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Nevada Cattlemen's Association Awarding Two Scholarship Opportunities



The Nevada Cattlemen's Association (NCA) is pleased to announce our 2023 scholarship opportunities. NCA will again be offering two scholarships. The NCA Scholarship will be awarded to a first-year college student beginning to pursue an education within the agricultural industry. This scholarship is open to all Nevada High School graduating seniors planning to attend a community college or four-year university and majoring in an agriculture related field. The amount of this scholarship for 2023 will be \$1,500!

NCA Scholarship

Eligibility & application requirements for the NCA Scholarship include:

· Applicant must be a senior graduating from a Nevada High School.

- Applicant must plan to attend a Community College or a 4-year College or University.
- · Applicant must be seeking a degree in an agricultural related field.
- · Applicant must have at least a 2.5 GPA. A copy of the student's official transcripts is required.
- · Applicant must submit a cover letter describing themselves and how your future plans tie into the future of the cattle industry, background in the beef industry, and how this scholarship may benefit you, etc...

NCA is also pleased to announce the continuation of the Marvel/Andrae Scholarship, which is available to

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Nevada Cattlemen's Association Seeking 2023 Teacher of the Year Nominations

he Nevada Cattlemen's Association has started their annual quest for 🛮 incorporates agriculture into their regular curriculum. For example, a teacher lacktriangle Teacher of the Year candidates and are asking for your help in soliciting nominations. The deadline for submitting nominations is **June 16th**, **2023**.

Nominees must be an elementary, junior high, or high school teacher who

who teaches a one-week segment on agriculture and its importance to Nevada. Current Agricultural Education teachers are not eligible. Nominees may also include teachers considered in previous years but were not selected for the award.

Nominations must include a completed NCA Teacher of the Year Application Form and an attached essay describing why the teacher is being nominated.

The winner of this award will receive a \$1000 school supply stipend donated by Nevada Agriculture Foundation. The award recipient will also be recognized during the Nevada Cattlemen's Association's annual awards banquet on November 18th, 2023, in Winnemucca, NV at the Winnemucca Convention Center.

Anyone may submit a nomination form which is available at www. nevadacattlemen.org. For any questions, please contact the NCA office at 775-738-9214. Nominations may be submitted by email to nca@nevadabeef.org with "2023 Teacher of the Year Nomination" in the subject line; forms may be faxed to 775-738-5208; or sent by mail to, "Teacher of the Year Nomination", C/O Nevada Cattlemen's Association, P.O. Box 310, Elko, NV 89803.



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President's Perspective

Jon Griggs, President, Nevada Cattlemen's Association

here's no manual or train-**⊥** ing to learn how to be president of this Association. Much like we do in ranching, we presidents learn from those that go before us.

Around the turn of the century when I started becoming active in the Association, the president was John Falen. I found John to be a bit of a conundrum, with his consummate cowboy look and sometimes gruff exterior, you would think he would be a "my way or the highway" kind of guy. He was a principled man who stuck to his guns to be sure, but he had a knack for building relationships and bringing people into the fold that he had absolutely nothing in common with.

I think that John understood that we get where we are in our thought processes by our life experiences and although some of our conclusions might not be exactly smart, it doesn't mean we're stupid. We're sure lacking that notion todav, aren't we.

This is the thing that I learned from John, listen respectfully to folks perspective, share experiences that may enlighten the course of action and proceed on the common ground. I can't do it with the engaging smile John had though.

I know there to be agency folks, environmentalists, wild horse advocates, politicians, and an awful lot of ranchers who would agree that we need more John Falens in our lives. Rest easy John.

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graduating high school seniors or students currently enrolled in college. To be eligible, students must be pursuing a bachelor's degree in agricultural economics, agricultural business, or the animal/meat science fields. The 2023 Marvel/Andrae Scholarship award will be \$2,000!

The Nevada Cattlemen's Association would like to thank Agri Beef for their continued support of the Marvel/Andrae Scholarship. This scholarship recognizes the legacies of Tom & Rosita Marvel and Jim & Sharon Andrae and the many contributions these two Nevada ranching families have made to our industry.

Marvel/Andrae Scholarship

Eligibility & application requirements for the Marvel/Andrae Scholarship include:

- Applicant must plan to attend or be currently attending a Community College or a 4-year College or University.
- Applicant must be from Nevada and pursuing a degree in a bachelor's degree in agricultural economics, agricultural business, or the animal/meat science fields.

- Applicant must have at least a 2.8 GPA. A copy of the student's official transcripts is required.
- Students that were previous recipients of the NCA Scholarship and meet the eligibility requirements of the Marvel-Andrae Scholarship are eligible to apply.
- · Applicant must submit a cover letter describing themselves, background, goals, future plans, and how this scholarship may benefit them, etc.

Students and educators interested in these two great scholarship opportunities are encouraged to contact the Nevada Cattlemen's Association. Scholarship application forms can be downloaded from the Nevada Cattlemen's website at www.nevadacattlemen.org, or applicants can call the NCA office at 775-738-9214 or send a request to nca@nevadabeef. org for a copy.

Completed applications are due April 3, 2023, and can be mailed to: Attn: Research & Education Committee, c/o Nevada Cattlemen's Association, P.O. Box 310, Elko, NV 89803: or submitted by email to nca@nevadabeef.org.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Great Basin Bull Sale

February 18, 2023 — Fallon, NV 3C Event Complex, 325 Sheckler Road

Nevada Cattlemen's Association 88th Annual Convention

November 16-18, 2023 — Winnemucca Conventions Center Winnemucca, NV

Membership

We would like to thank the following people for joining or renewing their membership with Nevada Cattlemen's Association between December 24, 2022 and January 20, 2023.

(New members are in bold.)

- All American Hay LLC, Paige Marie Poulos
- Bench Creek Ranch/Gascon Cattle, Paul Plouviez
- Robert E. Bennett
- Cross 7 Livestock LLC, J. J. Goicoechea
- Dalton Livestock LLC, Brad & Dani Dalton, Vernon & Joanne Dalton Jay Dalton, Cameron Dalton
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2023 Elko County Cattlewomen Scholarship

The Elko County Cattlewomen will be awarding three \$500.00 scholarships. Eligibility requirements are:

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- 3. Emphasis will be based on student's agricultural interests and activities as well as financial need and G.P.A.

The student does not need to be involved with the cattle industry. We are looking for well-rounded individuals who will continue school in the United States. No letters of recommendation will be accepted or considered. They will not be forwarded to the selection committee. Applications are due April 1, 2023 and can be completed at the following link-https://forms.gle/5Fo4CesqwBQgAwCK9. We will notify the selected students by May 1, 2023.

Scholarship funds will be awarded to the recipient upon proof of registration at their respective college. If you have any questions, please contact Julie Irish at julieirish19@gmail.com or call 702-768-9994.



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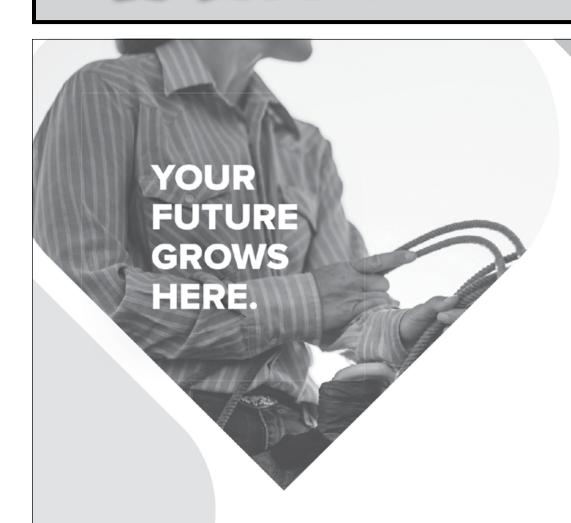
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Gov. Lombardo approves appointment of J.J. Goicoechea as NDA Director

(CARSON CITY, Nev.) – Governor Joe Lombardo has approved the appointment of Dr. Julian Joseph (J.J.) Goicoechea as director of the Nevada Department of Agriculture (NDA).

"I'm excited to announce J.J. Goicoechea as the new Director of the Department of Agriculture," said Governor Joe Lombardo. "J.J. is one of the best and brightest leaders in agriculture in Nevada, and I'm grateful for his willingness to serve our state. I know that the Department of Agriculture will greatly benefit from J.J.'s thoughtful leadership, wealth of knowledge, and decades of hands-on experience."

Director Goicoechea is well-versed in agriculture industries, previously serving the NDA as state veterinarian from 2016 to 2019 and currently serving as interim state veterinarian. Director Goicoechea received his doctorate in veterinary medicine from Colorado State University and did his undergrad studies at the University of Nevada, Reno. Director Goicoechea has practiced veterinary medicine in rural Nevada for over 20 years and assisted with the family ranching operation in addition to his experience as Eureka County Commissioner.

"I look forward to stepping into this new role and I'd like to thank Governor Lombardo and the Nevada Board of Agriculture for the opportunity to serve as NDA Director," said Director Goicoechea.



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Governor Joe Lombardo Appoints Alan Jenne Director of the Nevada Department of Wildlife

Reno, NV- Nevada Governor Joe Lombardo has appointed Alan Jenne as Director for the Nevada Department of Wildlife (NDOW). The appointment comes after Tony Wasley, NDOW Director of almost 10 years, retired in December ending a 25-year tenure with the agency.

"I'm pleased to announce Alan Jenne as the new Director of the Nevada Department of Wildlife," said Governor Joe Lombardo. "Alan is a dedicated public servant and brings great insight to the department. Alan is committed to conserving Nevada's wildlife and managing our incredible public lands, and I look forward to his leadership."

Jenne has served as the Administrator for NDOW's Habitat Division since 2013, leading all wildlife habitat-related programs, projects, and challenges across the state. He brings an extensive history in wildlife conservation to his new position, with experience working in all three NDOW regions and three of NDOW's four resource divisions: Habitat, Fisheries, and Game.

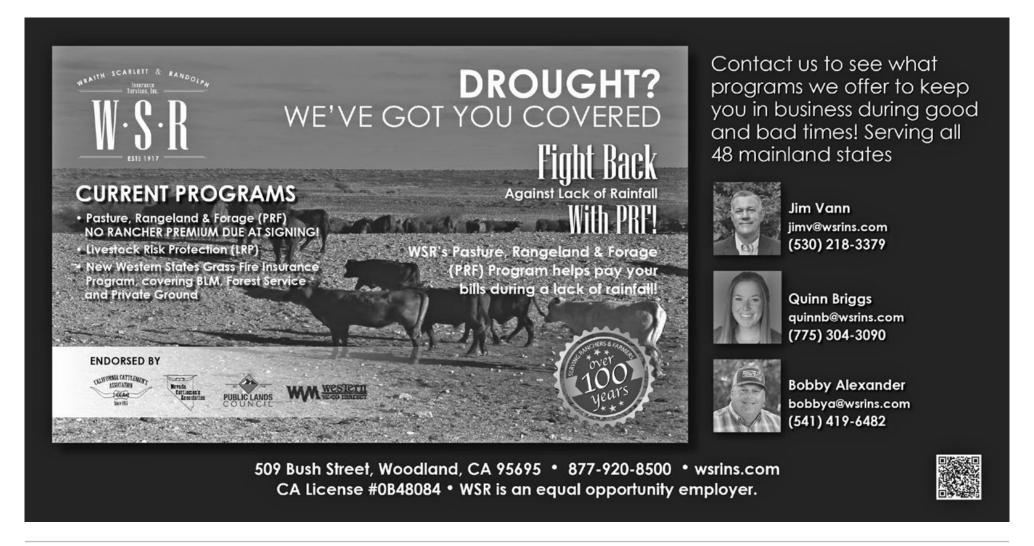
Jenne, a Nevada native who graduated from the University of Idaho with a B.S. in Wildlife Biology, first started working for the agency in 1993 at the Overton Wildlife Management Area in Clark County. Before being appointed as Habitat Division Administrator in 2013, Jenne worked in a variety of programs and positions, including Wildlife Technician on the Water Development Program in Winnemucca, Fisheries Biologist in Winnemucca and Elko, and Supervising Hab-

itat Biologist in Elko.

During Jenne's tenure as Division Administrator the Habitat Division has made many accomplishments including:

- Restoration and rehabilitation of more than 500,000 acres of wildlife habitat since 2016.
- Transfer of nearly 30,000 acres of lands from federal ownership to the State
 of Nevada to augment the Steptoe Wildlife Management Area and create the
 Carson Lake Wildlife Management Area.
- Partnering on the establishment of conservation easements to protect wildlife habitat in the Ruby Mountains and Independence Mountains of Elko County.
- Established a five-year \$10 million assistance agreement with the Bureau of Land Management for habitat restoration and rehabilitation in 2022.
- Technical review of more than 500 public land projects per year to minimize wildlife and habitat impacts.

"I owe Governor Lombardo a huge debt of gratitude for this opportunity to serve Nevadans, the sportsmen and women of Nevada, and the employees of NDOW," Jenne said. "I look forward to taking advantage of my years of experience and diverse partnerships to promote and sustain the wildlife and wild places of Nevada for our future generations."











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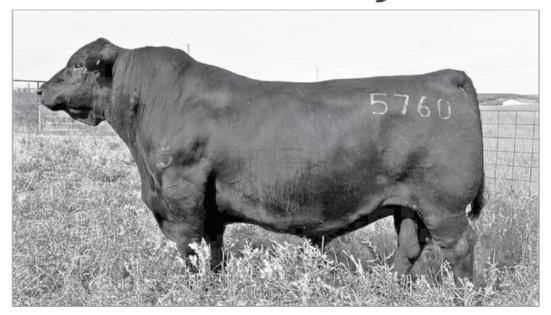


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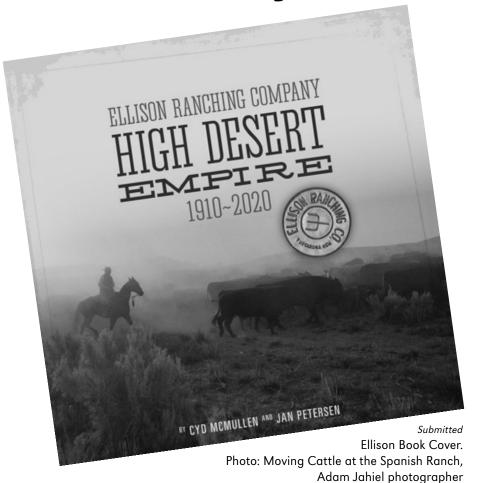


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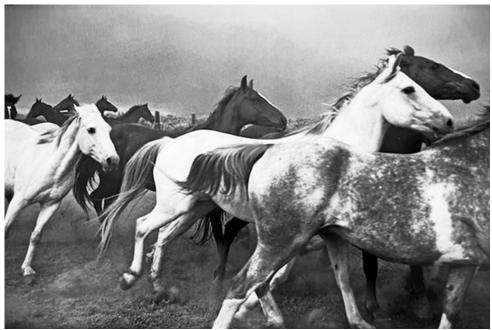
Nevada Authors Publish 100-year Tribute to Elko County's Ellison Ranching Company



ELKO – President of Ellison Ranching Company, Ira T. Wines, was pleased to announce the recent release of High Desert Empire: Ellison Ranching Company 1910-2020, an historical look at one of the few remaining family-owned ranching operations that once dominated the west. Written by Great Basin College professor emeritus Dr. Cyd McMullen in collaboration Jan Petersen, well-known Elko historian, the book chronicles the founding of what is today one of the top 7 cowcalf operations and one of the top 25 landholders in the country.

Wines said McMullen and Petersen did extensive and thorough research to provide accurate facts and background that detail the development of Ellison Ranching Company from 1910, when the first ERC ranches were purchased in Humboldt County, NV to present day. During the intervening years, he noted, the company has coped with the ever-fickle climate of the Great Basin, two World Wars, the Great Depression, labor shortages, price fluctuations for beef and lamb and federal regulation of agricultural lands.

The book was commissioned by past-president and chairman of the board, Peter K. Ellison, as a legacy project to document the story of a company that is the sole survivor of these difficult times, testament to the tenacity and wisdom and foresight of founder E.P. Ellison and the hard work of family, directors and employees, Wines said. Today the company operates three historic ranches in the



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Spanish Ranch horses, Kurt Markus photographer

high desert of Northeastern Nevada, the Spanish Ranch, The Seventy-One and the PX. It is known for the high quality of the cattle and sheep it produces, for its innovative practices and for honoring the traditions of the past.

"Ellison Ranching Company has built an empire on positive values - perseverance, fair dealing, pride in accomplishment – that give it a place of honor in the history of ranching and the American West," McMullen said. "Historians of the ranching west have often used the term 'Empire' to refer to very large ranching operations of the past. In this sense, it conveys size and complexity, scope of operation, and geographical reach in a very large enterprise. Ellison Ranching Company belongs in this category."

McMullen and Petersen gathered data from company minutes and conducted interviews with members of the Ellison family as well as past and present employees. Historical photographs and maps documenting much of the ranch's rich past are highlighted by contemporary photographs from acclaimed western photographers Kurt Markus, Adam Jahiel, and John Langmore. The completed project was printed by Book Printers of Utah under the direction of Bryan Crockett and the book design was done by Maralee Nelson of M Graphic Design. This is Nelson's second Ellison family project. In 2005 she designed a detailed history of First National Bank of Layton, one of E.P. Ellison's earlier endeavors.

Copies of the book can be purchased in Elko at the Cowboy Arts and Gear Museum, Western Folklife Center and Northeastern Nevada Museum or by contacting the Ellison Ranching Company offices at 775-753-8826. The authors will be available for book signings during the National Cowboy Poetry Gathering in Elko, February 3, 2023 at 3:00 pm at the Elko Convention Center and Saturday, February 4, 2023, 10:00 am to 11:00 am, at the Cowboy Arts and Gear Museum.

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MCC Oregon Franchise 255

Take a look at this Franchise son out of an Oracle daughter. Those who know our program, know what an impact Oracle has had, and not just because we own a piece of this legendary sire. Franchise 8982 has proven to be an excellent investment for us. 255's Oracle dam has added calving ease and solid carcass qualities to this bull.



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MTM Rambler 250

At the 2019 9-Mile Sale, Great Basin was the standout fall bull in sale and Josh Dykes was so impressed with him he made a deal with us to use him for natural service for two years. A long list of Great Basin sons were in the 2021 9-Mile sale. Rambler 250 is out of Ramblin Ruby 866 who is one of our top-producers. She has the kind of EPDs veteran cattlemen are looking for in terms of a 3% calving ease maternal and upper end scores for weaning weight, yearling weight, and average daily gain. His

rib eye measured 15.96. He has an adjusted birth weight of 73, an adjusted weaning weight of 811 pound, and an adjusted yearling weight of 1317.

MCC Oracle Heritage 257

For those who are familiar with Red Angus in this area, this bull goes back to the old Echo Jane Line which came from Larry Rew and was important in our foundation. The Rew Ranch was just a stone's throw from where we are today. The sire is Oracle, a bull that has done wonders for us and produced our highest selling bull, Ukiah.,who brought \$15,000 from Lee Leachman. The Echo Jane calves are stout, rugged, easy-fleshing, and hardy-doers. She produced our 2nd highest weaning bull calf.



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USDA Expands Eligibility, Enhances Benefits for Key Disaster Programs

Policy changes will help more producers recover from natural disasters

WASHINGTON, Jan. 10, 2023 – The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) made updates to several conservation, livestock and crop disaster assistance programs to give more farmers, ranchers, and tribes the opportunity to apply for and access programs that support recovery following natural disasters. Specifically, USDA's Farm Service Agency (FSA) expanded eligibility and enhanced available benefits for a suite of its programs. These updates will provide critical assistance to producers who need to rebuild and recover after suffering catastrophic losses of production and infrastructure due to natural disasters.

FSA has updated the following programs: The Emergency Conservation Program (ECP), the Emergency Forest Restoration Program (EFRP), the Emergency Assistance for Livestock, Honeybees, and Farm-raised Fish (ELAP), the Livestock Forage Disaster Program (LFP), the Livestock Indemnity Program (LIP) and the Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance Program (NAP).

"As I meet with producers across the country, I have gained a better understanding of the ways in which our programs work—and the ways in which they can be improved to better support all producers, especially those who are working to rebuild their operations after a disaster," said FSA Administrator Zach Ducheneaux. "This set of updates to our disaster assistance programs reflects FSA's commitment to listening to producers and responding to their needs wherever we have the authorities to do so. We are confident that these changes will increase the both the accessibility and efficacy of our disaster assistance programs, consistent with our goal to build equity into the fabric of our work at the FSA."

Conservation Disaster Assistance Updates

FSA updated ECP to:

- Allow producers who lease Federally owned or managed lands, including tribal trust land, as well as State land the opportunity to participate.
- Provide advance payments, up to 25% of the cost, for all ECP practices before
 the restoration is carried out, an option that was previously only available
 for fence repair or replacement. The cost-share payment must be spent within 60 days.

Additionally, Congress also authorized the Federal government to pay 100% of the ECP and EFRP cost for damage associated with the Hermit's Peak/Calf Canyon Fire in New Mexico. This fire burned over 340,000 acres from April 2022 to June 2022 and was the largest wildfire in recorded history in New Mexico. ECP and EFRP cost-share assistance is typically capped at 75%. This policy change for 100% cost-share applies only to those locations impacted by the Hermit's Peak/Calf Canyon Fire.

 $ECP\ and\ EFRP\ provide\ financial\ and\ technical\ assistance\ to\ restore\ conservation\ practices\ like\ fencing,\ damaged\ farmland\ or\ forests.$

Livestock Disaster Assistance Updates

FSA also expanded eligible livestock under ELAP, LFP and LIP. Specifically, horses maintained on eligible grazing land are eligible for ELAP, LFP and LIP. Many family farms and ranches use their forage to raise horses to augment their other agriculture endeavors. FSA recognizes that animals maintained in a commercial agriculture operation, add value to the operation and could be available

for marketing from the farm. FSA regulations have been updated to include these animals as eligible livestock

Horses and other animals that are used or intended to be used for racing and wagering remain ineligible.

Ostriches are also now eligible for LFP and ELAP. FSA is making this change because ostriches satisfy more than 50% of their net energy requirement through the consumption of growing forage grasses and legumes and are therefore considered "grazing animals".

This change for ostriches is effective for the 2022 program year for both LFP and ELAP. ELAP requires a notice of loss to be filed with FSA within 30 days of when the loss is first apparent. Because this deadline may have passed for 2022, FSA is extending the deadline for filing notices of loss through March 31, 2023.

LIP and ELAP reimburses producers for a portion of the value of livestock, poultry and other animals that died as a result of a qualifying natural disaster event or for loss of grazing acres, feed and forage. LFP provides benefits for grazing losses due to drought and eligible wildfires on federally managed lands.

Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance

NAP provides financial assistance to producers of non-insurable crops when low yields, loss of inventory or prevented planting occur due to natural disasters. Basic NAP coverage is equivalent to the catastrophic level risk protection plan of insurance coverage, which is based on the amount of loss that exceeds 50% of expected production at 55% of the average market price for the crop.

Previously, to be eligible for NAP coverage, a producer had to submit an application (Form CCC-471) for NAP coverage on or before the application closing date. For 2022, if a producer has a *Socially Disadvantaged, Limited Resource, Beginning and Veteran Farmer or Rancher Certification* (Form CCC-860) on file with FSA, it will serve as an application for basic coverage for all eligible crops having a 2022 application closing date and all NAP-related service fees for basic coverage will be waived for these producers.

FSA will notify all eligible producers who already have the CCC-860 certification form on file of their eligibility for NAP basic coverage for 2022. To potentially receive NAP assistance, producers who suffered losses due to natural disasters in 2022 should file an acreage report as well as a notice of loss with the FSA at their local Service Center.

Producers who are interested in obtaining NAP coverage for 2023 and subsequent years should also contact their local FSA county office for information on eligibility, coverage options and applying for coverage.

Reporting Losses

Producers impacted by a natural disaster should report losses and damages and file an application with their FSA county office. Timelines for reporting losses and applying for payments differ by program.

For LIP and ELAP, producers will need to file a Notice of Loss for livestock and grazing or feed losses within 30 days and honeybee losses within 15 days. For

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LFP, producers must provide a completed application for payment and required supporting documentation to their FSA office within 30 calendar days after the end of the calendar year in which the grazing loss occurred.

For NAP, producers should contact their local FSA office for guidelines on submitting a notice of loss and filing an acreage certification.

More Information

The updates to these programs build on other Biden-Harris administration efforts to improve disaster assistance programs, including additional flexibility in obtaining Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance Program (NAP) basic coverage for socially disadvantaged, beginning, limited resource and veteran farmers and ranchers.

Previous enhancement to the ELAP provide program benefits to producers of fish raised for food and other aquaculture species as well as cover above normal expenses for transporting livestock to forage and grazing acres and transport feed to livestock impacted by qualifying drought. And earlier updates to the LIP payment rates better reflect the true market value of non-adult beef, beefalo, bison and dairy animals.

Yesterday, FSA announced it would begin accepting applications for the Emergency Relief Program (ERP) Phase Two and the new Pandemic Assistance Revenue Program (PARP) on Jan. 23, 2023, through June 2, 2023. ERP Phase Two is designed to fill gaps in the delivery of program benefits not covered in ERP Phase One and improves equity in program delivery to underserved producers. PARP

will help address gaps in previous pandemic assistance, which was targeted at price loss or lack of market access, rather than overall revenue losses. Learn more in the Jan. 9, 2023 news release.

Additional Resources

On farmers.gov, the Disaster Assistance Discovery Tool, Disaster Assistance-at-a-Glance fact sheet, and Farm Loan Discovery Tool can help producers and landowners determine program or loan options. For assistance with a crop insurance claim, producers and landowners should contact their crop insurance agent. For FSA and Natural Resources Conservation Service programs, contact the local USDA Service Center.

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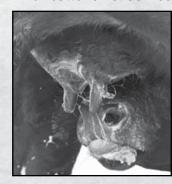
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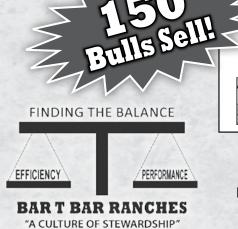
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USDA Forest Service Launches New Efforts in Nevada to Address the Wildfire Crisis

Oden, UT, —Department of Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack announced Jan. 19 expanded efforts to reduce wild-fire risk across the western U.S., directly affecting national forests here in Nevada.

These investments, made possible through the Biden Administration's Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL) and the Inflation Reduction Act (IRA), will directly benefit at-risk communities and critical infrastructure across 11 additional landscapes in Arizona, California, Idaho, Nevada, Oregon, Utah and Washington.

"It is no longer a matter of if a wildfire will threaten many western communities in these landscapes, it is a matter of when," said Secretary Vilsack. "The need to invest more and to move quickly is apparent. This is a crisis and President Biden is treating it as one. Today's announcement will bring more than \$490 million to 11 key landscapes across the western United States, and will be used to restore our national forests, including the restoration of resilient oldgrowth forest conditions."

In Nevada, the Sierra and Elko Fronts were selected for increased funding. The Sierra Front Landscape is approximately 2 million acres, including National Forest System and Bureau of Land Management lands. 810,000 acres of this landscape is located National Forest System lands. The Elko Front Landscape is approximately 1.4 million acres, including National Forest System and Bureau of Land Management lands. 340,000 acres of this landscape is located on National Forest System lands.

This announcement complements the agency's 10 land-scape projects announced in 2022 and the agency's broader strategy to address critical infrastructure, community protection, and forest resilience at risk to catastrophic wildfire. Combined with the initial investment landscapes, these actions will span nearly 45 million acres across 137 of the 250 high-risk firesheds in the western U.S., with a total investment of \$930 million on 21 landscapes across 26.7

million acres in 2023. This work will mitigate risk to approximately 200 communities within these landscapes.

"I'm thrilled Nevada is receiving this historic investment of \$53 million in 2023 in federal funds from the U.S. Forest Service for high-impact projects in high-risk communities that will significantly reduce wildfire threats in Elko County and along the Sierra Front," said Nevada Governor Joe Lombardo. "I thank our multi-agency Shared Stewardship partners for working together to increase the pace and scale resources, and the Nevada way of life – on both public and private land."

"With this announcement of priority landscapes in Nevada, we have the ability to place focus on addressing the wildfire crisis immediately," said Intermountain Regional Forester Mary Farnsworth. This investment will directly benefit at-risk communities and protect vital watersheds along the Elko and Sierra Fronts while enhancing forest conditions and creating a fire resilient forest.

"The Shared Stewardship Strategy recognizes the complexity of wildfire management in Nevada," said Nevada State Forester Kacey KC. "It takes all of us – state, federal and local government, tribal nations, private landowners, community organizations and private industry – working together to create fire-resilient landscapes and communities in our highest risk areas across Nevada."

To meet this moment, Secretary Vilsack is also authorizing the Forest Service to utilize a new emergency authority in the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law, combined with strategic implementation of existing authorities. Doing so will enable the agency to move more quickly in applying targeted treatments to high-risk firesheds identified in the agency's Wildfire Crisis Strategy, as well as post-fire recovery areas most impacted the past several years.

These actions are required to be conducted in an ecologically appropriate manner that maximizes the retention of large trees, considers historically underserved communities and tribes, and is done collaboratively with communities and partners.

"Doing this work in the right place, at the right time, and at the right scale, combined with the use of emergency authorities, will accelerate our planning, consultation, contracting, hiring and project work to reduce wildfire risk and improve forest health and resilience," said Forest Service Chief Randy Moore. "Collaboration with Tribes, communities and partners will remain a priority, and we will continue to use the best available science when carrying out this important work."









NCBA Statement on USDA Proposed Traceability Rule

WASHINGTON (January 18, 2023) – National Cattlemen's Beef Association (NCBA) President-Elect Todd Wilkinson, a South Dakota cattle producer and chairman of the NCBA traceability working group, today released the following statement regarding the U.S. Department of Agriculture's (USDA) proposed rule on electronic identification for cattle moving interstate:

"As USDA has worked toward a nationally significant animal disease traceability program, NCBA has remained engaged in the conversation with industry stakeholders and USDA to ensure the interests of cattle producers are represented and protected. It is critical that any program ultimately adopted by USDA allows for maximum flexibility and privacy. At the same time, USDA must also minimize the costs for producers and any business disruptions to the industry.

"Foot-and-mouth disease outbreaks across the globe continue to result in disruptions to commerce and depopulated livestock, the need for bold action is immediate and evident. However, NCBA is committed to working with USDA to ensure workable solutions are identified and ultimately implemented. Cattle producers can be confident that any finished product will protect our national livestock herd. We will ensure it provides maximum producer privacy and flexibility with minimal costs, exactly what our stakeholders have told us they expect from USDA."

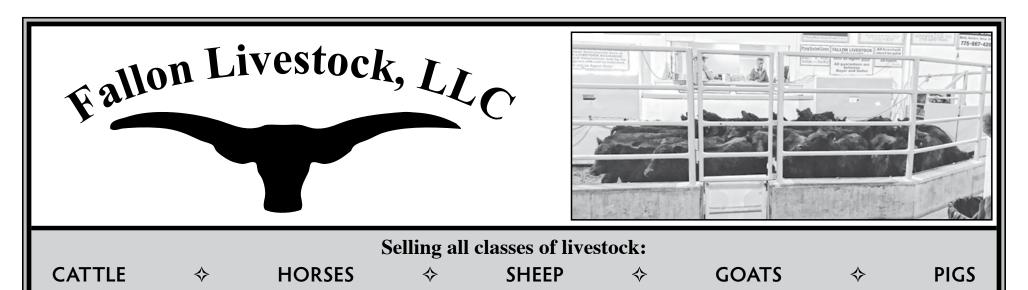
NCBA is reviewing the proposed rule in its entirety to determine whether it meets the criteria that NC-BA's policy has outlined below.

Background

NCBA grassroots policy, which is brought forward and voted on by individual cattle producers, states that NCBA believes an effective animal disease traceability program should:

- Be compatible with private sector animal ID and verification programs backed by the USDA.
- Be compatible with the general traceability principles of the World Organization for Animal Health (WOAH).

- Recognize existing USDA programs for beef exports.
- Be built using infrastructure that supports other potential uses of ID.
- Utilize low-cost electronic official tagging devices paid for by federal and/or state funds, when possible.
- Require that cattle ID information for disease traceability be kept confidential and strongly protected from disclosure.
- Protect ownership information from disclosure to future owners.
- Protect producers from liability for acts of others, after the cattle have left the producer's control.
- Operate at the speed of commerce.
- Not replace or impede existing state brand inspection activities.
- Work within a framework to accommodate all classes of cattle.



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Your Checkoff Dollars at Work

By Makenzie Neves, Manager of Producer Education and Engagement

Are Consumers Still Satisfied with Steak?

— An Update from the Steak Satisfaction Survey —

Courtesy of BeefIt'sWhatsForDinner.com

The National Cattlemen's Beef Association (NCBA), on behalf of the Beef Check-▲ off, is continually monitoring and identifying the main drivers of beef demand. These five primary demand drivers are thought to be some of the most significant influencers of beef demand, and consist of eating experience, convenience/versatility, price, raised/grown, and nutrition. NCBA, on behalf of the Beef Checkoff, conducts regular studies to monitor beef's performance within these primary demand drivers. One such survey makes use of the Consumer Beef Tracker to continually monitor reported levels of consumer sat-

Satisfaction

Eating experience satisfaction is consistently higher at home than at a restaurant for a variety of beef products, but still exceptional overall

Figure 1. Satisfaction from Beef Eating Experiences¹

ularity. Consumer satisfaction remains the highest for steak products, both at home and at a restaurant. Figure 1 shows that consumers recognize and appreciate the eating experience received from purchasing beef steak. Interestingly, claims of satisfaction are higher at home for all three products, potentially because meals at home can

Eaten in the Past Week: Trends

eating steak at home has seen an increase

Eating steak in a restaurant has been trending down recently, while

Figure 2. Occurrences of Eating Steak at Home and at Restaurants¹.

be customized much easier than meals at a restaurant. This trend also comes in light of decreasing restaurant visits across the food service chain. Foodservice traffic has decreased over 10% yearover-year in June 2022, with a further yearly decrease from March to May 20222. As inflationary pressures continue to rise, consum-

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ers are being forced to alter their preferences and household budgets.

Steak is not exempt from these decreased restaurant visits. Figure 2 shows occurrences of eating steak in a restaurant have decreased by 27% from January 2022 - Au-

gust 2022, while occurrences of eating steak at home have increased by 15% from January 2022 - August 2022, further indicating that consumers are shifting to dining in instead of visiting a restaurant. However, despite the decreasing occurrences of restaurant visits, spending at restaurants increased 7% in June 2022, although this could be due to

elevated price levels at

Steak Satisfaction: Trends

Satisfaction mean scores at home have fluctuated throughout 2022, decreasing from July 2022 to August 2022

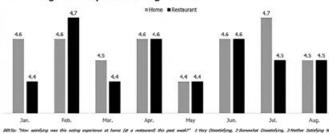


Figure 3. Average Satisfaction Levels of Eating Steak Both at Home and at a Restaurant1

restaurants2. While some consumers may continue to visit restaurants despite these increased prices, other consumers may opt to dine at home in favor of affordability.

Trending satisfaction levels for eating steak at home have fluctuated throughout the first quarter of 2022, before reaching a 2022 year to date high in July. Since then, satisfaction levels have decreased from July 2022 - August 2022. Steak satisfaction levels at a restaurant exhibited more volatility through the first and second quarters of 2022, before dropping from June 2022 - August 2022. These recently decreased levels of satisfaction could be due to the increased cost of the meals. If this is the case,

then steak is not alone as most food products have increased in price over the past year.

Willingness to pay for steak has also decreased slightly from the high of April - June 2022, as shown by Figure 4, and has dipped slightly below the average retail price for the same time frame. This inversion could be due

Willingness to Pay vs. Average Retail Price

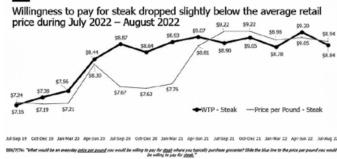


Figure 4. Steak Willingness to Pay vs. Average Retail Price^{1,3}

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to the increased price volatility within protein markets over the last few months. As prices for common goods continue to climb, consumers may become less able to purchase the same goods they historically have. Despite this recent dip, the current willingness to pay for July – August 2022 remains strong in comparison to past willingness to pay reports and is currently \$1.70 higher than July – September 2019. Additionally, willingness to pay for steak has remained consistently above other proteins and other beef cuts^{1,3}.

As various economic forces continue to affect consumer preferences, beef steak continues to remain a popular protein source due to the consistently enjoyable experience this cut provides, both at home and at a restaurant. As restaurant visits remain compressed and prices continue to be a pain point for consumers, at home preparation continues to occupy a larger share of beef purchases. As consumers continue to employ caution with their purchasing decisions, a reliable and enjoyable eating experience may work in beef steaks favor. It is important that the industry continues efforts to assure consumers that eating steak will not only provide a satisfying experience but can also be purchased amidst tightening household budgets.

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