Nevada Cattlemen’s Association’s Association Springtime Schedule

Kaley Sproul, NCA Executive Director

It has been a very busy month at the Nevada Cattlemen’s office! The Fallon Bull Sale that was in February was a great success this year. We have just finished closing up everything from the sale. A thank you, once again to all of our consignors, buyers, sponsors and volunteers for your support this year. In March the Fallon Bull Sale Committee held a follow up meeting from the sale. Along with some changes in rules, there was a change in committee leadership. Chris Gansberg resigned from being committee chair after having served on the committee for 40 years. NCA would like to thank him for his many years of dedication to the sale. The newly appointed chairs are Tom Armstrong, committee chair, and Monte Bruck, committee vice-chair. NCA welcomes the new leadership and requests that if anyone is interested in becoming a member of this committee to please contact us for more information. Also, don’t forget to mark your calendars for next year’s sale which will be held February 18th, 2017.

Coming up this month David Stix Jr., Ron Cerri, Joe Guild, Amber Miller and I will be attending the National Cattlemen’s Beef Association and Public Lands Council Legislative Conference in Washington D.C. on April 12-14. This is an opportunity to represent members of the Nevada Cattlemen’s Association by meeting with key congressional and agency influencers to talk about certain industry policies that affect the state. I will provide a follow up of this event within the next issue of this publication.

Lastly, the NCA is seeking graduating seniors interested in pursuing an education in an agricultural related field to apply for the Nevada Cattlemen’s Association Annual Scholarship. The NCA will be giving this year’s outstanding graduating senior a $1,000 scholarship to attend any junior college or four-year University to study in any agriculture related field. The deadline for all applications is May 10th, 2016. For requirements and a scholarship application, please visit www.nevadacattlemen.org.

If you are interested in becoming a member of the Nevada Cattlemen’s Association please call the NCA office at 1-775-738-9214 or visit www.nevadacattlemen.org for more information. We welcome new members and voices for Nevada ranchers.

Nevada Lands Council is On the Move!

Nevada’s unparalleled contrasts make it, far and away, the most unique state in the Union. Our land is comprised of low basins, high deserts, and gorgeous mountains. We are blessed with ample rangeland and unprecedented subsurface mineral potential. Nevadans can reside within the vast rural solitude once inhabited by pioneers and rugged explorers or settle among our technologically advanced urban communities.

Unfortunately, of all the contrasting characteristics that make us great, there is one that stifles all – the fact that Nevadans only benefit or have influence over roughly 15% of their land mass. Our sister states east of the Rockies are able to collect direct revenue from a majority of their land in order to pay for roads, development, and education. By utilizing only a fraction of our resources, it’s no wonder that Nevada education was ranked 49th in the nation in 2015. Furthermore, in the decades since the Federal Land Policy and Management Act (FLPMA) our +85% of Nevada that is under federal management has witnessed a steady decline in environmental health, public access, and productivity. We believe Nevadans can do it better!

In February of 2016 the Nevada Lands Council (NLC) was established to address these issues by providing resources necessary to transfer ownership and management of federal public lands to the state. Within one month, NLC has already deployed a lobbyist to Washington D.C. to advocate H.R. 1484 “Honor the Nevada Enabling Act of 1864 Act”; the only legislation at the federal level specifically addressing land transfer issues. The passage of H.R. 1484 would provide a platform by which the state of Nevada and its citizens could begin to reverse nearly a half centu-

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2016 NCA Scholarship Announced

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Weed Extravaganza — April 26-28, 2016

The Annual Elko County Weed Summit will take place on Tuesday, April 26 from 9:30 a.m. – 5:30 p.m. The featured presentation will be on Bacterial Treatment for Cheatgrass Control by Dave Stewart, Biowest Ag Solutions. Other topics include: Killing the roots for effective control; Agency weed management updates; Nevada weed management association update; Local CWMA update; Weed identification field trip. A free lunch will be served. No registration fee, but please RSVP by April 21 to kevanc@unce.unr.edu. Any persons in need of special accommodations or assistance must contact Candie at 775-738-9214 or email kpcorps@unce.unr.edu. The certification exams offered by the Nevada Department of Agriculture will be held on Thursday, April 28 at 7:15 a.m. For those interested in obtaining certification for restricted use pesticides/herbicides, payments are $50 at the door.

The Extravaganza will take place at the California Trail Interpretative Center, 8 miles west of Elko, North of I-80. Take the Hunter Exit.
Happy Spring Cattlemen and Cattlewomen, March is over and it’s that time again! What a great start we have had! Spring is here and many areas are reporting good water conditions, especially for the surface users. However, our ground water users need patience as the underground storage continues to replenish.

The cattle market is no worse. However, at the two special feeder sales in Fallon, NV the theme was “low numbers brisk prices.” Five and six weight cattle were very high in price due to the California grass demand and were worth the same money. But wait, if you had seven weight cattle and up... look out!! Sad. On another interesting note, this region has seen a lot of cattle shipped to California recently for marketing purposes. Also, fair amounts have been coming from California to this area as producers scurry to find the highest market value. I don’t know, maybe because the fuel is cheap!!

We are all standing by ready to find out where and how the Land Use Plans on the Sage Grouse are going to affect spring turn out. Once again, no one has any idea. I think it is safe to say the enforcing agencies don’t know either. As soon as Nevada Cattlemen’s Association has something substantive to tell you, we will be yelling it as loud as we can! If anyone has an experience that changes your summer permits that involves Sage Grouse and the plan, please contact the NCA or JJ Goicoechea. We need to know! On that, let me take a minute on behalf of the industry to thank JJ and Steve Boies for all that they do for cattlemen all across the West. My hand is out to you both and everyone that is working on the Sage Grouse issue. A little prayer wouldn’t hurt either, not so much for JJ and Steve, but for our Federal Agency leaders that they find a little wisdom.

April will be a busy month, Kaley, Ron Cerri, myself, and Amber Miller will be heading to D.C. Ron, Kaley and I will be attending the PLC and NCBA meetings to try and figure out a way to deal with the inequity in how the PLC dues are collected. And of course, we won’t forget to address the Sage Grouse and the Wild Horses. This time in D.C. is also set aside to visit with our Congressional Representatives, and visit we will.

Well everyone, have a wonderful April and I will see you soon.

With respect,
Davy Stix
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ry of bureaucratic blunder. We invite you to visit www.nevadalandscouncil.org for more details regarding the bill.

There are a few things that the Nevada Lands Council needs from you to ensure that we can accomplish this historically significant undertaking. First, we need you to join our ranks – general membership is free! Simply go to www.nevadalandscouncil.org and sign up using your email, facebook, or twitter account. The more members we have on the books, the more of a voice we will have in Washington. Second, get the word out. Share our information with your friends, especially those who are passionate about our mission. Next, we need your help. If you're willing to provide your time and/or expertise, please visit our volunteer page on our website and we'll contact you should we find ourselves in need of your services. And finally, we need your donations. As you can imagine, educating the public and sending representation to Washington is not cheap. Simply visit NLC's donation page on the website listed above to submit your contribution. Fortunately, you can rest easy knowing that NLC's leadership and administration is voluntary so 100% of your donation is dedicated to the mission. For those without computer access, simply submit your membership information (name, address, phone) and donations to: Nevada Lands Council, P.O. Box 1884, Elko, NV, 89803.

NVFB Welcomes James Linney

Nevada Farm Bureau would like to welcome staff member, James Linney to the team. Linney will coordinate the YF&R Committee, the WLC, and work closely with members all over the state. He will also work on the Agriculture and Livestock Journal and keep the public updated through social media.

Linney, of Livermore, California, is excited to bring what he has to offer to Nevada Farm Bureau members. He is well connected with the Nevada Beef Industry and has worked on numerous ranches throughout the state. As a student at University of Nevada, Reno, he has fallen in love with the state and Nevada Agriculture. In May, Linney will graduate with a degree in Agriculture Science with a minor in Communications and a minor in Economics. After five years at UNR, he admits that while he still respects his California roots, he is proud to call himself a Nevadan.

Linney's passion lies within agriculture education and the beef industry. He comes from a ranching town but was never directly involved with the industry until he finally tuned-in to its importance in high school. Now he has continued his education through college.

He remembers what it was like not knowing where his food came from. This drives his passion for ag literacy in the state especially for those residents living in urban areas. Linney's true goal is to find the most sustainable yet high profit way to maximize growth in agriculture whether it be for big or small operations.

He is excited to work hands-on with Nevada Farm Bureau members as they succeed in growing their businesses. He wants to see Nevada agriculture continue to be one of the state's most profitable markets for many generations to come. Linney is driven to incentivize members to stay active, to recruit non-active counties and encourage new members to jump aboard the Farm Bureau team.

Nevada Farm Bureau staff and members are excited to have him on board!
Dear Sage Signals Readers,

Today I am going to lay out the permit renewal process. Almost two-thirds of all the grazing permits administered by BLM Nevada are not currently ‘fully processed’, meaning they are operating under a FLPMA permit. These lack either a current land health evaluation or appropriate NEPA compliance, or both. To remedy this situation, the state office has hired a term permit renewal team, which will be working with the districts to help resolve this backlog. Because of this situation, many of you may be unfamiliar with the steps involved in renewing term grazing permits. I hope that the following information will be useful to those of you that will soon be involved in permit renewals.

I won’t be citing regulations and policy here, but will send citations if you ask. So, here are acronyms you’ll run into below: NEPA (National Environmental Protection Act), Plan Amendment (Nevada and Northeastern California Greater Sage-Grouse Land Use Plan Amendment), HAF (Habitat Assessment Framework).

The steps to processing grazing permits are as follows:
1. Land Health Evaluation
2. NEPA compliance
3. Grazing Decision
4. Term Grazing Permit issuance
5. Monitor

First comes the Land Health Evaluation: During this phase the allotment and current livestock grazing management practices are evaluated. An allotment may be evaluated by itself or in a larger context (such as a watershed). If there are several small allotments next to each other that have similar characteristics, they may be combined for evaluation. A very large or complex allotment may need to be evaluated independently. BLM staff compile data that have already been gathered and collect additional data to fill gaps. The HAF is done during this phase. The HAF is the BLM’s method of assessing the quality of seasonal sage grouse habitat. All this data is brought together to describe the current conditions of the allotment or watershed in a Land Health Evaluation Report and; and as applicable, a subsequent Determination document may be completed. The Evaluation document compares observed conditions to the land health standards and land use plan objectives, including sage-grouse habitat objectives. This document specifies which standards are being met or not, and if not, what progress is being made toward meeting them. Where it is concluded that Standards for Rangeland Health are not being met, nor making significant progress, BLM is required to complete a Determination document to identify the significant casual factor(s) in not meeting the Standard(s). If current livestock use is a causal factor for not meeting standards, then BLM is required to modify livestock management. If the reason is due to Unsuitable or Marginal sage grouse habitat ratings, the specific habitat deficiencies contributing to the rating will be identified using Table 2-2 from the Plan Amendment.

Next comes the initiation of NEPA compliance. In a few rare cases where a permit already underwent the full process the last time it was issued, the NEPA from the previous renewal may still be sufficient; in most cases, however, compliance with NEPA will require, development of management alternatives that will maintain desired conditions, or make progress toward meeting desired conditions in areas that are not meeting standards/objectives.

Terms and conditions in the grazing authorizations will reflect the livestock management needed to attain the desired conditions. The specific issues identified in the Standards Evaluation direct what the alternatives in NEPA must address.

NEPA can be done on one allotment, or several, depending on the specific situation. A Categorical Exclusion can be adequate NEPA (I spoke about this in the October Sage Signals) in very specific situations.

After NEPA has been completed, then BLM will issue a grazing decision. This decision has both a protest and an appeal period. When the grazing decision is issued, the determination of standards attainment and causal factors will also be issued for any area not meeting standards.

Once all this is complete, and the protest and appeal periods have ended, then the BLM authorized officer will issue the grazing permit.

Once the permit has been issued, then there is an ongoing need to monitor. Monitoring includes such things as compliance (checking to make sure that what’s happening on the ground is within the terms and conditions of permits), annual use monitoring (such as key forage species upland utilization or riparian stubble height), and long term monitoring (for example, Daubenmire frequency plots or line point intercept cover transects).

This monitoring is vital in order to determine whether progress is being made towards meeting land health standards and resource objectives, especially if the new grazing permit requires changes in management methods. Basically, monitoring tells us whether the new grazing management is having the desired impact on the ground. This will include determining if additional adjustments are needed.

There will be more information forthcoming on this topic as soon as Nevada BLM gets the Washington Office policy regarding sage-grouse and permit renewals. At that time, I will be able to provide more specifics about developing alternatives for NEPA compliance. Hopefully this article has given you a good overview of the 'permit renewal process'.

Upcoming Training Opportunities!

I would encourage anyone who is able to attend the Ecological Site Description (ESD) trainings that NRCS/UNR will be putting on during 2016. So far, the dates are June 1-2 for the training in Elko, and not yet decided for Winnemucca. These ESD trainings are being offered specifically for ranchers and permittees, and are an excellent way to improve your understanding of how BLM staff look at land health.

We are currently developing a course for ranchers and permittees about the Sage Grouse Plan Amendment. This is still in its development phase, but we hope to move it forward quickly so you all can get the useful information sooner rather than later.

Mark your calendars!! The dates of July 26-28 the National Riparian Service Team (NRST) is bringing the Riparian Grazing Training (Grazing Management Processes and Strategies for Riparian-Wetland Areas) to Nevada! This will be a free training opportunity, and we hope that many of you will be able to join! It will be an excellent opportunity to learn from the NRST, and will provide a chance for permittees, BLM and FS staff to learn alongside each other and apply what they are learning in the field. The training will be in the Ely District.

I hope this article was informative, but if it left you with questions, please let me know. As always, feel free to send your feedback, comments, topic ideas and questions by emailing Blm_nv_nvso_web_mail@blm.gov, subject line ‘Attn. Kathryn Dyer’
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Farm License Plates and Fuel Refund Changes

by Stephen S. Foster, Extension Educator, UNCE, Pershing County

The 2015 Legislative Session enacted SB155, a portion of which changed the definition of “ Implements of Husbandry ” in NRS 484D.020 and added a requirement to display a farm plate or USDOT approved slow moving vehicle triangle on any implement of husbandry operated on public highways in this state.

“Implement of husbandry” means a vehicle manufactured, designed or reconstructed exclusively for agricultural operations and primarily designed for off-highway use. An implement of husbandry is not subject to registration if used upon the highways of this State.

The term includes: (a) A farm vehicle that is used by a farmer or rancher exclusively for agricultural purposes on the farm or ranch of the farmer or rancher; (b) A farm tractor; (c) A self-propelled application-type vehicle, including a combine, self-propelled forage harvester or self-propelled fertilizer application implement; (d) A farm wagon, farm trailer or trailer adapted to tow or pull another implement of husbandry; (e) Any vehicle used by a farmer or rancher exclusively to feed or water livestock; and (f) Any other equipment substantially similar to the equipment described in paragraphs (a) to (e), inclusive, and used to transport agricultural products necessary for agricultural production.

The term does not include: (a) Except as otherwise provided in paragraph (a) of subsection 2, a farm vehicle; (b) A truck tractor, motor truck or any vehicle designed for use on a controlled access highway; (c) Any vehicle used in the operation of a common motor carrier or contract motor carrier; (d) Any vehicle used for both personal purposes and agricultural purposes; (e) Any feed or water truck used even incidentally for purposes other than agricultural purposes; or (f) Any vehicle which is registered for operation interstate pursuant to chapter 706 of NRS.

Before you apply for the farm plate you must verify the unit you seek to identify as an Implement of Husbandry qualifies for the Farm Plate. Once the plates are issued; they are NON-REFUNDABLE and NONTRANSFERABLE, even if it is later determined the vehicle was improperly identified as an implement of husbandry.

Please note: Farm Vehicles do not qualify as an implement of husbandry if used even incidentally: 1) For both personal and agricultural purposes; 2) To transport persons or commodities from field to processing plants; 3) In interstate commerce.

In order to qualify for farm plates, the applicants must be an agricultural user with a minimum gross income of $5,000 from agricultural pursuits during the immediately preceding calendar year. The agricultural user must hold a policy of liability insurance which provides at least $300,000 in coverage for bodily injury and property damage resulting from any single accident caused by the agricultural user while operating implement of husbandry. The total cost for each Farm Plate is $105.00, which includes, the $100 lifetime fee and applicable plate and technology fees. Applications for farm “implements of husbandry” permanent license plates can be obtained at www.dm-vnv.com/pdfforms/mc101.pdf.

The 2015 Legislative Session enacted SB155, also changed the provisions of special fuel refunds for farmers and ranchers. Effective January 1, 2016, any farmer/rancher applying for a refund of special fuels used in an off-road manner, for farming purposes, will follow the same guidelines established for gas tax refunds. This means a farmer/rancher refund applicant may claim a refund only on the basis of 80% of his or her bulk purchases of special fuel, without the necessity of maintaining records of use. “Bulk purchases” means purchases of more than 50 gallons of special fuel which are not placed directly into the tanks of motor vehicles.

Any farmer/rancher desiring to claim a refund under these provisions must first secure a permit from the Department. Any current gas tax refund applicant that also uses special fuels will continue to use their current account number.

There are some significant differences between filing refund claims for gasoline and diesel; for gasoline claims only original invoices are acceptable. For diesel refund claims, original invoices are acceptable but the Department will also accept a spreadsheet or copies thereof, showing the information derived from original documents, including, without limitation, invoices, receipts and vehicle logs, or receipts from the person from whom special fuel was purchased showing the date of purchase and the number of gallons purchased for an exempt purpose.

If filing for a refund of both fuel types, gasoline and/or diesel, please continue to file separate claims. If fuel is used in more than one (1) county, please continue to file a separate claim for each county.

Any refund applicant currently submitting MC-45 refund requests that does not have an established account number must submit an application for a refund account number. Any refund claim submitted with purchases after January 1, 2016 will be held until an account number has been issued.

If you have any questions about this change in procedure, please contact the Fuel Industry Team at (775) 684-4711.
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NEVADA CATTLEMEN’S ASSOCIATION

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DENVER (March 22, 2016) – The National Cattlemen’s Beef Association has named Kendal Frazier its new chief executive officer. NCBA president Tracy Brunner made the announcement, saying he is confident that the nation’s oldest and largest cattle industry association is in good hands.

“It was the belief of the officers and others involved with the search process that NCBA owed it to our members, our stakeholders and the beef community to take our time as we selected the right individual to serve as the next chief executive officer,” said Brunner. “Today, we can say with confidence that Kendal Frazier is the right leader for the association. With many years of experience working for state and national beef organizations, he has helped to guide our industry through some of its greatest challenges.

“Kendal's dedication to NCBA and his leadership abilities have been tested and proven while serving as interim CEO since June 2015. During that time, NCBA has not wavered from its responsibility to its members and affiliates as a grassroots policy organization. Likewise, NCBA has continued its partnership with state beef councils to protect and increase beef demand.”

Frazier said he is honored and excited for the opportunity to serve as CEO. “My priorities as CEO will be working with NCBA's stakeholders and other organizations to vigorously oppose the continued assault by the government on private property rights; work to expand and open markets around the world for U.S. beef; increase trust in U.S. beef production and ensure consumers fully understand the importance of beef’s role in their diets,” said Frazier. “By focusing on these key areas, we ensure there is a prosperous future for the next generation of cattlemen and women.

“It has been my privilege to serve our industry. I have spent my career working with and for beef producers, so I am well versed in the many challenges and exciting opportunities that face our industry. I’m looking forward to working with NCBA’s leadership, membership, staff, state affiliates, state beef councils and other stakeholders.”

Frazier was raised on a diversified cattle and grain operation in south-central Kansas. He is a graduate of Kansas State University and began his career as a farm broadcaster for WIBW Radio/Television before joining the staff at Kansas Livestock Association as director of communications. He joined the staff of the National Cattlemen’s Association in 1985 and has held several staff leadership roles during his career with the association.

“As CEO, I will continue to focus on working to ensure we are implementing NCBA’s contributions to the Industry Long Range Plan,” said Frazier. “We will also ensure that we are delivering on NCBA's member-directed policy priorities and executing NCBA's Strategic Plan. These documents are the roadmap for NCBA and by delivering on their promises, we will ensure success for NCBA, our members and our industry.”

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Celebrating Beef Producers

With the warmer spring months upon us, nature’s bounty is on full display throughout Nevada. And with Earth Day being celebrated on April 22, it’s always a great time to remind others (and ourselves) of the great stewardship of this land that are Nevada’s beef producers. So this month, we at the Nevada Beef Council (NBC) thought we’d share some important facts and background about beef production from an environmental standpoint. Some of this information is new, and some has been around for a while. But all in all, our hope is that this helps you as a beef producer continue to tell the story of how your work and way of life has a positive impact on the surrounding land and ecosystem.

The Latest in Beef Sustainability Research

In addition to sharing beef’s health benefits and positive aspects with consumers, the Nevada Beef Council (NBC) and Beef Checkoff are committed to conducting important research and disseminating science-based information regarding aspects of beef production that are critical to our industry’s long-term success.

One perennial topic of concern among consumers is that of “sustainability” – not just for beef, but for nearly all facets of life. In an effort to provide answers to some of the more challenging and complex questions about the sustainability of beef, the Beef Checkoff-funded sustainability research program developed a series of fact sheets called “Tough Questions about Beef Sustainability.” These informative fact sheets, available for download at www.beefresearch.org, provide good, factual information about a variety of aspects dealing with beef and environmental sustainability.

In one such fact sheet, researchers Ashely Broocks, Emily Andreini, Sara Place and Megan Rolf discuss beef’s important role in increasing carbon sequestration, which refers to the long-term capture and storage of carbon from the atmosphere (typically carbon dioxide, CO2). Enhancing biological carbon sequestration in soil and plants is a promising method of reducing greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions and combating climate change.

According to the fact sheet, “There are many different techniques to achieve carbon sequestration, including reducing tillage of soil and establishing permanent grasslands. Beef cattle play an important role in increasing carbon sequestration through the production of human food from untilled pastures, grasslands and rangeland,” in other words, lands that can store a large amount of carbon.

To learn more about this complex issue, and download fact sheets on other important aspects of beef’s sustainability, visit www.beefresearch.org.

Beef Production and Water Use

Though the moisture we’ve received in the past several months has been a welcome change from the past few years, the discussion surrounding beef and water use seems to be a perennial one in the arid West. It might be helpful to know just what the truth is when it comes to how much water it takes to produce beef.

According to www.beeffacts.com: “Taking into account all water from farm to fork—including water for cattle to drink as well as water used in irrigation of pasture land that cattle may graze on, growing crops (such as the carrot tops and almond hulls) that cattle may eat, harvesting and processing beef, water used for refrigeration units at the grocery store or at a restaurant to keep food cold, for transportation as well as in cooking, and even the water taken into account for food waste—it takes 617 gallons of water per one pound of boneless beef consumed, according to a recent beef industry sustainability lifecycle assessment, funded by the Beef Checkoff.”

It’s also important to remember that water for raising beef is not “used up.” The water cycle we all studied in elementary school still applies. Water percolates into aquifers, it runs down streams into lakes and oceans, it evaporates and returns as precipitation, and cattle pastures provide land to filter this water and return it to the ecosystem.

Overall Environmental Stewardship on the Ranch

This time of year is also a good time to remind folks that, for the beef producer, Earth Day is celebrated every day, in large and small ways. Sharing how the industry has achieved continuous improvement over the years is one way to highlight that fact. For example, research done by Washington State University’s Dr. Jude Capper suggests that without improvements within the U.S. beef production system, producing the same amount of beef as in 1970 would require:

− 10 million more beef cattle
− 17 million more acres of land for grazing and growing feed
− 81 million more tons of feed, and 138 billion more gallons of water

This would result in 18 million more metric tons of CO2 equivalent being released into the atmosphere, and 16.9 million acres of forests being destroyed in other countries to maintain global beef production, as U.S beef supply would decrease 17%.

Additional Resources

For more information on these complex topics, be sure to check out these helpful resources:

✓ 40 Ways Ranchers Help Protect the Environment:
  www.explorebeef.org/protectingresources.aspx
✓ Beef Sustainability Research:
  www.beefresearch.org/beefsustainabilityresearch.aspx

For more on NBC and Beef Checkoff activities, visit www.nevadabeef.org or www.mybeefcheckoff.com today.
Lazy Day Beef & Vegetable Soup

Ready to fire up your slow cooker?
This Lazy Day Beef & Vegetable Soup might be just the thing for chilly weeknights!

INGREDIENTS

- 2-1/2 pounds beef Stew Meat, cut into 3/4-inch pieces
- 2 cans (14 to 14-1/2 ounces each) reduced-sodium beef broth
- 1 can (15 ounces) chickpeas, rinsed, drained
- 1 can (14-1/2 ounces) no-salt added diced tomatoes, undrained
- 1 cup water
- 1 teaspoon dried Italian seasoning
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 teaspoon pepper
- 2 cups frozen mixed vegetables
- 1 cup uncooked ditalini or other small pasta
- Shredded Romano cheese (optional)

INSTRUCTIONS

1. Combine beef, broth, chickpeas, tomatoes, water, Italian seasoning, salt and pepper in 4-1/2 to 5-1/2-quart slow cooker; toss to coat well. Cover and cook on HIGH 5 hours or on LOW 8 hours. (No stirring is necessary during cooking.)
2. Stir in mixed vegetables and pasta. Continue cooking, covered, 1 hour or until beef and pasta are tender. Season with salt and pepper, as desired. Stir well before serving. Serve with cheese, if desired.

For this, and more great beef recipes, visit: www.beefitswhatsfordinner.com/recipe.aspx?id=4446

Total Recipe Time:
HIGH 5 to 6 hours or on LOW 8 to 9 hours
Makes 6 to 8 servings

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Be Well Represented
- Full time representation at the Nevada State Legislature during General Sessions (Part time representation during Interim Sessions)
- Influence on Governor appointed Boards and Committees

Networking Possibilities
- Receive Associate Member Directory which offers members insight to continued business members and friends of the industry
- Be eligible to serve on committees with other members
- Mingle with other members state and nation wide at:
  ◊ Annual Convention and Trade Show
  ◊ Cattlemen’s Update (co-sponsored with UNCE)
  ◊ Fallon All Breeds Bull Sale
  ◊ Young Cattlemen’s Conference

Educational Opportunities
- Receive email updates
- Subscription to our monthly newsletter Sage Signals
- Online BQA Certification
- Be informed of upcoming educational forums provided through-out the State
- Be supportive of our youth development programs including:
  ◊ NCA Scholarship
  ◊ Teacher of the Year Award
  ◊ Participation in NCBA’s Young Cattlemen’s Conference
- Coordination with local and state agricultural education programs

Objectives of NCA
The Nevada Cattlemen’s Association is a non-profit trade association that was established in 1935. We provide a means for Nevada’s cattle industry to present a united front in issues that impact us all.

Our mission is to promote a dynamic and profitable Nevada beef industry which represents the interests of it producers and consistently meets the consumer’s needs while increasing Nevada’s market share.

The Association works hard to protect private property, vested water, and grazing rights. We achieve this through increased public awareness of our industry, and agriculture in general. We promote the balance of wildlife and livestock with available resources.

The Association feels strongly that the future of rural Nevada depends on healthy viable land produced by Nevada ranchers.

TYPES OF MEMBERSHIP:

Ranch Member: $150.00
+ $.40 per head over fifty
- General Membership Benefits
- Membership decal
- 10% discount on advertising in Sage Signals and Fallon Bull Sale Catalog

Young Cattlemen: $35.00
- Must be 35 years of age or younger
- General Membership Benefits
- Membership decal
- 10% discount on advertising in Sage Signals and Fallon Bull Sale Catalog

Regional Associate: $125.00
- Benefits of a Ranch Membership, Local Associate Membership and;
  - One additional subscription to Sage Signals
  - One free ¼ page ad annually in Sage Signals
  - A wall plaque upon initiation of membership recognizing your business as a Regional Associate (yearly brass plate for subsequent years of Regional Associate Membership)

State Associate: $500.00
- Benefits of a Ranch Membership, Local/Regional Associate Memberships and;
  - Nine additional subscriptions to Sage Signals
  - Two free half-page ads annually in Sage Signals
  - One mailing to NCA Membership of material that the committee determines to be of value to the industry
  - A wall plaque upon initiation of membership recognizing your business as a State Associate (yearly brass plate for subsequent years of State Associate Membership)

Supporting Member: $50.00
- General Membership Benefits
- Membership decal

Local Associate: $100.00
- Benefits of Ranch Membership and;
  - Discounted booth at the Annual Convention and Trade Show and/or Fallon Bull Sale Trade Show
  - Listing in Associate Member Directory (May include ad/coupon with listing)

Membership Application
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PO Box 310, Elko, NV 89803
If paying by credit card, application can be faxed to 775-738-5208

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