

The importance of China in global and U.S. beef markets

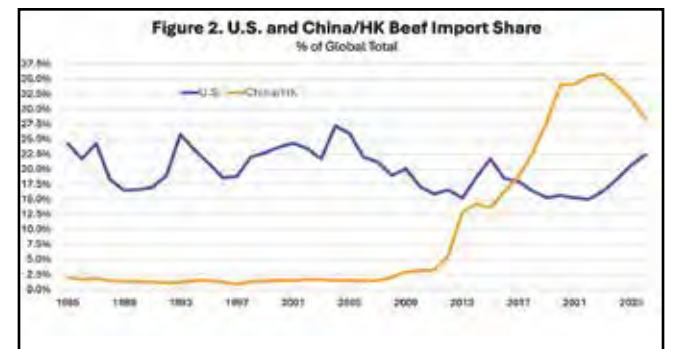
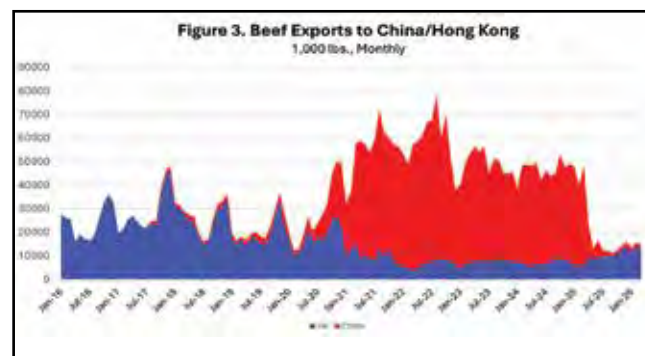
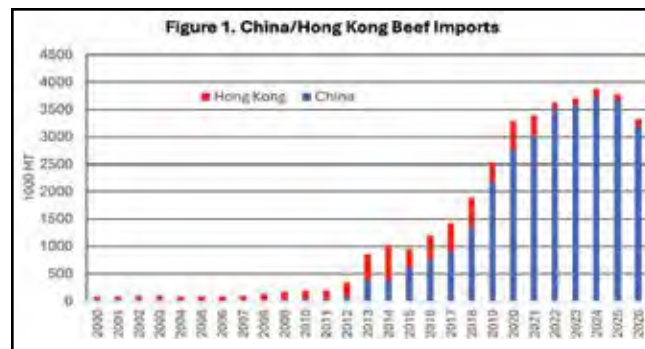
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The role of China in global beef markets has changed rapidly in the past two decades. China (including Hong Kong) was not a player at all in global beef markets as little as fifteen years ago but has risen rapidly to become the largest beef importer in the last decade (Figure 1). For many years, China was a large beef producing and consuming country but had almost

no presence in global beef markets. Starting about 2013, rising beef consumption in China began to exceed domestic beef production leading for the first time to significant beef imports.

Although per capita beef consumption in China remains relatively low, roughly 13 pounds compared to 59 pounds in the U.S., the large population means that small increases in beef consumption represent large amounts of beef in total. As a result, China/HK quickly became the largest beef importing country, surpassing the U.S. by 2017 (Figure 2). As recently as 2022, China/HK accounted for over 35 percent of global beef imports.

Part of the growth in beef imports in China/HK included increased exports of U.S. beef to China. Hong Kong was a significant beef export market in the 2010s, representing as much as 16 percent of total U.S. beef ex-



ports, and was the number three export market. It was generally recognized that a portion of exports to Hong Kong were subsequently transshipped into China. After the U.S. achieved official access to China, beef exports began to grow, with exports to Hong Kong decreasing as expected (Figure 3). For this reason, data from China and Hong Kong are combined, although still reported separately.

In 2025, with tariffs in place and U.S. access to China revoked, exports

to China/HK decreased sharply, although beef exports to Hong Kong increased to slightly offset the total decrease (due to different political responses in Hong Kong). The China/HK share of U.S. beef exports dropped from 18.7 percent (third largest) to 10.4 percent of total beef exports and fourth place among beef export destinations (Figure 4).

While China/HK quickly grew to be a major U.S. beef export market after 2020, the U.S. share of total China/HK

beef imports has been relatively small. The U.S. share of total beef imports in China/HK peaked at 8.8 percent in 2022 and dropped to 3.7 percent in 2025. There is no doubt that China/HK generally represents significant beef export potential for the U.S. in the absence of political barriers.

Figure 4 shows the dramatic loss of China/HK beef exports in 2025 relative to other major beef export markets. Decreased beef exports to China/HK accounted for 68 percent of the

total decrease in U.S. beef exports in 2025. The impact of this loss in U.S. beef market was largely unrecognized simply because the domestic U.S. market was so strong and trending higher. Under different market circumstances, the impact would be much more evident. Part of the future prospects for herd rebuilding and increased beef production in the U.S. will depend on maintaining and building robust beef export markets and China/HK will certainly be a key component.

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Check in on the Choice-Select spread

By Charley Martinez, Ph.D., University of Tennessee Agricultural & Resource Economics

Over the last few weeks, the choice-select spread has become a topic of discussion in my market outlooks. The Choice-Select spread directly reflects the market value of quality, signaling how much buyers are willing to pay for cattle that grade USDA Choice versus Select. When the spread is wide, cattle that grade choice capture higher carcass prices and grid premiums, making quality-focused production more profitable. Conversely, a narrow or negative spread reduces incentives for higher-quality graded carcasses. If the spread remains narrow or inverts for extended periods, it can pose financial risk by prolonging cattle feeding or incurring higher costs without a clear payoff. Because the spread responds

to consumer demand, beef supplies, and economic conditions, it also serves as a decision-making indicator for marketing timing, feeding strategies, and risk management. In short, in the short-term, the Choice-Select spread links consumer preferences back to the feedlot, shaping both profitability and production decisions.

Above is the daily choice-select spread for 2025 and 2026 through the first of May. This figure shows clear differences in both the level and volatility of the daily Choice-Select spread between 2025 and 2026. In 2025, the spread began near the upper \$20 range, before declining through the early part of the year (end of February) and then recovering to consistently higher

values in the mid to upper teens and low \$20s in March and April, indicating a generally strong premium for Choice beef. In contrast, the 2026 spread began the year much lower and more variable, hovering mostly between zero and \$10 and even turning negative at several points, which signals periods when Choice carcasses commanded little to no premium over Select.

The persistently low and occasionally negative Choice-Select spread shown in Figure 1 for 2026 leaves important questions. Is this

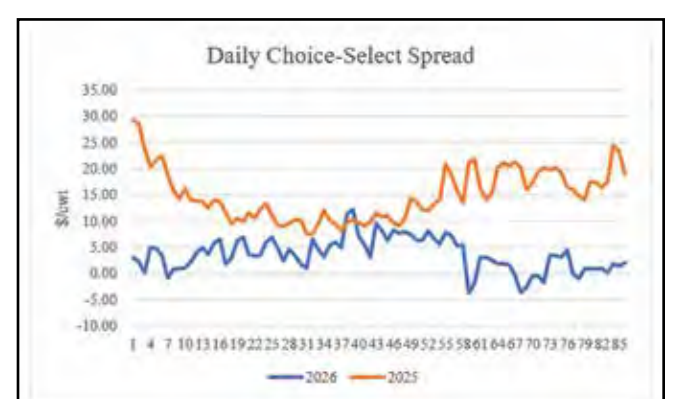


Figure 1. Daily (January 1- May 1) Choice-Select Spread for 2025 and 2026 (Source: USDA AMS daily report LM_XB403)

due in part to softening beef demand or other market forces at play? Given the recent rise in fuel costs, income for other items, and weekly

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SPECIES:	5-11-26:	1-1-26 - Present
FEEDER CATTLE	0	0
MEXICO TO TEXAS IMPORTS		
FEEDER CATTLE	0	0

transportation and operating expenses throughout the beef supply chain, limiting packers' and retailers' willingness to pay up for higher grades. Together, possibly weaker consumer demand for premium beef and rising fuel-related costs help explain why the 2026 spread remains subdued, signaling diminished incentives for quality premiums relative to periods like 2025 when consumer demand conditions were stronger.

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White House addresses fertilizer concerns

Source: USDA

With fertilizer costs and global supply concerns still weighing heavily on American agriculture, the Trump administration is moving to accelerate domestic production. Agriculture

Secretary Brooke Rollins announced three new initiatives May 19 aimed at expanding U.S. fertilizer manufacturing, speeding up project approvals and increasing market transparency for farmers.

Speaking alongside Republican lawmakers and Cabinet officials at USDA headquarters, Rollins said permitting for a new CF Industries ammonia facility in Louisiana is expected to be completed within 45 days. The \$3.7 billion project is projected to become the world's largest ammonia plant once construction is complete.

The new facility will be located in Ascension Parish, less than 10 miles from CF Industries' existing Donaldsonville Complex along the Mississippi River. Company officials estimate

construction will take about four years. When operational, the plant is expected to produce approximately 1.4 million metric tons of low-carbon ammonia annually.

"We're so excited about not only the fertilizer implications of that, but the hundreds and hundreds of jobs that will come along with it for the great state of Louisiana," Rollins said.

Biden-era fertilizer program revised

The administration also announced major changes to the Fertilizer Product Expansion Program, or FPEP, originally launched

under the Biden administration in 2022. The \$778 million program was created in response to soaring fertilizer prices driven by Russia's invasion of Ukraine and ongoing supply chain disruptions following the pandemic. The

initiative provided grants to fertilizer manufacturers to help expand domestic production capacity.

Under the revised approach, the Trump administration has added funding to

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Texas Trails...

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News: "Amid tumultuous applause from an eager crowd of 75,000 persons, Cal P. Rodgers, sea-to-sea aviator, glided gracefully down the infield of the State Fair race-track at 1:50 p.m. After hovering over the Fairgrounds for 15 minutes in the most thrilling exhibition of aerial navigation ever seen here, he headed his biplane south and started again on his long journey to the Pacific Ocean."

It took Rodgers two more weeks and at least 23 stops to cross the miles and miles of Texas. Troubles were many. A piston crystallized near Kyle. In Spofford, his propeller struck the ground during take off. Other Texas stops, scheduled and unscheduled, included Austin, San Antonio, Denison, Gainesville, San Marcos, LaCoste, Sabinal, Uvalde, Del Rio, Alpine, Marfa, and El Paso.

Forty-nine days after he started, on Nov. 5, 1911, Rodgers taxied the Vin Fiz Flyer into the Pacific Ocean, making him America's first coast-to-coast pilot. The Vin Fiz arrived with only the rudder, engine drip pan and a single strut remaining from the original plane.

Rodgers arrived with his leg in a cast and a pair of crutches strapped to the side of the plane. But he arrived.

The first pilot to fly America coast-to-coast died, not too surprisingly, in an airplane crash in Long Beach, California, on April 3, 1912, a few hundred feet from where he and the Vin Fiz had completed the cross-country trip five months earlier.

The FFA inducted Rodgers posthumously into its Hall of Fame in 1964. Taylor, the world's first airplane mechanic, joined him there, also posthumously, a year later. The FAA's "Charles Taylor Master Mechanic Award" is named in his honor.



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USDA Major Livestock Reports:

Producers Livestock Auction, San Angelo, Texas, May 21, 2026: Total receipts: 505, last reported (5-14-26) 554, last year 0. Feeder cattle 341 (67.5%), last reported (5-14-26) 460 (83.0%), last year 0 (0.0%). Slaughter cattle 109 (21.6%), last reported (5-14-26) 70 (12.6%), last year 0 (0.0%). Replacement cattle 55 (10.9%), last reported (5-14-26) 24 (4.3%), last year 0 (0.0%). Compared to last week, feeder cattle overall sold steady to 4.00 higher. Slaughter cows sold steady to 3.00 higher. Slaughter bulls sold 2.00 to 3.00 higher. Supply included: 68% Feeder Cattle (30% Steers, 42% Heifers, 28% Bulls); 22% Slaughter Cattle (84% Cows, 16% Bulls); 11% Replacement Cattle (48% Stock Cows, 52% Cow-Calf Pairs). Feeder cattle supply over 600 lbs was 37%.

Oklahoma National Stockyards, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, May 19, 2026: Total receipts 7,116, last reported (5-11-26) 5,237, last year 9,354. Feeder cattle: 7,116 (100.0%), last reported (5-11-26) 5,237 (100.0%), last year 9,354 (100.0%). Compared to last week: Feeder steers and heifers traded mostly steady, with moderate to good demand despite declines in cattle futures. Corn prices moved higher on expectations of increased exports, contributing to the weaker feeder futures. Slaughter cattle markets again reached record highs last week and this with strong movement. Weaned steer and heifer calves were 10.00-20.00 lower in a light test and on generally lower quality offerings, while un-weaned calves sold sharply lower. Current weather conditions-a hot, humid day followed by a drop into the 60s-are having adverse effects on un-weaned and short-weaned calves. Demand for calves was moderate, as some producers remain occupied with wheat harvest activities. Overall quality was mostly average, with feeder cattle ranging from medium to fleshy, and a few appearing thin. High winds and warm temperatures over the past four days have intensified drought conditions in western Oklahoma, though some rain chances remain in the forecast for later this week. Supply included: 100% Feeder Cattle (57% Steers, 39% Heifers, 4% Bulls). Feeder cattle supply over 600 lbs was 82%.

SALE: Beeville Livestock Commission, Inc. Beeville, Texas • NO SALE DUE TO HOLIDAY • VOLUME: TREND: STEERS HEIFERS 200-300 lbs. 300-400 lbs. 400-500 lbs. 500-600 lbs. 600-700 lbs. 700-800 lbs. Slaughter cows Slaughter bulls Stocker cows Pairs	SALE: Brazos Valley Livestock Commission Bryan, Texas DATE OF SALE: 5-26-26 VOLUME: 735 TREND: Steady/no change. STEERS HEIFERS 200-300 lbs. 300-400 lbs. 400-500 lbs. 500-600 lbs. 600-700 lbs. 700-800 lbs. Slaughter cows Slaughter bulls Stocker cows Pairs	SALE: Live Oak Auction, Inc. Three Rivers, Texas DATE OF SALE: 5-25-26 VOLUME: 282 TREND: Steady/no change. STEERS HEIFERS 200-300 lbs. 300-400 lbs. 400-500 lbs. 500-600 lbs. 600-700 lbs. 700-800 lbs. Slaughter cows Slaughter bulls Stocker cows Pairs	SALE: Nixon Livestock Commission, Inc. Nixon, Texas • NO SALE DUE TO HOLIDAY • VOLUME: TREND: STEERS HEIFERS 200-300 lbs. 300-400 lbs. 400-500 lbs. 500-600 lbs. 600-700 lbs. 700-800 lbs. Slaughter cows Slaughter bulls Stocker cows Pairs	SALE: Gulf Coast Livestock Auction, LLC Alice, Texas • NO SALE DUE TO HOLIDAY • VOLUME: TREND: STEERS HEIFERS 200-300 lbs. 300-400 lbs. 400-500 lbs. 500-600 lbs. 600-700 lbs. 700-800 lbs. Slaughter cows Slaughter bulls Stocker cows Pairs
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SALE: East Texas Livestock, Inc. Crockett, Texas DATE OF SALE: 5-26-26 VOLUME: 1333 TREND: Steady/lower. STEERS HEIFERS 200-300 lbs. 300-400 lbs. 400-500 lbs. 500-600 lbs. 600-700 lbs. 700-800 lbs. Slaughter cows Slaughter bulls Stocker cows Pairs	SALE: Caldwell Livestock Commission Co., Inc. Caldwell, Texas DATE OF SALE: 5-20-26 VOLUME: 623 TREND: Steady/no change. STEERS HEIFERS 200-300 lbs. 300-400 lbs. 400-500 lbs. 500-600 lbs. 600-700 lbs. 700-800 lbs. Slaughter cows Slaughter bulls Stocker cows Pairs	SALE: Buffalo Livestock Commission Co., Inc. Buffalo, Texas DATE OF SALE: 5-23-26 VOLUME: 626 TREND: Steady/lower. STEERS HEIFERS 200-300 lbs. 300-400 lbs. 400-500 lbs. 500-600 lbs. 600-700 lbs. 700-800 lbs. Slaughter cows Slaughter bulls Stocker cows Pairs	SALE: Navasota Livestock Auction Co. Navasota, Texas DATE OF SALE: 5-23-26 VOLUME: 1046 TREND: Steady/lower. STEERS HEIFERS 200-300 lbs. 300-400 lbs. 400-500 lbs. 500-600 lbs. 600-700 lbs. 700-800 lbs. Slaughter cows Slaughter bulls Stocker cows Pairs	SALE: Cattleman's Brenham Livestock Brenham, Texas DATE OF SALE: 5-22-26 VOLUME: 521 TREND: Steady/no change. STEERS HEIFERS 200-300 lbs. 300-400 lbs. 400-500 lbs. 500-600 lbs. 600-700 lbs. 700-800 lbs. Slaughter cows Slaughter bulls Stocker cows Pairs
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Sheep & Goat Auctions:

Producers Livestock Auction, San Angelo, Texas, May 27, 2026: Sheep and goats: Total receipts 4,128, last reported (5-19-26) 10,128, last year 11,483. Feeder sheep/lambs 0 (0.0%), last reported (5-19-26) 0 (0.0%), last year 319 (2.8%). Slaughter sheep/lambs 2,635 (63.8%), last reported (5-19-26) 5,863 (57.9%), last year 5,815 (50.6%). Feeder goats 298 (7.2%), last reported (5-19-26) 1,095 (10.8%), last year 1,072 (9.3%). Slaughter goats 1,195 (28.9%), last reported (5-19-26) 3,170 (31.3%), last year 4,277 (37.2%). Compared to last week, slaughter hair lambs traded 5.00-10.00 higher, while slaughter ewes traded steady. Feeder goats traded 12.00 higher and Slaughter goats traded sharply higher. Next report will be released on June 3, 2026. Supply included: 64% Slaughter Sheep/Lambs (7% Woolled & Shorn, 70% Hair Breeds, 6% Ewes, 16% Hair Ewes, 0% Bucks, 1% Hair Bucks); 7% Feeder Goats (100% Kids); 29% Slaughter Goats (58% Kids, 37% Nannies/Does, 5% Bucks/Billies).

Gillespie Livestock Company, Fredericksburg, Texas, May 12, 2026: Sheep and goats: 4,040 Light Lambs Higher. Heavy Lambs Higher. Kids Higher. Light Kids Higher. #1 Wool Lambs 40-60 Lb 180.00-385.00 Cwt. #1 Wool Lambs 60-80 Lb 170.00-385.00 Cwt. Bbd Lambs (40-60 Lb) 130.00-340.00 Cwt. Dorpx Lambs (40-60 Lb) 330.00-425.00 Cwt. Dorpx Lambs (60-80 Lb) 300.00-425.00 Cwt. Light Slaughter Lambs (45-80 Lb) 330.00-425.00 Cwt. Slaughter Lambs (90-140 Lb) 150.00-425.00 Cwt. Packer Ewes 20.00-270.00 Cwt. Sheep Bucks/Rams 90.00-500.00 Cwt. #1 Sp/Boex Kids (20-40 Lb) 350.00-450.00 Cwt. #1. Sp/Boex Kids (40-60 Lb) 350.00-575.00 Cwt. #1 Sp/Boex Kids (60-80 Lb) 350.00-575.00 Cwt. Sp/Boex Muttons 175.00-570.00 Cwt. Angora Kids 220.00-325.00 Cwt. Lower Quality Kids 100.00-250.00 Cwt. Packer Sp/Boex Nannies 30.00-315.00 Cwt. Stocker. Sp/Boex Nannies 200.00-330.00 Cwt. Angora Nannies No Test. Boex Billies 120.00-450.00 Cwt.

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President's Address...

By: Greg Seidenberger

Rain. Yes, rain with real drops falling! Much of our South Texas area received some much-needed moisture. Hayfields are looking good; some are already looking to make a second cutting. But some areas had to contend with hail. Hopefully the damage was minimal. The price of fertilizer was brutal, but we didn't have much choice but to pay the price. Chemical prices were elevated as well but weed kill is very beneficial and most of the producers I know report high efficacy with their herbicide applications this season. Farming

and ranching are a lot like Russian Roulette, said an old friend who has been around a mighty long time. I told him I think it is more like a box of chocolates.....and I like chocolates!

Congratulations to several of our ICA chapters who have sponsored outstanding cattle sales and fundraising events. Our Southeast and Gonzales chapters had successful bull and heifer sales that attracted many consignors and buyers. Our Victoria Crossroads chapter held a well-attended fundraiser with a great meal

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By Joe C. Paschal,
Professor Emeritus and
Extension Livestock Specialist (Retired)

Conventions past

I'll never forget the first Independent Cattlemen's Association's I spoke at; it was at the old convention center in downtown San Antonio. I spoke on feeding cottonseed products to cattle. It must have been in the late 80s or early 90s because that's about when research indicated that gossypol in cottonseed could cause the Sertoli cells in young rams' (and possibly bulls') testicles to rupture. Since Sertoli cells are the sperm producing cells, that wasn't good. As it turns out, at the levels we feed cottonseed meal, cubes, or even whole cottonseed, there is no impact on fertility in bulls.

I spoke in a large room with the slide projector way in the back. My slides were created by my Extension student worker Rogelio Mercado (now long time County Extension Agent in Jim Wells County) and they were colorful! Between the colors and the distance from the projector to the screen they were a little hard to see and Dr. Zerle Carpenter, the then Director of Texas Agricultural Extension Service (as it was then known) turned to Dr. Larry Boleman, then just one of my colleagues, and said that he needed to let me know I needed to make more

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Chapter Happenings...

Around The Lone Star State

South Central ICA Chapter

The South Central area has certainly welcomed the recent rainfall across our region. After challenging dry conditions over the past year, seeing tanks catch water, pastures green up and cattle finally able to graze fresh grass again has

been a much-needed blessing for producers throughout the area. Along with the rain, cattle and beef markets have continued to hold steady down here, giving ranchers some encouragement as we move into the summer

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months. While we all know Texas' weather can change overnight, many are hopeful this pattern continues and that we may see a wetter summer ahead. If the moisture sticks around, hopefully the grass will too — allowing cattle to stay on pasture longer than

they did last year. It sure lifts my spirits to see a field full of cows with all their heads intently down, not sulking by the empty ring for their next bale of hay!

We appreciate all of our members and look forward to seeing everyone at upcoming events in the months ahead. Mark your calendars

for our next chapter meeting July 16th at 6:30 p.m. in Poth, Texas. More information to come as the date approaches. Also, we are already working on the SCTICA Annual Ranch Rodeo to be held in Jourdan, Texas on Saturday, Oct. 10, 2026. We welcome all volunteers and

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and live and silent auctions. The Country Store was a big hit and I am enjoying the tasty jams I bought there. These events take lots of hard work, planning, and dedication. The spirit of community is definitely alive and well and evidenced by the smiles and laughter, handshakes, and those pats on the back. Kudos and thanks to all those wonderful volunteers that make it happen.

We mourn the loss of

Rafe Jackson, a long serving member of ICA in his chapter and on the board of directors. He was a producer, a mentor, a sponsor, but most importantly a great friend. We celebrate his legacy and treasure the memories he gave us. Rest in peace Rafe. Our ICA Convention is approaching fast. The dates are June 24, 25, & 26 at the Embassy Suites Conference Center in San Marcos. Entertainment, CEUs, great food, and some Texas hospitality. I hope you will consider joining us this year. See you there!

Conventions...

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professional slides. It turns out my wife was sitting right behind them which is how I got the story before Larry could tell me. As I recall, ICA recognized Dr. Boleman by enrolling him in the Cattlemen's Council that year.

In the succeeding years, I have been fortunate to be able to be on the program many times, but my favorites were always the cattle working demonstrations. Dr. F. C. "Buddy" Faries and I conducted quite a few of them. Usually early in the morning in a downtown hotel parking lot, but always with a great crowd of blurry eyed ICA members and often attracting a non-ICA crowd as well. I have a real appreciation for folks who donate equipment or cattle to these events, it takes time to put them together. We always asked for volunteers from the crowd to help give injections, do pour ons, or attach a fly or ID tag. We were never without help. I am sure this year's demonstration with Dr. Tom Hairgorve and Dr. Karl Harborth will be no different. I want to take a minute to recognize the loss of two great Texas A&M Extension supporters of ICA, Dr. Don Rennie, who conducted (and certified) pesticide training at ICA and Dr. Larry White, retired range specialist who helped develop "Brush Busters" weed and brush control recommendations. They were your kind of people.



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would be delighted to put you to work to make this once again a successful event. Please contact any director for more information. Lastly, we are looking forward to the State ICA Convention being held June 24th-26th in San Marcos, Texas. Join us for top industry speakers, a world-class trade show, great food and drink, live and silent auctions, and good old family fun! Registration is open, so be sure to secure your spot by contacting the ICA State Office or visiting ICATexas.com/Events. In the meantime, we continue to pray for rain in the areas that are still in need and for the areas that have plenty, we are beyond grateful and may begin to shift our prayers to securing a spot on the weed spray list. Our chapter would like to encourage producers and supporters of the cattle industry to stay involved locally by attending area events, auctions, meetings, and industry gatherings. Staying informed and connected is one of the best ways we can continue supporting agriculture and strengthening the future of the cattle business in South Central Texas.

Guada-Coma ICA Chapter

Howdy from Guada-Coma ICA! Guadalupe county has been blessed with rain. Tanks are full and the pastures look beautiful. I pray that this will continue throughout the summer. We held our chapter meeting on Monday, May 18th and it was so nice to be back after being gone for several months with my husband Sammy being sick and passing in January. It felt good to be back with friends that are like family. A big thank you goes to Capital Farm Credit for sponsoring the meal.

We started the meeting by presenting scholarships to these four deserving high school seniors: Brylen Beicker, Kodi Kelso, Kade Pape, and John Thomas Ruli. We then presented college scholarships to Kambrie Boeder and Samantha Grones. It was so nice visiting with these two girls and hearing all about their first year of college. I am excited about the Annual ICA Convention in San Marcos this June 24th-26th. The speakers lined up are excellent and I enjoy seeing everyone from all over the great state of Texas. Be sure to get registered and book your room, and we look forward to seeing you all there.

Colorado Valley ICA Chapter

Howdy from the Colorado Valley ICA! Weather has

been nice and several areas in the county received anywhere from 0.75 to 10" of rain. We are continuing to receive rain weekly. Pastures are greening up and cattle finally have fresh grass. Hay continues to move down the highway.

CVICA Scholarship Chairman and Director, Anna Karisch is pleased to announce this year's scholarship winners. In partnership with the Faith P. and Charles L. Bybee Foundation and along with the Carl L. Wendler Family, the organization will once again award \$2,000 to each student in three counties; Colorado, Fayette and Lee.

CVICA would like to congratulate these three students selected as this year's scholarship recipients: Jessica Kay Rohde, Gretchen Sacks and Jack Schley. Now we are gearing up for an amazing time at ICA's Annual Convention and Trade Show this June in San Marcos. This annual meeting always includes several CEU credits, live demonstrations, and important beef cattle industry updates that are beneficial to our members and producers state-wide. Gary P. Nunn will be the live entertainment for Wednesday night, and we are also excited to see what goodies there will

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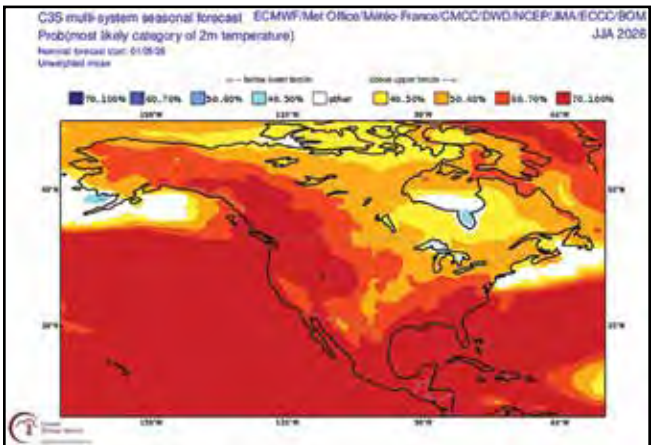
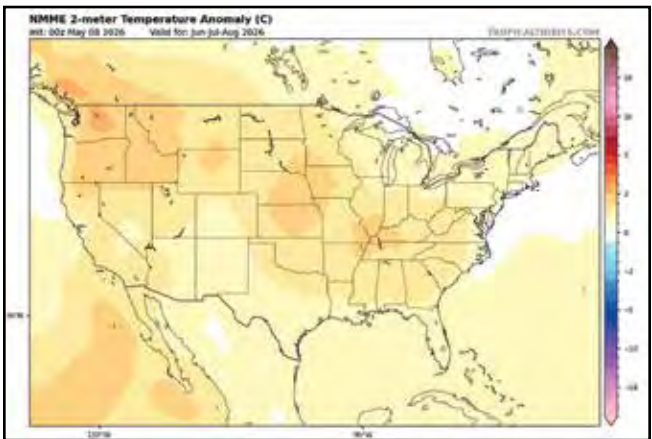
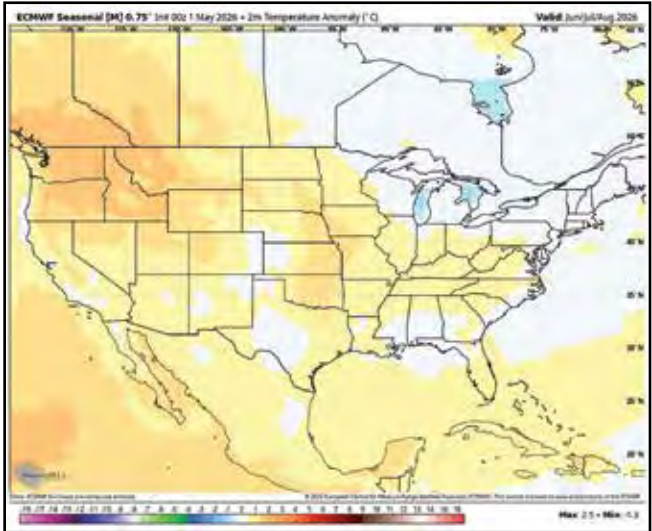
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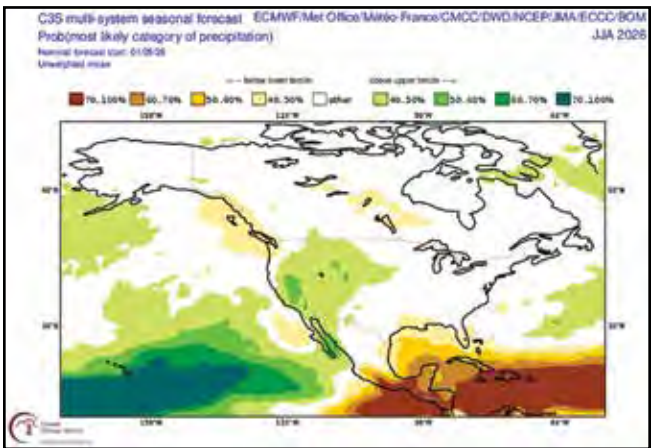
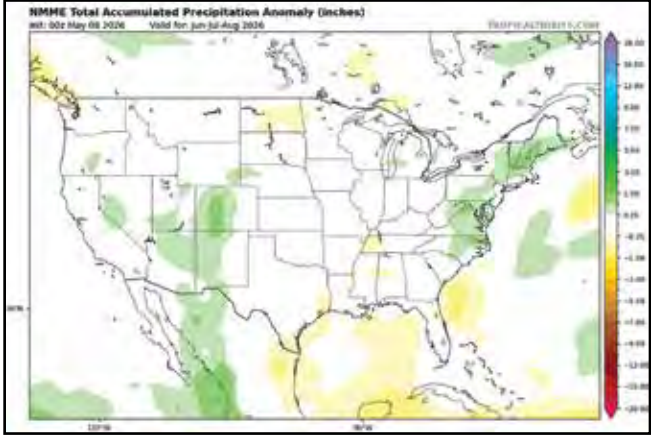
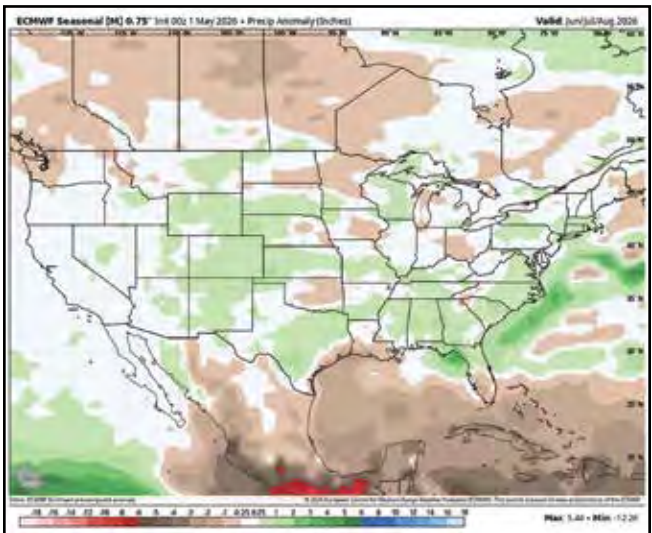


If you read last month’s article, you know that I focused a lot on the historical weather patterns that El Niño can produce for us. This month, I want to show you what the May model run has to offer for the June/July/August timeframe.

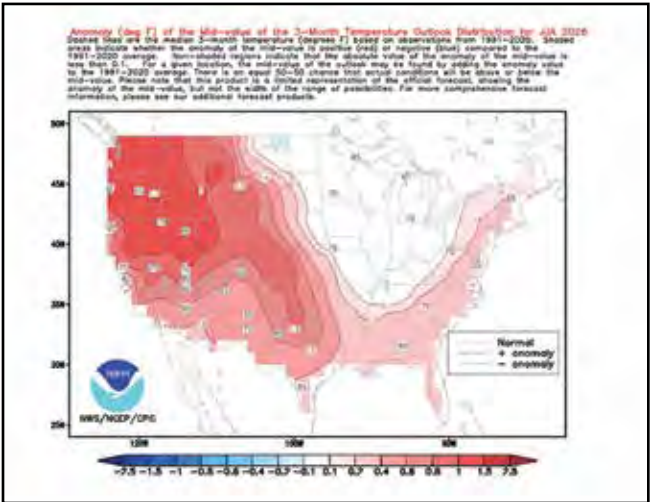
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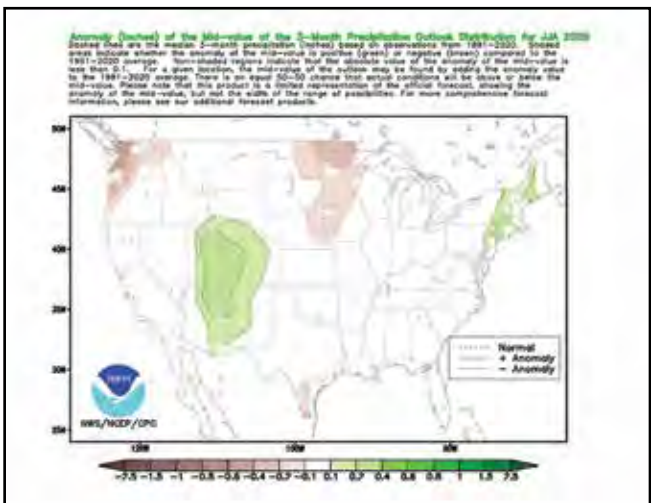
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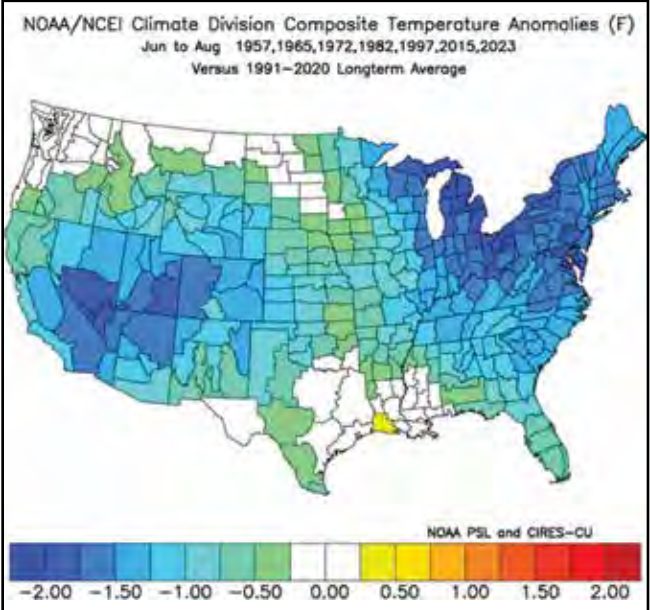


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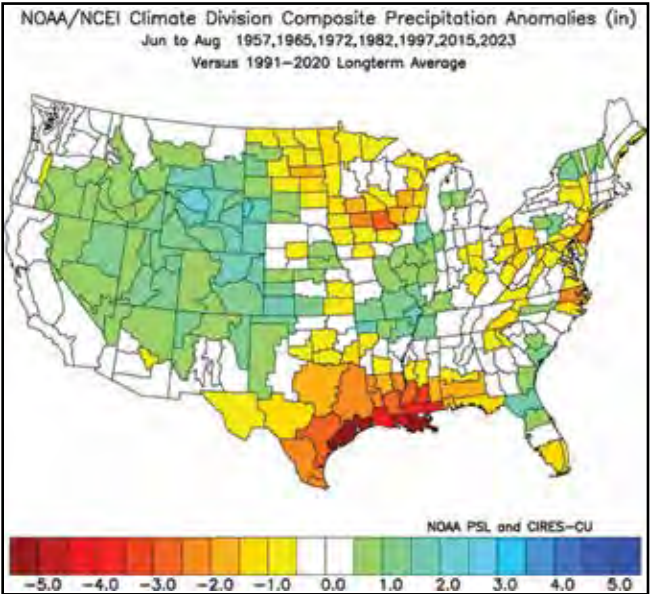


For the June, July, August period, none of the models or the Climate Prediction Center has a strong and persistent heat signal or dry signal for that three month period. However, if you remember what the historical analogs suggested last month, you know that there are some areas to

watch for flash drought this summer.
Historical Temperature Anomaly for El Niño Years



Historical Precipitation Anomaly for El Niño Years



While there is no pronounced heat signal in those analog years, you can clearly see that parts of the Southern Plains, Texas and the Gulf Coast have a tendency to dry out after a wet spring and early summer. Historically, that dryness sets in later in June and can linger through August. Is this going to be a year that shapes up that way? Time will tell, but I’ve been talking about the threat of flash drought for parts of Texas and the Gulf Coast for a while now. I’m still talking about it.

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be in the silent and live auctions on Thursday evening. If you haven't registered yet, don't wait. We look forward to seeing you all there.

Mid-Tex ICA Chapter

Howdy from Mid-Tex ICA Chapter! Great news. Our prayers are being answered for RAIN. I imagine everyone reading this received some and more is in the forecast. Hope all your grass is growing. May has

been National Beef Month. We hope you were able to throw a Texas-grown beef steak or burgers on the grill for Memorial Day or any day--all made possible by the American Cattle rancher. The purpose of this month-long celebration is to recognize the importance of the U.S. beef industry and honor the hard-working farmers and ranchers who raise cattle. This is a time to appreciate beef as part of our diet and an opportunity to highlight the nutritional benefits and versatility of beef, as well as its role in American meals and cultural celebrations. Beef

month aims to encourage consumers to purchase and enjoy beef and support those who produce it.

The Mid-Tex ICA chapter held a meeting on Tuesday, May 12th, at the Blue Pearl in Lockhart, Texas. The meeting was centered around chapter business including nominating a proposed slate of chapter officers, discussion of officer elections in the fall and nominations for state directors. Preparations were also made for the upcoming Annual ICA State Convention in June. A big thank you to Capital Farm

Credit (Caldwell County) for sponsoring the delicious beef dinner. Some good news on the homefront for New World Screwworms. On April 27th, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration issued an Emergency Use Authorization for Negasunt Powder (coumaphos, propoxur, and sulfanilamide topical powder) for the prevention and treatment of New World screwworm (NWS) infestations (myiasis). FDA has concluded that based on the scientific evidence available, it is reasonable to believe that Negasunt Powder may be effective for

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As you all know by now, the ICA 52nd Annual Convention and Trade Show is around the corner---June 24-26, in San Marcos. Hope to see you there. We hope you were able to take advantage of the early bird registration rates, but if not don't fret, registration is still open so don't wait. This event features top industry speakers, educational programs (some with CEU credits) and a world-class trade show. Join us to help celebrate 52 years of ICA with awards, live music and great food. It's a good time to visit with fellow cattle producers from around the state. From the Mid-Tex ICA Chapter and Lockhart, Texas, the home of state ICA's headquarters, please continue to pray for rain. Hope you all had a nice celebration of Memorial Day. God Bless America!

Gonzales ICA Chapter

Greetings from Gonzales ICA Chapter. May has shaped to be a pretty good month for Gonzales and our surrounding area. We are seeing how quickly things can turn around when we get rain. Our pastures are green and our stock tanks are catching water. The CTICA All Breeds Sale was held on Wednesday, April 29th. The sale had a new location this year, at the Gonzales Livestock Market. We had 15 bulls and 130 females. With a new date, a new location for the sale and the weather prior to the day of the sale, I believe we did pretty good and had the cattle in pretty good shape considering the conditions. It will continue to be a spring sale and be held at the Gonzales Livestock Commission. Our Gonzales ICA chapter hosted a meeting on May 28th at the VFW Hall in Gonzales. We awarded our scholarships, conducted general chapter business, and planned for the upcoming ICA State Annual Meeting in June. We hope everyone can attend and join us this June 24th-26th, for an event full of insightful industry information, community amongst cattlemen, and family friendly fun. Until then, Gonzales County ICA reminds everyone to be safe out there on your ranches as we go about our daily activities and here's to green grass, blue skies, and happy cattle. God bless America.

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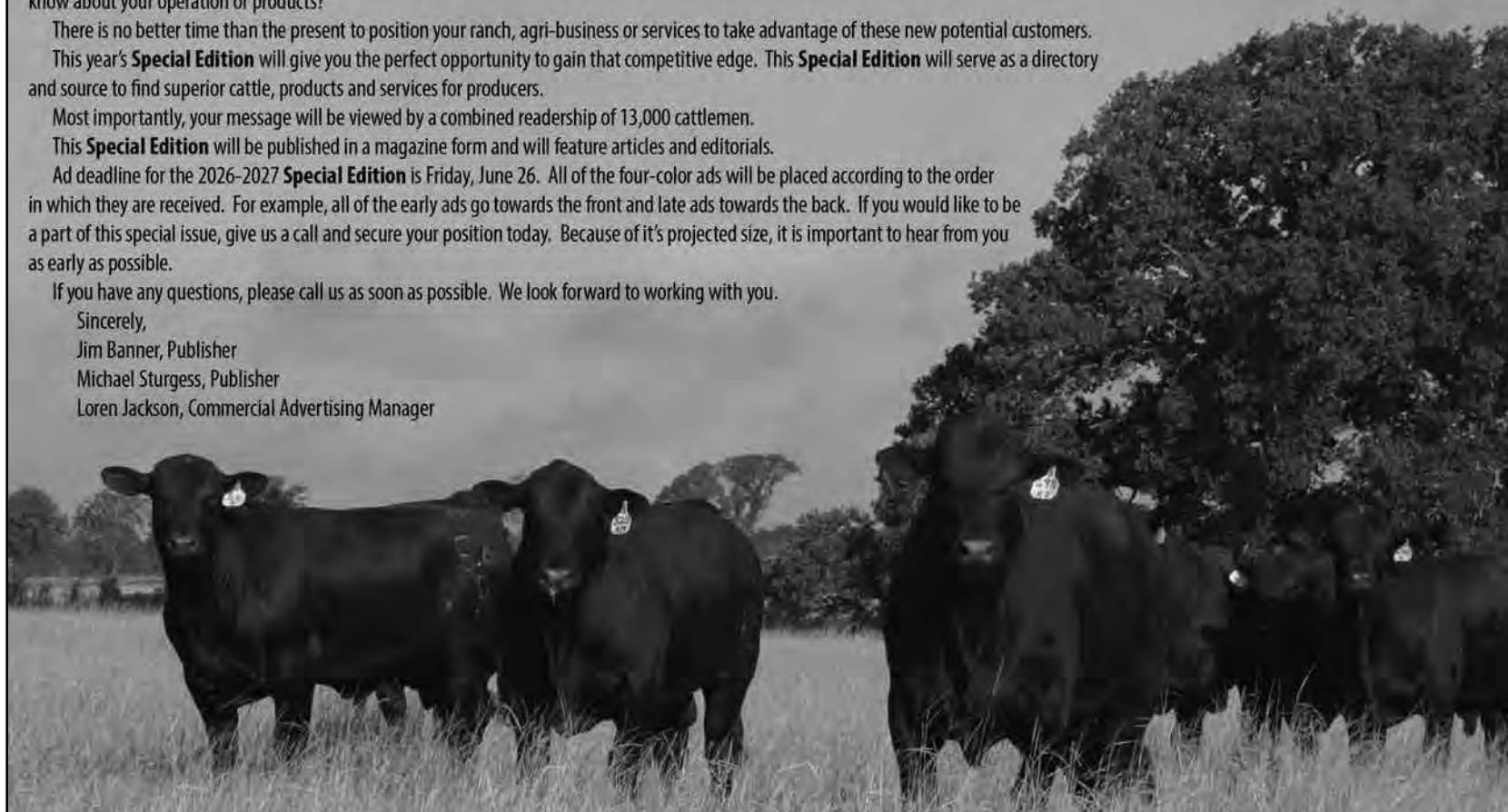
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Brazos Valley ICA Region

Howdy from Brazos Valley! I continue to be grateful for the rain we have been getting. It is truly an answer to our prayers. I am looking forward to attending our ICA Convention in San Marcos June 24-26th. I have a couple of college sophomores and I am bringing them, and maybe a couple of their friends along with the rest of our family. I want our kids to attend the classes on tractor safety, calf pulling, etc. I know that they will enjoy the good food and outstanding entertainment, too. I am really excited that we're having that tractor safety class. I can remember my dad chewing me out when I was a teen because I unknowingly attached a chain in a hazardous manner. I have known people who fell off tractors and got runover, and others who had a tractor roll over, or were killed hauling hay. Ranching is a dangerous job and I have given my family instructions to follow if I am ever done in by a large animal or large equipment. If someone asks what my last words were, I ask them to please make up something if my actual utterances were not edifying..... I also remember

driving over an old, rusted, bent-up water trough. To my chagrin, it wrapped itself around my tractor tire and then wedged itself between the tire and the fender. I was in a bind! And, of course, there were witnesses. It seems like there always are. I hope to see you at the convention. Until then, may the rain continue and the screwworms stay out of Texas.

Southeast Texas ICA Chapter

Well, there was another dry spell and things weren't looking good. However, it's now been raining a couple of days and supposedly it will continue through the weekend. It's soaking in pretty good so the first cutting of hay should be covered as long as the rain stops for a week or so. But, down here in extreme Southeast Texas that could change in a flash. In my last report we discussed our social event where we presented our scholarships to our regional students. I would like to congratulate Mallory Fitzgerald of Hardin High School that will be attending Tarleton State University in ag communications/livestock pharmaceutical sales. Madeline Friedrich Dayton High School to Sam Houston State University in animal

science with teaching certificate/agriculture. Brady Vauter of Dayton High School to the University of Oklahoma in professional aviation/ airline pilot. Avery Williford of Lumberton High School to Texas A&M University business administration/financial analyst.

We are also in early preparation of our fall Drawdown, Chaired by James Riley. State Convention is just around the corner, and I would like to encourage all of our members and others around the state to attend. This is a great opportunity to gather and visit with other ranchers and vendors to compare ideas and discover new products. Those of you attending, please get your rooms booked as soon as possible to further assist the state administration with their planning. I would like to take this portion of the report to sincerely thank all of our area sponsors that are so loyal to our annual sale and more. Agritech, Hvlinka Equipment, WOWCO (Kubota), Eastex Livestock, Texas Farm Credit, Shoppas Farm Equipment, Idle Time Charolais, Livestock Nutrition Center, Prosperity bank, M&J Fertilizer, Stellar Bank, Agridyne, Texas First

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the program while removing provisions that promoted environmentally focused production requirements.

Rollins said those cli-

mate-related provisions delayed several proposed projects. She noted the updated program will allow fertilizer production facilities in Washington and Iowa to move forward, eventually adding an estimated 2 million

tons of annual fertilizer production capacity.

"I think that this is a really important long-term step, but we're taking these steps immediately to get to the goal of reshoring all fertilizer to our country," Rollins said.

USDA seeks greater fertilizer market transparency

The third action announced by USDA involves hiring a full-time input economist focused on improving transparency within fertilizer markets. During a

May 12 Senate Agriculture Committee hearing, lawmakers from both parties urged USDA to provide farmers with better access to fertilizer pricing and supply information.

Officials with The Fertilizer Institute welcomed the move.

"TFI thanks Secretary Rollins for hearing the concerns of farmers across the country and advancing practical solutions that support market transparency and provide farmers with additional tools and information to help navigate volatility in a global fertilizer marketplace," said

Corey Rosenbusch, president and CEO of The Fertilizer Institute.

Rosenbusch added that improved access to reliable market data could help producers better understand fertilizer and crop input markets, including the distinction between domestic production capacity and fertilizer's role within a globally traded marketplace.

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Victoria Crossroads ICA Chapter

The Victoria Crossroads Independent Cattlemen's Association recently held its annual fundraiser featuring an auction, meal, vendors and a great turnout from members and guests. Many generous sponsors and vendors donated outstanding items that helped make the event a success. Funds raised will continue supporting scholarships and future agricultural efforts within our communities.

VCICA met on Thursday, May 21st for our monthly meeting with 42 members and guests in attendance. A great meal was served as members discussed the success of the fundraiser, scholarships awarded, upcoming bylaw changes and preparations for the upcoming state ICA convention in San Marcos. ICA Executive Director, Cooper Little, provided an update regarding the New World screwworm situation and current procedures being evaluated. Members also discussed recent rainfall received across Victoria and surrounding counties. While the rain has been appreciated, the area still remains behind on moisture needed to fully recover from drought conditions. VCICA encourages everyone to stay safe and continue being good stewards of the land that we are privileged to farm and ranch.

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Making the cut: Why timing and method matter in castrating bull calves

By Paul Vining and Paul Beck, Oklahoma State University Cooperative Extension Service

Castration remains one of the most important management practices in beef production, yet the timing and method continue to generate discussion among producers. Castration is a key component of calf preconditioning programs, which are designed to reduce stress, improve health, and enhance performance after calves leave the ranch of origin. Allowing adequate healing time following castration and other procedures is essential to realizing the benefits of preconditioning.

One consistent recommendation across research and veterinary guidance is to castrate calves as early in life as practical. Younger calves generally experience less stress, fewer complications, and recover more quickly than older, heavier animals. Early castration is also associated with reduced risk of sickness, less shrink, and improved overall health during the receiving and backgrounding phases. In addition, performing the procedure when calves are small typically requires less labor and reduces safety risks for both cattle and handlers. From both an animal welfare and management standpoint, earlier is better.

Bulls typically grow slightly faster and produce leaner carcasses than steers due to the effects of testosterone after the bull reaches puberty. However, those advantages come after the normal weaning time and with tradeoffs. Bull carcasses generally exhibit increased toughness, less marbling and are more likely to result in dark cutters. The quality advantages of steers drives market demand for steers and consistent premiums compared to bulls.

Recent data suggest steers commonly sell for \$6 to \$15 per hundredweight more than comparable bull calves. For a freshly weaned calf, that can be a difference of \$50 to 100 per head or more, which quickly adds up across a calfcrop.

Selecting the appropriate castration method depends largely on calf size, labor availability, and management preferences. Surgical castration is fast and reliable, but it creates

an open wound and carries risk of bleeding or infection. Elastrator banding uses a small latex band for young light bull calves and other banding methods that use larger, robust bands for bigger calves are bloodless alternatives to surgery. These banding methods restrict blood flow but require careful technique to avoid incomplete castration and

may increase the risk of tetanus if proper vaccination protocols are not followed.

Pain management is another consideration receiving increasing attention from both producers and consumers. Surgical castration causes more immediate, short-term pain, while banding results in less acute but longer-lasting discomfort. Veterinary-approved

pain mitigation strategies, such as anti-inflammatory medications or local anesthetics, can help reduce stress and improve animal welfare when feasible.

Ultimately, there is no single “best” method for every operation. The most successful programs match the castration method to calf size, perform the procedure early in life when-

ever possible, and allow adequate recovery time before marketing. Done correctly, castration remains a foundational management practice that supports calf health, carcass quality, and

long-term profitability in the beef industry.

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Ag, food economics are hard to simplify

By Mary Hightower, University of Arkansas
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LITTLE ROCK — Agriculture, a farmer's share of every consumer dollar spent on food is about 11.8 cents. The lion's share of consumer food costs goes to marketing.

"The greatest near-term impact on grocery prices would be related to transportation — i.e., fuel costs," Stiles said. "And at some point, higher petroleum prices would increase manufacturing costs for plastics and packaging."

Making a direct connection between the two "is extremely difficult," said Hunter Biram, extension economist for the Division of Agriculture.

Global and domestic economies are pushed and pulled by interest rates, weather, war, disease, trade conflicts and countless other factors.

"Given the complexities of the food supply chain, the best research available focuses on the share of the food dollar attributed to farming, along with a comparison of crop price volatility compared to food price volatility. Historically, food prices are about half as volatile as crop prices."

Buck stops at the farmer

In manufacturing and other industries, if the price of a raw material increases or the cost of doing business rises, those costs are passed on to consumers.

That's not the case in agriculture.

"The farmer is a 'price taker' and cannot pass his costs along to the buyer," said Scott Stiles, extension economics program associate for the Division of Agriculture.

According to the Economic Research Service of the U.S. Department of

Agriculture, a farmer's share of every consumer dollar spent on food is about 11.8 cents. The lion's share of consumer food costs goes to marketing.

"These same cost increases are impacting farmers," Stiles said. "Unfortunately, they are not in a position to pass these cost increases along."

Squeezed between high input prices and low commodity prices, farmers have to make difficult financial choices.

"Farmers will shift acreage to the most profitable crop, or the crop that will produce the lowest loss," Biram said. "Even if that crop is facing increased production expenses, the grain buyer has no incentive to offer a better price."

"Grain buyers — the elevators — are highly price elastic, which means that no matter how many bushels a farmer brings to them, the farmer is still offered the same price," he said.

"As long as there is ample grain available to purchase, there likely won't be any significant effects on consumer prices due to increases in production expenses," Biram said. "Grain buyers will adjust prices accordingly in order to remain profitable."

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JUN 27 Southern Tradition XXVI Sale, Savannah, TN
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Rafe Jackson passes

Rafe Jackson, Gonzales, Texas was born to William (Bill) and Gloria Jackson on December 25, 1960, in Austin, Texas. He died May 6th, 2026. His life stood as a testimony to the goodness of God, the strength found in perseverance and the beauty of a life lived with true purpose.

He graduated from Crockett High School where he played baseball and established lifelong friendships. A proud Texas Longhorn, he pursued his higher education at the University of Texas at Austin, where he earned his

bachelor's degree in business administration. That foundation launched a successful 41-year career in real estate, where he built far more than a business as he built relationships, trust and a reputation for treating people right.

In 1992, he met the love of his life, Pam and on July 15, 1995, they became one. This began a journey that would span 30 years, filled with deep companionship, adventure and plenty of laughter. Through every season of life, they were each other's greatest teammates, supporting one another with

unwavering love until the very end.

Above all, he was devoted to his beloved family. He is survived by his loving wife, Pam, children: Natalie (John) Schierloh, Lane (Braden) Jackson, and Walker (Ruby) Jackson and granddaughter, Olivia. He is also survived by his mother, Gloria or "Grandear" Jackson, his sister, Jessica Mace, and his brother, Trent Jackson. He is preceded in death by his father, William (Bill) Jackson and brother, Cole Jackson.

Jackson had a deep appre-

ciation and love for ranching and his beloved Rockin' J Ranch. He was an active member of the Independent Cattleman's Association and was a long-time consignor to the San Antonio All Breed Bull and Commercial Heifer Sale.

He was a devoted member of First Baptist Church Gonzales, active in missions, Bible study and men's ministry.

A Celebration of Life service was held on May 16, 2026, at the First Baptist Church of Gonzales.

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