, and Welch said the market will watch whether those acres hold or begin shifting toward soybeans as relative prices adjust.

Futures currently reflect soybeans near \$10.86 per bushel and corn near \$4.50 per bushel, Welch said.

Soybean prices may strengthen further in 2026 due to competitive returns and trade positioning.

Global supply remains heavily influenced by South American production, led by Brazil, now the world's largest soybean exporter and a major factor when it comes to pricing U.S. soybeans, Welch said.

#### Geopolitical outcomes could impact crop prices

Even though the U.S. only (Continued on page 15A)

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accounts for just over 6% of the world's wheat production, it accounts for about 11% of global wheat exports. A smaller U.S. winter wheat crop could lend upward price support, Welch said.

However, geopolitical outcomes could sharply alter that landscape. For instance, an end to the war in Ukraine could drive wheat prices lower, Welch said.

Taken together, Robinson and Welch expect continued weather uncertainty in the Lone Star State, competitive acreage decisions in the Midwest, and international influences in soybeans and wheat markets to define early 2026 as growers weigh planting choices.

AgriLife Extension district reporters compiled the following summaries:

**Panhandle**

A major cold front moved through the district, bringing snow showers and accumulations of 2-3 inches. As temperatures warmed, melting snow helped improve shallow topsoil moisture, benefiting emerged small grains. Overall soil moisture levels ranged from very short to adequate. Pasture and range conditions were very poor to good, and winter wheat was mostly fair. Cow-calf pairs continued grazing on standing corn stubble while producers increased hay feeding during extended below-freezing temperatures.

**Rolling Plains**

A strong cold front brought sleet, snow and arctic air, with snowfall totals of 5-8 inches and several days of temperatures in the teens and single digits. Moisture from the storm was expected to benefit dryland wheat and pastures once temperatures rise. Agricultural activity focused on livestock care, including winterizing operations and increased supplemental feeding. Winter wheat conditions were fair to poor, and pasture and range conditions were poor to fair. Some livestock and potential calving losses were reported, and producers expressed concerns about possible impacts to bull fertility.

**North**

Topsoil moisture was mostly short across the district. Pasture and range conditions were poor to fair. A winter storm brought sleet and temperatures in the mid-teens, limiting field activity. Additional crop and forage assessments were expected to occur once the ice thaws. Winter wheat was reported to be doing okay, and livestock

conditions remained good.

**Far West**

Cold temperatures and widespread rain and snow impacted the district, with average precipitation of approximately three-quarters of an inch in some areas. Snow accumulation caused temporary travel delays and halted fieldwork. Moisture improved soil conditions, though extended freezes stressed small grains and winter forage. Pasture and rangeland conditions were mostly very poor to poor. Topsoil and subsoil moisture remained very short to short. Winter wheat had emerged in most areas, with

growth expected to respond once temperatures moderate. Livestock conditions ranged from poor to fair, with supplemental feeding ongoing.

**West Central**

Extreme cold, ice and snow affected the district as temperatures dropped into the teens and below-freezing conditions lasted more than 50 hours in some areas. Ice accumulations reached up to one-quarter of an inch. Although winter storms provided some moisture, much of it remained frozen, limiting immediate benefit. Soil moisture remained a major concern with drought return-

ing to several areas. Winter wheat, oats and small grains were stunted or damaged by cold and drought, with some wheat being zeroed out. Pasture and rangeland conditions were mostly poor to fair. Livestock were generally in good condition, though winter feeding programs were fully underway.

**Central**

Rainfall was followed by strong cold fronts that brought ice, sleet and snow. Crop damage was anticipated, and concerns remained about calving losses. Crop and rangeland

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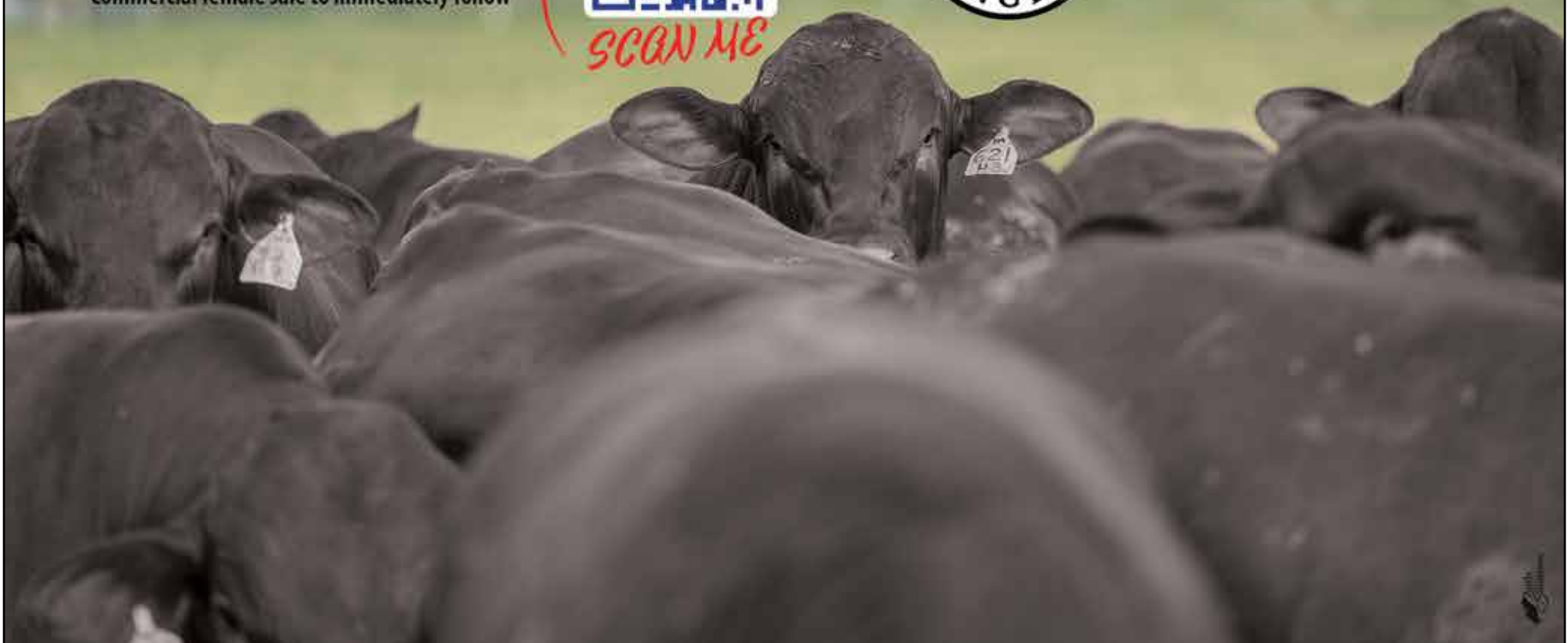
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## Latest cattle inventory down slightly

Source: USDA

All cattle and calves in the United States as of Jan. 1, 2026 totaled 86.2 million head, slightly below the 86.5 million head on Jan. 1, 2025.

All cows and heifers that have calved, at 37.2 million head, were slightly below the 37.3 million head on Jan. 1, 2025. Beef cows, at 27.6 million head, were down 1 percent from a year ago. Milk cows, at 9.57 million head, were up 2 percent from the previous year.

All heifers 500 pounds and over as of Jan. 1, 2026 totaled

18.0 million head, 1 percent below the 18.1 million head on Jan. 1, 2025. Beef replacement heifers, at 4.71 million head, were up 1 percent from a year ago. Milk replacement heifers, at 3.90 million head, were down slightly from the previous year. Other heifers, at 9.40 million head, were J2 percent below a year earlier.

Steers weighing 500 pounds and over as of Jan. 1, 2026 totaled 15.6 million head, down 1 percent from Jan. 1, 2025.

Bulls weighing 500 pounds and over as of Jan. 1, 2026 totaled 2.01 million head, up slightly from Jan. 1, 2025.

Calves under 500 pounds as of Jan. 1, 2026 totaled 13.3 million head, down slightly from Jan. 1, 2025.

Cattle and calves on feed for the slaughter market in the United States for all feedlots totaled 13.8 million head on Jan. 1, 2026. The inventory is down 3 percent from the Jan. 1, 2025 total of 14.3 million head. Cattle on feed in feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head accounted for 82.7 percent of the total cattle on feed on Jan. 1, 2026, up slightly from the pre-

vious year. The combined total of calves under 500 pounds and other heifers and steers over 500 pounds (outside of feedlots), at 24.5 million head, was 1 percent above Jan. 1, 2025.

Calf crop down 2 percent

The 2025 calf crop in the United States was estimated at 32.9 million head, down 2 percent from the previous year's calf crop. Calves born during the first half of 2025 were estimated at 24.2 million head, down 2 percent from the first half of 2024. Calves born during the second half of 2025 were estimated at 8.70 million head, 26 percent of the total 2025 calf-crop.

## Texas crop...

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conditions were extremely poor. Potential wildfire fuel loads were very high due to abundant spring growth that has dried and gone dormant. Wheat and oats emerged but remained in very poor condition due to a lack of moisture and cold stress. Livestock were in fair condition, with producers supplementing feed. Cattle, sheep and goat markets remained fairly strong.

Southwest

Warm conditions early in the week gave way to an Arctic cold front that

brought freezing rain and sub-freezing temperatures. Precipitation totals ranged from 0.25-1 inch, with additional mixed precipitation helping drought conditions. Freeze damage was noted on landscape plants and rangeland, though livestock losses were minimal. Hay supplies declined as producers increased supplementation. Livestock conditions remained good, and some hay producers planned to renovate pastures following recent moisture.

Southeast

Moisture remains a common concern across the district. Small-grain conditions varied, ranging from spotty to good. Winter wheat and oats emerged 100%. Soil moisture levels ranged from surplus to short. Overall conditions remained stable, with producers focused on proactive planning and on maintaining livestock health throughout the winter. Pasture and rangeland ratings were reported as fair to good. Livestock conditions ranged from excellent to good.

Coastal Bend

Extreme cold, ice and hard freeze conditions impacted the district. Rainfall from the winter storm ranged from 0.25-1.25 inches, improving soil moisture slightly. Row crop fields were nearing planting readiness, with fertilizing and weed control underway early in the week. Winter pastures were expected to benefit from moisture, though additional rainfall was needed for regrowth. Pasture and range conditions remained limited, and surface water supplies were low. Cattle were mostly in fair condition, with widespread supplemental feeding and high hay demand leading some producers to downsize herds.

South

Dry, hot conditions prevailed until the weekend, when extreme cold temperatures arrived with little to no moisture. Severe drought persisted, with very short topsoil moisture and limited subsoil reserves. Freeze conditions raised concerns for onions, leafy greens and other sensitive crops, and planting was delayed. Citrus and vegetable harvests continued. Range and pasture conditions were poor, with bare fields and declining stock tank levels. Producers continued supplemental feeding as hay and feed prices remained high. Livestock prices stayed strong, though the worsening drought continued to pressure producers.

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# Calving management to reduce disease risk

Rosslyn Biggs, DVM; OSU Cooperative Extension state beef cattle specialist



Early in the calving season, cows typically calve on clean ground with no older calves present. As calving progresses, disease risk increases as pathogens accumulate and younger calves are exposed to older calves shedding infectious organisms.

Calf scours remains one of the most common health challenges facing cow-calf producers and is rarely caused by a single factor. Instead, diarrhea results from the interaction between disease-causing organisms, the calf, and its environment. One management approach designed to address environmental exposure during calving is the Sandhills calving system. This system focuses on maintaining clean calving conditions throughout the entire calving season.

Early in the calving season, cows typically calve on clean ground with no older calves present. As calving progresses, disease risk increases as pathogens accumulate and younger calves are exposed to older calves shedding infectious organisms. The Sandhills system works to recreate early-season conditions week after week. All pregnant cows begin the season in one pasture. After one to two weeks, cows that have not yet calved are moved to a clean pasture, while cow-calf pairs remain behind. This process is repeated throughout the calving season.

By separating calves by age, younger calves have limited contact with older calves that may be shedding pathogens. This disrupts the cycle of exposure and reduces the buildup of disease-causing organisms in the calving area. Producers who adopt this system often report fewer cases of calf scours, reduced treatment rates, and improved calf survival. These benefits can also translate into lower labor demands and decreased treatment costs.

Additional advantages include improved observation and recordkeeping. Smaller groups of cow-calf pairs allow producers to monitor health more closely, identify problems earlier, and provide targeted care when needed. The system can also support broader biosecurity efforts, including isolation of sick calves and maintaining cleaner calving areas.

Implementing the Sandhills calving system

does require advance planning. Pasture availability, water access, shelter, forage use, and weather conditions must be considered. Timing and good stockmanship are especially important when moving pregnant cows. While not a replacement for sound

nutrition, vaccination, or efficiency, the Sandhills overall herd health programs, this system is a valuable management tool. For producers facing recurring calf scours or seeking to improve calving-season efficiency, the Sandhills calving system is worth consideration as a proactive investment in calf health and herd productivity. ~SLS

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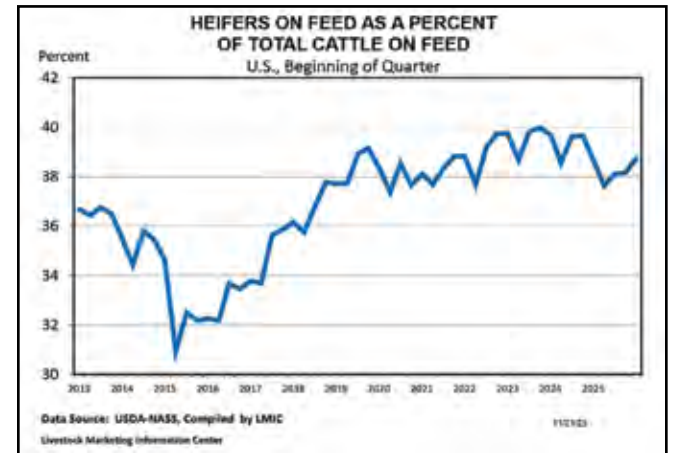
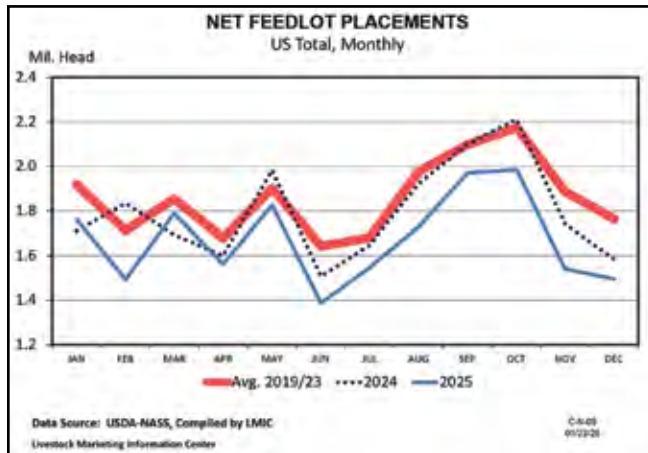
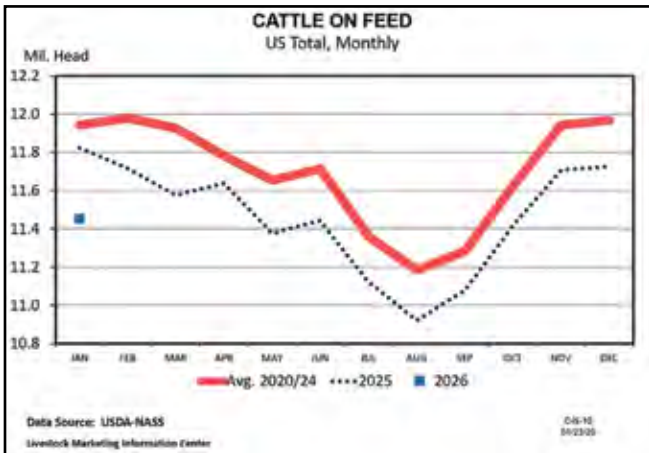
# Cattle on Feed suggests continued tight supplies and limited heifer retention

By Dr. Kenny Burdine, University of Kentucky Extension professor, livestock marketing

USDA released the January Cattle on Feed report on Friday Jan. 23rd. These monthly reports estimate on-feed inventories for feed-

lots with capacity over 1,000 head, which represents more than 80% of total on-feed inventory in the U.S. As of Jan. 1, total on-feed inventory was

estimated at 11.45 million head, which was down over 3% from Jan. 1, 2025. Low domestic cattle inventory, combined with the ban on live



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cattle imports from Mexico, continue to keep cattle supplies tight. On-feed inventory has been running below year-ago levels since fall of 2024, and this was the largest year-over-year decline since that time.

Placements were the headliner of the report, and this has largely been the case for the last year. The number of cattle placed on feed during December of 2025 was down by more than 5% from December of 2024. This was largely anticipated, and the placement number came in at the upper end of a very wide range of pre-report estimates, but the number is still significant. We were not importing live cattle from Mexico in December of 2024, so the 5% decrease is from a low baseline the previous year. December marketings were up 1.7% year-over-year, which was very close to pre-report estimates. Nebraska continues to be the state with the largest number of cattle on feed, while Texas would be second. This shift has occurred due to the continued ban on cattle imports from Mexico.

Friday's report also included an estimate of the steer/heifer breakdown. The number of heifers on feed provides an indication of heifer retention, so analysts have been watching this number closely. In Friday's report, both steers and heifers on feed were down roughly 3% from January 2025. As a percentage of total on-feed inventory, heifers accounted for 38.7%. This is about 0.6% higher than October 1 and virtually unchanged from last January. This suggests relatively low levels of heifer retention at present.

More will be known about heifer retention and many other trends when USDA releases the January cattle inventory report on Jan. 30th. During 2025, beef cow slaughter was down by over

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# A bull breeding soundness exam pays

Source: University of Missouri

STOCKTON, Missouri. – “A bull breeding soundness exam (BSE) is suggested prior to each breeding season to make sure a bull is physically and reproductively sound to breed females,” says Patrick Davis, University of Missouri Extension livestock field specialist.

During the fall, MU Extension cooperated with veterinarians and a pharmaceutical company to provide education and collect data during bull BSE days. Davis provides results from these events and discusses why the bull BSE pays:

During fall BSE days at two veterinary clinics in southwestern Missouri, 109 bulls were tested from 25 different farms. Eleven of the 109 bulls from six farms failed or were deferred, which is a 10% fail/deferral rate. Of the 11 bulls, the veterinarian deferred five and suggested that they be re-tested. If they fail the retest, they need to be culled like failed bulls. These findings are similar to data collected at previous BSE days held in southwestern Missouri. This data is also similar to North Dakota State data that summarized 5,800 bulls in 2014 and found that 9% of mature bulls and 17% of yearling bulls failed their BSE. Conkey et al. (2019) reported in Clinical Theriogenology that from 2008 to 2018 with 1,375 bull records, there was a 23.71% failure rate, which is higher than what has been seen in southwestern Missouri.

“There were multiple reasons for bull deferral or failure,” says Davis. The reasons for failure included no sample, lacerated penis, poor morphology, injured prepuce and scrotum injury. Some of the younger bulls showed underdeveloped sperm morphology. These bulls were deferred due to their potential to improve sperm morphology with an additional 30-60



A breeding soundness examination on all bulls before breeding season is always a smart reproduction practice.

days of maturity, when they may end up passing the BSE. One bull was deferred as he was healing from a lacerated penis, and the veterinarian felt that giving him a breeding season off and retesting in the spring might yield a sound bull.

The Alabama Cooperative Extension System reports that sub-fertile bulls had a 16% reduction in pregnancy rate compared to fertile bulls in a 63-day breeding season. Furthermore, the sub-fertile bulls took longer to get cows pregnant, which means younger, lighter calves at weaning. Both fates result in

fewer pounds of calf to market which influences operation income and profitability. These BSE days identified sub-fertile bulls that would not have been found without testing. Davis suggests that with cattle prices as they are,

not doing a BSE is an expensive mistake.

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## Cattle on...

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500,000 head. For that reason alone, a small increase in beef cow numbers would seem likely. And while heifer retention does not appear to be occurring at a large scale, a small increase in the number of heifers held for beef cow replacement would not be surprising. Still, the pace of beef cow herd expansion in the coming years is likely to be slower than past cattle cycles.

# Texas 4-H Youth Development expands program in agribusiness

The Texas 4-H Youth Development Program of the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service offers 43 unique projects for involvement – ranging from livestock to robotics, but the 4-H roots are undeniably deep in agriculture and they always will be.

The Texas 4-H Youth Livestock and Agriculture (TYLA) Livestock, Equine, and Poultry Ambassador programs were created as a way for senior-level 4-H youth to have an immersive experience in education, real-world application and career-readiness in their unique interest area. To complete the full ambassador experience, accepted youth will first attend one of the Texas 4-H

Equine, Livestock, or Poultry Ambassador short courses in their first year, complete the Texas 4-H Agribusiness or Advocacy Academy in their second year and finally participate in the international or domestic agricultural experience trip. Throughout their ambassador journey, they most importantly serve their communities and the state of Texas in agricultural awareness and service opportunities.

The TYLA team, led by Dr. Billy Zanolini, Dr. Dottie Goebel, and Kelley Ranly announced the new Agribusiness Academy the last week of January.

“The Texas 4-H Agribusiness Academy was created to bridge the gap be-

tween production agriculture and business leadership. Many Texas 4-H Livestock, Equine, and Poultry Ambassadors go on to pursue undergraduate degrees in business, agricultural economics, or related fields and we recognized an opportunity to more intentionally prepare these students to succeed in business-focused environments,” Kelley Ranly said. “As a result, the Agribusiness Academy is designed to provide immersive, hands-on experiences that strengthen leadership and collaboration skills, foster innovation and entrepreneurial thinking and build confidence in professional communication through real-world agribusiness applications.”

The Agribusiness Academy will be held in College Station, Texas, June 29-July 1, 2026, and all current second, third and fourth year Texas 4-H Livestock, Equine, and Poultry Ambassadors in good standing are eligible to apply.

“The Texas 4-H Agribusiness Academy serves as a complementary second pathway to our existing Texas 4-H Advocacy Academy, which focuses on agricultural policy and the legislative process. Together, these programs cater to a wide range of student interests and allow participants to intentionally diversify their skill sets by pursuing either a policy-driven or business-driven track,” Ranly

said. “This approach ensures we are developing well-rounded leaders equipped to influence agriculture from multiple angles.”

The Agribusiness Academy will include opportunities for the students such as a Shark Tank-style competition, sessions on the power of marketing, branding and value creation, entrepreneurship and budgeting and financial basis.

“Since the Ambassador programs started in 2008, those youth have gone on to be leaders in agribusiness. This isn’t creating a new subset of 4-H alumni, we just want to use this opportunity to be more intentional about broadly sparking business interest and getting them on

a business or entrepreneurial runway earlier,” Dr. Zanolini said. “It is true, agriculture needs more talent and youth on the production side. However, at this moment, with limited resources and external challenges, there is a crucial need for ag innovators, problem solvers and entrepreneurs. TYLA wants to be on the front lines of this challenge and give our most promising students the experiences needed to make an impact in the future.”

Applications for the Agribusiness Academy will open on Feb. 15 and close on April 15. For more information or to support the TYLA programs, please contact Kelley Ranly at [kelley\\_ranly@ag.tamu.edu](mailto:kelley_ranly@ag.tamu.edu).

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# PRCA Board votes to relocate headquarters, Hall of Fame and museum

CHEYENNE, Wyoming/Colorado Springs, Colorado — The Professional Rodeo Cowboys Association (PRCA) Board of Directors approved a non-binding memorandum of understanding to seriously consider relocating the organization's headquarters, along with the PRCA Hall of Fame and Museum of the American Cowboy, to Wyoming. The move would bring professional rodeo's premier organization to the Cowboy State, where rodeo is officially recognized as Wyoming's professional sport, by vote of the Wyoming Legislature. The process was thorough and included productive conversations from multiple locations and a proposal from Colorado Springs leadership.

In addition to a friendly business climate and no state income tax, Cheyenne offered to build a Hall of Fame and an administrative building to host the PRCA national headquarters with upgraded office space, first class conference rooms and other amenities. The relocation represents a strategic move for the PRCA and underscores Wyoming's deep-rooted connection to western heritage, rodeo and the cowboy way of life. The transition is anticipated to occur early in 2029.

The proposed PRCA campus will be located near the highly visible intersection of Interstate 25 and Interstate 80, positioning it at one of the most traveled crossroads in the region. The approximately 35-acre site is envisioned as the anchor of a new western-themed entertainment, cultural and shopping district, creating a year-round destination for fans, families and visitors from around the world.

PRCA leadership emphasized the long-term benefits of the move for the organization and its members.

"This is a strategic decision that positions the PRCA for the future," said Tom Glause, PRCA CEO. "Wyoming lives and breathes rodeo and Cheyenne offers authenticity, visibility and alignment with our sport's values. The opportunity to build a pur-

pose-driven campus that celebrates rodeo's history while supporting its growth is incredibly exciting."

Wyoming Governor Mark Gordon praised the decision and highlighted its significance for the state's economy and cultural identity.

"Rodeo has been a part of Wyoming since before we were a state. It is in our DNA. I grew up roping a dummy at every PRCA rodeo, first my dad and then myself, competed in," Gov. Gordon said. "There is no better place on earth than right here in the Cowboy State for the PRCA to be headquartered. We have the legacy, respect the tradition, and will always honor the cowboy way and Code of the West. Powder River, Let 'er Buck!"

The relocation is contingent upon approval of project funding by the Wyoming Legislature. In December, the Cheyenne LEADS Board of Directors voted to commit \$15 million from its reserves as matching funds toward the project. Additional public and private funding sources will be pursued to support development of the campus and surrounding district.

"This announcement reflects both Wyoming's legacy and its future," said Betsey Hale, CEO of Cheyenne LEADS. "Rodeo is woven into the fabric of our state and welcoming the PRCA, its headquarters, and the Hall of Fame to Cheyenne is a natural fit. The Cheyenne LEADS Board strongly believes in this opportunity and voted to invest \$15 million as a show of commitment. We look forward to partnering with the City of Cheyenne, Laramie County, along with the PRCA, and other stakeholders to bring this visionary campus to life."

The future PRCA campus will house administrative offices, the Hall of Fame, and the Museum of the American Cowboy, creating a centralized home that honors the sport's legacy while supporting innovation, education, and fan engagement.

Additional details regarding funding, design and development timelines will be released as the project moves forward.

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- FEB 24 **Perez Cattle Co. Bull Sale, Nara Visa, NM**
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- FEB 28 **Hallettsville Livestock Commission Special Female Sale, Hallettsville, TX**
- FEB 28 **44 Farms Bull Sale, Cameron, TX**
- MAR 4 Houston Livestock Show & Rodeo All Breeds Sale, Houston, TX
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- MAR 21 **Caldwell Livestock Auction Special Bull & Replacement Female Sale, Caldwell, TX**

- MAR 24 **GenePlus Spring Brangus Bull Sale, Concord, AR**
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- JUL 9 **Jordan Cattle Auction Special Stocker-Feeder & Premium Weaned Sale, San Saba, TX**
- JUL 25 **Jordan Cattle Auction Special Replacement Female Sale, San Saba, TX**
- SEP 12 **Collier Farms Fall Advantage Sale, College Station, TX**

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## Ensuring healthy herds: The critical role of water management for livestock in winter

By Kate Hornyak

Water stands as an essential nutrient for beef cattle, much like it does for humans. It plays a vital role in various bodily functions, including growth, reproduction, lactation and the regulation of body temperature. However, the winter season intensifies the challenge of providing a sufficient and accessible water supply. This difficulty is compounded by the freezing temperatures and changes in the behavior of the livestock during colder months.

### Challenges in winter water management

Managing water for livestock during the winter months presents distinct hurdles. The primary issue is the freezing of water sources, limiting cattle's access to

water. Cattle often increase their water consumption in colder weather to meet their heightened energy needs. This requires more focused management strategies to ensure they receive sufficient hydration.

In colder temperatures, cattle consume more feed to maintain body heat. If water availability decreases, feed intake also drops, leading to poorer body condition. This is particularly critical if the birthing season is in spring, as reduced water and feed intake during winter can lead to poor fetal growth rates and lower lactation levels.

### Methods to deliver water in the winter

Having electricity at your winter-feeding areas is a huge

plus. It unlocks several effective methods to prevent your cattle's water supply from turning into an icy hazard. A straightforward solution is to use a plug-in heater, which can be installed in the drain plug of a large stock tank. This approach is simple and efficient, ensuring that water remains in a liquid state for your herd.

Large stock tanks with larger capacity are another option that can be considered. Stock tanks need to be checked often to allow livestock access to water and ensure filling purposes. Opting for ones with a larger capacity can make a difference when temperatures drop. To combat ice formation, consider installing a continuous flow valve. This valve will prevent freezing and ice from accumulating in the tank.

In areas where electricity isn't an option, natural sources like ponds and springs come into play for livestock hydration. However, during winter, these natural waterways can present challenges, especially on extremely cold days when

freezing is a concern. To navigate this, one can employ innovative methods such as a collection trench combined with solar-heated devices. These systems often include heat tubes buried deep underground, capturing solar energy to prevent water from freezing. However, it's important to note that even with these measures, on particularly frigid days, with frequent visits by the herd to the water source, a thin layer of ice may still form. In such instances, breaking the ice becomes necessary to maintain uninterrupted access to water for your livestock.

### What is ideal

Keeping the ideal temperature of drinking water for cattle is a balance – it should neither be hot nor frozen. The sweet spot lies between 40 and 65 degrees Fahrenheit. It's interesting to note that steers with access to cool drinking water have shown to gain an additional 0.3 to 0.4 pounds per day compared to those consuming warmer water. This underscores the importance of regularly checking the temperature of water, especially in waterers equipped with heaters, to avoid what's known as a "run-away" – a situation where the water gets too warm.



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To accurately gauge the water temperature, use a thermometer, but remember to keep it suspended in the water rather than letting it touch the bottom of the container. The bottom, especially if heated, might show a higher temperature than the actual water. Conduct these checks over several cold days to ensure consistency. Maintaining water temperatures at least at 40 degrees Fahrenheit is crucial not just for the mechanical aspects of water delivery systems, but also for sustaining optimal animal performance.

Furthermore, according to the "Beef Housing and Equipment Handbook" from 1987, a guideline for water

access is that 16 cows should be able to drink from each foot of a water fountain or tank perimeter. This is based on the assumption that cows are penned and have continual access to water throughout the day. Practical experiences often suggest that this number can be exceeded if the water flow is consistently adequate.

Understanding and implementing these insights about water temperature and accessibility can significantly impact the health and growth rates of cattle, especially in controlled environments like pens. Regular monitoring and adjustments as per weather conditions are key to ensuring the wellbeing of your livestock.

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# Sympathies extended to Cox family

Donald Paul Cox was born on Sept. 24, 1952, in Houston, Texas, to Harley and Viola Cox. He graduated from Waltrip High School in 1971 and earned his Bachelor of Business Administration with a minor in finance from Sam Houston State University in 1975.

He grew up in Oak Forest in Houston, where he developed a lifelong love of sports. He played baseball and although he never played basketball, he became an avid Houston Rockets fan and was a season ticket holder for 40 years. He especially cherished taking his father to all four NBA Championship series and sharing many games over the years with his children.

Cox began his career at JCPenney as a stockboy in 1968 and went on to build a successful career in management. His final position with JCPenney was district merchandiser before leaving in 1984 to pursue a career in financial management. In 1989, he founded Cox Global Associates, a successful business that continues today under the leadership of his son, Cody.

In 1983, Cox fulfilled a longtime dream by purchasing his grandparents' homestead in Weimar, Texas and establishing a cattle operation known as Cox Excalibur Red Brangus, which remains in operation today. Cox Excalibur has sold CX genetics into 11 countries worldwide. Cox was one of the original founders of the International Red Brangus Breeders Association in 1991, serving on its board of directors from 1991 to 2025 and as president for three years. Throughout his cattle career, he was honored with numerous awards from the International Brangus Breeders Association (IBBA) including Breeder of the Year, Pioneer of the Year, Herdsman of the Year and the Jake White Lifetime Achievement Award, among others.

Cox was elected president of the IBBA in 2010 after serving as chairman of numerous committees and as treasurer/secretary of the association. He also served on the IBBA Board of Directors for eight years and was a member of the original World Brangus Committee that launched the Congress in 2000 in Houston, Texas.

Cox moved to Katy in 1992 and became deeply involved in the community. He served as chairman of

city elections, president of Katy Management District 1 for 30 years and a member of the Katy Charter Review Committee. He believed strongly in the importance of community involvement.

He lost his battle with pancreatic cancer after a courageous fight that included two years and 25 rounds of chemotherapy. His strength and faith were admirable, as he continually thanked God for healing. Ultimately, God healed him by calling him home to heaven. He

loved and cherished his family throughout his journey and touched countless lives through his kindness, humor, generosity and unwavering commitment to God and family. He was deeply loved and will be profoundly missed. His legacy of faith and love will live on through all who were blessed to know him.

Don's survivors include Lili Cox, Cayla Cox, Cody Cox, Courtney Cox, Conner Cox, Martha Cox, Bonnie Cox, Jason and Kat



Pittman, Madeleine and Luke Pittman, Patrick and Monique Connor, Finleigh and Declan Connor, Ryan and Stephanie Coolman,

Marley-Ann Coolman, and Julian Canovas.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Harley P. Cox and Viola Cox.

A visitation was held Feb. 5 at Schmidt Funeral Home, Grand Parkway. Funeral

services took place Feb. 7 at Schmidt Funeral Home, Grand Parkway, with Pastor Jason Robinson officiating, followed by burial and a reception at Cox-Krejci Cemetery in Weimar, Texas. ~SLS

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# RFD Network enters a new chapter with modernized brand and content first, multi-platform

**Company Formally transitions from Rural Media Group to RFD Network, unveiling first new logo in more than 25 years and accelerating investment in original programming**



(NASHVILLE, Tennessee) Jan. 26, 2026 — RFD Network today announced a major evolution of its business and brand, formally transitioning from Rural Media Group to RFD Network and introducing a modernized visual identity built for a multi-platform media environment. The change reflects the company's shift from a primarily distri-

bution-led operation to a content-first network centered on original rural programming across television, streaming, digital, and audio.

Led by Gatsby Gottsch Solheim and Raquel Gottsch Koehler, RFD Network now unifies its core platforms - RFD-TV (linear), RFD+ (streaming), Rural Radio on SiriusXM, podcasts and digital properties - under a single

network brand. The alignment supports expanded investment in original content while building on RFD-TV's reach and long-standing relationship with rural audiences across the United States.

"This evolution is about honoring our roots while investing in the content needed to serve the next generation of farmers and ranchers and the challenges ahead," said

Gatsby Gottsch Solheim, co-owner and chief financial and legal officer. "Our television programming has long served the people who work every day to feed and fuel our world. Today, we are expanding that focus to better serve the one in five Americans who identify as rural and are often overlooked by national media. By strengthening our platforms and making our program-

ming easier to discover across every screen, we're ensuring rural stories remain accessible, relevant and visible, no matter how or where audiences choose to watch."

Across its portfolio, RFD Network delivers programming spanning agriculture, food, music, travel and ministry, reaching more than 50 million households with live news, lifestyle and entertain-

ment programming, and original series.

In 2025, RFD-TV expanded its footprint by becoming an official broadcast partner of Major League Fishing, extending the network's presence in live sports and outdoor culture.

**A refreshed brand and visual identity rooted in history**

As part of this evolution, RFD Network completed a comprehensive visual identity update, including new logos for RFD Network, RFD-TV, RFD+, and Rural Radio on SiriusXM. The refreshed system is designed to work seamlessly across broadcast, streaming, social and digital environments.

The updated RFD-TV logo honors the company's heritage while signaling its future. The iconic windmill remains, while a simplified, contemporary design moves beyond the visual language of towers and dishes to reflect a brand focused on creating content rather than just distributing it.

"Our father designed the original logo to reflect who we were when the company first launched more than 25 years ago," said Raquel Gottsch Koehler, co-owner and chief marketing and creative officer. "That logo with the windmill has always stood for the people and communities we serve, so keeping it was deeply important to us. This new visual identity carries that foundation forward and reflects where we're headed and the kind of thoughtful, authentic programming we're committed to creating for the next generation."

**RFD-TV now transitions to RFD+**

A key component of the company's growth strategy is the evolution of RFD-TV Now into RFD+, the network's streaming destination for live and on-demand programming.

RFD+ extends the reach of RFD Network's content across connected devices, offering agriculture and equine programming, rural lifestyle and food series, music, live events, and family-friendly entertainment. New original music programming produced from the Fort Worth Stockyards will begin rolling out in May, further expanding the platform's offering.

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RFD Originals and RFD Studios

In 2026, RFD Network will expand its original programming through RFD Studios, the home of RFD Originals. Programming produced or co-produced through RFD Studios will be exclusive to RFD Network platforms.

RFD Studios operates from physical production centers in Nashville at RFD Studios: Music Row and at RFD Studios: the Auction Barn in the historic Fort Worth Stockyards. These facilities support an expanded slate of lifestyle, food, music and unscripted series, including Twisted Skillet and additional music-focused originals entering production in May.

"Original programming sits at the core of how we're growing the network," said Koehler, co-owner and chief marketing and creative officer. "Controlling our studios allows us to produce in-house, collaborate directly with talent, and develop shows specifically for our platforms. It gives us greater flexibility and a stronger foundation for long-term growth."

RFD Network is also expanding its audio portfolio following the launch of its first original podcast, Dirt Diaries, with additional audio projects planned for 2026 tied to established franchises and on-air talent.

RFD News: A daily destination for rural audiences

RFD Network continues to be anchored by RFD News, the umbrella for its live news and market coverage, including Market Day Report, Rural Evening News, and Cow Guy Close. Produced from RFD Studios: Music Row, these programs deliver 6+ hours of live news with timely information that audiences rely on every day.

Together with the network's original programming, RFD News reinforces RFD Network's role as a trusted, daily destination for rural audiences nationwide.

About RFD Network

RFD Network is an independent, family-owned, multi-platform media company dedicated to authentic rural storytelling. The network reaches more than 50 million nationwide through its portfolio of television, streaming, digital and audio brands, including RFD-TV, RFD+, and Rural Radio on SiriusXM.

Built on a foundation of trusted live rural news, market coverage and original pro-

gramming, the RFD Network delivers content rooted in agriculture, food, music, work, and rural community life. The company is focused on a content-first strategy that supports original storytelling, digital growth, and direct engagement with rural audiences across platforms.

Headquartered in Nashville with production studios in the Fort Worth Stockyards, the RFD Network serves viewers, listeners, and advertising partners through a brand-safe, highly engaged rural media environment.

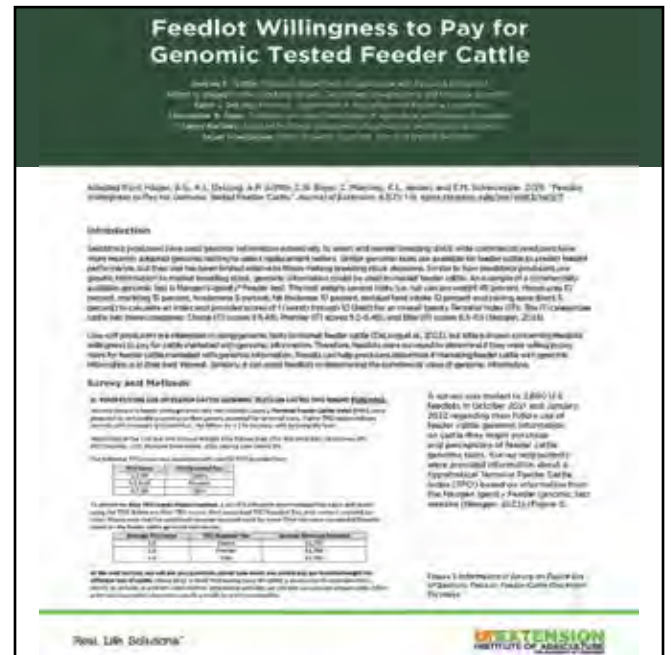
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University of Tennessee releases new publication

Feedlot Willingness to Pay for Genomic Tested Feeder Cattle--this publication, produced by the University of Tennessee Extension Institute of Agriculture, highlights an emerging opportunity for cow-calf producers to capture added value by incorporating genomic data into marketing

strategies. The results also provide feedlots with clearer insight into the economic value of genomics for predicting feedlot and carcass performance.

This can be found in the Marketing and Price Analysis section at https://utbeef.tennessee.edu/beef-cattle-economics-and.../



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FRIDAY, MARCH 6

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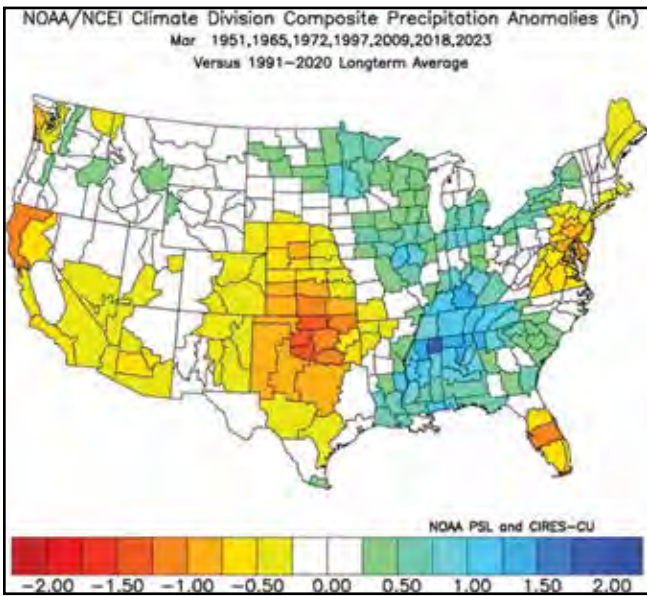
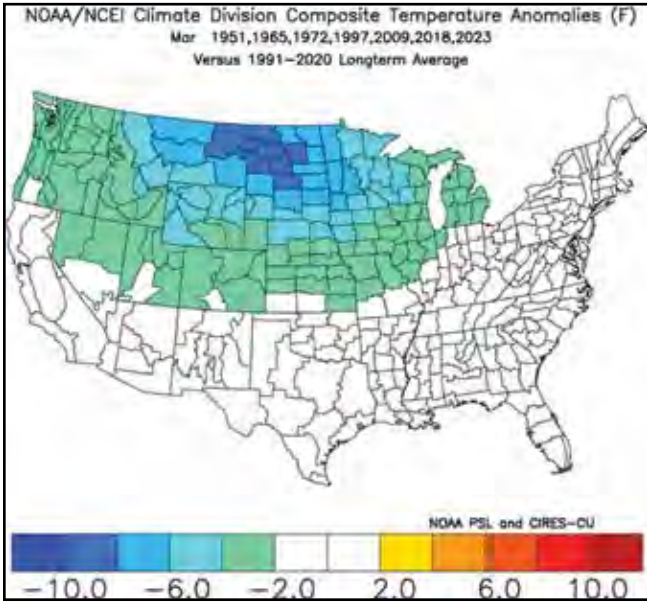
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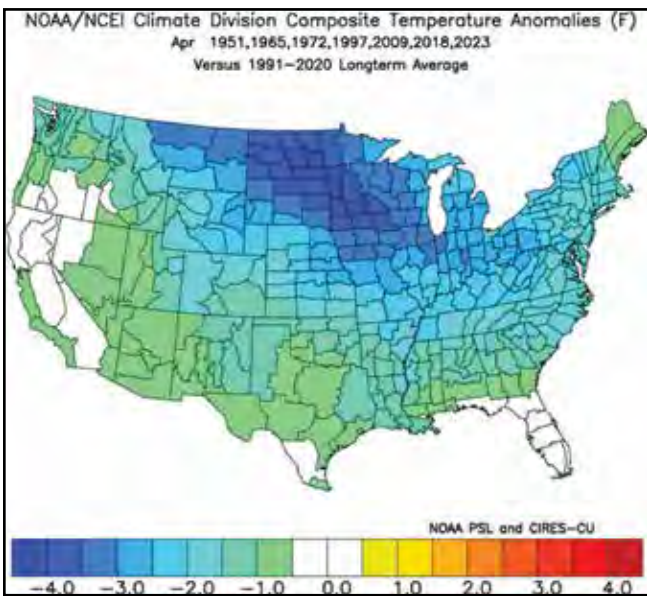


While it will never be a perfect method of long range forecasting, looking into the past to see into the future can be of use. The maps below show the potential analog years (years from the past) that match up closely with what we may see from March - September of this year. We will look at the temperature and precipitation anomalies averaged out of the years 1951, 1965, 1972, 1997, 2009, 2018, 2023. Why those years? Because those are the years that most closely mimic the change from La Niña to El Niño that we will likely go through this year.

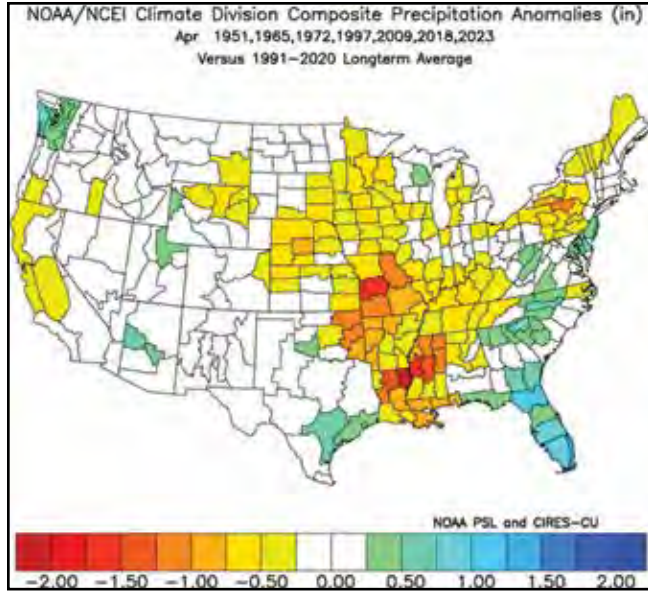
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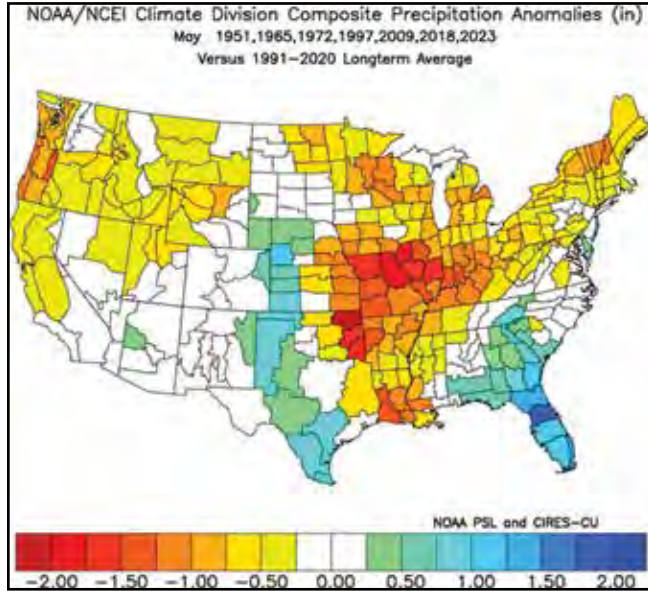
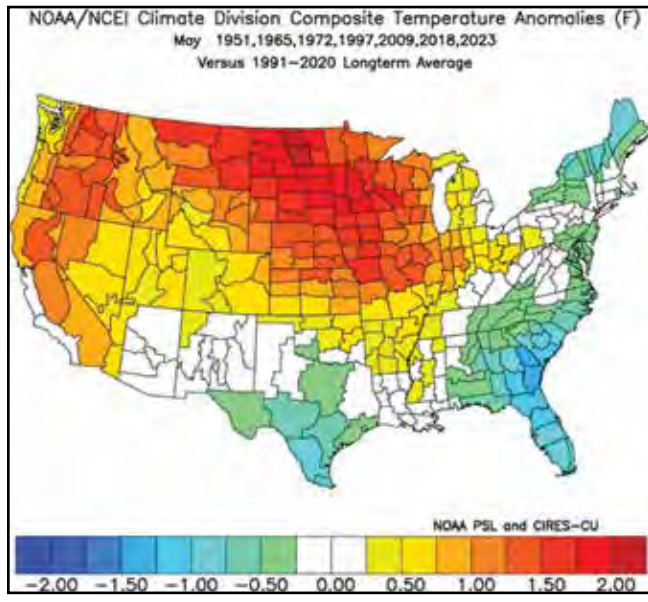
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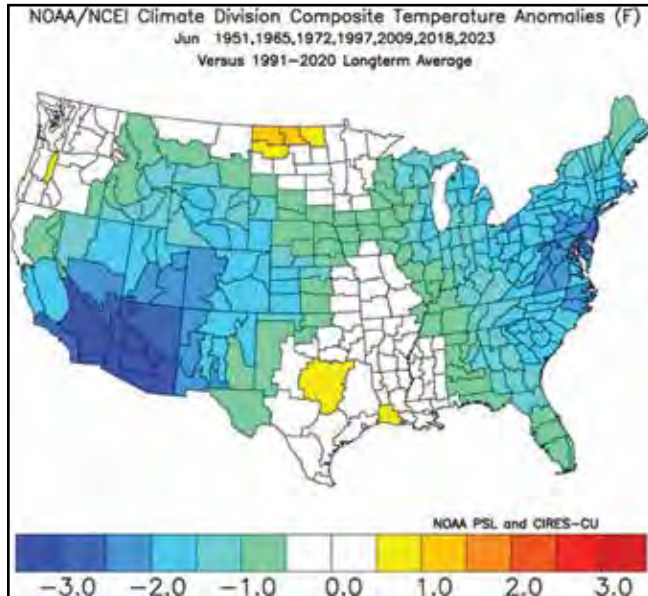
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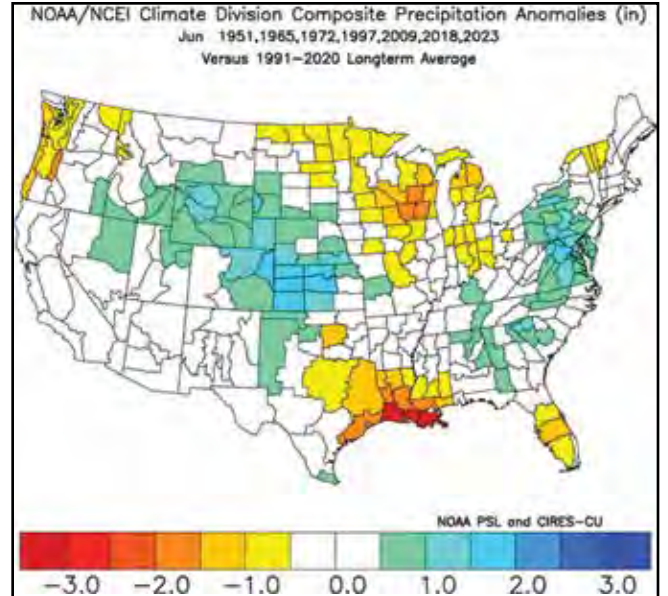
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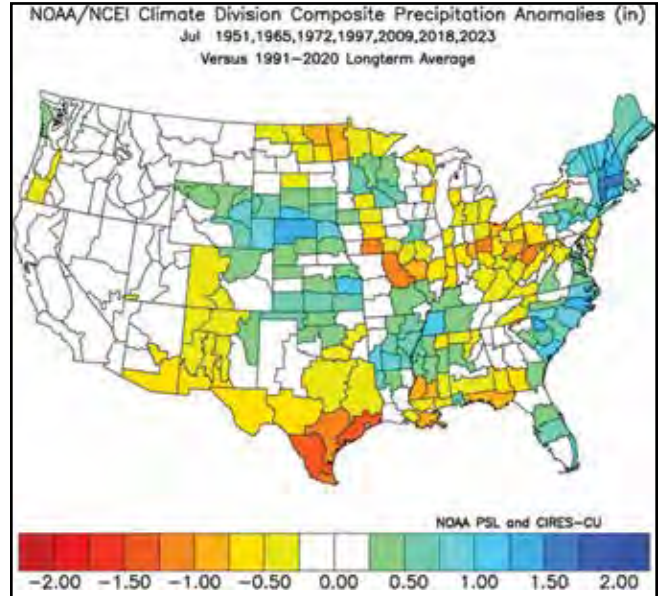
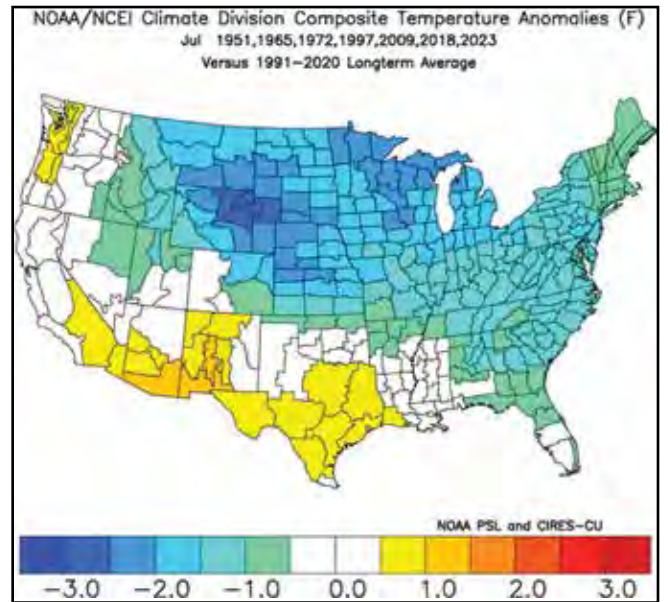
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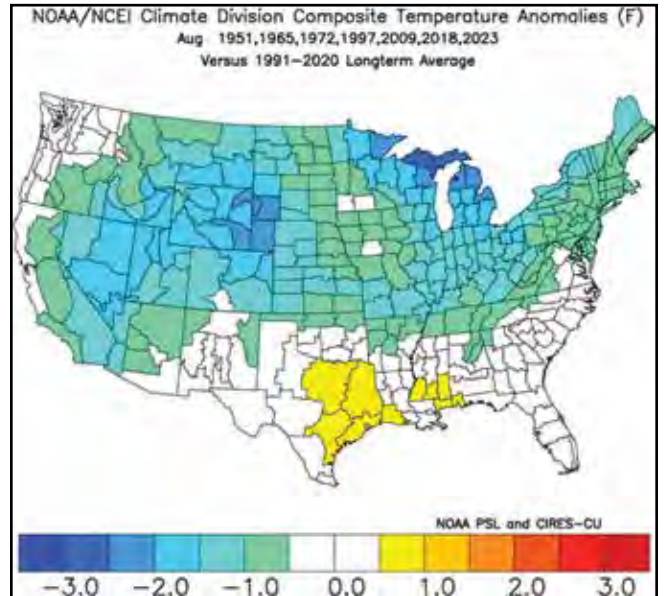
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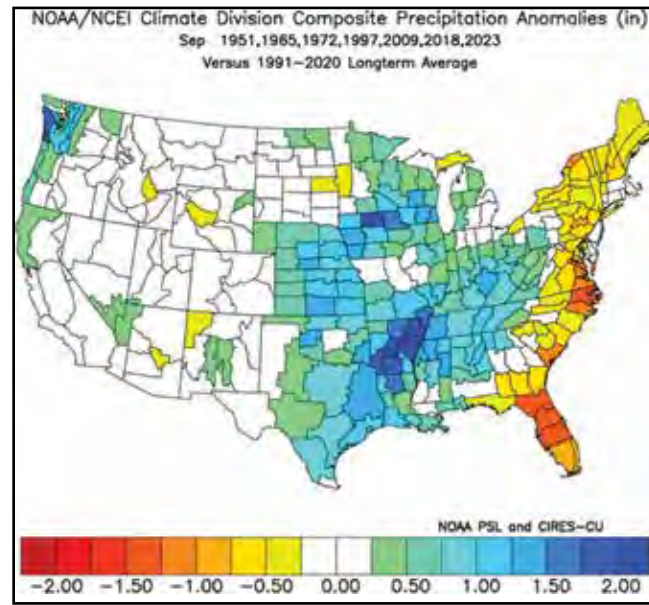
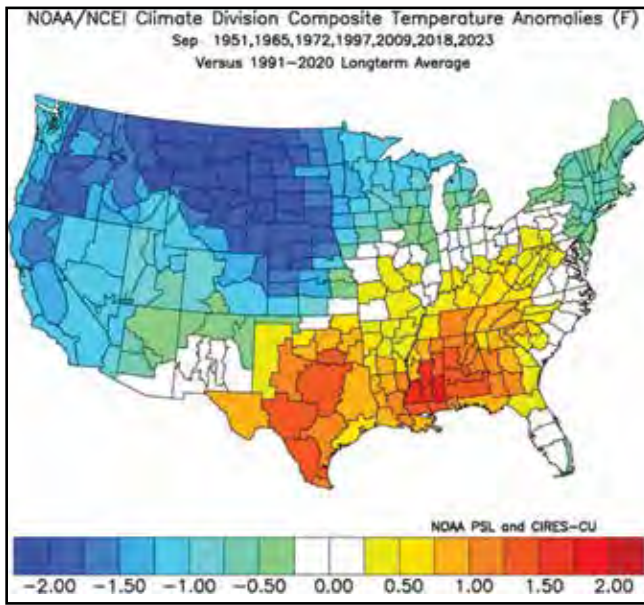
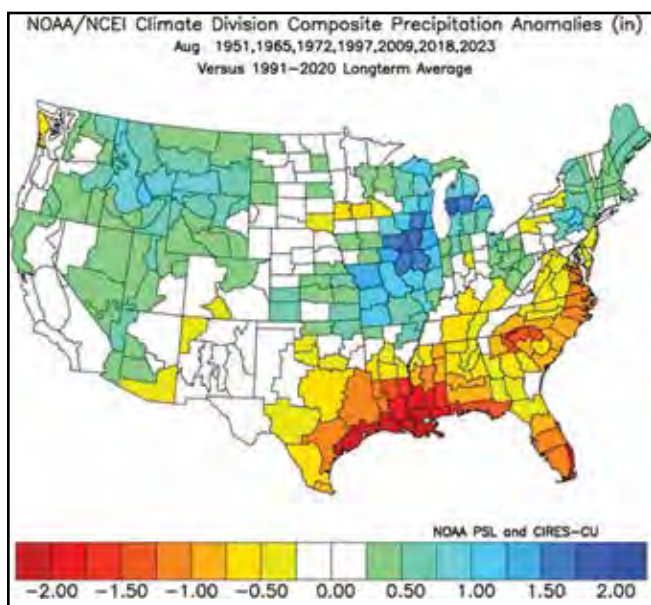
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**September**



While the above forecast information offers no guarantees, those seven years do offer a good bit of data to draw from. I know a lot of us remember the summer of 2023 when it was so hot and so dry, after a wet spring. There are a lot of moving parts this year, and the change to El Niño is just one of them. However, it is an important one that warrants looking into the past to possibly see where we go into the future.

**National FFA Week set for Feb. 21-28**

National FFA Week always runs from Saturday to Saturday and encompasses Feb. 22, George Washington's birthday. This year, the week kicks off on Feb. 21 and culminates on Saturday, Feb. 28.



The National FFA Board of Directors designated the weeklong tradition, which began in 1948, recognizing Washington's legacy as an agriculturist and farmer. A group of young farmers founded FFA in 1928, and the organization has been influencing generations that agriculture is more than planting and harvesting — it involves science, business and more.

The National FFA Organization is a school-based national youth leadership development organization of more than 1,042,245 student members as part of 9,407 local FFA chapters in all 50 states, Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands.

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| <b>Double Diamond, Burton, TX</b><br>2 Brangus                   | <b>OH Triangle Ranch,<br/>San Angelo, TX</b><br>2 Hereford     |
| <b>Golden Meadows Ranch,<br/>Helotes, TX</b><br>2 Brahman        | <b>Pinnacle Cattle Co., Giddings, TX</b><br>2 Brangus          |
| <b>Greenwood Cattle Co.,<br/>Plantersville, TX</b><br>1 Brangus  | <b>Rocking Chair Ranch,<br/>Ft. McKavett, TX</b><br>2 Hereford |
| 1 Red Brangus  | <b>Rocky "G" Ranch, San Antonio, TX</b><br>4 Brahman           |
| <b>H4 Land and Cattle, Uvalde, TX</b><br>4 Charolais             | <b>Sturgess Double S Cattle,<br/>LaRue, TX</b><br>3 Charolais  |
| <b>Hodde Land &amp; Cattle Co.,<br/>Brenham, TX</b><br>2 Brangus | <b>Weinheimer Ranch, Stonewall, TX</b><br>2 Hereford           |
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| <b>B &amp; C Cattle Company - Miami, TX</b><br>5 Reg Here hfrs, 13 mos, open.                                 | 5 Cert F1 Here X Brah hfrs, 24 mos, 7 mos bred to blk Ang.  | <b>Pinnacle Cattle Co. - Giddings, TX</b><br>5 Brang hfrs, 16 mos, open.                                       |
| 5 Reg Here hfrs, 22 mos, bred to Here.  | 5 F1 Here X Brah hfrs, 24 mos, 7 mos bred to blk Ang.   | 5 Brang hfrs, 13 mos, open.  |
| <b>Bell Cattle Company - Gainesville, TX</b><br>5 F1 Here X Brah prs, 26 mos, 90 day calves by Ang.           | <b>Herrmann Cattle Co. - Caldwell, TX</b><br>5 Cert F1 Here X Brah hfrs, 13-14 mos, open.                 | <b>Rafter 2 Ranch - San Antonio, TX</b><br>5 Reg. Red Brang hfrs, 12-19 mos, open.                             |
| 5 F1 Ang X Brah prs., 28 mos., 3-4 mos calves by Ang.   | 5 Cert F1 Here X Brah prs, 26-28 mos, 45-70 day calves by Ang. Exp to Char since 1/1                      | <b>Richardson Ranch - San Angelo, TX</b><br>5 F1 Here x Brah hfrs, 15-16 mos, open                             |
| <b>Bentke Cattle Company - Burton, TX</b><br>5 Gold Cert F1 Here x Brah prs, 24-26 mos, 90 day calves by Ang. | 5 F1 Here X Brah hfrs, 14-15 mos, open.   | 5 F1 Here X Brah hfrs, 14-15 mos, open   |
| <b>Bludau Ranch - Hallettsville, TX</b><br>5 Gold Cert F1 Here X Brah hfrs, 14-15 mos, open.                  | <b>Hillwood Land &amp; Cattle - Roanoke, TX</b><br>5 Brang prs, 24 mos, 30-60 day calves by Brang.        | <b>Rocking Chair Ranch - Ft. McKavett, TX</b><br>5 Brang hfrs, 24 mos, bred 7 mos to Here or Ang.              |
| 5 Gold Cert F1 Here X Brah hfrs, 14-15 mos, open.   | <b>Hodde Land &amp; Cattle Co - Brenham, TX</b><br>5 Brang Baldy prs, 26-28 mos, 30-60 day calves by Ang. | <b>Rocking H Cattle - Floresville, TX</b><br>5 Brang hfrs, 22-23 mos, bred 7 mos to Ang                        |
| <b>Briggs Ranches - Bloomington, TX</b><br>5 Brang X SG prs, 24+ mos, bred to Brang, 45 day calves by Brang.  | <b>Jackson Family Brangus - Waco, TX</b><br>5 Reg. Brang hfrs, 14-17 mos, open.                           | <b>Rocky G Ranch - San Antonio, TX</b><br>5 F1 Here X Brah hfrs, 15-16 mos, open.                              |
| 5 SG X Here prs, 24+ mos, bred to Brang, 45 day calves by Brang.  | <b>Jasik Hay Farm - Pleasanton, TX</b><br>5 Brang. prs, 24-26 mos., 30-45 day calves by Ang.              | 5 F1 Here X Brah hfrs, 15-16 mos, open.  |
| <b>Circle B Farms - Robstown, TX</b><br>5 Brah hfrs, 23 mos, open.  | <b>JCW Cattle Co, Crockett, TX</b><br>5 F1 Here X Brah prs, 24 mos, 30-45 day calves by 44 Farms Ang.     | 5 F1 Here X Brah prs, 26-27 mos, 60-100 day calves by Ang.   |
| 5 Brah hfrs, 23 mos, open.  | 5 F1 Here X Brah prs, 24-25 mos, 30-45 day calves by 44 Farms Ang.  | 5 Brang hfrs, 15-17 mos, open.   |
| 5 Brah hfrs, 22 mos, open.  | <b>Diamond H Cattle - Brenham, TX</b><br>5 Brang prs, 26-28 mos, 90 day calves by Ang.                    | <b>South Texas Cattle Marketing - Pearsall, TX</b><br>5 F1 Gold Cert Here X Brah hfrs, 16-18 mos, open.        |
| <b>Donnell Ranch - Fowlerton, TX</b><br>5 Gold Cert. F1 Here x Brah hfrs, 16-17 mos, open.                    | <b>Donnell Ranch - Fowlerton, TX</b><br>5 Gold Cert F1 Here x Brah hfrs, 12-13 mos., open.                | 5 F1 Here X Brah hfrs, 16-18 mos, open.  |
| 5 F1 Here X Brah hfrs, 16-17 mos., open.  | 5 F1 Here X Brah hfrs, 12-13 mos., open.  | 5 F1 Here X Brah prs, 26-28 mos, 4-5 mo calves by Red Ang.   |
| 5 Reg. Brah hfrs, 24 mos., open.  | <b>EG Land &amp; Livestock, Ltd - Bryan, TX</b><br>5 Ang x F1 Here x Brah hfrs, 16 mos, open.             | <b>Texas Oaks Cattle Ranch - Burton, TX</b><br>5 SG x Here prs, 26-28 mos, 80-100 day calves by Ang.           |
| 5 Reg. Brah., prs., 36 mos., 4-5 mos calves by Here.  | 5 Ang x F1 Here x Brah hfrs, 16 mos, open.  | 5 SG x Red Ang prs, 26-28 mos, 90-120 day calves by Ang.   |
| 5 Reg. Brah., prs., 34-36 mos., 4-5 mos calves by Here.   | <b>Elstner Cattle Co. - Weimer, TX</b><br>5 Gold Cert. F1 Here x Brah hfrs, 12-13 mos., open.             | <b>Verstuyft Farms - Von Ormy, TX</b><br>5 Brang hfrs, 15 mos, open.   |
| <b>EG Land &amp; Livestock, Ltd - Bryan, TX</b><br>5 Ang x F1 Here x Brah hfrs, 16 mos, open.                 | 5 Gold Cert. F1 Here x Brah hfrs, 12-13 mos., open.   | 5 Brang hfrs, 22 mos, 7-8 mos bred to Brang.   |
| 5 Ang x F1 Here x Brah hfrs, 16 mos, open.  | <b>Golden Meadows Ranch - Helotes, TX</b><br>5 Reg. Brah hfrs, 15-17 mos., open.                          | 5 Brang hfrs, 22 mos, 7-8 mos bred to Brang.   |
| <b>Elstner Cattle Co. - Weimer, TX</b><br>5 Gold Cert. F1 Here x Brah hfrs, 12-13 mos., open.                 | 5 Reg. Brah hfrs, 21-23 mos., open.   | 5 Brang prs, 26 mos, 30-45 day calves by Brang.  |
| 5 Gold Cert. F1 Here x Brah hfrs, 12-13 mos., open.   | <b>H4 Land and Cattle - Uvalde, TX</b><br>5 Cert F1 Here X Brah prs, 120 day calves by Ang.               | 5 Brang prs, 26 mos, 30-45 day calves to Brang.  |
| <b>Golden Meadows Ranch - Helotes, TX</b><br>5 Reg. Brah hfrs, 15-17 mos., open.                              | 5 Brang hfrs, open.   | <b>W D Cattle Co. - Floresville, TX</b><br>5 F1 Cert Here X Brah prs, 26-27 mos, 30-50 day calves by Ang.      |
| 5 Reg. Brah hfrs, 21-23 mos., open.   | 5 Brang hfrs, 7-8 mos bred to Ang.  | 5 F1 Cert Here X Brah prs, 26-27 mos, 30-50 day calves by Ang.   |
| <b>H4 Land and Cattle - Uvalde, TX</b><br>5 Cert F1 Here X Brah prs, 120 day calves by Ang.                   | 5 Char hfrs, 7-8 mos bred to Ang.   | <b>Wehmeyer Livestock - Brenham, TX</b><br>5 Brang x F1 Here x Brah hfrs, 14 mos., open                        |
| 5 Brang hfrs, open.   | <b>Hartmann Ranch - Floresville, TX</b><br>5 Cert F1 Here X Brah hfrs, 18 mos, open.                      | 5 F1 Here x Brah prs, 22-24 mos, 60 day calves by Here.  |
| 5 Brang hfrs, 7-8 mos bred to Ang.  | 5 Cert F1 Here X Brah hfrs, 24 mos, 7 mos bred to blk Ang.  | 5 F1 Here x Brah prs, 24-26 mos, 60 day calves by Here   |
| 5 Char hfrs, 7-8 mos bred to Ang.   | 5 F1 Here X Brah hfrs, 24 mos, 7 mos bred to blk Ang.   | <b>Wellmann Cattle Company - Brenham, TX</b><br>5 Reg. Brang hfrs, 12-14 mos, open.                            |
| <b>Hartmann Ranch - Floresville, TX</b><br>5 Cert F1 Here X Brah hfrs, 18 mos, open.                          | 5 F1 Here X Brah hfrs, 24 mos, 7 mos bred to blk Ang.   | <b>Yeary Ranch - Lampasas, TX</b><br>5 E6 Bfmstr x Red Ang prs, 27 mos, 45-75 day calves by Ludvigson Red Ang. |
| 5 Cert F1 Here X Brah hfrs, 24 mos, 7 mos bred to blk Ang.  |   |  |
| 5 Cert F1 Here X Brah hfrs, 24 mos, 7 mos bred to blk Ang.  |   |  |



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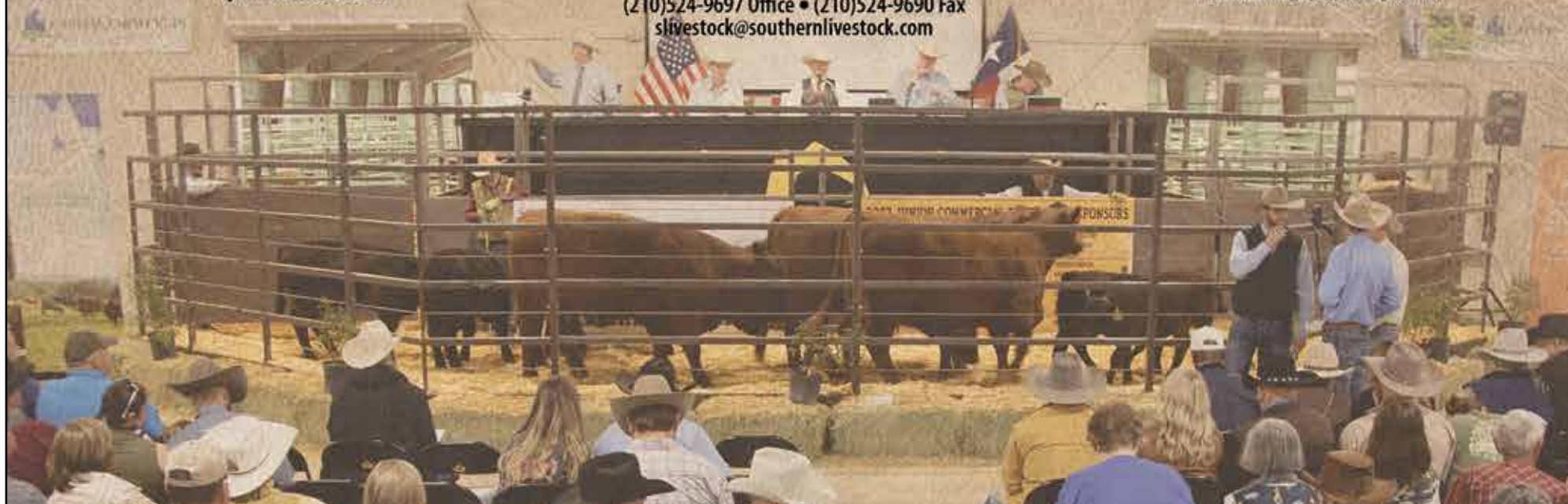
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## USDA announces Farmer Bridge Assistance payments to be disbursed by Feb. 28

By Ryan McGeeney, University of Arkansas System Division of Agriculture

LITTLE ROCK — The \$12 billion promised by U.S. President Donald J. Trump in December 2025 will be in farmers' hands no later than Feb. 28, the U.S. Department of Agriculture announced earlier this month.

The payments, which are part of the Farmer Bridge Assistance program, are intended to help cover growers' debts and expenses until funds from the Farm Safety Net Program are available in October, said Hunter Biram, extension agricultural economist for the University of Arkansas System Division of Agriculture.

"The FBA payments come to farmers at a time when farmers and lenders are particularly concerned with cash flow on the 2025 crop and securing a loan for the 2026 crop," Biram said. "The intent of FBA is to 'bridge' farmers from the 2025 crop to the 2026 crop. With Arkansas crop farmers losing more than \$1 billion in 2025, and

with farm safety net payments not arriving until the end of the marketing year in October, a timely 'bridge' will be a difference maker for farmers trying to stay in business."

Biram noted the success of the strategy likely depends on the FBA payments actually being delivered in February.

"We're currently in the loan renewal season for farmers, as they're beginning to make planting decisions — what does their acreage mix look like, are they going to reduce acreage, will there be more soybeans, more rice, etc.," he said.

"Lenders are looking at cash flow," Biram said. "And farmers are having trouble making cash flow because of low commodity prices and elevated expenses."

While farmers faced their fair share of external hardships in 2025, including massive rainfall events

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### Home of the 2025 San Antonio All Breed High Grading Bull & 2nd High Grading Bull Overall

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**Lot 33 - MB Tradition 894M**

Born 1/9/24

Sire: CB Tradition 468F16 || Dam: MB Ms Monument 894J

BW: 70; Adj. WW: 737; Adj. YW: 1,224

EPDs: CE: 5.9; BW: -1; WW: 18; YW: 37; Milk: 7; TM: 16; SC: .69; REA: .14; IMF: .06

894M is a half brother to the high Grading Bull last year, out of the same sire CB Tradition 468F16. Another smooth made, correct bull that is gentle, moderate and super thick made. He also ranks in the top 10% for Heif Preg, and 25% for BW, Stay & Fert Index. You should take a close look here.



**Lot 34 - MB Chisholm 541M**

Born 2/21/24

Sire: MB Chisholm 268J3 || Dam: Ms DMR Cross Fit 541F5

BW: 81; Adj. WW: 729; Adj. YW: 1,295

EPDs: CE: 1.1; BW: 2.1; WW: 29; YW: 50; Milk: 9; TM: 24; SC: .67; REA: .26; IMF: .19

541M is sired by MB Chisholm 268J3, the Reserve High Grading Brangus bull in the '23 San Antonio All Breeds Sale. We kept semen on that bull and he has done us a great job. 541M is pleasant to the eye, is super correct and has an impeccable pedigree. He also ranks in the top 25% for WW & TM EPD's.



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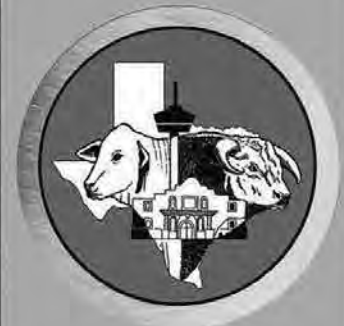
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**USDA announces New World screwworm grand challenge**

(Washington, D.C., January 21, 2026) – Today, U.S. Secretary of Agriculture Brooke L. Rollins announced the launch of the New World screwworm (NWS) Grand Challenge. This funding opportunity marks a pivotal step in USDA's comprehensive strategy to combat NWS and prevent its northward spread.

"This is a strategic investment in America's farmers and ranchers and is an important action to ensure the safety and future success of our food supply, which is essential to our national security," said Rollins. "These are the kinds of innovations that will help us stay ahead of this pest and protect our food supply and our economy, protecting the way of life of our ranchers and go towards rebuilding our cattle herd to

lower consumer prices on grocery store shelves. We know we have tried-and-true tools and methods to defeat this pest, but we must constantly look for new and better methods and innovate our way to success. Together, through science, innovation, and collaboration, we can ensure we're utilizing the latest tools and technology to combat NWS in Mexico and Central America and keep it out of the United States."

As part of the grand challenge, USDA's Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) will make up to \$100 million available to support innovative projects that enhance sterile NWS fly production, strengthen preparedness and response strategies, and safeguard U.S. agriculture, animal health and trade.

**USDA...**

(Continued from page 2B) in the spring, a hot, dry summer and tariffs that noticeably impacted international trade, Biram said the current financial crisis in agriculture is also attributable to several

years of mounting factors. "This is the third straight year in which farm income is projected to fall in Arkansas," he said. "It's marked by years of good production, stagnant demand and elevated production expenses."

**Bringing Quality Bulls & Fancy Heifers—Bred & Open!**



**Lot 25 - JFB Primo 8M4**

DOB: 2/7/24

Sire: CB Prime Cut 7139J20

Dam: JFB Ms Beckett Vindi 8F

BW: 74 lbs.; Adj. WW: 697 lbs.; Adj. YW: 1,109 lbs.

EPDs: CE: 3.9; BW: 0; WW: 24; YW: 47; Milk: 19; TM: 22; SC: 1.07; REA: .32; IMF: .05  
This bull has all the attributes your herd needs. He comes with plenty of muscle and depth, he's good structured and is put together in a clean, eye-appealing package. He has a balance of good numbers and his actual birth to weaning weight spread is strong. Most of all, he has a good temperament and backed by a proven cow family.



**Lot 26 - JFB Surge Niko 570M**

DOB: 6/3/24

Sire: Farris Surge 75/1

Dam: MCC Miss Tiny 5705

BW: 66 lbs.; Adj. WW: 571 lbs.; Adj. YW: 1,000 lbs.

EPDs: CE: 10.2; BW: -3; WW: 8; YW: 40; Milk: 9; TM: 13; SC: 45; REA: .21; IMF: .06  
It's not often you get a calving ease sire with this kind of power, who's also backed with PROVEN longevity. 570M has a 66# birth weight with EPDs in the top 3% for birth weight and top 4% for calving ease direct. He has a big hip, tons of power from behind and is heavy boned and sound. Oh, and his dam is one of our most reliable bases of our herd, her longevity speaks volumes, 570M is her 14th natural calf.



**Lots 321-325**

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**Lot 9**  
**MR JDR 332/2**  
BD: 2/19/24 • Reg: 1085589  
EPDs: CE: 6.2; BW: 0.2; WW: -1; YW: 2; Milk: 7;  
TM: 7; SC: 0.0; REA: .28; IMF: 13.63  
BW: 74 WW: 604 YW: 981  
REA: 11.73 IMF: 3.06 FT: 0.16

332/4 ranks in the top 1% of the breed for marbling, 4% for maternal calving ease and 10% for B.W.



**Lot 10**  
**MR JDR 336/4**  
BD: 3/9/24 • Reg: 1085591  
EPDs: CE: 5.6; BW: -0.2; WW: 24; YW: 39; Milk: 6;  
TM: 17; SC: 0.4; REA: .36; IMF: 0.47  
BW: 72 WW: 616 YW: 1022  
REA: 12.56 IMF: 3.03 FT: 0.18

336/4 ranks in the top 10% of the breed for B.W. EPD. He is a very complete bull with a great disposition.



**Lot 11**  
**JDR Cowboy C39 2E M1 ET**  
BD: 1/10/24 • Reg: P44548821  
Sire: Loewen MHF Cowboy 2E  
Dam: SHF L388 Z210 C39 ET  
EPDs: CE: 5.5; BW: 1.8; WW: 45; YW: 77; Milk: 32;  
TM: 54; SC: 1.3; REA: .53; IMF: .20

An ET son of Cowboy out of our popular C39 donor dam. Cowboy progeny are easy fleshing, deep bodied cattle with low birth weights and lots of calving ease.



**Lot 12**  
**JDR Houston H188 H086 M4 ET**  
BD: 3/30/24 • Reg: P44548823  
Sire: SHF Houston D287 H086  
Dam: SHF L388 E156 H188

A polled E.T. son of the breed popular Houston bull with Sandhill Farm genetics throughout. A long bodied, dark red, heavily pigmented bull with big testicles. M4 ranks in the top 15% of the breed for 11 EPD traits.

EPDs: CE: 2.7; BW: 1.7; WW: 67; YW: 112; Milk: 27; TM: 30; SC: 2.0; REA: .76; IMF: .24



**Lots 176-180:** Golden Certified F-1 Polled Hereford x Brahman heifers, 16-17 months, open.  
An elite set of Golden Certified tiger stripe open heifers and mates to the division winners in 2025. This pen of females are as good as you will find anywhere and will make a tremendous set of replacements.



**Lots 181-185:** Golden Certified F-1 Polled Hereford x Brahman heifers, 12-13 months, open.

**Lots 191-195:** F-1 Polled Hereford x Brahman heifers, 12 months, open. These lots are younger versions of our older pens selling in the Golden Certified and F-1 open divisions. These heifers impress us more every day and would make great junior program heifers. Take advantage here!



**Lots 186-190:** F-1 Polled Hereford x Brahman heifers, 16-17 months, open. These F-1 heifers are like peas in a pod. They are of equal caliber in quality to our other pen of heifers of the same age.



**Lots 196-200:** Registered Brahman heifers, 24 months, open. A top set of registered Brahman females from the top end of the replacements. They are really good and ready to go to work in a registered or F-1 program.

**Lots 201-205:** Registered Brahman heifers, 12 months, open.



**Lots 206-210:** Registered Brahman pairs, 36 months, 4-5 month old A.I. heifer calves by Polled Hereford. Build your herd with this outstanding pen of registered Brahman pairs. Five flashy Golden Certified eligible F-1 tiger stripe heifer calves at side. A rare opportunity to obtain an elite pen of 10 females in one offering.



**Lots 211-215:** Registered Brahman pairs, 34-36 months, 4-5 month old A.I. calves by Polled Hereford. Another really good set of registered Brahman pairs with 3 heifer and 2 bull calves. Calves are eligible to be recorded as Golden Certified by the buyer.

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3. Experience the thrill of Mounted Shooting in the Freeman Coliseum: Feb 16th
4. Cheer for the kiddos competing in Youth Rodeo, in the Freeman Coliseum: Feb 25th-27th (Finals on the 28th at 4 pm)
5. Spend your afternoon in the Freeman Coliseum watching the inspiring and unforgettable Exceptional Rodeo: Feb 16th at 5 pm
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8. Capture a moment with the legendary Palomino Patrol on the grounds
9. Kick back and sing along to live music at the Roundup presented by Busch Light
10. Mosey on over to see the baby chicks at Animal Adventures
11. Say HAY to our horses on Stable Lane, next to the Food Court
12. Get up close and cuddle with friendly animals at the petting zoo, presented by Honey Nut Cheerios—perfect for kids and animal lovers alike
13. Milk a 'cow' with Texas Farm Bureau at Animal Adventures
14. Head to the livestock barns and watch competitors' scrub-a-dub-dub their animals
15. Drop a line in our interactive fishing pond in the Freeman Coliseum
16. See how glass is made at the Hot Glass Academy demonstrations in the Freeman Coliseum
17. Don't miss a photo-op with our iconic 'Let's Rodeo' sign
18. Catch the excitement of Ranch Sorting in action on Feb 23rd-24th
19. Don't miss the Junior Breeding Heifers, showcasing the future of livestock: Feb 17th-18th and 20th, in the Cattle Barn
20. Experience the

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**LOT 42 - Mr Rocky G 826/4**  
REG# 1080889 | BD: 4-8-24  
**PERF:** BW: 70 lbs.; Adj. WW: 706 lbs.  
**EPDs:** BW: 1.3; WW: 18; YW: 34; Milk: 4;  
SC: -0.07; REA: 0.45; IMF: 12.33  
*A moderate framed, very complete bull with a great disposition.*

- LOTS 456-460 - F1 Tiger Stripe Hereford x Brahman heifers, 15-16 months, open.
- LOTS 451-470 - F1 Tiger Stripe Hereford x Brahman heifers, 15-16 months, open.
- LOTS 471-475 - Brahman heifers, 15-17 months, open.
- LOTS 476-480 - F1 Chocolate Hereford x Brahman pairs, 26-27 months, 60-100 day calves by Angus.

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**100 things...**

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skill and precision of a cutting horse in the Freeman Coliseum: Feb 12th-15th

21. Witness the colorful and beautiful Charreada in the Freeman Coliseum: Feb 22nd at 3 pm

22. Get ready for a sweet adventure in our mini candy maze!

23. Relax and recharge in our massage chairs at The Shops, brought to you by Mattress Firm

24. Admire the amazing exhibition and craftsmanship during our Ag Mechanics Show: Feb 28th-March 1st, in the Swine Barn

25. Come see what's cookin' at the Texas Tech Meat Science Presentation

26. Hop on for a wild ride on the mechanical bull at the Courtyard

27. Sip, savor, and dance the night away at the H-E-B Wine Garden

28. Give your skills a whirl and try out the BB gun range at Wildlife Texas

29. Challenge your friends to a showdown in Jenga at the Watering Hole

30. Stop by the Y100 booth to meet some of your favorite on-air talent

31. NEW - Get hands on with Texas agriculture at the Farm to Fair Show outside the Freeman Coliseum

32. Look at the beautiful blooms of the Floriculture Contest: Feb 20th

33. We have a winner! Join us for the photography awards in the Auction Barn: Feb 22nd

34. Come watch the kids showcase their Market Steers: Feb 23rd, 26th, 27th

35. Get up close and personal with our majestic long-horns

36. Don't miss the best overall views from the Coca Cola Icehouse double decker bar

37. Snap a memorable photo with our poster wall in The Shops at The Rodeo

38. Take a stroll through the Hall of Fame and immerse yourself in rodeo history

39. Walk around and explore all the fun the Carnival has to offer

40. Treat yourself to tasty samples from General Mills

41. Check out the Texas

A&M Demo for an insider look at agricultural techniques and innovations

42. Get up close and personal with pigs, donkeys, and sheep at the Petting Zoo presented by Honey Nut Cheerios

43. NEW - Have a laugh and see the Magic Rain Machine with Dan Dan The Farmer Man located in The Roundup

44. Capture an unforgettable photo with our iconic Signature "S" Hat backdrop

45. NEW - Sing your heart out at Karaoke Friday nights at the Watering Hole, 5 pm - 7:30 pm

46. Discover unique finds as you explore the shops in the Expo Hall

47. Dive into the natural

beauty of Wildlife Texas in the Freeman Coliseum and see what wonders await

48. Keep an eye out for the H-E-B Buddy roaming the (Continued on page 8B)

**MLS Inception M404**



Lot 43 - M404 - Born 2/15/24 - Scurs  
BW: 74 lbs; AWW: 579 lbs; AYW: 1080 lbs  
EPDs: CE: 10.3; BW: -1.1; WW: 72; YW: 126; Milk: 28; Mtl: 64;  
SC: 1.6; CW: 32; REA: 0.72; Marb: .27; TSI 275

Sire: LT Inception 7456 PLD ET - Dam: JGS Ms RM M527 D804

This year, we have 2 full ET brothers, lot 43 & 44 out of Inception, an outstanding son of Patriot, and out of the Brenda 3357 cow, a daughter of Blue Value and the Brenda 6120 cow (Ledger's mother). Brenda 6120 and Rushmore are full sibs! And JGS Ms Countess M52T is the dam of GMO, the 2014 San Antonio All Breed Grand Champion bull! They rank in the top 9% for SC, 15% for Marb, 20% for WW & Mtl, and 30% for YW, Milk & CW EPD's. Keep EVERY daughter and enroll his progeny in carcass contests. You win either way!

**MLS Inception M407**



Lot 47 - M407 - Born 2/18/24 - Polled  
BW: 62 lbs; AWW: 639 lbs; AYW: 1257 lbs  
EPDs: CE: 10.3; BW: -1.1; WW: 72; YW: 126; Milk: 28; Mtl: 64;  
SC: 1.6; CW: 32; REA: 0.72; Marb: .27; TSI 275

**MLS Power Stroke M416**



Lot 45 - M416 - Born 2/27/24 - Polled  
BW: 92 lbs; AWW: 778 lbs; AYW: 1217 lbs  
EPDs: CE: 13.3; BW: -0.7; WW: 59; YW: 116; Milk: 33; Mtl: 63;  
SC: .6; CW: 30; REA: 0.78; Marb: .17; TSI 283

A ET son of LT Powerstroke and out of an excellent Tank daughter on the bottom, going back to perhaps the best cow on the ranch, the F313 cow. M416 ranks in the top 8% for Milk, 15% for Fat, 25% for Mtl & TSI. Note the fact that he recorded almost an 800 lb adj WW. This bull is long bodied, big boned, rugged and will surely last for years!

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**LOT 23 - Mr HLC Tradition 302M**

DOB 1/13/24 | Sire: CB Tradition 75H11 | Dam: MS HLC Mollie 302B  
 EPDs: CE: 3.2; BW: 1.1; WW: 20; YW: 38; Milk: 5; TM: 16; SC: .42; REA: .12; IMF: .0  
*Long bodied, big footed and heavy boned Tradition bred bull out of a Patton daughter on the bottom side.*



**Watch for our consignments...Houston on March 4**  
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**LOT 24 - MR HLC Tradition 30M**

DOB 1/11/24 | Sire: CB Tradition 75H11 | Dam: Ms 101 Hombre 30Y13  
 BW: 79 lbs  
 EPDs: CE: 5.1; BW: -0.1; WW: 19; YW: 36; Milk: 10; TM: 19; SC: .7;  
 REA: .13; IMF: .01

*30M is one of the best bulls we have ever consigned. He is deep sided, wide based and super correct on heavy bone. Don't miss this one!*

## LOTS 316-320

5 head of Brangus Baldy pairs, 26-28 months, with 30-60 day calves by Angus.

## LOTS 171-175

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## 100 things...

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- 49. Catch the thrilling Breakaway Roping event: Feb 28th
- 50. NEW - Practice your grito at a Mariachi performance, weekends inside the Surtierra Cantina
- 51. Watch young talent shine at the Junior Dairy Cattle Show: February 13th
- 52. Take a behind-the-scenes peek and catch the scent of the action at the cattle grounds
- 53. NEW - Stop by the Food Court to take a picture with the 14' neon cowboy
- 54. Snap a photo with the brave San Antonio Professional Firefighters
- 55. See how many horses you can spot at Horse Discovery—it's more than you think
- 56. Take a break and catch the rodeo action at the Hooey Watch Party at the Roundup
- 57. NEW - Fiesta makes a barns

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# The BEST Herefords Will Be in San Antonio and They are Coming from Atlas Farms



**Lot 1 - Atlas 4J Perfecto 014K 100L**

ID 100L • REG 44705541 • DOB 11/16/23  
 Sire: Atlas 66T Perfecto 84F 014K ET  
 Dam: Atlas 413B Lass 96F 4J  
 BW 68; WW 805  
 EPDs CE 1.0; BW 3.2; WW 55; YW 84; Milk 33; M&G 61;  
 SC 0.6; REA 0.71; MARB 0.00

A muscle made meat machine. Out of a big beautiful, two year old heifer, he is bred for light birth weight calves and should be safe for first calf heifers.

**Lot 2 - Atlas 500E Texan 95F 1M**

ID 1M • REG 44706019 • DOB 1/1/24  
 Sire: Atlas 69W Texan 6692 96F  
 Dam: Atlas 500C Shealady 416B 500E  
 BW 78; WW 820  
 EPDs CE -0.7; BW 3.8; WW 55; YW 84; Milk 30; M&G 58;  
 SC 0.7; REA 0.57; MARB 0.10

We would love to keep this bull and turn him out on our own cows. He is thick and fluid in his movement.

**Lot 3 - Atlas 78J Perfecto 014K 012M**

ID 012M • REG 44706917 • DOB 2/12/24  
 Sire: Atlas 66T Perfecto 84F 014K ET  
 Dam: Atlas 1928 LDY Jaeden 38G 78J  
 BW 68; WW 730  
 EPDs CE -0.4; BW 3.6; WW 61; YW 95; Milk 34; M&G 64;  
 SC 1.0; REA 0.74; MARB -0.12

Off of a first calf heifer, raised without creep. 012M has great eyes, short hair, and a very good mother.



**Lot 4 - Atlas 36F Profit 101H 177M**

ID 177M • REG 44722487 • DOB 11/1/24  
 Sire: Atlas 748 Profit 8426 101H ET  
 Dam: Atlas 12Y LDY Belle 6011 36F  
 BW 78; WW 790  
 EPDs CE -5.3; BW 5.3; WW 58; YW 94; Milk 38; M&G 67;  
 SC 1.3; REA 0.62; MARB 0.17

This is the first calf crop out of the biggest, stoutest bull we have ever bred. 177M's sire is doing a tremendous job and we expect the same from him.

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## LOTS 106-110

5 head of registered Hereford heifers, 14 months old, open.

**100 things...**

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big debut with a photo op of a mock River Walk boat inside the Expo 1, Hall A

58. Take a break and kick your boots up at the Sip & Shop Lounge brought to you by Tecovas

59. Strike a pose at the 360-photo booth

60. NEW - You don't want to miss the soon-to-be iconic "I love vaqueros so much" mural inside the Street Fair

61. Explore and Understand Shooting Safety at the Freeman Coliseum

62. Join the fun and soak

up some Cowboy Poetry right outside the Freeman Coliseum

63. Let's get the party started at Rodeo After Dark, Thursdays - Saturdays

64. Come join the fun at Bustin' in the Barn, where the kids get to ride the sheep

65. NEW - See if you can spot Turbo the Talking Tractor who roams freely telling jokes and sharing facts about agriculture

66. Experience the softness of real wool—come pet a sheep at Animal Adventures

67. Work on your green

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**Lots 561-565**

5 Certified E6 Beefmaster x Red Angus pairs, 27 months old, 80-85 day calves by Ludvigson Red Angus bulls.

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**LOTS 565-570**

5 head of F1 Brahman x Hereford pairs, 26-27 months, 30-60 day calves by Angus

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**Lots 271-290**

Four pens of 5 head of Certified F1 Hereford x Brahman heifers, 24 months of age, bred 7 months to black Angus bulls.

These mouthwatering, front pasture type of females are the kind to build an elite program. A great opportunity to acquire our top end genetics.



**Lots 291-295**

5 head of Chocolate F1 Hereford x Brahman heifers, 24 months of age, bred 7 months to black Angus bulls.

This high-quality dark chocolate pen of F1 open heifers will definitely catch your attention. The same genetics as our other bred females and equally as impressive.



**Lots 266-270**

5 head Certified F1 Hereford x Brahman heifers, 18 months of age, open.

A younger set of Certified F1 tiger stripe heifers that have a tremendous future. An opportunity to obtain the same genetics and mate them to the bull of your choice.

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**Lots 446-450**

Brangus heifers, 24 months, bred 7 months to Hereford or Angus bulls.

**Lots 451-455**

Brangus heifers, 22-23 months, bred 7 months to Angus bulls.

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# Our 2nd Year in San Antonio!



**Lot 17 - GCC Monterrey 30M**  
 DOB 2/14/24  
 Sire: BWCC Big Lake 111F14  
 Dam: GCC Miss Halo 30H (DMR Tribute 415Z46 daughter)  
 BW 78; WW 597; YW 982  
 EPDs CE 4.4; BW 1.1; WW 35; YW 58; Milk 1;  
 TM 19; SC 1.21; REA 0.31; IMF 0.44  
 A.I. calf, BWCC Big Lake x daughter of 30X6.



**Lot 18 - GCC Grant 575M**  
 DOB 2/14/24  
 Sire: Mr MBJ Grant 77G  
 Dam: Miss TJ-Mr 575A  
 BW 87; WW 630; YW 1,044  
 EPDs CE 5.4; BW 0.2; WW 22; YW 43; Milk 9;  
 TM 20; SC 0.38; REA 0.38; IMF 0.06  
 This Red Brangus bull will impress you. Great structure, balance.



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## 100 things...

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- thumb by visiting Gardopia
  - 68. NEW - Check out the new music venue inside the Stockman Wine Bar
  - 69. Don't miss the impressive skills on display at the Landscape Challenge located in front of Freeman Coliseum
  - 70. Meet Hamitch, the dedicated working dog, at Ag Fiesta HQ
  - 71. Savor a free wine sample in the relaxing Wine Garden
  - 72. NEW - Come out and support various bands from local schools like Somerset Academy at the community stage weekend mornings
  - 73. NEW - Demos and more demos on the coolest stuff in the Sip & Shop area on weekends
  - 74. Try on a classic cowboy hat at The Shops at The Rodeo
  - 75. Catch the action as the bucking bulls are loaded up in Bull Alley
  - 76. Recycle to earn swag at the Coca-Cola booth
  - 77. Find your next ride at the Ford display
  - 78. Rock out to over 400 bands across 8 stages
  - 79. NEW - Don't miss the excitement of The Draft in the Roundup where rodeo contestants choose what animal athlete they will face-off against in the finals: Feb 28th at 4 pm
  - 80. Snap a pic by the big boots in Bull Alley. Everything is bigger in Texas!
  - 81. Explore the beauty of Western art on display in the Hall Of Fame
  - 82. NEW - Fall in love with baby piggies at Animal Adventures inside the Food Court
  - 83. Snap a photo of the vibrant new murals in Bull Alley
  - 84. Watch a LIVE milking demonstration in the H-E-B Dairy Barn
  - 85. Stop by the Go Texan booth in the shops to support local Texas pride
  - 86. Expand your palate at a Wine Seminar in the H-E-B Wine Garden
  - 87. Check out the marquis at the Watering Hole
  - 88. Watch the majestic, champion steers in the Steer Drive as they make their way to the main arena for the crowning of the Grand Champion: Feb 27th
  - 89. NEW - Kick your feet up, play games and watch the kiddies play at the Flying W Ranch, Whataburger's new space in the Food Court
  - 90. Watch the Great American Cattle Drive from
- (Continued on page 11B)

## Consigning a Special Set of Brahman Sale Lots to the 2026 San Antonio All Breed Sale



**Lot 15 - GMR Mr 427**  
 REG: 1083554 DOB: 2/12/24

MR. V8 844/8  
 GMR MS BIANCA MANSO 336  
 BW: 62; Adj WW: 693 • EPDs: CE: -1.57; BW: 0.8; WW: 25; YW: 44; Milk: 10; SC: -.06; REA: .36; IMF: 8.56



**Lot 16 - GMR Mr 429**  
 REG: 1085209 DOB: 2/21/24

+CROSS FIRE 02/2  
 GMR MS 237 MANSO  
 BW: 72 Adj WW: 889 • EPDs: CE: -.40; BW: 2.2; WW: 44; YW: 74; Milk: 10; TM: 32; SC: 0.0; REA: .24; IMF: 10.15

**Consignor of the Champion Pen of Brahman Bred Heifers - 2025 S.A. All Breed Sale**  
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**Lots 236-240**

5 head Brahman heifers, 15-17 months old, open.  
 This pen of registered Brahman females may be the best pen of heifers we have ever offered in San Antonio. They are a powerful set of open heifers you can build an entire herd from.



**Lots 241-245**

5 head Brahman heifers, 21-23 months old, open.  
 A really nice pen of open registered Brahman heifers that are ready for the bull of your choice. They will make exceptional momma cows.

100 things...

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the Watering Hole

91. Check out the Colgate booth for smiles and surprises

92. NEW - Learn how trees have a hand in all things agriculture with Tamu Forestry at the Ag Fiesta Stage inside the Roundup: Feb 17th-20th, 24th-27th

93. Take a spin on the mechanical bull in The Roundup

94. Catch us at the Swine barn to see the Junior Commercial Doe Show: Feb 14th

95. NEW - Grab a sip of performance at the

BODYARMOR booth

96. These kids mean business, check out the Agrobotics Challenge in the Cattle Barn: Feb 19th

97. Grab a refreshing sample of Dr. Pepper at their booth on the grounds

98. Experience the amazing sheepdog trials at the Cattle Barn: Feb 21st

99. Let's go Girls! Watch some barrel racing in the Freeman Coliseum: Feb 17th-18th

100. NEW - Brand it! Stop by the Tecova pop-up in Sip & Shop the final weekend to watch live boot branding



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LOTS 146-150

5 Brangus x Santa Gertrudis pairs, 24+ months of age, bred to Brangus bulls with 45 day old Brangus calves at side. Take a good look at a pen of calf raising mamma's. We've found a great combination using Brangus and Santa Gertrudis to produce a hardy, feminine, good milking, black hided money makers.

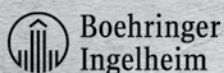
LOTS 151-155

5 Santa Gertrudis x Hereford pairs, 24+ months of age, bred to Brangus bulls with 45 day old Brangus calves at side. The cowman's kind of female...Santa Gertrudis x Hereford. Many believe this to be the best cross ever developed and we agree.



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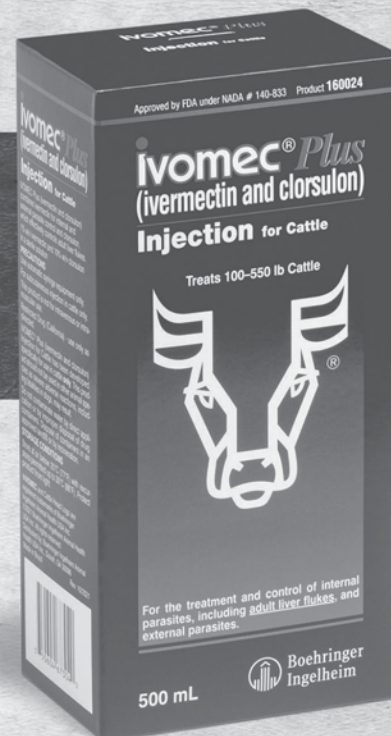


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# Selection decisions and breeding value

By Mark Z. Johnson, Oklahoma State University Extension beef cattle breeding specialist

Selection of cattle is the process by which we determine which animals become parents, how many offspring they will produce and how long they will remain in our breeding herd. When we select replacement heifers or herd bulls we are practicing selection. When we cull old, open cows or ornery herd bulls we are practicing selection. The focus of this article is on replacement selection. Specifically, the best way to

determine which animals will become the parent stock in our commercial cow-calf operation.

After we have analyzed our production system, identified our breeding objectives and determined the traits on which to apply selection pressure, the goal is to identify the animals with the best genes and let them reproduce. The animals with the best genes are said to have the best Breeding Value (BV).

BV, based on the additive genetic effect of individual genes (across the genome), serves as the best indicator of an animal's genetic value as a parent. BVs are trait specific. Since BVs are based on the effects of individual genes, they represent the part of genotype which can be passed from parent to offspring. Successful selection is based on identifying the animals with the best BVs (for traits of primary economic

importance) to become our next generation of parents. Using Expected Progeny Differences (EPDs) in sire selection or Genetic Merit Scorecards on groups of commercial heifers are examples of modern tools available to assist us in determining the BV of potential parent stock in cow-calf operations.

Heritability is important to define relative to selection. Heritability is the relationship between phe-



notypic values and breeding values for a trait in a population. More precisely, her-

itability is the proportion of phenotypic variation that can be explained by additive genetic variation for a given trait. Quantitative, polygenic traits in beef production can be lumped into three categories. These include reproductive traits (for example: heifer pregnancy percentage or re-breeding intervals in the cow herd). Reproductive traits are low in heritability. Scientific literature indicates the heritability of reproductive traits fall into a range between 0 to 20%. Growth traits (for example: weaning weights or yearling weights), are moderate in heritability typically falling into a range between 20 to 40%. Carcass traits (such as marbling, fat thickness or ribeye size) are highly heritable (40% or higher).

For example, the sire summary of the American Angus Association currently estimates the heritability of carcass marbling to be 48%. This can be interpreted to mean that the additive genetic variation of marbling accounts for 48% of all the variation we observe in marbling phenotypes.

In summary, selection should be based on identifying animals with the best BV for traits of primary economic importance. Effective selection decisions lead to building additive genetic potential. Additive genetic change is cumulative and permanent. While genotypic value represents the overall effect on an individual animal's genes, BV represents the only part of genotypic value that can be transmitted from parent to offspring. Finally, heritability estimates for a given trait serve as an index of how easily the trait can be changed through selection.

The other part of genotype is Gene Combination Value (GCV). Since it is the result of genes paired at loci across the genome and only one gene from each locus is transmitted by parents, it represents the part of genotype which can't be passed from parents to offspring.

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# AgriLife Extension launches online 'Principles B4 Practice' course

**Curriculum focuses on soil health principles, grazing management, rangeland monitoring**  
 By Sarah Fuller, Texas AgriLife Today



Principles B4 Practice is a free, online course from the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service that equips landowners, producers and rangeland managers with practical knowledge of soil health, rangeland assessment and grazing management. (Michael Miller/ Texas A&M AgriLife)

The Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service recently launched Principles B4 Practice, a free, online course that equips landowners, producers and rangeland managers with practical knowledge in soil health, rangeland assessment and grazing management.

The course is made possible through a collaborative effort involving the Texas Grazing Land Coalition and the Texas A&M Center for Grazinglands and Ranch Management.

Participants can sign up for the self-paced course, available in both English and Spanish, at <https://tx.ag/PrinciplesB4Practice>.

"Whether you're new to rangeland stewardship or just ready to take a fresh look, this course will provide you with the tools to assess, plan and care for your rangeland with purpose and pride," said Morgan Treadwell, Ph.D., AgriLife Extension range specialist and professor in the Texas A&M College of Agriculture and Life Sciences Department of Rangeland, Wildlife and Fisheries Management, San Angelo.

**About the course**

Treadwell said participants can expect the course to take roughly one and a half hours to complete. Participants must watch all required videos and complete the post-course survey to receive a certificate of completion.

Upon completion of the course, participants will be able to:

- List and explain the six soil health principles.
- Define soil health and its role in ecosystem function.
- Evaluate and monitor rangelands to plan appropriate actions.
- Base future management decisions on soil health assessments and technical assistance from the Texas Grazing Land Coalition

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## Selling our Best at the San Antonio All Breed Sale



**Lots 101-105:** Returning to San Antonio with a set of registered Brahman heifers from the top end of the replacements. Pedigrees represented include Kallion and JDH Manso genetics. 14 months of age, ready to breed to the breed and bull of your choice.

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 <p>LOT 31</p>	 <p>LOT 32</p>
<p><b>M BUTCH 0325</b></p> <p>REG# 44686576   DOB: 04/12/2024   Horned</p> <p>CED +2.0   BW 2.2   WW 57   YW 88                  MM 28   CHB 111</p>	<p><b>M SUNDANCE 0303</b></p> <p>REG# 44686577   DOB: 04/18/2024   Horned</p> <p>CED +2.0   BW 2.0   WW 51   YW 84                  MM 28   CHB 110</p>
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**Red Angus Association of America names  
Luke Bolin as director of communications**

DENVER— The Red Angus Association of America (RAAA) has named Luke Bolin as its new director of communications, bringing extensive experience in agricultural communications, creative services and team leadership to RAAA's staff.

In this role, Bolin will lead RAAA's communications strategy across print, digital and social platforms, working closely with staff, leadership and members to strengthen the association's brand presence and enhance member engagement. He will oversee content development, design, messaging and marketing support for key programs and initiatives that advance Red Angus cattle and Red Angus-influenced genetics in the beef industry.

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5 head of Golden Certified F1 Hereford x  
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For more information, contact Treadwell at morgan.treadwell@ag.tamu.edu.

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**Lot 35**

OHT 145 King Domino 404  
REG: 4454497 • DOB: 3/9/24  
Sire: OHT 782 Concho King 145  
Dam: DC MS 102 Domino 408  
BW 62 lbs Adj WW 740 lbs Adj YW 1,200  
CE 6.6 BW 2.1 WW 50 YW 88 Milk 34  
SC 1.6 REA 0.24 IMF 0.15  
Adj REA 12.9 Adj IMF 1.82

Here is a cow making herd sire! A massive front end and hind quarters that match. This bull is a mile long and has a powerful set of EPDs with 15 out of 20 being above the breed average. Low birth weight and maximum growth, this is the kind you can breed to anything and everything to improve any herd. Don't miss an outstanding opportunity to bring true OH Triangle power into your herd.



**Lot 36**

OHT 145 King Domino 412  
REG: 44544506 • DOB: 3/18/24  
Sire: OHT 782 Concho King 145  
Dam: DC Ms 102 L1 Domino 538  
BW 55 lbs Adj WW 696 lbs Adj YW 1,090  
CE 8.7 BW 1.0 WW 51 YW 85 Milk 34  
SC 2.1 REA 0.31 IMF 1.23  
Adj REA 10.0 Adj IMF 1.23

A stout made powerhouse of a bull. Thick and deep bodied with massive bone. Having a save low birth weight and a smooth heavy build, this bull is a perfect heifer breeder or cattle of any age. He will put a strong curb appeal on a set of calves that buyers will love to see walk through the sale ring anywhere. Don't miss a chance at a solid bull for strong balanced performance.



**Lots 411-415**

5 head of Registered Hereford heifers, 16 months, open.

These five females are well made and well balanced with the proper structure and soundness. A strong mix of the ranches genetics to plug into your herd or an opportunity to start a registered herd to be proud of. Let OH Triangle females take you to the next level, don't miss out.



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**Red Angus...**

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“Luke brings tremendous experience in communications and graphic design that will complement the ongoing efforts of the RAAA communications team,” said Greg Ruehle, RAAA executive vice president. “I look forward to seeing his leadership reflected in a refreshed visual identity that further increases Red Angus visibility and acceptance across the beef industry.”

Bolin resides in Arkansas and is a graduate of the University of Arkansas, where he developed the foundation for his career in agricultural communications and creative services. Before joining RAAA, he spent more than 10 years in a leadership role with Sullivan Supply, where he significantly grew the communications department and helped elevate the organization’s visual and digital presence. His background includes graphic and brand design, content development and building communication strategies that resonate across diverse audiences.

“Luke is a talented, visionary and creative professional who comes to us with years of industry experience,” said Halla Ramsey,

RAAA executive director of operations. “We are excited to leverage his graphic design expertise to elevate the Red Angus breed and his leadership skills to guide our communications team into new areas of growth and impact. The association’s strategic

plan will serve as his compass as he brings fresh perspective, innovation and momentum to RAAA.”

Throughout his career, Bolin has worked within the livestock and agriculture sectors, combining creative

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**Second Year to San Antonio...  
...But Years in Brangus Cattle!**



**Lots 556-560:** 5 head of Registered Brangus heifers, 12-14 months of age, open.

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**LOTS 571-575**

**5 Registered Red Brangus heifers,  
12-19 months old, open.**

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**LOTS 491-495**

5 head of Santa Gertrudis x Hereford pairs,  
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**LOTS 496-500**

5 head of Santa Gertrudis x Red Angus pairs,  
26-28 months, with 90-120 day calves by Angus.

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## Red Angus...

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talent with practical industry knowledge. His experience building and managing high-performing creative teams, developing integrated campaigns and supporting producer-focused organiza-

tions positions him well to serve RAAA's membership and stakeholders.

"I'm excited to step into the role of director of communications for the RAAA at such a great time for the breed and the organization," Bolin said. "Red Angus has

an incredible story to tell, and I'm grateful for the opportunity to help share it through clear, consistent and thoughtful communication. I look forward to working closely with our members and team to build a communications program that strengthens connections, encourages engagement and supports the long-term success of Red Angus."

As director of communications, Bolin will support RAAA's ongoing efforts to provide strong, consistent messaging around its value-added programs, breed improvement tools and member services, while showcasing the strengths of Red Angus cattle throughout the beef supply chain.

For more information about RAAA or marketing programs for Red Angus-influenced cattle, visit [RedAngus.org](http://RedAngus.org).

## REPUTATION HEIFERS



LOTS 391-395 - 5 head of Certified F1 Brahman x Angus heifers, 12 months, open.  
LOTS 396-400 - 5 head of Santa Gertrudis x Angus heifers, 12 months, open.

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## Lot 37 - PCC Gettysburg 535M (UB10579023)

9/11/2024 • EZAR Gettysburg 1061 x Ms. CCC Jethro 535Z2

PERF: BW 55 Adj WW 666 Adj YW 1165 Adj SC 32.7 Adj REA 12.97 Adj IMF 5.86

EPD Breed Ranking:

Top 10% IMF; 20% Stay, Term Idx, NC; 25% WW, BB; 30% TM, REA, Heif Preg; 35% CED, Fert Idx



*Ultrablack*

## Lot 38 - PCC Gettysburg 535M2 (UB10578595)

9/21/2024 • EZAR Gettysburg 1061 x Ms. CCC Jethro 535Z2

PERF: BW 65 Adj WW 859 Adj YW 1340 Adj SC 37.11 Adj REA 15.14 Adj IMF 5.56

EPD Breed Ranking:

Top 10% IMF; 20% Stay, Term Idx, NC; 25% WW, BB; 30% TM, REA, Heif Preg; 35% Fert Idx



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## Lot 416-420

5 Open Brangus Heifers

Age 15-16 months old

This set has brood cow written all over them. They will be 15-16 months old at sale time and are just waiting to get bred by a bull of your choosing. Look them up sale day, you won't be disappointed.



## Lot 421-425

5 Open Brangus Heifers

Age 12-13 months old

These are super fancy and are sure to make a set of momma cows that everyone will want to own. They will be 12-13 months at sale time and have their whole lives ahead of them.



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**Lots 156-160:** 5 head of Brahman heifers, 23 months old. Open. If you are looking for a broody set of Brahman females that have been managed correctly then here you are. These big, stout heifers have been left open and are now ready to breed. This is an awesome set of females and I encourage you to take advantage.



**Lots 161-165:** 5 head of Brahman heifers, 23 months old. Open. Mates to the pen of Brahman heifers described above. This kind of quality Brahman heifers are not available just everywhere, these are special.



**Lots 166-170:** 5 head of Brahman heifers, 22 months old. Open. Just a little bit younger, these Brahman heifers have a lifetime of production ahead of them and will produce quality F1's or strait Brahmans.

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### LOT 5

#### B&C Jefe 3490L

ID: 3490L • Reg: P44561105 • DOB: 10/24/23  
POLLED

Sire: B&C Mighty Jefe 0049H  
Dam: B&C MS Arya Endure 1291J ET  
EPDS: CED 8.0; BW 0.8; WW 49; YW 75; Milk 39;  
TM 63; SC 1.0; REA 0.40; MARB 0.1  
Perf: BW: 78; WW: 805; YW: 1,400  
Super stout, goggled eyed and smooth polled just what you are looking for. With a 0.8 for a birth weight EPD, what else could you ask for?



### LOT 6

#### B&C End Zone 3531L 1ET

ID: 3531L • Reg: 44561519 • DOB: 11/20/23

Sire: EF MF Longest Yard 192 228J ET  
Dam: B&C MS 6025 Endure 1368J ET  
EPDS: CED 9.3; BW 0.4; WW 62; YW 93; Milk 30;  
TM 61; SC 1.1; REA 0.65; MARB 0.36  
Perf: BW: 77; WW: 815; YW: 1,405  
Good looking, stout son of Longest Yard and is a flush mate to the 2025 Reserve National Champion Bull. Should be safe to use on heifers, we have bred his flush mate to several.



### LOT 7

#### B&C Easy Sling 4403M

ID: 4403M • Reg: 44599468 • DOB: 1/10/24

Sire: B&C Slingshot 6093D  
Dam: B&C MS Might Easy 7058E  
EPDS: CED 3.1; BW 2.4; WW 48; YW 74; Milk 29;  
TM 53; SC 1.2; REA 0.31; MARB 0.05  
Perf: BW: 81; WW: 795; YW: 1,395  
4403 is a long bodied, thick ended bull with good pigment on both eyes. A bull that could be used on heifers but complete enough for your better cows.



### LOT 8

#### B&C Vance 4416M

ID: 4416M • Reg: 44599507 • DOB: 4/10/24

Sire: B&C Rush 1306J  
Dam: B&C Jade 1208J  
EPDS: CED 5.8; BW 1.7; WW 57; YW 85; Milk 34;  
TM 62; SC 1.1; REA 0.81; MARB 0.014  
Perf: BW: 82; WW: 795; YW: 1,390  
Low birth weight, but a powerhouse of a bull with goggle eyes and a stout build to add pounds and eye appeal.

**LOTS 111-115** - Selling 5 head of registered Hereford open heifers, 13 months of age.

**LOTS 116-120** - Selling 5 head of registered Hereford bred heifers, 22 months of age and bred to a Hereford bull.

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### LOTS 436-440:

- F-1 Hereford x Brahman heifers, 14-15 months, open.
- A fancy set of dark tiger stripe heifers that have a lot of style, femininity and uniformity. They will make great momma cows!

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# Master Marketer Program strengthens producer profitability and resilience

## AgriLife Extension program equips Texas farmers to manage risk and adapt to market shifts

By Karn Dhingra, Texas AgriLife Today

Shaped by unpredictable markets, shifting policies and volatile weather, Texas agriculture has long relied on the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service's Master Marketer Program to help producers steady their footing.

For nearly 30 years, the intensive statewide educational program has equipped farmers and ranchers with the skills to make informed marketing and risk management decisions that improve profitability, strengthen rural economies and build resilience across the Lone Star State.

Since its first session in 1996, the Master Marketer Program has trained more than 1,600 producers across 14 locations statewide, from Amarillo to Abilene and Waco to Weslaco.

The program's blend of



Farmers and ranchers in the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Master Marketer program learn to build practical skills in marketing, risk management and financial planning that strengthen profitability and long-term resilience. (Kay Ledbetter /Texas A&M AgriLife)

classroom instruction and practical exercises helps producers manage risk, plan and make confident marketing decisions, said Mark Welch, Ph.D., professor in the Department of Agricultural Economics, AgriLife Extension economist for grain marketing and director of the program.

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# Our 35<sup>th</sup> Year of Consigning to the San Antonio All Breed Sale



**Lots 401-405** - 5 head of solid black, Angus x F-1 Hereford x Brahman pairs, 24 months of age, 10-30 day old calves by Red Angus. This solid black genetically enhanced female package will boost fertility and calf production through added maternal heterosis.

**Lots 406-410** - 5 head of flashy black motley faced Angus x F-1 Hereford x Brahman pairs, 24 months of age, 10-30 day old calves by Red Angus. The same genetics as our previous pen. These easy fleshing, gentle handling heifers will be productive brood matrons for years to come.

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# Texas Tough Bulls From Weinheimer Ranch Selling In San Antonio!



### LOT 46 OAKS HISTORIC 3068

REG: P44544285 • Birth: 11/14/23  
 EPDs: CE: 3.1; BW: 1.8; WW: 53; YW: 80  
 MILK: 36; TM: 62; SC: 0.8; REA: 0.65; IMF: 0.05  
 A stout, thick, meaty and well-balanced Historic son that is structurally correct and moves with a fluid stride. A bull that should add a lot of dimension to a calf crop.



### LOT 47 RW 8405 DOMINO 4016

REG: P44632422 • Birth: 6/13/24  
 EPDs: CE: -0.2; BW: 3.1; WW: 53; YW: 82  
 MILK: 21; TM: 47; SC: 1.1; REA: 0.36; IMF: -0.12  
 One of the younger bulls in the sale, but one that should not be overlooked. 4016 has a tremendous amount of eye appeal and is flawless in his structure. This dark colored, short marked polled herd bull candidate is moderate framed, deep ribbed, heavy boned, with an excellent foot and leg structure.



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**Master...**

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**A program to help farmers with shifts in U.S. farm policy**

“The program was born out of a major shift in U.S. farm policy,” Welch said. “When the Freedom to Farm Act of the mid-1990s ushered in a more market-driven environment, producers needed new tools to navigate that change. This program grew from that need, and it’s continued evolving ever since, to keep pace with Texas agriculture.”

Producer Paula Gibson, who farms wheat, sorghum, corn silage, hay grazer and milo in the Panhandle, said the program has become essential to keeping her family’s Nature’s Way Compost and Gibson Farms’ operations competitive. Gibson took the course for the first time in 2007 to fill a gap when her father, who had long overseen the family’s grain marketing, passed away.

“It opened my eyes to all the things I didn’t know,” she said. “We did cash flows and had budgets for the bank, but they were not drilled down to the acre. I didn’t really know insurance, I didn’t know all the marketing tools, and I didn’t know (U.S.

Department of Agriculture) Farm Service Agency programs. The program changed that.”

**Customized learning for Texas producers**

AgriLife Extension economists coordinate with county agents and district specialists in each region to tailor sessions to the needs of local producers.

“At its core, Master Marketer is about economic sustainability,” Welch said. “If we can help producers manage risk, stay profitable and build operations they can pass on to the next generation, that’s a win for all of Texas agriculture.”

County agents who host workshops see firsthand how timely information helps producers adapt to shifting pressures.

Shane McLellan, Ph.D., AgriLife Extension agricultural and natural resources agent in McLennan County, said the challenges producers face – extreme weather, input costs, global trade – shape much of the risk-management education offered.

“Those are among the many things producers must focus on to be productive, efficient and minimize risk,” he said.

McLellan said Master

Marketer stands out because it combines instruction with hands-on practice.

“It allows producers the opportunity to learn and then practice what they’ve learned while the experts are right there,” he said.

**A statewide program built around local needs**

Master Marketer graduates manage thousands of acres of cropland and livestock operations across Texas, collectively representing millions in agricultural output. The program’s network continues to exchange ideas, mentor new participants and share best practices to sustain rural communities and operations.

Each regional session draws on local expertise and production challenges. At workshops, producers learn from AgriLife Extension experts about budgets and break-evens, farm policy, weather and climate risk, livestock and grain outlooks and financial planning.

For Gibson, those sessions on weather were especially revealing.

“I never knew much about weather before El Niño, La Niña and all of that. They teach it in a way that really helps you plan,” she said.

~SLS

**The Best We Have Offered To The San Antonio All Breed Sale.**



**LOT 27**

**JK Mr Tank 62M4**

DOB: 1/7/24 | REG: 10581207 | Sire: DDD Tank 468E

Perf: BW: 96; Adj. WW: 797

EPDs: CE: 4.1; BW: 1.2; WW: 21; YW: 43; Milk: -2; TM: 8; SC: -0.49; REA: 0.24; IMF: 0.09

Tank 62M4 is a powerfully built bull from end to end. He is thick topped, big butted and as long as a freight train. A rare combination to express this amount of performance and still have the extension, balance and symmetry in body type.



**LOT 28**

**JK Mr Top Shelf 101M**

DOB: 1/20/24 | REG: 10581209 | Sire: BWCC Top Shelf 468H2

Perf: BW: 68; Adj. WW: 730

EPDs: CE: 1.7; BW: 2.1; WW: 29; YW: 54; Milk: 5; TM: 20; SC: 0.81; REA: 0.4; IMF: 0.32

Top Shelf 101M is a low birth weight bull with a tremendous birth to weaning weight spread. He is rugged by design, deep ribbed, deep flanked, easy fleshing, yet powerfully made. 101M should be a real cow maker and produce steer calves that mash the scales.



**LOTS 386-390**

**5 head of registered Brangus heifers from the heart of our replacements. Bred 5-8 months to registered Brangus bulls.**

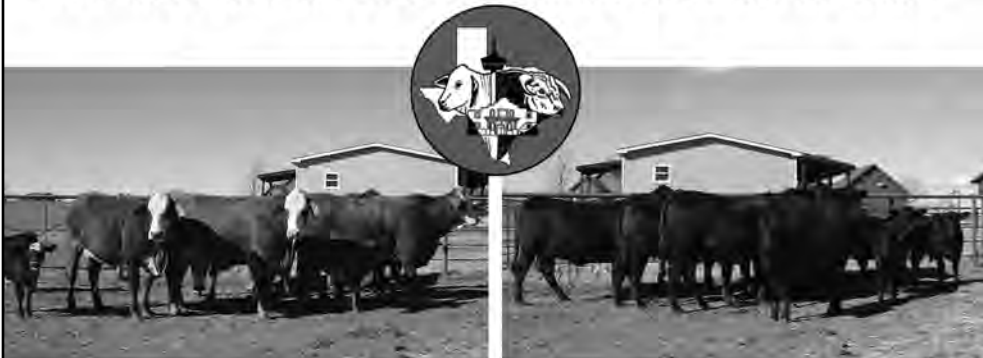
A genetic opportunity to obtain an impressive set of bred registered Brangus females. These heifers are very uniform in type, size, quality, condition and are the right kind to produce more on less.

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**Lots 121-125**

5 F1 Hereford x Brahman pairs, 26 months old, 90 day calves by Angus

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**Lots 126-130**

5 F1 Angus x Brahman pairs, 28 months old, 3-4 month old calves by Angus

This is an outstanding set of gentle, black F1 pairs. You don't get the opportunity very often to own gentle females like this. They have big, 300-350 lbs Angus calves at side. Don't miss this pen of quality F1 pairs.

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## Texas A&M AgriLife publication focuses on urban, suburban feral hog management

**Texas A&M Natural Resources Institute aims to empower landowners, municipal leaders with solutions**

By Sarah Fuller, Texas AgriLife Today

Experts with the Texas A&M Natural Resources Institute, NRI, are working to connect Texans with the resources and expertise necessary to address the growing challenge of feral hog management across the state's rapidly changing landscape.

"As metropolitan areas continue to push into what were once rural working lands, feral hog encounters and their incursions into developed areas will only continue to increase," said Jay Long, project coordinator for the NRI Wild Pig Management Program.

Long and others with NRI recently published a fact sheet on Managing Feral Pigs on Small Acreage Properties and Metropolitan Areas, specifically geared toward helping landowners and community leaders navigate challenges and find solutions for feral hog management across smaller parcels and urbanized landscapes.

**Changing land trends see**

**rural pest shift to urban intruder**

Texas is home to eight of the 15 fastest-growing cities in the U.S. and has seen its population grow from 19 million to 29 million over the past 20 years, with no signs of slowing down.

Over the past decade, feral hogs emerged as a concern along the suburban boundaries of cities like Houston, Dallas and San Antonio.

With an estimated population of 2.6 million feral hogs, control of this invasive species has been a challenge across the state's rural and agricultural landscapes. The management limitations that accompany suburban and metropolitan properties make controlling feral hogs or limiting their damage even more difficult.

Feral hogs are no longer strictly a "rural issue," Long said.

"With the change in population and land use, we're seeing more individuals who

have little to no experience with feral hogs, as well as limitations to management practices we can employ due to city and county codes or homeowners association rules," Long said. "We're focused on an adaptive, science-backed approach that incorporates landowners and municipalities to meet localized challenges."

**A threat to property, natural resources and community health**

Property damage is not the only threat posed by feral hogs. They can damage important ecological resources like streams and negatively impact community well-being by destroying green spaces and spreading diseases and parasites transmissible to humans and domestic pets.

Suburban residents like John Johnson, DVM, '75, who lives near San Antonio, are utilizing these management resources and engaging with NRI experts like Long.

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**Lots 216-225**  
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Johnson is a founding member of his neighborhood's wildlife management committee. He said the NRI and its Wild Pig Management Program have been key resources for the committee's efforts to mitigate the impacts of feral hogs in his neighborhood.

Over the last year and a half, he and his neighbors have developed a close working relationship with NRI experts who have provided the committee with in-person educational presentations, science-backed recommendations, management resources and more.

**Helping landowners and municipalities build a management toolkit**

Implementing feral hog management across the state is a multiagency effort, with each party playing a specialized role. But Long said the program's success depends on Texas property owners like Johnson and his neighbors.

As a part of Texas A&M AgriLife, NRI supports research and extension, engaging in ongoing scientific studies while working directly with Texans to share this knowledge and advance

resource stewardship.

"Our goal is to educate landowners while sharing the research and services available to help them manage feral hogs and the damage they cause across the landscape," Long said. "We teach and demonstrate the best control methods, offer tips from our experts' years of experience and best available science, and share what might be most effective for their particular property or lifestyle."

Long works closely with Johnson and other communities to build an educational foundation and familiarize residents and municipal leadership with diverse management options ranging from trapping to toxicants.

"Involvement from both community members and municipal governments is key to building a diverse toolbox of management options, including adapting existing policies to facilitate actions such as trapping and removal," Long said. "It's not an easy task, but if we can bring Texans together to share resources, engage with community leaders and play an active role in feral hog management, we can make progress in mitigating feral hog damage across our evolving state."



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**LOTS 531-535**

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**LOTS 536-540**

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# What's your marketing plan?

By Dr. John Yost, Ohio State University Extension

As a beef producer, you put a lot of effort into managing your production risk. Think of all the time you spend researching which bulls to use, developing and implementing your nutrition and herd health programs, shopping around for minerals, the time spent making hay or growing crops to feed in the winter. When you add all this up, it is probably a big number. All of this was done to produce the best product possible, at the lowest cost. After putting in all that work, the next question is how much time do you put into marketing your product and managing your financial risk? I can imagine that seed stock producers would say that it takes a lot of time to organize and advertise their sale. But how much time do you put into selling the animals that aren't listed in the sale catalogue?

The cattle market has seen a lot of variability in the last 12 months. While profitable opportunities have been easier to find, it has also dramatically increased your financial risk. You probably

have a consistent system that has served you well over the years. Are you confident that this system can protect you against this new level of risk? Furthermore, have you put in the effort to identify how to maximize the income potential from each individual animal? Sorting through all of your marketing options takes a well thought out plan and it is best if that plan is put on paper. A written marketing plan isn't a stringent set of rules that you are forced to follow set by step. Instead, it becomes a living document where you begin with a well thought out path to follow, where you document what you have done and why you did it that way.

The first step in any marketing plan is to know your numbers. This is your production estimates and cost of that production plus other expenses. Your production numbers should be easy to estimate from your historic averages. You know the number of calves you typically produce and what their average weaning weights should be. You expect to cull a certain



number of cows and how many replacements will be retained to take their place.

Next is knowing your cost of production and other expenses that need to be included in your budget. I don't want to put everyone in the same basket. I assume that most producers have a good understanding of their feed and other variable production costs, but do you have a handle on your fixed costs. Have you factored in a labor, machinery and building charges? Have you allocated dollars to pay yourself, or pay for a family expense like college or a wedding? Are

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# Heading Back to San Antonio!



**Lot 13 - 6S Dutton 21M**  
**Born 2/27/24**

Sire: DMR Dutton 331H8  
 Dam: WRC Ms Prime 21G12 (Mr JLS Prime 915Z61 daughter)  
 BW:71; Adj WW: 799; Adj YW:1,304  
 EPDs: CED: 8.5; BW: -1.5; WW: 33;  
 YW: 56; Milk: 8; TM: 24; SC: .58;  
 REA: .42; IMF: .01  
 Yearling Ultrasound Data: Adj. REA: 14.17; Adj. IMF: 1.80; Adj. Fat: .550



**Lot 14 - 6S Top Gun 2051M2**  
**Born 4/6/24**

Sire: DMR Top Gun 535J19  
 Dam: ETX Ms Trail Boss 2051H (Suhn's Trail Boxx 30B3 daughter)  
 BW: 76; Adj WW: 725; Adj YW: 1,229  
 EPDs: CE: 4.8; BW: 0.5; WW: 29;  
 YW: 44; Milk: 3; TM: 17; SC: .76;  
 REA: .3; IMF: .45  
 Yearling Ultrasound Data: Adj. REA: 13.35; Adj. IMF: 3.02; Adj. Fat: .490



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there facility improvements that you keep putting off that should be included?

Next, you should include a statement relating to your market outlook. We are all guilty of getting caught up in the "coffee shop talk". While these discussions can be profitable, it is important to put in writing how you believe the markets will perform throughout the year. After all, this is what will guide your ultimate decision of whether or not to make a sale. This is also when you should estimate costs associated with the different marketing methods you have available. You may usually sell all your calves in the fall. What will it cost you to hold them until spring? What if you want to save a few steers to sell as freezer beef? What if you want to retain ownership and send them all out west to a feedlot? Explore what the costs, and income potential, could be for each marketing method.


Next is where the rubber meets the road. You need to take all of your assembled information and begin identifying when to make your sales. It may not just be when you will make a sale, but where will you make the

sale. You should also include any price risk protection tool you will utilize. For example, your plan could say that you are going to sell all of your 5 weight steers in a special feeder calf sale on Oct. 15th. Your underweight steers and heifers will be overwintered and sold March 24th at a special grass cattle sale, and both groups will be price protected using LRP policies. You will hold your cull cows until the first week of December and take them to the local stockyard. Include the criteria that would cause you to sell at a different time or place than what you originally had planned. As you make sales, record what you did and provide an explanation of any deviations from the plan.

As you move through the marketing year and at the end of your marketing year, go back and evaluate your plan. How did your actual sales compare to this year's market average and your historic performance? Did the market follow your expectations? Are there other marketing options or tools that you should consider using in the future? In the end, your marketing plan is meant to guide you through your decision-making process and provide you a tool to track your progress.



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**Lots 511-520:** Two pens of 5 head, long bred Brangus heifers, 22-23 months of age. Bred to low birth weight Mound Creek Ranch and Williams Ranch Brangus bulls.

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DOB: 2/11/24 REG: 44543790

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EPDs: CE: 6.4; BW: 0.8; WW: 49; YW: 85; MILK: 36; SC: 1.6; REA: .21; IMF: 0.12

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# 2026 San Antonio Competitive Events Schedule

Please refer to [www.sarodeo.com](http://www.sarodeo.com) for more information and confirmation of dates as subject to change.

## SHOWS

- Feb. 10-12 Junior Purebred Breeding Gilts
- Feb. 10-12 Junior Crossbred Gilts Show & Sale
  - Feb. 10 Horse Judging Contest
  - Feb. 10 Swine Skillathon
- Feb. 11-13 Junior Market Poultry
- Feb. 11-13 Junior Dairy Cattle
- Feb. 11-15 Junior Shoot-Out
- Feb. 12-14 Open Breeding Beef Cattle
  - Feb. 12 Dairy Judging Contest
  - Feb. 12 Food Challenge
- Feb. 11-14 Junior Taxidermy Contest

- Feb. 13-15 Junior Commercial Ewes & Does
- Feb. 13-15 Junior & Open Registered Breeding Sheep & Goats
  - Feb. 14 Agricultural Public Speaking Contest
  - Feb. 14 Collegiate & Youth Wool Judging Contest
  - Feb. 15 House Skillathon Contest
- Feb. 16-17 Junior Market Goats
- Feb. 16-18 Junior Breeding Heifers Wave 1 Americans
  - Feb. 16 Beef Skillathon
  - Feb. 16 Sheep Skillathon
  - Feb. 18 Simbrah/Simmental Superbowl
  - Feb. 18 Wildlife Judging Contest

- Feb. 19-20 Wave 2 British & Continental Heifers
  - Feb. 19 Poultry Judging
- Feb. 20-22 Junior Market Barrow Wave 1
  - Feb. 20 Meat Science Skillathon
  - Feb. 20 Floriculture Contest
  - Feb. 21 Agricultural Science Fair
  - Feb. 21 Consumer Decision Making Contest
- Feb. 22-24 Junior Market Steers Wave 1 Maine-Anjou, Charolais, Simmental, Simbrah, Brahman, Santa Gertrudis, Brangus, ABC
  - Feb. 22 AgProducts ID Contest
  - Feb. 22 Photography Contest
- Feb. 23-24 Junior Commercial Steers

- Feb. 24-26 Junior Market Barrows Wave 2
- Feb. 25-27 Junior Market Steers Wave 2 Angus, Shorthorn, Hereford, Polled Hereford, Red Angus, Limousin, Red Cross Black Cross, Other Cross
  - Feb. 27- Junior Agricultural Mechanics Show and Tractor Restoration
  - Mar. 1 Intercollegiate Livestock Judging
  - Mar. 1 Junior Livestock Judging Contest

## SALES

- Feb. 14 Beefmaster Rose Classic Sale
- Feb. 18 San Antonio All Breeds Bull & Commercial Female Sale
- Feb. 22 The American Nation Sale
- Feb. 27 Junior Market Lamb and Goat Auction
- Feb. 28 Junior Market Steer Auction

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## TDA blasts lab-grown meat ruling

AUSTIN — Texas Agriculture Commissioner Sid Miller recently condemned a federal ruling made Jan. 20th that undermines the state’s recently enacted ban on lab-grown meat, calling it “an assault on Texas ranchers, a gift to Washington elites and a slap in the face to state sovereignty.”

“This ruling is an assault on the livelihoods of Texas ranchers and impairs Texas’s ability to protect its people,” Miller said. “Texas banned lab-grown meat to protect family ranches, preserve honest food labeling, and keep our citizens safe from synthetic products with zero long-term health record. This lawsuit should be thrown out immediately.”

Miller didn’t hold back criticism of powerful industry interests driving the fight. “Let’s be clear: allowing leftist, Bill Gates-backed startups like Wildtype and UPSIDE Foods to bully a democratically passed Texas law in federal court isn’t innovation—it’s an attack on real producers and rural America,” Miller said. “It sends a loud message that Washington bureaucrats and billionaire tech investors matter more than the men and women who actually feed this country.”

The commissioner argued that lab-grown meat poses not only an economic threat but a fundamental danger to consumer trust. “Lab-grown meat isn’t progress—it’s a Trojan horse,” Miller warned. “It threatens rural livelihoods, compromises food safety, and erodes confidence in what Americans put on their plates. Texans don’t want meat grown in a petri dish and marketed by billionaires—they want real beef from real ranchers who raise livestock under time-tested standards.”

“When it comes to America’s food supply, picking winners and losers is exactly what’s at stake—and Texas will always choose its farmers and ranchers,” Miller declared. “We will defend our right to make common-sense decisions about food and public health without federal interference. Texas stands with our ranchers, with our consumers, and with our values. We will not be bullied. We will not back down.”

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