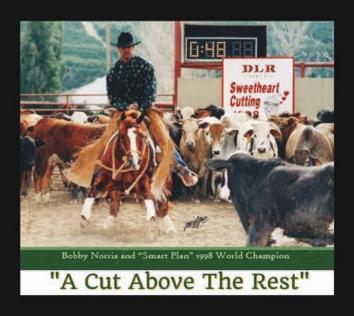
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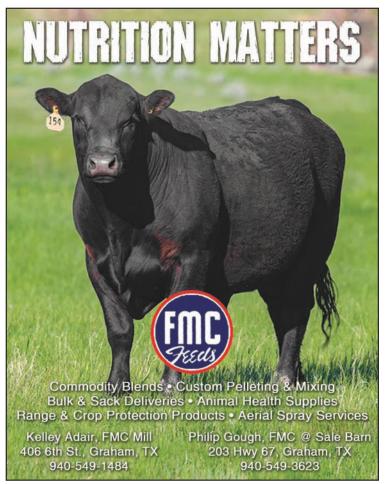
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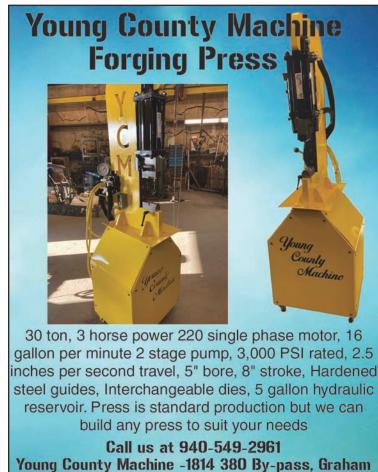


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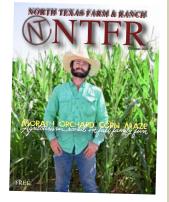
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ON THE COVER

Jimmy and Becky Morath established Morath Orchard four decades ago. Since that time, the family-owned and operated farm has expanded from a small peach orchard to include more than 50 varieties of vegetables and melons on 90 acres, with the next generation now putting their own spin on farming as the orchard continues to thrive. This includes the youngest of the five children, Will, pictured on the cover, who began the Morath Orchard Corn Maze to further agritourism efforts. (Photo By Dani Blackburn)



letter from the editor

Fall is officially here and hopefully by the time this issue reaches your hands, cooler temperatures have arrived. While I'm

not so much a pumpkin spice or fall decor everywhere kind of girl, I am all about the stunning colors of the



changing leaves, crisp night air and blooming sunflowers this time of year brings us.

I'm also on board with taking a trip to the local pumpkin patch or corn maze, and I wanted to recognize the benefits these ventures bring to the agricultural community. Not only are they offering an opportunity for visitors to take some twists and turns through the corn maze and pick out their favorite pumpkin to paint, but growing agritourism efforts have the potential to educate the public about the ag lifestyle, preserve the heritage and revitalize rural economies.

I reached out to Morath Orchard, and the family was happy to share their story with us this month. Established in 1981 by Jimmy and Becky, the farm has grown from a small peach orchard to a thriving venture growing more than 50 varieties of fruits and vegetables. Their youngest son, Will, has continued the family tradition of farming and is growing agritourism efforts with the Morath Orchard Corn Maze in Charlie, Texas.

I hope you enjoy this issue with some informative and touching stories from our incredible group of contributors. If you have any stories you would like to see in North Texas Farm and Ranch, I would love to hear from you. Email editor@ntfronline.com. To subscribe by mail call 940-872-5922. Make sure to like our Facebook page and follow us on Instagram and Twitter. Wishing you all the best this October.

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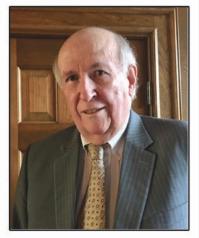
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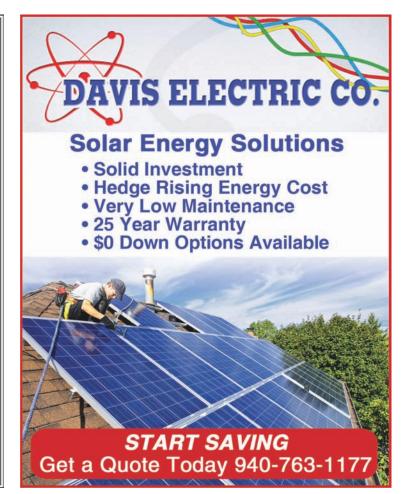


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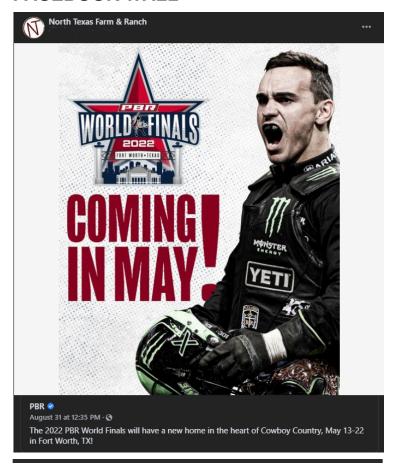
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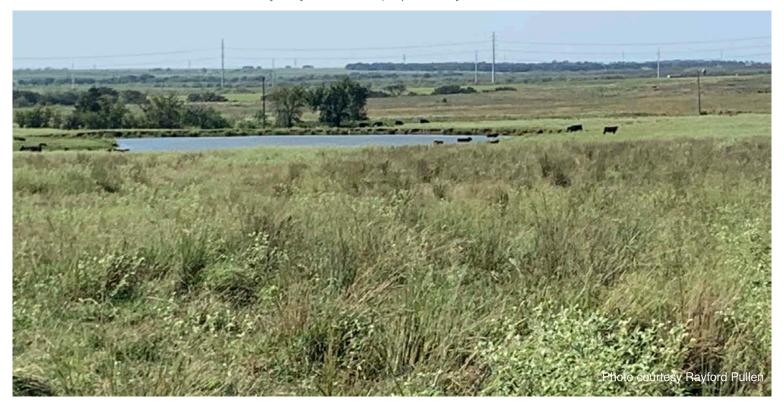


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MEANWHILE BACK AT THE RANCH

By Rayford Pullen | rcpullen@yahoo.com



Hopefully those of us that plant fall grazing for our cattle are seeing results at this time. When you farm outdoors, you never know the hand you'll be dealt. It seems we are only as smart as the weather and cattle markets will allow us to be.

Fall is a great time of year as cooler temperatures bring a return to better quality forage and gains improve both for our mature cattle and calves as well. October is the traditional time of year when spring calves are weaned and marketed, and the weaning usually occurs on the way to the sale barn. Now these calves have never been out of sight of their mothers for the past six to eight months and will now be exposed to everything regarding the disease world while all they can think about is momma, nursing and wondering where they are. If that is not reason enough to get sick, I'm not sure what is.

As an industry, the beef cattle business supply chain for calves is as varied as the cattle we produce. Knowing this, cattle buyers realize that a certain percentage of the calves they buy will get sick, need antibiotics, become chronic or die. I'm not sure what the discount is but I've seen the \$25/cwt. mentioned. So, on a 500-pound calf, the discount would be around \$125. We can buy lots of vaccines and background our calves and still have over \$75 per head on our check.

It doesn't stop there. Feed yards and backgrounders bring calves in by the truck load so when your 10 or 20 or 50 calves are loaded on the same truck as the unvaccinated and non-weaned calves, they immediately lose their identity. The only way I have seen this pay off is when you include your calves in a truck-load lot with other similar quality and weight cattle. This is

usually done at special stocker calf sales where cattle are co-mingled with similar weights, sex and quality prior to a sale.

In these cases, you will be less inclined to receive discounts. As the beef cattle business changes, more and more of these sales are popping up and offering you a better price opportunity if you are selling less than truck load lots.

Either way, the vaccinated calves are less inclined to become sick which results in better health and the need to use antibiotics is reduced considerably, which is what our retail customers want. In my opinion, it's just the right thing to do for our industry and our clientele. If nothing else, calves given the virus complex vaccine i.e., IBR, PI3, BVD etc. a couple of weeks before you sell them will reduce sickness and antibiotic use.

With the first freeze of the year

about six weeks away, we are making our winter-feeding plans regarding protein and energy. With the wonderful grass this year our calves have done really well and we weaned our calves four to six weeks earlier than normal to give our cows, especially the first calf heifers, a chance to put some condition back on after nursing these big calves.

Hopefully, this extra time prior to the first freeze will allow us to get them through the winter months a little cheaper since they will be fleshier and losing a few pounds during winter will not impact their condition that much at calving.

Other than that, we're ready for our fall calves to arrive and start the process all over again. Until then, keep those cattle in good shape and keep out the mineral.

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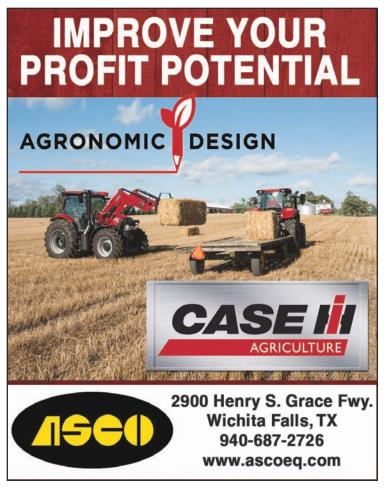


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Fall cattle work is in full swing in many parts of the country. Here, cattle drink from Crazy Woman Creek in Wyoming after a hot day of trailing.



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RANCH, RODEC and Pandonness By Pepper Stewart



The Wait is Over

Yellowstone fans, the wait is over, and the date is released. Season four of Yellowstone will premier Nov. 7, 2021, on Paramount Network and Paramount Plus. With the way season three ended, fans have spent their time waiting and discussing all possible outcomes with the cliffhanger that finished up the season.

Who is alive, who is dead, and who is behind it are all hot topics floating around the many Yellowstone fan groups and pages.

Soon the wait will be over, and questions will be answered. What are your thoughts? Shoot us an email at PepperStewart.com, and we might have you on the show to talk before the premier.

If you are not fired up yet about season four, then grab a deep seat and a far away look as Y: 1883, the Yellowstone prequel, is set to premier Dec.19. Y: 1883 will tell the story of the Dutton family and how it all began.

The show will be filming some

parts in the Fort Worth Stockyards and rumored at the 6666 Ranch.

Show co-creator, Taylor Sheridan, is part of the investment group that recently purchased the ranch.

The prequel will star Sam Elliot, Tim McGraw and Faith Hill, along with a few familiar faces you will recognize.

From what I have read about Y: 1883 and the casting it is going to be an interesting take on the 1800s. The rest of 2021 will be a

good time to relax and watch some television.

Back to the Four Sixes ranch. You can be looking for another Taylor Sheridan project in the work titled 6666.

If you do not know about the historic Texas ranch, take a few minutes of your day and give it a Google. Those saying the western way of life is gone and irrelevant might need to check out cable television's number one drama known as Yellowstone.

Freedom an' Whisky

By Nikolyn Williams

Lately, several songs on my playlist have talked about the "water in the well." The lyrics have been deep and have made me feel and think about things. These songs have substance, and I am and have always been strongly drawn to things of substance.

Until recently, I have not listened to much country music. I just failed to hear the substance. Which is fine; however, those songs don't ever become the classics that can stand the test of time like an unchained melody. Frankly, it just didn't appeal to me.

Things that have substance consequently make me have very strong feelings about them.

My attention and focus has never been drawn to the flashy corporate ranches, the ones with the fancy entrances, manicured lawns, pristine pickups and trailers. There never seems to be a story in any of that. Probably because everything pretty much runs smooth with no blowouts, breakdowns, dead batteries, calves jumping out of the chutes and on top of people. These are the things that make a story. People that can break camp, jerk a tire off or gimp a trailer to town with one axle tied up have heart. They have character. They can't necessarily afford fancy pick ups and trailers. Their equipment is mostly held together with baling wire and rebar, and by the way they can fix just about anything with said baling wire and rebar. They are not the ones that go in the local cafes and tip the waitresses large amounts; however, they are there eating weekly and sometimes daily. They stretch a dollar a million different ways, because they can't stand to see an animal go hungry, or a disappointed wife or child.

They are who built these small



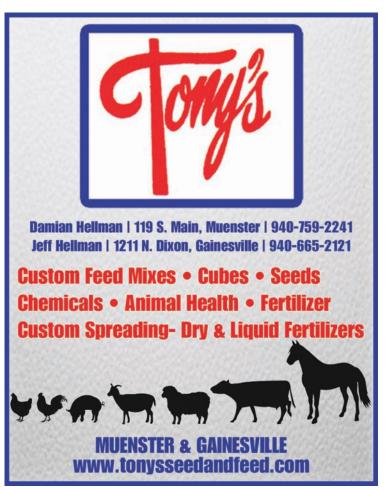
The farmers and the cowboys are the ones the classic songs were written about. (Photos courtesy Sarah Pfenninger)

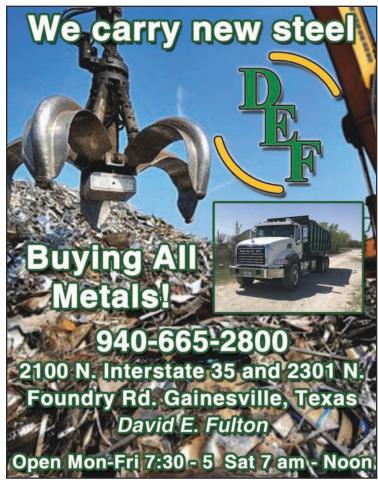
towns. Their clothes are dirty, their hair is messy and in need of a haircut, but they have raised families and sent them to school. They were here yesterday, they are here today and I suspect they will be here tomorrow. They are the backbone of an entire industry. They also are whom an entire industry has forgotten or doesn't appreciate. Without them, I could name pages upon pages of entities, salesmen and for lack of a better word, subcultures, that make a living off their backs that would be out of a job.

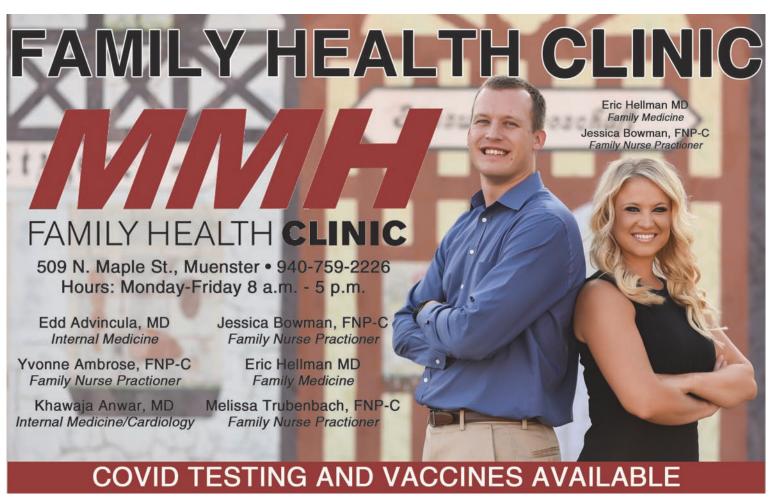
Are they who I suspect? No. I know they are the ones those classic songs were written about. They are "the water in the well." They are the farmer and the cowboys.



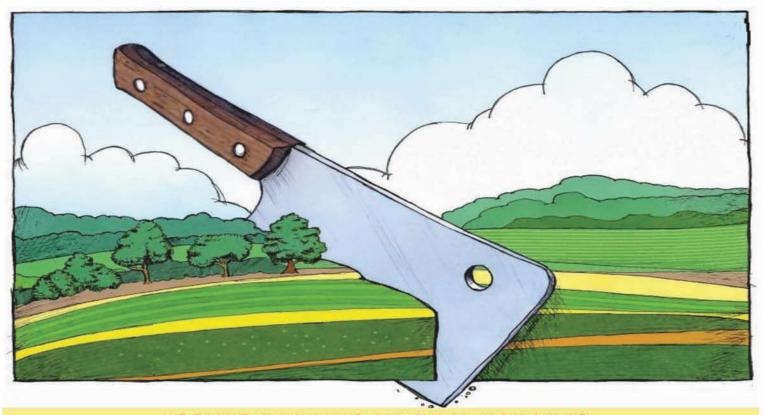
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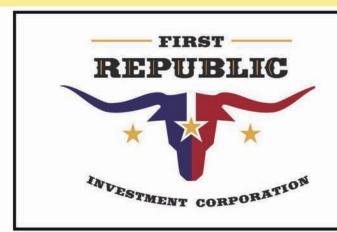
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By Jared Groce

AUGUST 2021 RURAL LAND SALES

The dog days of summer have not cooled down the sizzling hot land market in North Texas. There has been a slight increase in the number of new listings coming on the market, but they are still being snatched up quickly. Most of the demand is stemming from the "urban flight," as people realize the city life is not always the best life for everyone, especially during a pandemic.

Expectations are for the current demand and pricing to remain stable for the remainder of 2021, and on into 2022. While the fourth quarter is always a busy time in the land business, I think it will be even busier this year due to this demand, along with more owners selling properties before the new capital gains taxes take place in 2022.

My take on the market right now is that it is the best time in history to sell, and because of the low interest rates and inflation, it is also a great time to buy. As always, when the question arises of "when is the best time to buy land," the answer is always "yesterday."



		Cooke (ooke County				
City	Acres	S\$/Acre	List Price	Sold Price	Sold Date	SP%LP	CDOM
Whitesboro	11.000	\$13,636.36	\$165,000	\$150,000	08/31/2021	90,91	146
Gainesville	26.130	\$7,233.07	\$208,000	\$189,000	08/13/2021	90.87	258
Gainesville	25.000	\$15,003.00	\$437,500	\$375,075	08/12/2021	85.73	18
Whitesboro	30.748	\$12,683,43	\$389,990	\$389,990	08/26/2021	100.00	348
Valley View	20.000	\$22,500.00	\$450,000	\$450,000	08/16/2021	100.00	14
Valley View	20.000	\$22,500.00	\$450,000	\$450,000	08/16/2021	100.00	13
Gainesville	37.860	\$12,495.06	\$473,250	\$473,063	08/06/2021	99.96	7
Valley View	17.750	\$27,485.97	\$539,000	\$487,876	08/09/2021	90.52	17
Valley View	64.866	\$10,500.00	\$518,928	\$681,093	08/11/2021	131.25	20
Muenster	137.330	\$6,626.37	\$859,000	\$910,000	08/05/2021	105.94	. 5
Whitesboro	118.490	\$1,175,000.00	\$1,421,880	\$139,225,750	08/27/2021	9791.67	39
Medians:	26.130	\$13,636.36	\$450,000	\$450,000		100.00	18
Minimums:	11.000	\$6,626.37	\$165,000	\$150,000		85.73	5
Maximums:	137.330	\$1,175,000.00	\$1,421,880	\$139,225,750		9791.67	348
Averages:	46.289	\$120,514.84	\$537,504	\$13,071,077		980.62	80

		Denton County					
City	Acres	S\$/Acre	List Price	Sold Price	Sold Date	SP%LP	CDOM
Sanger	19.071	\$3,144.77	\$95,355	\$59,974	08/30/2021	62.90	1
Sanger	10.000	\$23,500.00	\$269,900	\$235,000	08/09/2021	87.07	96
Sanger	31.200	\$21,153.85	\$748,800	\$660,000	08/27/2021	88.14	19
Krum	131.400	\$11,415.53	\$1,290,000	\$1,500,000	08/18/2021	116.28	6
Denton	155.254	\$70,951.45	\$10,127,700	\$11,015,496	08/18/2021	108.77	1,417
Flower Mound	158.802	\$95,716.68	\$15,875,400	\$15,200,000	08/03/2021	95.75	622
Medians:	81.300	\$22,326.92	\$1,019,400	\$1,080,000		91.94	58
Minimums:	10.000	\$3,144.77	\$95,355	\$59,974		62.90	1
Maximums:	158.802	\$95,716.68	\$15,875,400	\$15,200,000		116.28	1,417
Averages:	84.288	\$37,647.05	\$4,734,526	\$4,778,412		93.15	360

City	Acres	S\$/Acre	List Price	Sold Price	Sold Date	SP%LP	CDOM
Montague	12 350	\$11,757.09	\$148,200	\$145,200	08/03/2021	97.98	31
Sunset	11.300	\$13,030.97	\$147,250	\$147,250	08/19/2021	100.00	285
Montague	18.000	\$12,000.00	\$216,000	\$216,000	08/05/2021	100.00	25
Sunset	19.330	\$16,086.86	\$360,000	\$310,959	08/18/2021	86.38	27
Nocona	78.520	\$6,979.99	\$590,925	\$548,069	08/02/2021	92.75	. 8
Ringgold	225.000	\$3,309.29	\$787,500	\$744,590	08/05/2021	94.55	98
Forestburg	154.840	\$7,200.00	\$1,161,300	\$1,114,848	08/13/2021	96.00	14
Forestburg	176.690	\$7,104.00	\$1,325,175	\$1,255,206	08/11/2021	94.72	70
Medians:	48.925	\$9,478.54	\$475,463	\$429,514		95.36	29
Minimums:	11.300	\$3,309.29	\$147,250	\$145,200		86.38	8
Maximums:	225.000	\$16,086.86	\$1,325,175	\$1,255,206		100.00	285
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Alvord	10.350	\$12,946.86	\$134,800	\$134,000	08/03/2021	99.41	258
Slidell	13.940	\$9,720,23	\$135,590	\$135,500	08/12/2021	99.93	58
Alvord	17,530	\$7,986.31	\$149,600	\$140,000	08/23/2021	93.58	848
Paradise	10.720	\$14,925.37	\$177,900	\$160,000	08/23/2021	89.94	265
Paradise	10.100	\$24,257.43	\$249,000	\$245,000	08/25/2021	98.39	28
Paradise	32.400	\$8,950.62	\$288,000	\$290,000	08/06/2021	100.69	23
Chico	24.420	\$12,285.01	\$329,670	\$300,000	08/24/2021	91.00	108
Decatur	11.600	\$30,172.41	\$350,000	\$350,000	08/02/2021	100.00	130
Alvord	24.370	\$20,065.61	\$488,999	\$488,999	08/13/2021	100.00	36
Decatur	22.660	\$22,500.00	\$509,850	\$509,850	08/20/2021	100.00	37
Decatur	65.520	\$12,208.49	\$799,900	\$799,900	08/30/2021	100.00	95
Decatur	140.810	\$5,900.00	\$830,130	\$830,779	08/27/2021	100.08	422
Decatur	97.748	\$12,000.00	\$1,172,976	\$1,172,976	08/13/2021	100.00	1,618
Medians:	22.660	\$12,285.01	\$329,670	\$300,000		100.00	108
Minimums:	10.100	\$5,900.00	\$134,800	\$134,000		89.94	23
Maximums:	140.810	\$30,172.41	\$1,172,976	\$1,172,976		100.69	1,618
Averages:	37.090	\$14,916.80	\$432,032	\$427,462		97.93	302

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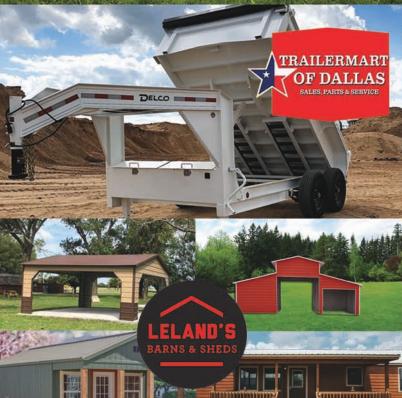
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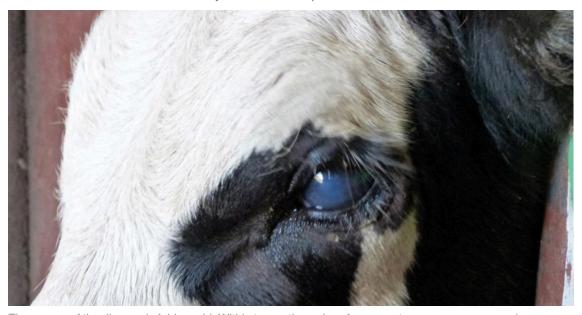
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Pinkeye

By Barry Whitworth, DVM / Area Food/Animal Quality and Health Specialist for Eastern Oklahoma

Pinkeye is properly called infectious bovine keratoconjunctivitis (IBK) in cattle, which translates to an infection that causes inflammation of the surface of the eye and the tissues surrounding the eye. Pinkeye can affect cattle at any age, but it is much more of a problem in young cattle because they have not yet had the opportunity to develop immunity to it. Although cases can occur any time of year, it is more prevalent in the summer because that is the time of greatest irritation and the time for the presence of vectors. Although pinkeye is not fatal, it results in very significant economic losses due to costs of treatment, poor performance, and in the case of blindness, the value of the animal is decreased.

The infection is primarily due to the bacteria Morexella bovis, but other bacteria such as Morexella bovoculi and Mycoplasma spp have been implicated. Respiratory virus infections, particularly Infectious Bovine Rhinotracheitis (IBR), can be part of the picture by either causing an inflammatory eye condition that predisposes the animal to the more severe bacterial infection, or by acting as secondary invaders that make bacterial damage even worse. Although an organism acts as the causative agent, several conditions contribute to the syndrome. Animals with compromised immune systems due to either poor nutrition or chronic debilitating disease are more susceptible. Physical irritation contributes to an environment in the eye for the organism to thrive. Sources of irritation include UV light, dust, plant or hay materials, and flies. Flies can be double-edged swords because they not only contribute to the irritation of the eye, but also



The course of the disease is fairly rapid. Within two or three days from onset, an opaque area can be seen on the surface of the eye and the tissues around the eye may become reddened and swollen. The eye weeps or tears excessively, and the animal usually stands with the eye closed due to pain. (Courtesy photo)

serve as vectors to carry bacteria from one animal to another. Flies may carry the organism for up to three days. Animals that overcome the syndrome without treatment can remain as carriers for up to one year, thereby carrying the problem forward from one year to the next spreading the organism to susceptible animals.

The course of the disease is fairly rapid. Within two or three days from onset, an opaque area can be seen on the surface of the eye and the tissues around the eye may become reddened and swollen. The eye weeps or tears excessively, and the animal usually stands with the eye closed due to pain. This discomfort seriously reduces grazing time and weight loss may follow. In time the surface of the eye will become entirely opaque, causing blindness, and on close examination deep ulcers can be seen on the cornea. If untreated. the condition can last for four to eight weeks. Eventually resolution comes in one of three forms. Most animals eventually heal with no permanent damage but experience severe economic loss. Some animals heal but develop varying degrees of white scarring on the cornea. In some cases, the cornea ruptures resulting in a cone shaped bulging of the eye structure and permanent blindness.

Early diagnosis is the key to successful treatment. Treatment should begin by removing the animal from the herd and placing in isolation. Although long acting oxytetracycline is labeled for treatment of pinkeye, a producer may wish to consult with their veterinarian on antibiotic selection since some antibiotics may work better in certain situations. Also, a veterinarian may prescribe non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drugs for pain relief. If it is treated early, there is less tissue damage and faster healing. However, if allowed to progress until ulcers are formed, pain and damaged tissues persists much longer. Healing is facilitated by using a patch over

the eye to keep out irritants such as flies, light, and dust. Another option is to suture the eyelids together for a few weeks, which not only keeps irritants out of the eye but also provides structural support that may help prevent the eye from rupturing. A veterinarian can provide assistance with this procedure. In all cases, producers should control flies for the comfort of the sick animal and for prevention of the spread of the disease.

With pinkeye, as with many other syndromes, an ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure. Fly control is perhaps the most important preventative measure. Shade should be provided so that animals can find relief from UV light during the brightest part of the day. When shade is limited, it can cause the animals to group tightly which allows for increased spread of the organisms from animal to animal by flies or by direct contact of eye secretions. It is helpful to reduce eye irritations by

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clipping seed heads off tall grass. Do not feed hay overhead where grass and seed heads can fall into the eyes. Vaccinating for virus respiratory diseases may help reduce the incidence and the intensity of pinkeye outbreaks.

Although several pinkeye vaccines are available, they may or may not be helpful since there are many different strains of *M. bovis* and the many other factors involved in the disease process. Being selective with replacement heifers also is a good practice since choosing animals with pigment around the eyes reduces the risk.

When possible, select heifers that come from cows that have no history of pinkeye infections. Heredity for this trait is low but over time immunity should improve in the herd.

There is no silver bullet for pinkeye. No single management

practice will eliminate the disease. Control depends on understanding factors involved such as bacteria, vectors, irritants, and immunity. By incorporating consideration of these factors into the overall management of cattle, one can minimize the impact of pinkeye on animals and on profitability.

An excellent fact sheet VTMD-9128 on pinkeye is available from Oklahoma State University County Extension Office or online at https://extension.okstate.edu/fact-sheets/pinkeye.html. For additional information, producers should consult with their veterinarian or Oklahoma State University County Extension Ag Educator.

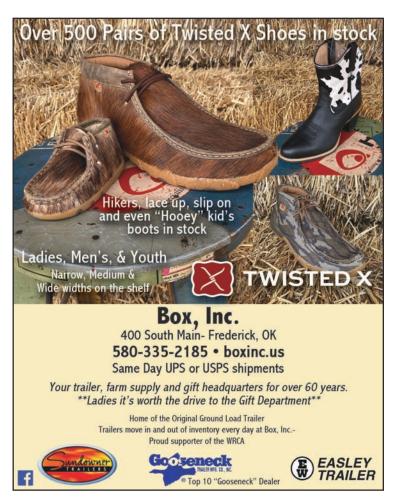
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Locked Stifle in Horses Upward Fixation of the Patella

By Dr. Garrett Metcalf, DVM

It is common for most horse owners to experience a horse having a locked stifle, but when you see if for the first time it can be quite surprising and concerning.

First off, to understand why the stifle becomes locked we have to understand some of the basic parts of the stifle in a horse.

You can equate the horse's stifle to the human knee to some degree with some extra parts that humans do not have.

They have a kneecap or patella and the same bones that make up the stifle joint (Femur and Tibia) but with some significant anatomical distinction.

The difference is horses have three patellar ligaments compared to the human knee which only has one, and the horse has large trochlear ridges on the front part of the femur that the patella glides across.

These ligaments tie the patella to the top of the tibia, and when the quadriceps muscles contract, it extends the stifle joint and the rest of the limb.

When horses are resting or sleeping in the standing position, they have a built in energy saving mechanism to keep the limb locked in extension using very little energy to do it with by perching the patella on top of the trochlear ridges of the femur.

When this mechanism goes wrong, we see the horse with a locked stifle.

When a horse locks or catches in the stifle it may appear like a sudden jerking motion of the limb or a period of dragging the limb with the fetlock joint flexed while the rest of the limb is in rigid extension.

Riders will often feel a horse catching in the stifle as if they suddenly give out in one of the rear limbs and describe it as if the horse stepped in a hole.

Some horses will be stuck like this for minutes to hours, especially if they have been locked up in a stall and are predisposed to UFP.

To get a horse to unlock their stifle, they can be backed or turned in tight circles to help them unlock it.

There are several causes of upward fixation of the patella in horses, listed to the right.

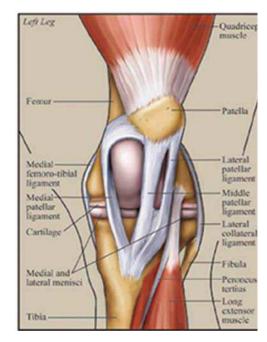


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Causes:

- Conformation Straight leg or post leg horses.
- Young/Growing Rapid growth or under developed muscle tone/fitness when starting into training.
- Muscle weakness Neurologic diseases that leads to muscle weakness such as EPM (equine protozoal myeloencephalitis).
- Breed Miniature horses and Shetland ponies are more prone to UFP.
- Stall Rest Keeping horses on stall rest can exacerbate an already predisposed horse to UFP.
- Chronic Lameness Pain in the hind limbs can lead to muscle atrophy and subsequently UFP.

During veterinarians' initial examination of a horse that is suspected to have UFP, it is important to complete a thorough history,



lameness and even neurologic examination if warranted. History is helpful to understand the horse's work level, performance record and whether it has previous lameness issues that may relate to UFP.

Lameness examinations are important to diagnose other lameness causing issues or if UFP is the only issue.

Physical examination is not very helpful, except it is common in my experience to find many of these horses that catch or lock up their stifle will have effusion or extra joint fluid in the femoropatellar joint which is the joint that is closest associated with the patella. During the exam, it is sometimes difficult to get horses to repeat a locking episode or catch in their stifle.

This also is why history is rather important and if luck has it, someone took a video of the incidence to help make the diagnosis.

During the lameness, the most common time I see a horse catch in a stifle is when they are decelerating at the end of a trotting in hand exam or on a lunge line. An examination technique utilized to tease out if a horse is catching or locking a stifle is to examine them walking down a decline slowly like a small hill or ramp.

Radiographs or ultrasound of the stifle region is good information to have especially if lameness is noted or an injury has occurred to the stifle joint that could be leading to UFP.

Treatment options for a horse with upward fixation of the patella are variable depending on the degree of the fixation (intermittent or long periods of fixation), age of the horse, breed, and what the underlying cause of the UFP may be.

Young horses that are starting training and are experiencing UFP may only require different training and working out routines to help develop stronger hind limb

muscles to prevent the locking of the stifle. Horses that are experiencing intermittent fixation and have underlying neurologic disease such as EPM require treatment for the EPM to resolve the locking of the stifle.

In predisposed breeds of horses such as miniature horses or ponies, surgery may be the only treatment option.

Internal blistering of the stifle with iodine mixed with plantbased oil is often used to treat horses with mild cases of intermittent locking of the stifle.

The irritating nature of iodine when injected under the skin but over the top of the medial and middle patellar cause swelling and enlarge of the ligaments leading to less episodes of catching or locking.

This is easily performed as an outpatient treatment and requires little time off for the horse.

Surgical options for the treatment of UFP include cutting of the medial patellar ligament or longitudinally splitting the ligament. Cutting the ligament all together often leads to more complications and requires more rest compared to the splitting technique, but cutting the ligament is often more preferred technique in miniature horses or ponies.

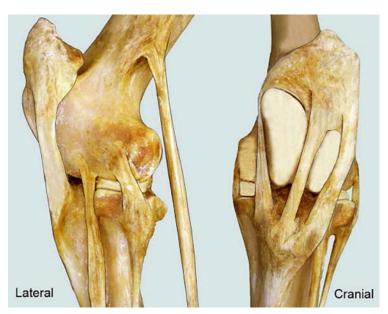
The recommended surgical treatment when possible because of its rather high success rate of 98 percent is longitudinal splitting of the medial patellar ligament.

This surgery is typically an outpatient procedure as well and does not require prolonged periods of time off after the surgery.

Exercise is recommended after splitting of the medial patellar ligament compared to prolonged rest with cutting the ligament.

Long trotting, working over poles or hill work are all good exercises to help horses increase muscle tone and strength in the hindquarters.

Frequently, when a horse has been catching in the stifle for a



A lateral and cranial view. (Courtesy photo)

period of time it will have joint inflammation that may need to be treated at the same time with intra-articular medication.

Upward fixation of the patella for the most part has a very favor-

able outcome almost no matter the underlying cause. It is always a goal of veterinarians to resolve the issue with the least amount of risk and with the most successful outcome whenever possible.



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Race to the Finish

By Krista Lucas Wynn

It is hard to believe summertime is already over, which means the 2021 professional rodeo season is coming to a close. Each and every year it always comes down to the very last day, Sept. 30, for contestants qualifying for the Wrangler National Finals Rodeo.

The Professional Rodeo Cowboys Association season runs Oct. 1 though Sept. 30. Usually the top five through 10 are considered fairly safe, but being anything below that late in the season can be considered as being on the bubble. This position can be stressful running up and down the road to every rodeo possible, hoping they are not left in what is known as the "crying hole," or 16th place, at the cut off.

It goes without saying rodeo competitors want to be trending upward not downward at this critical time of year. Three-time world champion bareback rider Will Lowe is a rodeo veteran who has experienced a safe spot in the standings, on the bubble and even the crying hole over the years, and 2021 is no different. He has been floating from around 15th down to 21st as of Aug. 29 and will need to get some money won if he wants to change his trajectory. Jamie Howlett, Wyatt Denny, Chad Rutherford, Mason Clements, and Shane O'Connell are a few others holding 15th through 19th, and there is only about \$5,000 between those spots.

Overall, steer wrestling is a big brotherhood and there is definitely quite a bit of shuffling going on toward the end of the rodeo season in the standings, as well as the horses being shared between these guys. Chance Howard is looking to hang on to his number 12 spot in the standings for his first WNFR appearance, and Nick Guy, Rowdy Parrott and Hunter



Stetson Wright, seen competing here in Spanish Fort, is certain to be one of the contestants to make the final list of bull riders at the WNFR. (Photo courtesy Phillip Kitts, Avid Visual Imagery Rodeo Photography)

Cure are a few well-known names that are going to have to battle it out to secure a spot.

In the team roping, there are several teams in the mix to sneak into the top 15. Brothers Kellan and Carson Johnson are hoping to both qualify for the WNFR together. Kellan has been floating around 17th place with \$48,332 won at the end of August, and Carson sits a little higher at 14th place with the same amount won. This is due to cowboys roping with different partners throughout the year, and the same goes for partners Chad Masters and Joseph Harrison. Masters will need to move up from 21st in the standings, while Harrison will need to move out of 16th.

World champion Wade Sundell probably made the biggest leap in August moving from 21st to ninth in one weekend. Sundell

won \$23,260 at the Xtreme Broncs Finals in Rapid City, S.D., and now it will be full steam ahead for Sundell to stay in the top 15. Dawson Hay is one cowboy who does not need to worry about being on the bubble especially after winning more than \$26,000 at the same event, he will hold his spot in the top five of the standings. His brother, Logan Hay, made a move from 31st to 20th with just a few weeks left to go.

John Douch, Justin Smith, Kincade Henry, and Andrew Burks are hoping to qualify for their first WNFR in the calf roping. Only \$10,000 has separated the cowboys, but they will all have to fend off some veterans of the sport to claim a spot.

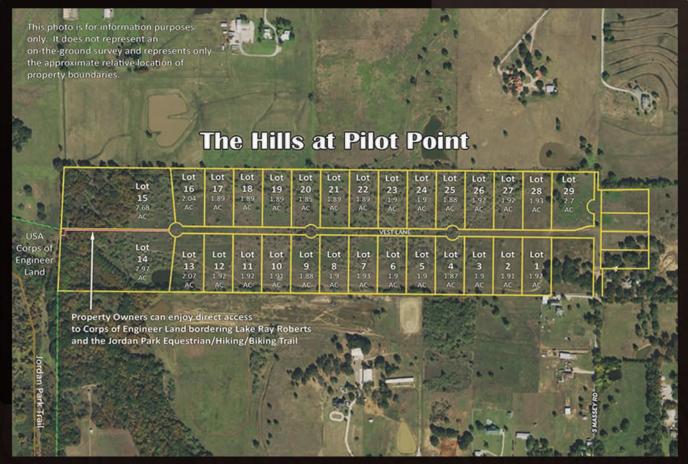
Ivy Saebens made quick work of bursting the bubble in the barrel racing. She won Caldwell, Idaho, and placed at several others in one weekend on her great horse "JLo." World champion Nellie Miller was holding on to the 15th spot as of Aug. 29, and Jimmie Smith was sitting 16th.

Then there are those that seem to never be on the bubble, like bull riders Sage Kimzey and Stetson Wright. Wright's traveling partner, Ky Hamilton, is fighting to stay in the top 15 at the end of the rodeo season.

It is always interesting to see the final list of contestants who manage to earn a spot in the top 15 when it is all said and done. There are plenty of rodeos to choose from in the month of September. One Texas rodeo that is always held on the last weekend of the professional rodeo season is Stephenville, Texas. It will come down to the wire for many to solidify a spot in the top 15 for the super bowl of rodeo.

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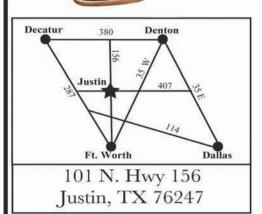


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WHENACITY GIRL goes country By Annette Bridges

Besides being a cattle rancher with my husband, I like to make things. My first inclination when I am creating is to make what I need, as well as create what makes me happy.

I have made a few things that feature the phrase "Mamma Said So."

This also is the title of a book I wrote that highlights some of the many things my mamma said to me that I never wanted to forget.

I was inspired to write this book shortly after she passed away a couple of years ago.

The subtitle for this little book is "20 Pearls of Wisdom from a Southern Sage."

Indeed, my Georgia peach mamma was definitely a southern sage. She shared her wisdom with anyone and everyone she thought needed it.

My book also features sassy illustrations an artist friend created from photos I provided of my mamma that I felt went along with each pearl being shared.

I have no doubt that we all had mammas or someone that was a mamma mentor in our lives who did their best to steer us in a good direction.

In case you never read my book, I thought I would share with you Mamma's pearls of wisdom. I suspect many will sound familiar because mamma wisdom is undoubtedly universal.

- 1. Ask yourself, "But what if you could?"
- 2. Love the heck out of 'em. (In other words, love anyway. No matter what, in spite of, even if you don't want to.)
- 3. Whatever makes your soul smile, do that.
 - 4. Find your beach.
- 5. Your world isn't supposed to be lived in black and white. Add lots of color.
- 6. Be thankful for what you've got, and you'll have enough to be thankful for.
- 7. Happiness is found by loving the life you live.
 - 8. Don't forget to have fun.
- 9. Life is meant for good friends and great adventures.
- 10. Everything you do doesn't have to be planned. Just go.



"Mamma said so" tote. (Photo courtesy Annette Bridges)

- 11. You're never too old to try something you've never done before.
- 12. Yes! You can! You always have a choice.
 - 13. Follow your heart.
 - 14. Be unapologetically you.
- 15. Move your body any and every way you can.
- 16. Stop fretting over what's not important. Good enough is perfectly fine.
- 17. Don't let anything or anyone take your joy from you ever.

- 18. Do what you can do.
 - 19. Never give up.
- 20. You're never alone, honey.

Whether living in the city or in the country, when I was young or now not so young, I have learned my mamma's advice always finds a way to be relevant to my life.

I am pretty sure she never dreamed her baby girl would grow up to be a cattle rancher. Heck, I never imagined it either, but I know she was thankful I married a good man who was hardworking and honest.





m rooted in fall family fun

The summer heat has rolled out, and autumn foliage has rolled in. October has finally arrived, but it wouldn't be fall without pumpkin painting, sunflowers, yard games and the twists and turns of a corn maze. Morath Orchards in Charlie, Texas, provides it all with an enticing six-and-a-half-acre corn maze alongside a six-acre pumpkin patch for guests to enjoy as they make the most out of their fall.

It is just the most recent addition to the farm that was established by Jimmy and Becky four decades ago. The family-owned and operated farm grows more than 50 varieties of vegetables and melons on 90 acres, with the next generation now putting their own spin on farming as the orchard continues to thrive. This includes the youngest of the five children, Will, who began the corn maze to further agritourism efforts in 2020.

Morath Orchard

Jimmy and Becky moved to the small peach orchard in Charlie, Texas, in 1981. It contained a little wooden fruit stand up on the road with apple, cherry and peach trees. The land was rich with sandy loam soil and plentiful with water.

At the time, Jimmy was an electrician, but his boss gave him summers off to work his fields until he made the switch to full-time farmer. Over the years, the Moraths added to the peach crops with more vegetables and fruits as they slowly made the transition into a produce farm. A blackberry patch was even added several years ago.

The Moraths formed a relationship with United Supermarkets, selling their produce wholesale. They also began taking produce to local farmers markets, where they have had the opportunity to interact with their customers and watch the revitalization of the downtown area at the Wichita Falls Farmers Market. The Community Supported Agriculture program was formed, allowing members to pick up baskets of fresh grown produce from Morath Orchard.

"When fruit trees freeze out, you've lost your crop for the whole year. We had our peaches freeze out three years in a row. Well, then you have to do something else," Becky explained. "We were selling our squash wholesale to United, then okra and zucchini. We transitioned into year-round farmers markets, and we have the CSA program where we have people pick up almost every market day, winter and summers. That has just encouraged us to grow more and more variety in vegetables, so they are getting something different in their box all the time."

Along the way, the Moraths raised five children who worked together with their parents to make the farm a success: Clair Simmons, Jacob Morath, Kathryn Hager, Jessica Bachman and Will Morath. Today, all five **Continued on page 34**



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of their children live within the vicinity of the orchard, run their own businesses and are raising families of their very own. Now, the grandchildren can be found helping out as the tradition continues.

"We all started working at a pretty young age on the farm every summer, and then when we could throughout the year," Will said. "I always liked it. I think we are pretty lucky to have the family we have. I think the furthest one of us lives is two miles from my parents, so we are always around to help out whenever someone needs anything and we are able to get together all the time. All the cousins are closer to siblings than cousins. That's the best part of it."

Becky agreed with her son, saying farming has allowed the family to remain close.

"It has been a blessing to our family. All of our kids grew up doing this. Will has chosen to stay and do it full time, and his brother went in on the strawberry business. All the grandkids help me at the market and work here in the summer. It lets you spend a lot of time with them. Everybody pitches in," Becky said.

Agritourism

After graduation, Will worked in irrigation for several years. His time on the job helped when he returned home to run his own farm business by teaching him to manage the money side of operations and a crew. It also was a learning experience not having his family close by to call for help when he needed it. However, that also was one of the main reasons he chose to return home and make his permanent career in Charlie.

"I always liked farming. Growing up on the farm and watching our parents instilled in us the will to work hard. Something about growing up on the farm made it to where we all wanted to work for ourselves because my siblings and I all do. I also got married and wanted to be home. I didn't want to be gone anymore," Will recalled.

After returning home, the youngest of five children began helping his parents farm before branching out to plant his own cantaloupe and watermelon during the summer months.

Will's first venture into agritourism came with his brother, Jacob, who owns a taxidermist woodshop in Wichita Falls. The pair began the King's Good Vineyard and Berry Farm right down the road from Morath Orchard. It includes five-and-a-half acres of muscadine grapevines, one acre of strawberry plants, and Continued on page 36

CSA Program

CSA, or Community Supported Agriculture, is a unique partnership of mutual support and commitment between local farmers and community members. Members pay a fee to help cover initial farm costs and in turn receive a weekly share of harvest during the growing season. Those who take part in the membership in Morath Orchard's CSA have the opportunity to come to know and understand life on the farm as well as support efforts to grow healthy, nutritious food in a sustainable way. The weekly share is comprised of fruits and vegetables that are in season with a variety of fresh produce from the geographical area.

Farm to Table Dinners and Bachman Family Beef Co.

Farm to Table Dinners began at Morath Orchard in 2014. The dinners are put on by Jimmy and Becky's daughter, Jessica, with a goal of sharing the family's passion for fresh food, fellowship and the beauty of wide open spaces with others. The evening starts off with a farm tour then dinner includes a starter, main entrée with sides and a dessert. Everything is home-cooked utilizing local ingredients. Jessica and her husband, Travis, also own and operate Bachman Family Beef Co, which is dedicated to raising high quality beef. The pair raise all natural Angus steers that are grass fed from weaning and finished on locally milled grain.

Morath Orchard

Morath Orchard is at the Wichita Falls Farmers Market Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday 7:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. through October 9. Winter hours are first and third Saturday of the month starting October 16 through April 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

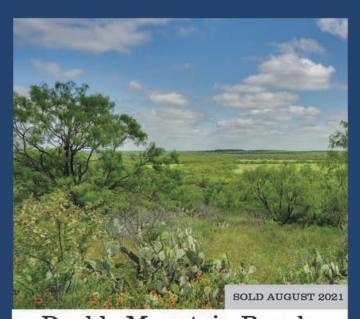


Will with his wife, Cassie, and his daughter, Harper. (Photo courtesy Kathryn Hager)



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three acres of blackberry plants.

"My brother was wanting to do something different with his land," Will explained. "He asked me if I wanted to help because he has the business which is full time for him."

The vineyard offers u-pick strawberries and blackberries, while the rest of the produce is available at the Downtown Wichita Falls Farmer's Market. The vineyard just wrapped up its third strawberry season from April to June, with blackberry season running mid-June to mid-July. Will was excited to bring visitors out to the farm, especially those who do not get a chance to see how produce is grown.

"A lot of people who come out to the strawberry orchard are from the city. These kids haven't been out on a farm or seen how anything grows. People really like coming out and experiencing that and being outside, especially with everything going on in the last couple of years," Will said.

Will decided to expand upon the agritourism in 2020 with the Morath Orchard Corn Maze in hopes of providing a valuable experience for visitors.

"I hope they come out with their family or friends and are able to have good quality time outside and not something that involves being on their phone," Will said. "I think a lot of people are moving more away from that than towards it. I also want them to be able to see a little bit of how things are done on a farm. They won't necessarily get to see the picking or hard work, but they do get a glimpse."

The idea for a corn maze was sparked by Jimmy, but he stayed too busy over the years to ever take on a new project. His son was able to pick up on his idea as a natural extension of the u-pick venture.

"I thought there would be enough people who would want to come out and experience the maze and pumpkin patch since there is not one too close. If you go up north, there are several. I thought it would be something that would work in this area," Will said. "I come from a big family. I have 14 nieces and nephews so we are used to all being in big crowds at family functions and we are always trying to do whatever we can outside. It's something I like to do. I wanted to being able to do that for others, get them together outside to have fun."

The design of the maze is changed up every year, with a sneak peak of this year's available on Morath Orchard's Facebook page. Each design is planned out on grid paper with each row carefully mapped out. Any mistakes can lead to short cuts and rows too close or far away from one another. Each maze typically

takes about 30 minutes on average for guests to complete with checkpoints included along the way.

"I enjoy growing the watermelon and cantaloupe, but you're still just growing watermelon and cantaloupe," Will laughed. "So, my favorite is probably the maze right now because I am still trying to figure out all the different games and attractions. I enjoy those and it lets me be creative."

The orchard also grows multiple varieties of pumpkins available for corn maze guests, grown on the six-acre pumpkin patch.

Farming Year Round

Just as is true with any farming venture, the most difficult part of agritourism and production crops is dealing with the unpredictable weather.

"We are lucky to have pretty good well water and we can irrigate it, but we are so sandy that if it doesn't rain for too long, we get really dry. For plowing and planting you can have your irrigation, but you really need moisture for getting it up. Obviously, ice storms and hale are difficult. You can have it all right until there," Will pondered.

Like many professions today, it is also hard to find labor, particularly for fruit and vegetable farming where the work is rigorous and tiresome. However, the good always outweighs

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the bad, as it has for farmers for generations.

"My favorite part is being able to do different things and not doing one thing all year. It is all farming, but I enjoy doing nothing but strawberries, then being able to switch to watermelon and cantaloupe, then being able to switch a couple more times a year," Will explained.

All those changes keep things exciting, but it comes with careful planning. For his parents, that means picking produce year-round while planting and getting ready for the next crop.

Meanwhile, Will plants strawberries at the end of September and beginning of October. He works to care for those and keep them growing throughout the winter until it is picking time in the greenhouse in February. Come March and April, picking season for strawberries begins outside, along with u-pick for guests.

That season rolls right into planting time for the watermelon and cantaloupe in the greenhouse, and when it looks like the freezing season is over, planting the outside crops begin. Those crops are picked at the end of June. It is a busy time as pumpkins go in the ground followed by corn the first of July.

"I get those planted early enough where they end before the maze gets too crazy, because it is all I can do every day to get ready for when we open and picking those. It takes me and everyone working for me picking and delivering. Now we will be in the maze until somewhere around November," Will said.

The farmer also balances family life with his wife, Cassie, and daughter, Harper. Will has no plans to slow down as he continues to keep up with the multiple ventures of Morath Orchard and expand upon the agritourism side of the business.

"I hope to keep changing and adding more to the maze," Will said. "It's stressful trying to add on but I always have to be moving so it works out. I want to add some other things to get people out to the farm more throughout the year. I want to make it where they are coming out every season whether than split up so much and continue that agritourism side of it."

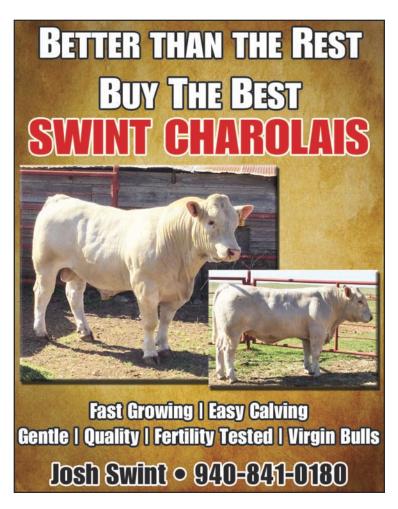
The Morath Corn Maze's opening day is September 10. The hours for Sept. 10 through Sept. 19 for Friday and Saturday are 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Sunday is 2 p.m. to 6 p.m. The hours for Sept. 24 through November are 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. and night maze 8 p.m. to 10 p.m. Saturday hours are 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. and night maze 8 p.m. to 10 p.m. and Sunday hours are 2 p.m. to 6 p.m. To learn more, visit morathorchard. com and follow them on Facebook.





(Above) This year's design for the Morath Corn Maze will welcome guests for some fall family fun. (Left) Jimmy and Becky Morath established Morath Orchard in 1981. (Photos courtesy Kathryn Hager)







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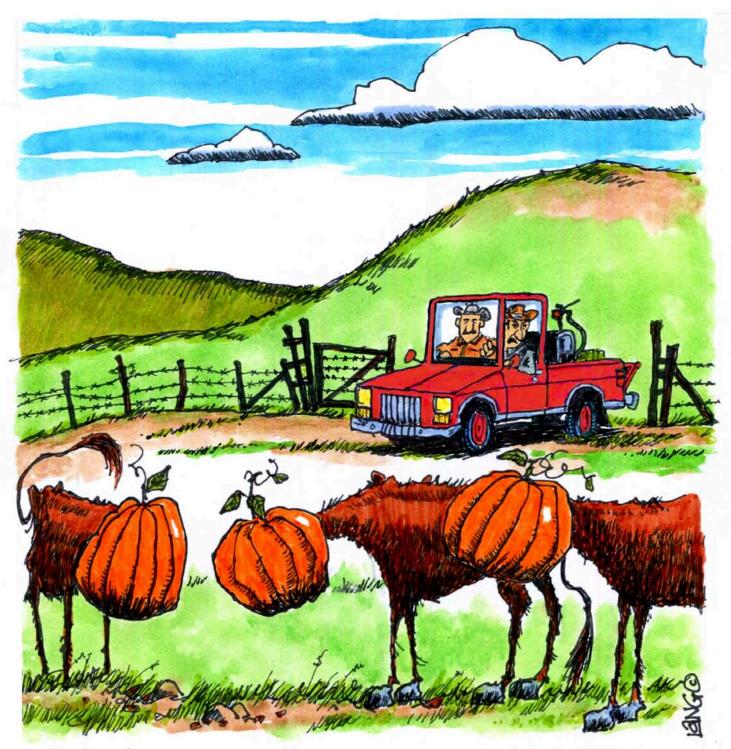
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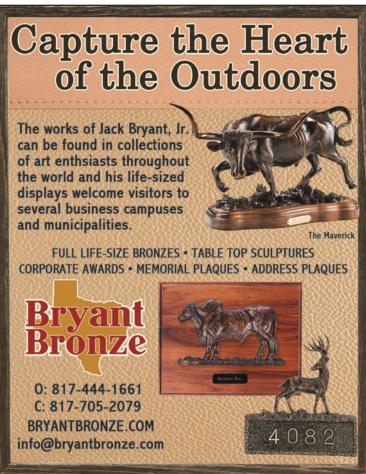


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Lacey's Tantry

By Lacey Newlin

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Ingredients

- 4 chicken breasts, skinless and boneless
- 2 teaspoons chili powder
- 1 teaspoon cumin
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 2 roma tomatoes chopped
- 4 oz mild green chiles
- 1 cup chile con queso sauce, medium (I used Desert Pepper rand)
- 1 cup cheddar cheese, shredded, or use Monterey Jack cheese, or cheddar & Monterey Jack mix
 - 1 roma tomato, chopped, for garnish
 - 2 tablespoons fresh parsley, chopped, for garnish

Instructions

- 1. Preheat oven to 400 F.
- 2. Place chicken breasts in a deep baking dish, like a casserole pan.
- 3. Sprinkle chili powder, cumin, and salt over chicken.
- 4. Top chicken breasts with half of chopped tomatoes and half of canned green chiles.
 - 5. Spread queso sauce evenly over each chicken breast.
- 6. Top chicken breasts with the remaining half of chopped tomatoes and canned green chiles.
 - 7. Top chicken with shredded cheeses.
- 8. Bake in the preheated oven at 400 F for 35 to 40 minutes, until the chicken is cooked through and no longer pink in the center.
 - 9. Top with chopped tomato and chopped fresh parsley. Serve.



Beef By-products, Part 8

By Dani Blackburn

The cattle industry is one of the oldest in the United States. The availability of wide-open rangelands combined with a demand for meat drove an industry that includes beef, hides, dairy, and other products.

Today, that industry is still going strong as cattle production remains the most valuable agricultural industry in the country. According to the United States Department of Agriculture, it consistently accounts for the largest share of total cash receipts for agricultural commodities with production predicted to represent around 17 percent of the \$391 billion in total cash receipts for agricultural commodities this year.

However, in addition to the United States being the largest consumer of beef in the world, cattle by-products remain a valued source in the making of other edible, non-edible and medical

products.

In the 10-part series on beef byproducts, we have discovered the various commodities created from the blood, milk, manure, internal organs, horns and hooves, brain, and skin of cattle. Now, we dive into products manufactured from the fat of a beef animal.

The list of products made from fat is a long one. In the edible sector, fats produce oleo stock and oleo oil for margarine and shortening. Oleo stearin oil then yields chewing gum and even some of our favorite candy.

Even our dog's favorite pet food most likely contains beef fat in the ingredients, helping keep him or her healthy. Dogs actually need a lot of fat in their diet. Their ancestors received quite a bit of fat when preying on animals, which were high in protein and fat. To make up for that same amount in today's domestic setting, dog food

needs similar amounts added to the formula, and beef fat is a way to do that.

The beauty sector relies heavily on the fat from beef animals. Perfume, cosmetics, creams, lotions, deodorant, and shaving cream are just a few of the daily products we use that contain beef fat.

Other common household items contain animal fat too, including the candles that light up our homes and keep it smelling good, along with products used to wash our clothes like detergents and fabric softener.

When we are feeling artistic, we can thank a beef animal for helping us create a masterpiece. Crayons, paint, cement, ceramics, and chalk are all made from fat.

Other important industrial products the economy relies on like biodiesel, oils and lubricants, anti-freeze, plastics, insulation, rubber, and textiles come from the

fat of cattle.

Also on the list is water proofing agents, cement, explosives, matches, fertilizer, linoleum, and medicines.

When we are celebrating Independence Day next year and enjoying the fireworks lighting up the night sky, we can also thank a beef animal.

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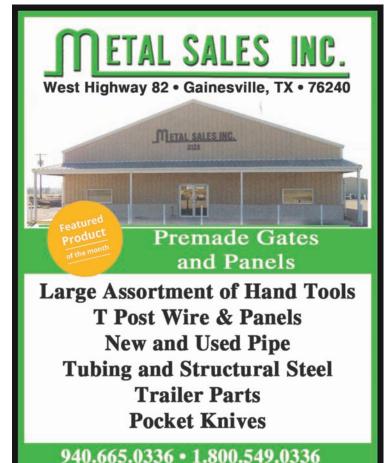
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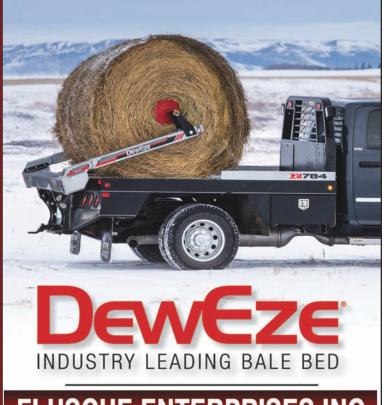


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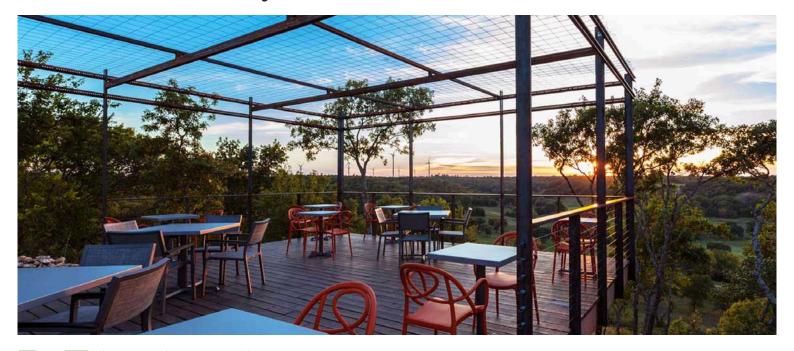
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Consumer Perceptions of Beef Production

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Today, we have access to a wealth of information right at our fingertips. If you don't believe me, just hop on the Internet and spend a few hours, or even a day, finding out everything you need know. If it is posted on the Internet, it

ments I used to give my university students was learning how to tell fact from fiction online, so when it came time for their papers they could be assured they were citing credible sources. It isn't easy.

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with their fancy websites are as far removed from truth and facts as you can possibly be, but they are experts at designing their sites and presenting their emotionally based arguments.

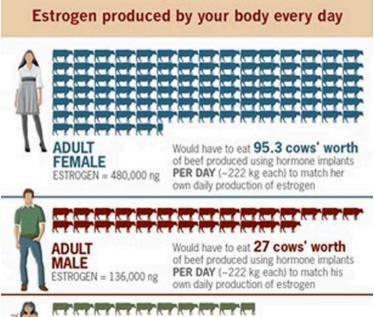
Many of these so-called experts

They also have followers: lots of followers that don't want to take the time to think about where information is coming from, or to even check the credentials of the individuals or groups pushing these so called facts.

After all, they want to be "woke," and save the planet among other noble and notable gestures. After all, they aren't going to be writing a paper so no sources necessary. Just tell them what to think and they are good to go. No time for that messy stuff called research or critical thinking, also referred to as common sense.

As advocates of the cattle industry, are you prepared to have an informed conversation with someone that takes the shortcuts to information and doesn't really factor in the reliability of the source? Many of these individuals never let facts get in the way of a good moral argument.

So, how do we counter false facts with an informed and respectful dialogue? First we need to get a handle on what consumers



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think they know and what they really know. The National Cattlemen's Beef Association worked with the Beef Checkoff and used the Consumer Beef Tracker to gain some understanding of what our consumer perceptions of cattle production are and to understand their concerns about that process. This was a continuous online survey, and the data was collected from January to September of

Consumers who responded to the survey were either beefeaters, or had no reason to avoid beef. What became evident was that people are further away from how their food is sourced than ever before. Only 27 percent of consumers said they were aware of how cattle are raised. However, 70 percent of consumers factor that into making meal decisions. The takeaway message is that while they care about the topic, they really don't understand it. Also, 56 percent of beefeaters have concerns about how we are producing the product they are eating.

The breakdown of concern was as follows: 32 percent indicated concerns about how animals were treated, eight percent were concerned about the hormone levels in beef, five percent were concerned about the antibiotic levels present in their beef, and three percent

indicated concern about beef production and the environment. As the research began to focus more specifically on beef production and how cattle were raised, the responses were decidedly less and less informed, even though there were those participants who claimed to be knowledgeable about or interested in food production. Some of the responses from the online survey participants were, "I have no idea about the beef life cycle," and, "I really have no clue whatsoever what goes into the life cycle [of cattle]."

The misconceptions about how cattle are raised and developed were even more concerning. They couldn't describe the life cycle of cattle but were quick to voice their opinions about cattle living in crowded conditions and being generally mistreated. Some examples of those comments included, "Cattle are raised quickly and fed cheaply. They're pumped with hormones and antibiotics that transfer to the meat we eat when they're slaughtered." Of the respondents, an amazing 43 percent of them reported believing that cattle live their entire life in confined conditions.

While these findings are in fact significant, the majority of consumers didn't indicate any of those concerns were a factor in their buying decisions. Rather attributes such as quality, taste and price were still the biggest drivers of purchasing behaviors versus production related worries.

Remember, these were beef eating people taking the survey, not their beef-avoiding counterparts. While the concerns about antibiotics and hormones in our food supplies have calmed to some degree, make no mistake the view from the "other side of

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the cow lot," still includes quite a bit of dialogue about those topics as well. Antibiotics are used to help sick animals get well. The opposing argument is that a consumer will ingest meat with traces of antibiotic present, and that in turn will help in the formation of drug resistant superbugs. There is a significant body of research that has proven time and again that this is just not the case. As a general rule, the biggest threat in the formation of superbugs comes from humans.

People start feeling better and decide to save the remainder of their antibiotic prescriptions for the next time they are sick. Cattle cannot tell the producer they are feeling fine, and they don't want any more medicine. The vested interest for the producer is preventing livestock loss. No responsible cattle raiser wants to

see an animal sick and suffering. We care for our livestock. The antibiotics administered to animals are generally not administered to humans, and the converse is true as well. Yes they can crossover, but what is more commonly used for cattle isn't used as commonly in humans and vice versa. Finally, all antibiotics used on beef cattle have very specific labels stating the timeline from the final administration of the antibiotic and the harvest of the animal. This time frame ensures the antibiotics are out of the animal's system and not entering into the food chain. The United States Department of Agriculture Food Safety and Inspection Service also conducts a monitoring program to make sure there are no unsafe residues left behind by antibiotics. So in truth, all beef is "antibiotic free" if it is available for purchase as a food item.

Another of the survey concerns that was listed was the hormone content found in beef. The idea that beef is being packed with hormones is sensationalism at its worst and an over-exaggeration at best. All living things, whether we are talking about animals, people or plants produce hormones. So should we worry about getting too much? If you are one of those individuals that might answer yes to that question, you should look at a wide sampling of food sources before you jump on beef as the culprit.

As producers, we routinely neuter most male cattle. By doing so we reduce the aggressive tendencies and reproductive tendencies in the animal, but as a result he has lost the natural hormone production that would cause him to produce more muscle and protein, and deposit less fat. Heifers also produce hormones, but the

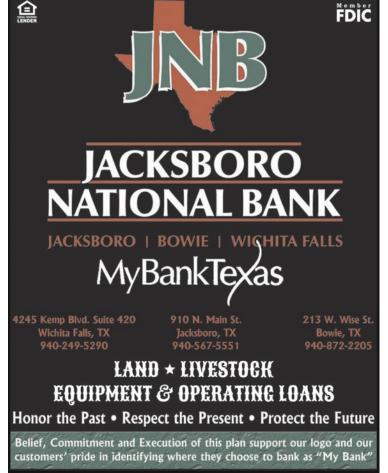
younger the animal the less that is produced. By providing small amounts of additional hormones in replacement steers and heifers it allows these animals to regain some of the growth rate of their older and intact counterparts.

Interestingly, this increase in growth rate will occur even though the amounts of hormones given are just a fraction of what would be naturally produced in more mature animals.

Most growth promotants are primarily given by way of a small pellet placed under the skin of the animal's ear. Ear implants are designed to dissolve slowly over a 100 to 150 day period, and at harvest ears do not enter the food chain. Implants can improve growth rates anywhere from 10 to 20 percent and decrease beef production costs from five to 10 percent.

That cost-savings is in turn





passed on to the consumer. Another positive factor is efficient beef production requires less feed and land resources. Remember that three percent of the survey responses also were concerned with the impact raising cattle has on the environment.

Knowing how implants work still leaves the unanswered question, "Are the hormones used in beef safe for people?" Hormones utilized in beef are the only ones that would be naturally produced by the cattle themselves; estrogen, progesterone and testosterone, as well as their synthetic versions. The Food and Drug Administration regulates them, and the Food Safety Inspection Service of the USDA to ensure safety routinely monitors residues of the synthetic hormones.

The natural hormones are not tested since they are no different than those naturally produced by the animal itself, and the amount given is less than what the animal would make on its own. By comparison, humans naturally produce both androgens and estrogens at several thousand times greater than the content of a serving of beef produced with hormone implants.

The most common concern that I found being discussed today regarding hormones in beef was questioning whether or not they are responsible for the early onset of puberty in children. Having worked and taught in a health care field for 40 years, I do know where to look for valid sources that can answer that question. The scientific research from the 70s up to today keeps coming up with the following factors: height, weight, diet, exercise, and family history have a much greater impact on the onset of early puberty.

The most current research into early onset puberty has raised questions about chemicals our young people are being exposed to, particularly those found in hair and makeup products as well as

Table 1. Estrogenic activity of common foods (ng/500g)

Food	Estrogenic Activity
Soy flour defatted	755,000,000
Tofu	113,500,000
Pinto beans	900,000
White bread	300,000
Peanuts	100,000
Eggs	555
Butter	310
Milk	32
Beef from implanted steer	7
Beef from non-implanted steer	5

Hoffman and Eversol (1986), Hartman et al (1998), Shore and Shemesh (2003), USDA-ARS (2002). Units are nanograms of estrone plus estradiol for animal products and isoflavones for plant products per 500 grams of food

nail polishes, just to name a few. A quick review of weights, followed by some food comparisons might help with the perspective. A gram is a common weight of measurement, but how much does a nanogram weigh? A nanogram is one billionth of a gram.

A typical United States dollar bill weighs about a gram. Tear that dollar bill into one billion pieces, and one tiny piece would be about equal to a nanogram. Another perspective is that a grain of sugar weighs approximately 625,000 nanograms. Not only are we talking about extremely small amounts, beef contains the least of all, even if implanted.

Check the following link for an entire article and sources related to Table 1. (iowabeefcenter.org)

The rhetoric from the "antibeef" crowd is based less on facts, and more on the emotional appeal and impact it has on the uninformed. It is more of a "values" system. Here's a look at what was on the People for Ethical Treatment of Animals website regarding antibiotics and hormones in beef.

"Every time you sit down to a meal containing meat, eggs or dairy products, you're dining on known carcinogens, bacteria and other contaminants that can accumulate in your body and remain there for years. Animal products are loaded with bacteria, antibiotics, hormones, dioxins, and a host of other toxins that can cause serious health problems in humans. So eating meat is a double-whammy: It's often laced with dangerous bacteria, and it makes you more likely to become infected by those bacteria.

"The antibiotics that we depend on to treat food poisoning and other illnesses are being used to promote rapid growth in animals and to prevent them from dying from the diseases that are rampant on factory farms. This abuse of pharmaceuticals has encouraged the evolution of new strains of antibiotic-resistant super-bacteria."

This is decidedly not factual, and definitely not science based, but it is attention getting. It plays on people's value systems first and foremost. A lack of understanding of the scientific talk combined with a general lack of understanding of exactly how cattle are raised have not created trust in the average consumer. Based on consumer concerns, several national fastfood chains have adjusted their meat purchasing and marketing to "antibiotic free" labels. People actually believe that antibiotic free farming is better for animals.

One restaurant chain CEO explained this move to antibiotic free by declaring that it was the right thing to do for the animals.

So why would people choose to believe this rather than believing the people doing valid research? In a word, or many words for that matter, we are doing a poor job in the industry about communicating what we really do.

It has been suggested we need less of the scientific jargon and more voices from the grassroots members of agriculture. We are seeing a societal shift toward valuing the voices of our respective "tribes," over input from institutional authority.

That means we need to be willing and able to discuss what we do in beef cattle production to every individual we can reach. As producers, we can, and should trust the science in furthering our understanding.

When it comes to education however, according to Terri Moore, with the American Farm Bureau Federation, we as an industry need to lead with our values. Values have been shown to be three to five times more powerful than facts when building trust.

So our conversation should definitely include the fact that we administer antibiotics because it reduces animal pain and suffering, and the goal is to keep them from dying. Is it science? Yes, but how the message is delivered is not so scientific and more caring in its delivery

We need to seek opportunities to have transparent yet expert conversations. We might be well-served to take a close look at what the National Pork Board has done in using social media and media influencers to reach new and younger audiences, to build trust and to influence new "tribes."

The next meeting of the WFACW will be on Oct. 21, 2021, at the Forum, 2120 Speedway, Wichita Falls, Texas at 11:30 a.m., with the evening meeting at 5:30 p.m. The evening location is yet to be determined. All social distancing rules are followed during meetings.

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By Andy Anderson

Hunt'n Dawg

Since the first domesticated dog was documented, their role was to aid in hunting. Dogs have since been bred and trained for a wide range of use and most importantly, companionship. I have had working dogs most of my life, mainly for working livestock such as sheep or cattle. They are a huge asset to the farmer and/or rancher. As a police officer, I was fortunate to be a K9 handler and worked a Belgian Malinois for drug and apprehension. With all of my training and experience handling and training dogs for various uses, none prepared me for the best experience and understanding of what a properly trained dog will do for you and the family it is a part of.

Dove season 2020, my son, Clay and I were hunting in Electra over some harvested fields. Clay had been dove hunting with me several times over the years, but had not gotten his first bird until that day in Electra. We were in a huge field with several other hunters, the birds were thick, flying all over and around us. Clay lines up and takes his first dove. Bam! He nailed it and was overcome with excitement and sense of accomplishment. Clay hurried into the field to claim his prize and quickly realized they disappeared in the vegetation and while look-



Everyone in the Anderson family fell in love with Scooter. (Photo courtesy Andy Anderson)

ing for his dove, many, many more were flying by that he didn't get to shoot at. After finding his bird, he returned to his seat to continue his hunt.

A few hundred yards away was an older gentleman who was hunting from the tailgate of his pickup. He would shoot, a bird would fall and his dog would run out there, pick it up and bring it back. It didn't take long for Clay to watch this, turn to me and advise that we were doing this all wrong. We needed a hunt'n dawg!

After conversing with Clay, reminding him his momma did not want anymore pets at the house, he said very confidently, "Get your phone and record me." I took my phone out and proceeded to record him asking his momma for a dog. I sent this to his momma knowing

full well what the response was going to be, and I was right. His momma returned a video very politely telling him no. Well, Clay didn't stop there and after an hour or so of going back and forth with his momma, she gave in. Wow. I was blown away and clearly, she's a sucker for her baby boy. She agreed to a dog, but it came with terms. The dog had to be fully trained to include potty trained for the house and had to obey commands in addition to being a calm dog that could still be a family dog. With a tall order like that I knew just the person to call.

I called Austin Davis in Bowie. Austin has trained duck dogs for some time and was my go-to guy to get this done. Austin and my wife went back and forth over the terms she outlined and of course. Austin and Clay conspired as to what he wanted. Within a few weeks Austin found a pup. Austin brought said pup over to the house and everyone, including myself, just fell for the guy and named him Scooter. Scooter stayed with Austin several months for training, as did Clay to learn about handling and training.

They all worked very hard together and I cannot begin to express how amazing Austin was with teaching Clay. Austin and Clay bonded just as Scooter and Clay did and they continue to train and work on issues to this day.

Fast forward to dove season 2021, Scooter is trained up and going on his first hunt. It was an early wake up for everyone and clearly Scooter had no clue what was in store for him, but he knew something good was about to happen. We headed out to the field, set up decoys and waited for the sun to rise. Scooter was all over the place, really excited and needed a little training. We worked on various things until he settled down and was paying attention to the hunt. While we didn't see a single bird that morning, we got some really good training in and I got to watch my son do his thing with his dog. To say I was proud is an understatement, I was blown away. They worked great together

and Scooter loves him and works hard for him. It's easy to forget what a privilege it is to have a great dog when you're in the middle of working a dog, but to get to sit back and watch it all come together was a great reminder of how awesome it is.

Later that evening we ended up back in Electra with some friends to hunt a harvested field. We got set up and within an hour Clay busted his first bird of the season. He was so excited he jumped up to go get his bird and didn't send Scooter out.

After being reminded he had a dog to do that, he sat down, collected himself and sent Scooter out for his first official retrieve. Scooter shot from his sitting position and within seconds had a dove and was on his way back, tail wagging and with a little prance in his gate. I couldn't help but smile from ear to ear as they congratulated each other and were both pumped for the next one. Shortly afterwards, the birds were landing just out of range.

Clay and Scooter embarked on a mission to stalk them down, and while I know the chances of success doing that are slim to none, I allowed it as how else are they going to learn? I sat back watching a boy and his dog wander the milo field in search of dove, changing their tactics and reaching for success. With each defeat came a lesson, and with success came a reward.

It started to rain a little, and while I fully expected Clay and Scooter to come back, they kept going. Unphased by the rain and determined to hunt, they continued on.

Before too long the rain picked up and turned into a flood. We packed up and headed out for the day. Soaked to the bone we loaded the truck, packed away the gear and headed home. On the drive home, I looked over at Clay and asked if he was okay. He grinned back and said, "Best hunt ever, Dad." We only got a few birds that day, but I took home something far more rewarding.





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Grazing North Texas

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Sand Dropseed

Sand dropseed is a native, perennial, warm season grass that is adapted to all parts of Texas except the eastern region next to Louisiana. In North Texas, it grows to 18 to 42 inches in height. Seed head is an open panicle from five inches to 14 inches long.

There are several identifying characteristics of Sand dropseed. As in all dropseed grasses, the seed head is partially or wholly enclosed by a sheath. Also, the leaf blade immediately below the seed head grows out at a 90 degree angle from the stem.

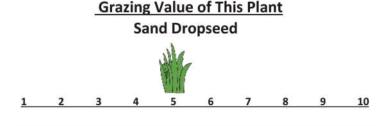
The ligule at the base of each leaf is covered by short white hairs. The reddish orange seeds are very small, requiring about five million seeds to equal one pound.

Sand dropseed is native to a large area, including most of the United States mainland. It can be found in Mexico and in Southern Canada. With such a large area of adaptation, it must exists in a wide range of environmental conditions.

In our area of North Texas, Sand dropseed is expected to produce a fair amount of forage and be fair grazing for all classes of livestock. Most grazing occurs in the spring, and after the plants mature, they are seldom selected by livestock. Sand dropseed is not usually considered a high successional plant for our region and is



Sand dropseed usually grows to about two feet in height in our area.



Sand dropseed is fair grazing for cattle in North Texas.

normally found in heavily grazed pastures.

I am aware of a pasture in Clay County that was overgrazed for years, and Sand dropseed became a dominant plant in the pasture. The pasture began being grazed under different management during which the number of cows was reduced and a short rest period from grazing was scheduled every year. Sand dropseed is now almost gone, and the pasture is dominated by Sideoats grama and Little bluestem.

On the other hand, a USDA Plant Guide, with references to the western and south western states, lists Sand dropseed as a more dominant grass and as preferred forage for cattle, horses, and elk in all seasons, and preferred forage for sheep, deer, and antelope in the spring.

Sand dropseed produces a dense, sand binding network of roots which can spread up to two feet laterally and over eight feet deep. In the Southwest, it is widely used to stabilize disturbed areas and sand dunes. It is extremely drought tolerant, and is adapted to sites receiving as low as seven inches of annual rainfall.

Sand dropseed has been used by the Apache to make bread and porridge. The plant has also been used to make a cold infusion that is applied to sores and brises on the legs of horses.



The first leaf below the Sand dropseed seed head grows at a right angle to the stem. (Photos courtesy Tony Dean)

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GARDEN GUY

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Augusta Lavender Heliotrope Tops Must Have Plant List for 2022

If someone had told me that there was a heliotrope that could hang with a lantana over a long hot and wet summer, I would have said when pigs fly. Well, clear Runway One because Augusts Lavender is arriving for spring 2022.

This plant is as much for the greenhouse grower as the home gardener and is a winner so put it in production plans as soon as possible. As a gardener in the South, it has been a dream to have a heliotrope that could perform over a long hot summer and not disappear by June 15.

When it was suggested, I put these in The Garden Guy's trial, and I quickly responded that heliotropes were basically losers in the South. You know, too hot, too humid and every heliotrope I had ever tried perished as if it encountered a flame thrower.

Augusta Lavender is like none you have ever tried. I will happily go with the name lavender but to be honest, blue or sky blue would have worked too. This is not the only color you will see as each little floret has a center that is orange to deep yellow. You have got your own complementary color scheme in each flower.

There is a good chance you are not familiar with heliotropes. Botanically speaking they are in the borage or forget-me-not family, and if you looked at the long list of genera or family members, I doubt all but the ardent botanist could recognize more than five. Do not let that throw you; I assure



Augusta Lavender heliotrope can partner with your favorite lantana, too. Here it is growing with Luscious Marmalade.

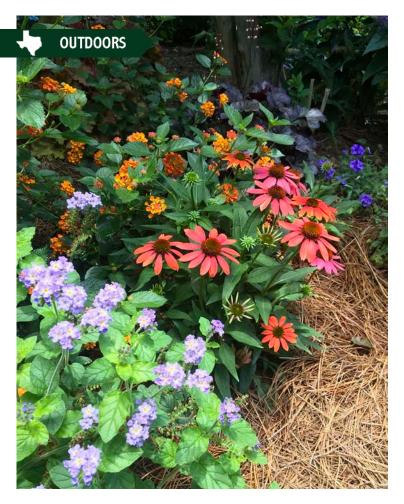
you this will be a new plant for your pollinator arsenal.

If visiting pollinators does not float your boat, then just look at it as a great lavender plant that reaches 24-inches tall with a 36-inch spread. It kind of looks like a lantana and is tough-as-nails so you can go golf while the nerds like me are shooting photos and shouting the names of butterflies we see feeding on the blossoms.

Like I tend to do, I simply went with color partnerships with my trial plants. Do not forget I was expecting them to die. I planted Augusta Lavender with Color Coded Orange You Awesome echinacea and Luscious Marmalade lantana in another area that was close. They also were combined with Vermillionaire cuphea. You can see how in my eyes I was seeing the blue hues in the lavender. I will admit I could not have picked better combos from my standpoint.

Young's Plant Farms in Auburn, Ala., also had some beautiful combinations in their 2021 Annual Trial Garden Tour. They used August Lavender, Truffula Pink gomphrena and the new 2022 Luscious Citron lantana. Then they went vertical with the white climbing Thunbergia Coconut A Peel. This look was picture perfect too.

Augusta Lavender heliotrope, a hybrid with South American DNA has been everything I could have wanted. It is expected to be an annual north of zone nine meaning **Continued on page 58**







The Eastern Tiger Swallowtail is just one of several species of butterflies that will visit the Augusta Lavender heliotrope.

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it should not return in my zone 8a garden. You can bet I will be watching, and if indeed it does not return, you can bet I will be replanting in the spring. Everyone needs Augusta Lavender.

It has continually brought in a variety of bees, skipper butterflies and the big boys too like Eastern Tiger Swallowtails, and the treasured Pipevine Swallowtails. You will have to take my word on it; hummingbirds have paid regular visits too.

This is such a great plant you may want to alert your hometown garden center now that you will be looking for it in the spring. They may not know about Augusta Lavender heliotrope, and your request may help. Next year looks so exciting and a great time to be a gardener. Follow me on Facebook @NormanWinterTheGardenGuy for more photos and garden inspiration.



Augusta Lavender is a new heliotrope making its debut in 2022. It reaches 24-inches tall with a 36-inch spread. Each floret has an orange-yellow center. (Photos courtesy Norman Winter)



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Notes of crisped air...

By Jelly Cocanougher

Slow movement of water streaming from mountain passes causes water so clear that when bugs dance on the surface tension, it mimics silken glass. The glaciers drip water into the lakes that kiss the surface of what seems to be the edge of the atmospheric pressure. So close to the sun it seems, as fourteeners shadow across the circular world, that we freeze in our wool and down clothing. Who climbed these mountains first? Was it the sheep or bears that hide in the nature of the park? Or was it God himself playing with the electric elements of the earth? The divine beauty and serene views can only immolate what heaven to be like on earth.



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DALLAS

Great Location, close to a park with small creek running through rear of property. Beautiful 1956 4 bed 4 bath home. Beautiful mature trees. Bobby Norris-\$1,350,000



STEPHENVILLE

Located in the rolling hills, 10 minutes South of Stephenville, 20 acres of native grasses. This combination stone and siding 1,624 sq ft 3 bdr 2 bth home is situated on a hill that has magnificent views of the valley. Inside the well maintained home, Propane cooktop in galley kitchen with separate dining area. Master has ensuite with oversized garden tub and walk-in closet. Large utility room. 16 x 30 workshop with water and electricity. additional 30 x 36 concrete pad with water for additional workshop or barn.

Tri Goldthwaite- \$674,995



WEATHERFORD

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NOCONA

Good highway frontage on HWY 82W. Some live oak mixed mesquite through the middle of the property with good pasture on both sides. Older, but good fences on 3 sides. Good soil for horse or cow place. Bobby Bowden \$337,500



KEMP

36 Peaceful acres in up and coming area. Heavily Wooded, with clearing in front near road entrance. Deer, hogs, and other wildlife. Located on paved road. Perfect weekend retreat, or homesite. About an hour commute from Dallas. Property has a small spring fed pond and creek. Lots of potential.

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