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Nevada Cattlemen's Association Springtime Update

By Martin Paris, NCA Executive Director

The Fallon Bull Sale that we held in February was a great success again this year. We have just finished wrapping up everything from the sale and would like to once again give thanks to all of our consignors, buyers, sponsors, and volunteers for your support this year. We look forward to seeing you all again in 2022!

Aside from shiny new calves, rain (hopefully), and moving our clocks ahead one hour, springtime comes with a little extra in odd numbered years in Nevada. The 81st Nevada Legislative Session is in full swing. The Session began on February 1st and will end on May 31st, but not without a lot of action in between. This year's Session looks quite a bit different than years past. Legislators, staff, and certain media are able to conduct business in the Legislative Building but everyone else is locked out, at least for the time being.

If you are looking to provide testimony on a bill, expect to register to speak 24 hours prior to the hearing, read the rulebook on testifying remotely, listen to several different prompts during the hearing, hit *6 on your phone to mute and unmute yourself, and you are ready to go.

I recently had the opportunity to provide testimony in opposition of Senate Bill 54. SB 54 proposes to drastically change the current representation on the Nevada Board of Agriculture. At

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After Identifying Gaps in Previous Aid, USDA Announces 'Pandemic Assistance for Producers' to Distribute Resources More Equitably

USDA Reopens Program Sign-Up to a Larger Share of Producers with Plans to Expand Outreach and New Programming

Washington, D.C., March 24, 2021 – Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack announced today that USDA is establishing new programs and efforts to bring financial assistance to farmers, ranchers and producers who felt the impact of COVID-19 market disruptions. The new initiative—USDA Pandemic Assistance for Producers—will reach a broader set of producers than in previous COVID-19 aid programs. USDA is dedicating at least \$6 billion toward the new programs. The Department will also develop rules for new programs that will put a greater emphasis on outreach to small and socially disadvantaged producers, specialty crop and organic producers, timber harvesters, as well as provide support for the food supply chain and producers of renewable fuel, among others. Existing programs like the Coronavirus Food Assistance Program (CFAP) will fall within the new initiative and, where statutory authority allows, will be refined to better address the needs of producers.

USDA Pandemic Assistance for Producers was needed, said Vilsack, after a review of previous COVID-19 assistance programs tar-

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nevada.rangelands.org/youth-range-camp

Nevada Beef Council Stockmanship & Stewardship Program

— **July 16-18, 2021** —
 Elko County Fairgrounds
 Elko, Nevada
stockmanshipandstewardship.org

NCBA Cattle Industry Convention & Trade Show

— **August 10-12, 2021** —
 Gaylord Opryland Resort & Convention Center
 Nashville, Tennessee
<https://convention.ncba.org>



PRESIDENT'S PERSPECTIVE

Tom Barnes, President, Nevada Cattlemen's Association

Happy Easter and happy spring. I always enjoy this time of year even though we are extremely busy. With the grass greening up, new calves and turning cows out, it is a time of renewed optimism – a reminder that the good Lord has blessed us with the opportunity to do what we all feel so passionate about.

We start the grazing season eager to see what the rest of the year holds for us. In our recent meetings with the BLM and Forest Service, they seem to be committed to ensuring we can all get turned out. We all recognize that we could have another dry year and may have to make adjustments as we go, but they want to work with us.

This Legislative session has been very interesting, particularly with the virtual format used to testify before legislative committees. Our legislative team of Dave Stix Jr., Neena Laxalt and Martin Paris have done an outstanding job of keeping up with legislation that affects us. Hopefully we'll know where everything shook out before too long. There seems to be a common trend right now with attacks on production agriculture. It is concerning that we are being attacked by those who we work to feed every day. This is nothing new, just something that seems to be occurring more frequently and something we all need to be aware of. This will be a topic for many future discussions. Keep praying for moisture.

NCA NEWS

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present time, the Board of Agriculture consists of 11 members, of which three members must be engaged in range or semi-range cattle production. SB 54, with some new amendments, now proposes to change this structure by eliminating two of the three positions currently represented by the cattle industry. One of these positions would go away entirely while the other would be reclassified as livestock production instead of cattle.

The definition of livestock is large, which means it is possible that the new livestock position on the Board is not represented by a cattle producer. SB 54 intends to make these changes to the Board in an effort to add three entirely new positions consisting of food manufacturing/animal processing, supplemental nutrition distribution, and a

mixed or large animal veterinarian.

The loss of cattle producer representation on the Board would be devastating, especially for an industry that continues to be the leading agricultural sector in Nevada and one that has so many diverse production practices. While the status of SB 54 remains up in the air, NCA will continue working hard to protect cattle producer representation on the Nevada Board of Agriculture.

While the outcome of SB 54 is a top priority, there are also several other bills that NCA is keeping a close eye on. These bills include everything from public access to private property to changes in water quality standards.

Due to the current rules at the State Legislature, NCA will not be hosting our usual Legislative Breakfast in Car-

son City. In past years, this breakfast has brought legislators, NCA members, and other agricultural friends together to get acquainted and discuss issues relevant to agriculture. Though we are not able to move forward with the breakfast this year, our phone and internet connections are strong and NCA is working hard through this Legislative Session to protect and promote the future of ranching in Nevada.

MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

We would like to thank the following people for joining or renewing their membership with Nevada Cattlemen's Association between Feb. 25 and March 24, 2021.

(New members are in bold.)

- 5 D Cattle Co., Jim Delaigle
- Joe Dahl
- Gold Spring Angus Ranch, Leland & Kathy Schneider & Sons
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Hello Nevada CattleWomen!

The Region VI Meeting will be held April 15 via Zoom at 2 p.m. Pacific Time

American National CattleWomen have the states arranged in different regions. Nevada is part of Region VI. The other states in Region VI are: Utah, New Mexico, California and Arizona. The Region meetings are set up to have a smaller setting to work on subjects that impact CattleWomen in different zones across the U.S. The presidents from each state believe that with lockdowns still in place, a Zoom Meeting for Region VI is best. This meeting will have updates from ANCW and each state for the members. ANCW and each state are eager to get information out to CattleWomen. If you have any questions about the Region VI Meeting you can call me at 775-385-3619 or email me at Melindasarman@gmail.com and I will send you more information.



Nevada Beef Ambassador information and application

The new Nevada Beef Ambassador application is now ready to send to members. This youth program is chaired by Nevada CattleWomen's Vice President, Ana Dagenhart. This is some information about this program:

The person must be between at least a junior in high school by September of contest year and not older than a junior in college or age 25 of the same year.

Winners will be required to serve as Nevada Beef Ambassadors for a 1-year

period promoting beef in the state of Nevada. The Ambassador will take a leadership role in Nevada CattleWomen Inc. and must attend all Board meetings. These activities will include but not limited to promotion, education, research, and being informed of beef industry information.

Nevada Beef Ambassador will complete required training in the following areas: Master Beef Advocacy Program, Beef Quality Assurance Program and other team training. Other events required as a Beef Ambassador winner are Nevada Cattlewomen's Winter Convention, Region VI Meeting, Reno Rodeo Booth, Clark County Fair Booth, and next year's competition. Social media contributions will be made bi-monthly and comments as appropriate on required events.

All scholarships will be awarded at the completion of the year term and at the Nevada Cattlemen's Convention. Beef Ambassador Team members will be awarded \$1000 for 1st place, \$750 for 2nd place, and \$500 for 3rd place. Failure to fulfill the obligations set forth by Nevada Beef Ambassador Program will result in forfeiture of all cash awards and/or scholarships.

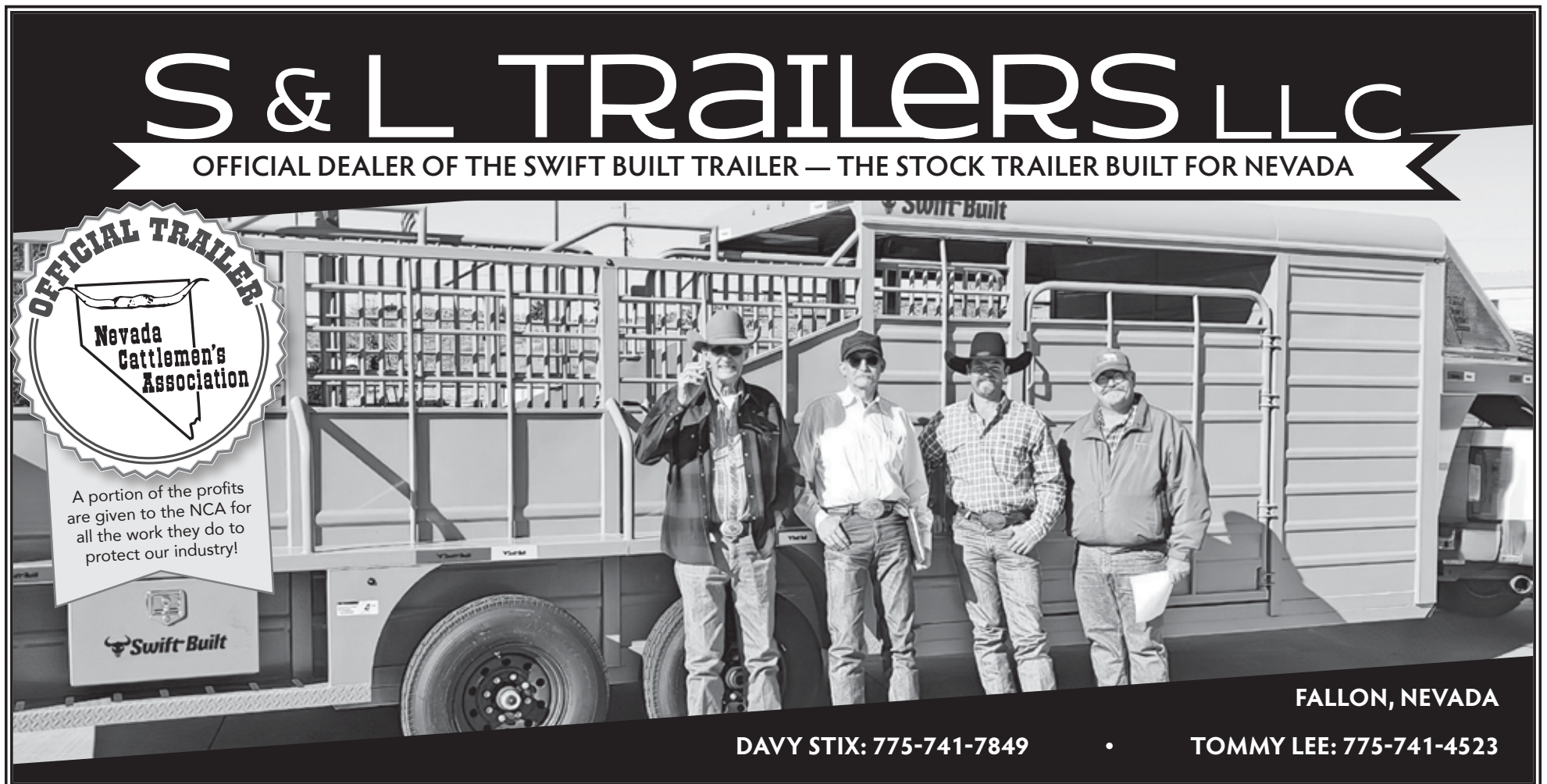
Applications are due on or before April 30, 2021. If you have any questions you can give Ana a call at 775-790-5892 or email to cwnv.inc@gmail.com, an application can be emailed to you.

One of our many goals is to prepare youth to apply for the ANCW- National Beef Advocacy Program. This is some information about this program from the ANCW website.

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the Collegiate Beef Advocacy Program (CBAP). Hosted by ANCW, the program provides an outlet for students to use their unique strengths to connect with consumers and peers to promote beef.

The collegiate advocacy program matches the vision and purpose of ANCW by ensuring the selected students strengthen their leadership and communication skills, establish career networks and enhance their knowledge of the industry. This experience will assist participants in furthering their passion for beef advocacy by providing top notch training, access to educational resources, and unique experiences." For more information on the ANCW - National Beef Advocacy Program please go to the ANCW.ORG website.



Nevada CattleWomen fundraiser – Tickets are still available

Nevada CattleWomen fundraiser for 2021 is underway. Thanks to our friends at Smith Valley Garage, NCW is able to raffle off a Kubota Four Wheel Drive Gasoline Utility Vehicle! A maximum of 200 tickets will be sold for the Kubota Four Wheel Drive Gasoline Utility Vehicle RTV-XG850 Sidekick at \$100/ticket. The drawing will be held August 1, 2021. Need not be present to win. Must be 21 years of age to purchase a ticket. Get your tickets now before they are sold out – only 200 tickets sold. Contact your NVCW Executive Board for tickets; Melinda Sarman (775) 385-3619 Maddie Bowers (775) 388-3259 Ana Dagenhart (775) 790-5892 Staci Emm (775) 312-0424 Keri Pommerening (775) 721-4888 Erin Costa (775) 720-3760.

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BLM seeds 85,900-plus acres of Eastern Nevada's Burnt Public Lands

— The aerial treatments required 630,813 pounds of seed —

ELY, Nev. – On March 7, the Bureau of Land Management Ely District finished aerially seeding 85,944 acres of eastern Nevada's fire-scarred public lands.

The seedings are part of the Emergency Stabilization and Rehabilitation (ESR) program's treatment plans for eight of last summer's wildfires. The seedings combine with other treatments now or soon-to-be underway to stabilize soils and promote habitat recovery.

The Bishop, Miller, Stewart Canyon, Twin, and Meadow Valley fires in Lincoln County; and Baldy, Brown, and Flat fires in White Pine County burned 127,743 acres of district-administered land. Overall, between June and September, 94 fires burned 137,050-plus acres.

"In regard to acres burnt, the 2020 fire season was the most active that the district has experienced in 10 years," said Ely District Fire Management Officer Tye Petersen.

More than 630,813 pounds of seed was required to complete the job. Seed mixes varied depending on multiple factors, including burn severity, soil type, elevation, slope, annual precipitation, and pre-existing vegetation.

"Coordination between the BLM and Nevada Department of Wildlife was essential," said Chris McVicar, the Ely District ESR program manager. "Department of Wildlife staff assists with planning and implementation, and the department provides funding, materials, and labor for projects."

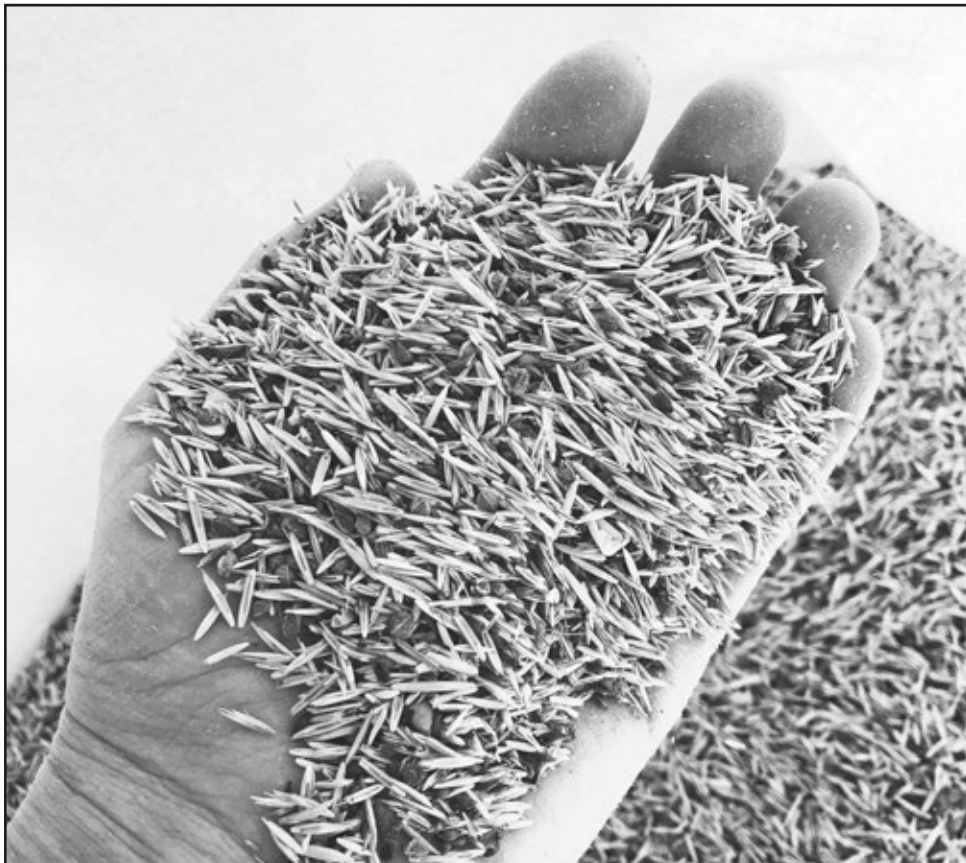
All eight of the ESR plans call for fence repair and/or temporary fence construction, temporary livestock grazing closures, weed inventory and treatment, and monitoring. A few include drill seeding, contour felling, and channel or slope sta-

bilization. Two plans for the Meadow Valley and Miller fires, required emergency wild horse gathers.

Petersen credits program and state agency staff for successfully planning and implementing the large-scale project. "It required a lot of manpower, time, and resources. Our success is due to their willingness to go above and beyond to meet the objective," he said.



BLM Ely District staff load seed into the mixer. The seed was spread by helicopter across 3,983 acres of the public lands burned in the Baldy and Flat fires in White Pine County, Nev.. (BLM Photo)



The aerial seedings required 630,813 pounds of grass, forb, and brush seed. Mixes varied depending on multiple factors, including burn severity, soil type, elevation, slope, annual precipitation, and pre-existing vegetation. (BLM Photo)



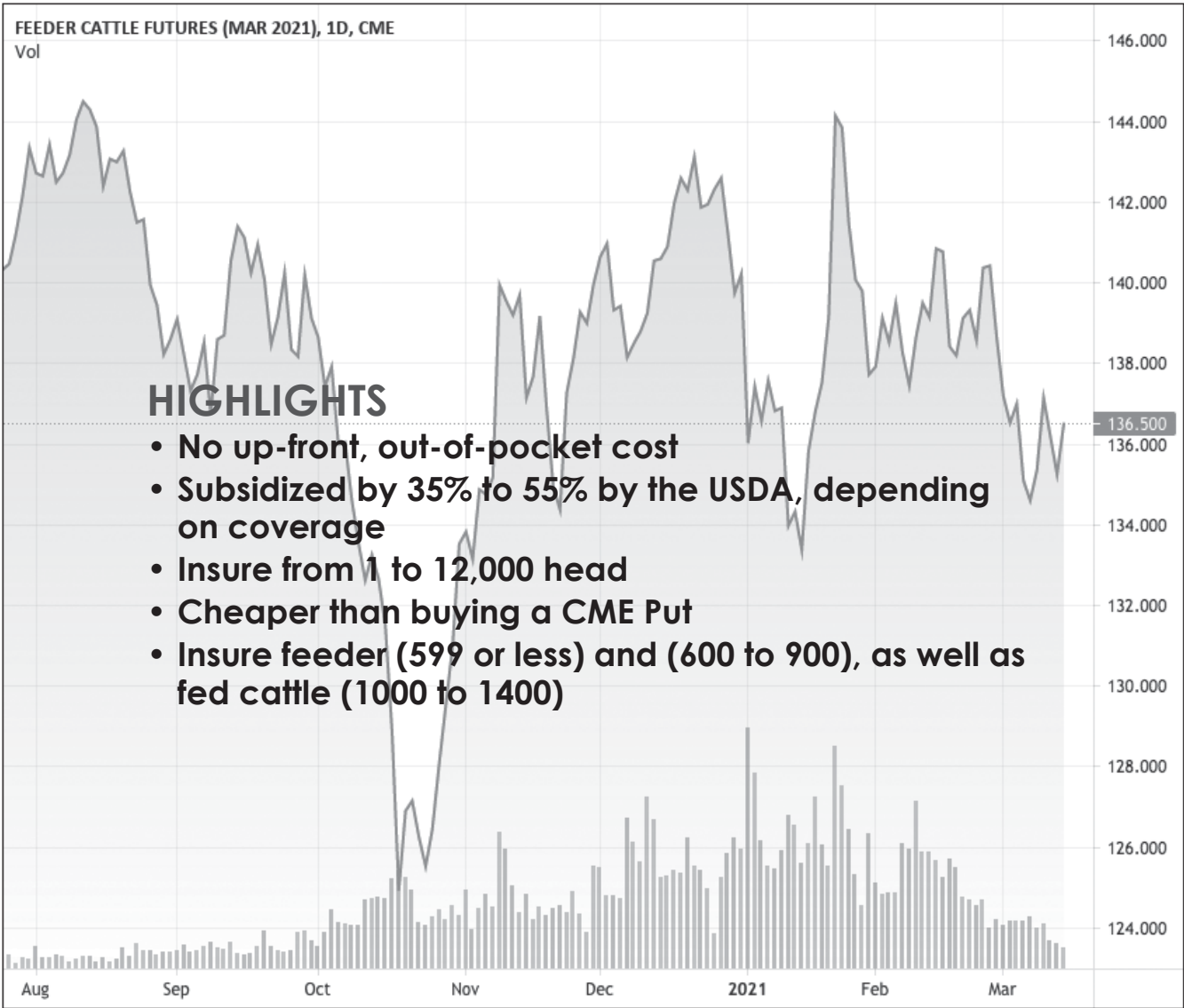
The BLM Ely District between January 11 and March 7 aerially seeded 85,944 acres of the public lands burned in eight of last summer's wildfires. The fires burned 127,743 acres of district-administered land. (BLM Photo)

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getting farmers identified a number of gaps and disparities in how assistance was distributed as well as inadequate outreach to underserved producers and smaller and medium operations.

“The pandemic affected all of agriculture, but many farmers did not benefit from previous rounds of pandemic-related assistance. The Biden-Harris Administration is committed to helping as many producers as possible, as equitably as possible,” said Vilsack. “Our new USDA Pandemic Assistance for Producers initiative will help get financial assistance to a broader set of producers, including to socially disadvantaged communities, small and medium sized producers, and farmers and producers of less traditional crops.”

USDA will reopen sign-up for CFAP 2 for at least 60 days beginning on April 5, 2021. The USDA Farm Service Agency (FSA) has committed at least \$2.5 million to improve outreach for CFAP 2 and will establish partnerships with organizations with strong connections to socially disadvantaged communities to ensure they are informed and aware of the application process.

The payments announced today (under Part 3, below) will go out under the existing CFAP rules; however, future opportunities for USDA Pandemic Assistance will be reviewed for verified need and during the rulemaking process, USDA will look to make eligibility more consistent with the Farm Bill. Moving forward, USDA Pandemic Assistance for Producers will utilize existing programs, such as the Local Agricultural Marketing Program, Farming Opportunities Training and Outreach, and Specialty Crop Block Grant Program, and others to enhance educational and market opportunities for agricultural producers.

USDA Pandemic Assistance for Producers – 4 Parts Announced Today

Part 1: Investing \$6 Billion to Expand Help & Assistance to More Producers

USDA will dedicate at least \$6 billion to develop a number of new programs or modify existing proposals using discretionary funding from the Consolidated Appropriations Act and other coronavirus funding that went unspent by the previous administration. Where rulemaking is required, it will commence this spring. These efforts will include assistance for:

- Dairy farmers through the Dairy Donation Program or other means;
- Euthanized livestock and poultry;
- Biofuels;
- Specialty crops, beginning farmers, local, urban and organic farms;
- Costs for organic certification or to continue or add conservation activities
- Other possible expansion and corrections to CFAP that were not part of to-

- day’s announcement such as to support dairy or other livestock producers;
- Timber harvesting and hauling;
- Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) and other protective measures for food and farm workers and specialty crop and seafood producers, processors and distributors;
- Improving the resilience of the food supply chain, including assistance to meat and poultry operations to facilitate interstate shipment;
- Developing infrastructure to support donation and distribution of perishable commodities, including food donation and distribution through farm-to-school, restaurants or other community organizations; and
- Reducing food waste.

Part 2: Adding \$500 Million of New Funding to Existing Programs

USDA expects to begin investing approximately \$500 million in expedited assistance through several existing programs this spring, with most by April 30. This new assistance includes:

- \$100 million in additional funding for the Specialty Crop Block Grant Program, administered by the Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS), which enhances the competitiveness of fruits, vegetables, tree nuts, dried fruits, horticulture, and nursery crops.
- \$75 million in additional funding for the Farmers Opportunities Training and Outreach program, administered by the National Institute of Food and Agriculture (NIFA) and the Office of Partnerships and Public Engagement, which encourages and assists socially disadvantaged, veteran, and beginning farmers and ranchers in the ownership and operation of farms and ranches.
- \$100 million in additional funding for the Local Agricultural Marketing Program, administered by the AMS and Rural Development, which supports the development, coordination and expansion of direct producer-to-consumer marketing, local and regional food markets and enterprises and value-added agricultural products.
- \$75 million in additional funding for the Gus Schumacher Nutrition Incentive Program, administered by the NIFA, which provides funding opportunities to conduct and evaluate projects providing incentives to increase the purchase of fruits and vegetables by low-income consumers
- \$20 million for the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service to improve and maintain animal disease prevention and response capacity, including the

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National Animal Health Laboratory Network.


- \$20 million for the Agricultural Research Service to work collaboratively with Texas A&M on the critical intersection between responsive agriculture, food production, and human nutrition and health.
- \$28 million for NIFA to provide grants to state departments of agriculture to expand or sustain existing farm stress assistance programs.
- Approximately \$80 million in additional payments to domestic users of upland and extra-long staple cotton based on a formula set in the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2021 that USDA plans to deliver through the Economic Adjustment Assistance for Textile Mills program.


Part 3: Carrying Out Formula Payments under CFAP 1, CFAP 2, CFAP AA

The Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2021, enacted December 2020 requires FSA to make certain payments to producers according to a mandated formula. USDA is now expediting these provisions because there is no discretion involved in interpreting such directives, they are self-enacting.

- An increase in CFAP 1 payment rates for cattle. Cattle producers with approved CFAP 1 applications will automatically receive these payments beginning in April. Information on the additional payment rates for cattle can be found on farmers.gov/cfap. Eligible producers do not need to submit new applications, since payments are based on previously approved CFAP 1 applications. USDA estimates additional payments of more than \$1.1 billion to more than 410,000 producers, according to the mandated formula.

- Additional CFAP assistance of \$20 per acre for producers of eligible crops identified as CFAP 2 flat-rate or price-trigger crops beginning in April. This includes alfalfa, corn, cotton, hemp, peanuts, rice, sorghum, soybeans, sugar beets and wheat, among other crops. FSA will automatically issue payments to eligible price trigger and flat-rate crop producers based on the eligible acres included on their CFAP 2 applications. Eligible producers do not need to submit a new CFAP 2 application. For a list of all eligible row-crops, visit farmers.gov/cfap. USDA estimates additional payments of more than \$4.5 billion to more than 560,000 producers, according to the mandated formula.
- USDA will finalize routine decisions and minor formula adjustments on applications and begin processing payments for certain applications filed as part of the CFAP Additional Assistance program in the following categories:
 - Applications filed for pullets and turfgrass sod;
 - A formula correction for row-crop producer applications to allow producers with a non-Actual Production History (APH) insurance policy to use 100% of the 2019 Agriculture Risk Coverage-County Option (ARC-CO) benchmark yield in the calculation;
 - Sales commodity applications revised to include insurance indemnities, Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance Program payments, and Wildfire and Hurricane Indemnity Program Plus payments, as required by statute; and
 - Additional payments for swine producers and contract growers under CFAP Additional Assistance remain on hold and are likely to require modifications to the regulation as part of the broader evaluation and





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future assistance; however, FSA will continue to accept applications from interested producers.

Part 4: Reopening CFAP 2 Sign-Up to Improve Access & Outreach to Underserved Producers

As noted above, USDA will re-open sign-up for of CFAP 2 for at least 60 days beginning on April 5, 2021.

- FSA has committed at least \$2.5 million to establish partnerships and direct outreach efforts intended to improve outreach for CFAP 2 and will cooperate with grassroots organizations with strong connections to socially disadvantaged communities to ensure they are informed and aware of the application process.

Please stay tuned for additional information and announcements under the USDA Pandemic Assistance to Producers initiative, which will help to expand and more equitably distribute financial assistance to producers and farming operations during the COVID-19 national emergency. Please visit www.farmers.gov for more information on the details of today's announcement.

USDA touches the lives of all Americans each day in so many positive ways. In the Biden-Harris administration, USDA is transforming America's food system with a greater focus on more resilient local and regional food production, ensuring access to healthy and nutritious food in all communities, building new markets and streams of income for farmers and producers using climate-smart food and forestry practices, making historic investments in infrastructure and clean-energy capabilities in rural America, and committing to equity across the Department by removing systemic barriers and building a workforce more representative of America. To learn more, visit www.usda.gov.

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Cattlemen Support the Death Tax Repeal Act of 2021

An estimated 2,000 acres of agricultural land is paved over, fragmented, or converted to uses that compromise agriculture each day in the United States.

WASHINGTON (March 10, 2021) – The Death Tax Repeal Act of 2021 was introduced this week by U.S. Senator John Thune of South Dakota and U.S. Representatives Sanford Bishop (D-GA) and Jason Smith (R-MO). The National Cattlemen's Beef Association (NCBA) issued the following statement in support of bipartisan legislation to


non-liquid assets such as the fair market value of land, livestock, and equipment.

“As small business owners, environmental stewards, and the economic backbone of rural communities across the country, U.S. cattle producers understand and appreciate the role of taxes in maintaining and improving our nation. However, they also believe that the most effective tax code is an equitable one. For this reason, NCBA ardently supports the Death Tax Repeal Act of 2021,” Bohn said. Earlier this month, NCBA sent a letter to Senator Thune, as well as Reps. Bishop and Smith in support of the bipartisan legislation.


repeal the federal estate tax, commonly referred to as the death tax.

“The estate tax disproportionately harms cattle producers because with few options to pay off tax liabilities, many farm and ranch families are forced to make tough choices at the time of death – and in worst case scenarios, must sell off land to meet their federal tax burden,” said NCBA President Jerry Bohn.

An estimated 2,000 acres of agricultural land is paved over, fragmented, or converted to uses that compromise agriculture each day in the United States. With more than 40 percent of farmland expected to transition in the next two decades, Congress must prioritize policies that support land transfers to the next generation of farmers and ranchers. Most farm estate values can be attributed to



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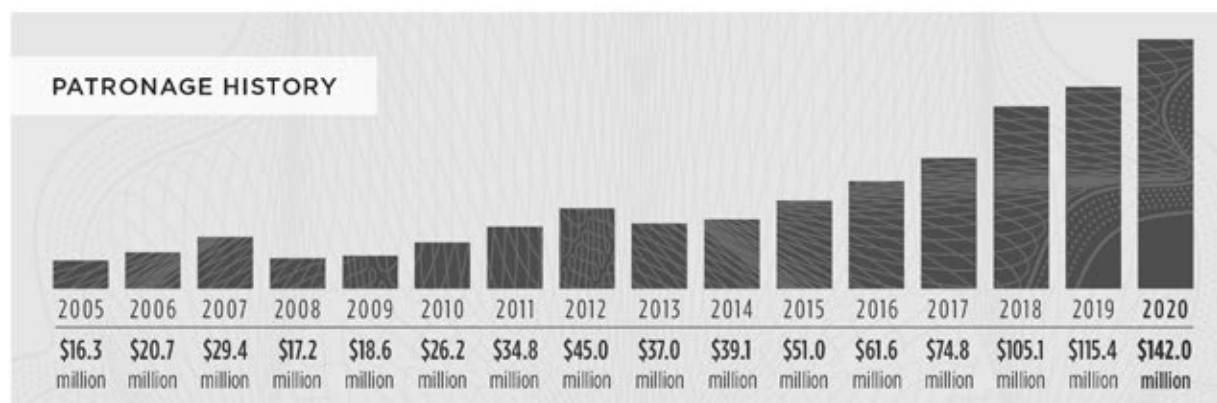




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NCBA Secures Introduction of Bipartisan HAULS Act

WASHINGTON (March 17, 2021) — Today, the National Cattlemen's Beef Association (NCBA) endorsed the Haulers of Agriculture and Livestock Safety (HAULS) Act of 2021. Introduced by Sen. Fischer (R-NE), Sen. Tester (D-MT), Sen. Wicker (R-MS), and Sen. Smith (D-MN), the bipartisan bill would deliver much-needed flexibility for livestock haulers.

“One year after COVID-19 began to disrupt daily life across the country, U.S. cattle

producers continue to prove each day that they are committed to keeping grocery stores stocked with beef. Livestock haulers are a critical component of the beef supply chain and flexibility in livestock hauling regulations remains vital,” said NCBA President Jerry Bohn. “NCBA strongly supports this bipartisan effort to provide livestock haulers with the flexibility they need to maintain the highest level of safety on the roads, transport livestock humanely, and ensure beef remains available to consumers.”

Current hours-of-service (HOS) rules allow for 11 hours of drive time, 14 hours of on-duty time, and then require 10 consecutive hours of rest. When transporting livestock, there is a real need for further flexibility beyond the current hours-of-service. Unlike drivers moving consumer goods, livestock haulers cannot simply idle or unload their trucks when drive time hours run out without jeopardizing animal health and welfare.

“NCBA has long advocated against one-size-fits-all regulations for the live haul sector, and the COVID-19 pandemic further highlighted the need for flexibility when it comes to livestock hauling. The HAULS Act represents the best long-term solution — a permanent change to existing hours-of-service regulations that preserves animal welfare as well as safety on our roads, while also making sure producers can keep our grocery stores stocked with beef,” said NCBA Executive Director of Government Affairs Allison Rivera. “We thank Senator Fischer, Senator Tester, Senator Wicker, and Senator Smith for their work on this important legislation. NCBA will continue working on behalf of producers and haulers to provide flexibility within the current hours-of-service.”

BACKGROUND

This legislation is the latest of many steps NCBA has taken to win greater flexibility for livestock haulers and producers. Since the pandemic began, NCBA has successfully fought every month for a renewed emergency declaration which provides an exemption from hours-of-service for livestock haulers, while also working with Congress to maintain the ELD delay for livestock haulers until Sept. 30, 2021.

The HAULS Act would add a 150 air-mile radius exemption under HOS regulations to the backend of hauls for those transporting livestock or agricultural commodities. This legislation also eliminates the seasonal harvest requirements for the agriculture HOS exemption (making the exemption available year-round in all states), and updates and clarifies the definition of an agricultural commodity.



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Champagne Steak Salad with Blue Cheese

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Ingredients:

- 2 beef Ranch Steaks, cut 1 inch thick (about 8 ounces each)
- 1 pound green beans, trimmed
- 2 teaspoons crushed mixed peppercorns (black, white, pink and green)
- 2 medium red and/or yellow bell peppers, cut into quarters
- 1 package (5 ounces) mixed salad greens
- 1/2 cup thinly sliced red onion
- 1/4 cup crumbled blue cheese

Vinaigrette:

- 1/4 cup champagne or white wine vinegar
- 2 tablespoons olive oil
- 2 tablespoons maple syrup
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 1/4 teaspoon freshly ground mixed peppercorns



Cooking:

1. Bring 1-inch water to a boil in medium saucepan. Add green beans, cover and cook 4 to 5 minutes or until crisp-tender. Drain; set aside.
2. Meanwhile, combine vinaigrette ingredients in small bowl; set aside.
3. Press 2 teaspoons peppercorns evenly onto beef Ranch Steaks. Place steaks in center of grid over medium, ash-covered coals; arrange peppers around steak. Grill steaks, covered, 11 to 14 minutes (over medium heat on preheated gas grill, 12 to 16 minutes) for medium rare (145°F) to medium (160°F) doneness. Grill peppers 7 to 11 minutes (gas grill times remain the same) or until crisp-tender, turning steaks and vegetables occasionally.

Cook's Tip: One pound beef Top Sirloin Steak, cut 1-inch thick may be substituted for Ranch Steaks. For charcoal, grill, covered, 11 to 15 minutes (for gas, grill, covered, 13 to 16 minutes) for medium rare to medium doneness, turning occasionally.

4. Carve steaks into thin slices. Cut peppers into 1-1/2-inch pieces. Season beef and vegetables with salt, as desired. Divide salad greens among four serving bowls; top evenly with vegetables. Arrange beef on salad. Sprinkle with blue cheese. Drizzle with vinaigrette.

Nutrition information per serving, using ranch steaks: 306 Calories; 144 Calories from fat; 16g Total Fat (5 g Saturated Fat; 8 g Monounsaturated Fat); 71 mg Cholesterol; 347 mg Sodium; 15 g Total Carbohydrate; 2.1 g Dietary Fiber; 25 g Protein; 3.3 mg Iron; 5.1 mg NE Niacin; 0.6 mg Vitamin B6; 4.3 mcg Vitamin B12; 6.8 mg Zinc; 36.9 mcg Selenium; 88 mg Choline.

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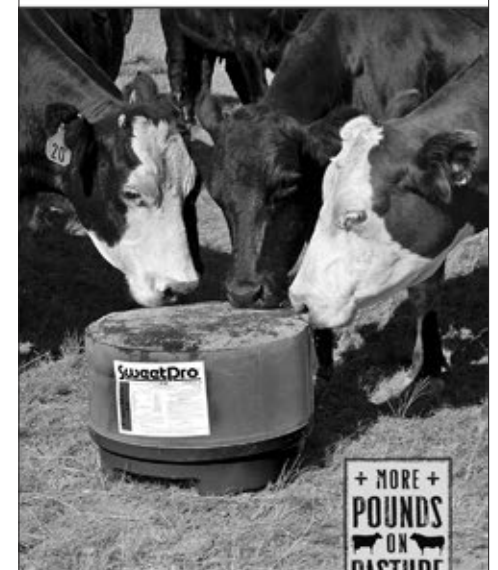
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Checking in on your Checkoff

By Nevada Beef Council Staff

Celebrating National Nutrition Month with Beef

The month of March marked National Nutrition Month, an annual campaign created by the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics to share tips for making informed food choices and developing healthy eating habits. When it comes to healthy dietary patterns, there are a lot of benefits to incorporating protein- and nutrient-rich beef into a variety of lifestyles, and the Beef Checkoff has created a number of ways to share that with health and nutrition audiences.

Now available on BeefItsWhatsForDinner.com, the Beef Nutrition Hub provides an educational portal tailed to support the needs of the health and nutrition community. On the hub, health and nutrition professionals are able to access on-demand courses and earn complimentary continuing professional educational credits, which are approved by the Commission on Dietetic Registration and the American College of Sports Medicine.

There are also a variety of resources available for dietitians who work in the retail sector. Health and nutrition are top of mind for consumers and can be a barrier when deciding to purchase beef. With more dietitians working in retail grocery, there's an opportunity for meat departments and dietitians to work together

to help consumers understand the meat case, the nutritional benefits of beef, enhance food safety and provide meal solutions. The Beef Checkoff provides ideas and resources for educating consumers about beef's positive health, nutrition and taste attributes.

Here locally, the Nevada Beef Council's own Kori Dover, Director of Food and Nutrition Outreach, participated in the annual meeting of the Nevada Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics (NvAND) during National Nutrition Month, offering the group some exposure to the NBC and the resources it has available for this audience.

"I think it's important for beef producers to know just how many ways the Beef Checkoff and Nevada Beef Council are working to reach and engage those in the health and nutrition community," notes Dover, who is also a Registered Dietitian. "Encouraging the incorporation of beef and its nutritional



benefits into any well-balanced diet is something we want everyone in this community to feel comfortable doing."

To learn more about the nutrition resources available, visit www.BeefItsWhatsForDinner.com/nutrition.

Advanced Education Tools Available for Cattle Producers

To further support cattle producers across the country the Beef Checkoff-funded Beef Quality Assurance (BQA) program has released the first in a series of Advanced Education Modules. This initial module on biosecurity details the basics of disease transmission and prevention.

These resources were developed so that anyone who is involved in raising cattle – from the operation manager to personnel to family members – has the opportunity to understand how biosecurity principles are integrated into their farm or ranch and plan for continuous improvement in the future. Learners will walk through sections that build on each other, starting with basic principles of biosecurity and understanding its importance on the cattle operation. Interactive and real-world best practice examples are provided for a variety of topics such as new bull or replacement purchases and manure management to reduce feed contamination, among others.

As a part of the training, producers are able to fill out the Daily Biosecurity Plan for

Disease prevention, another biosecurity tool recently released by BQA, and tailor the biosecurity information to their specific operation. Producers are then introduced to the USDA supported Secure Beef Supply to better understand the necessary biosecurity measures in the event of a foreign animal disease (FAD) outbreak and to prepare an enhanced biosecurity plan in preparation for such an event. Learners can compare details between the daily biosecurity plan and the enhanced biosecurity plan to view the changes they would need to address in the occurrence of an FAD outbreak.

"Introducing these advanced education modules has been a major goal of the BQA team," said Dr. Julia Herman, Beef Cattle Specialist Veterinarian at NCBA. "With this Beef Checkoff-funded tool, beef cattle producers can enhance their biosecurity education, help train their teams, and continue to keep their cattle safe and healthy."

For more information about BQA, to access the Advanced Education Biosecurity modules, or download the BQA Daily Biosecurity Plan, visit BQA.org

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