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The yearling heifers pictured here are two that we have for sale. They are being bred to Cat Creek Sizemore to calve in March of next year. We will be glad to send you pictures and information on the bred heifers and also the heifers and bulls we will be weaning in July!



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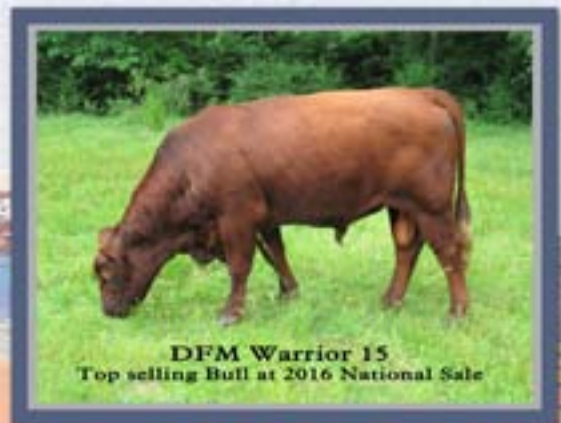
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From the President



ARPA is winding down another fiscal year in a financially sound position. There have been some challenges but the Association is moving forward.

We have hosted a very successful World Red Poll Tour and Congress. The Tour visited every Red Poll breeder that invited us. The breeders did a tremendous job in presenting their cattle operations.

The Tour participants remarked on the many management styles presented and how Red Polls fit into them all.

The Junior Preview Show was a great success thanks to the Ebersole girls, the Raines family, the Junior Committee, and especially the parents that helped and encouraged their kids. The photo contest is relatively new. It is an attempt to appeal to more kids, especially those that like cattle but are not into showing. If you have other ideas how to broaden the appeal to more youth please let us know. All ideas are welcome.

The Complete Herd Reporting (CHR) program is another bright spot. The Board has lowered the cost to enter and the breeders have responded, entering more than twice the animals as previous years. Hopefully these breeders see the management help these EPD and other reports provide and will continue in the program.

The ARPA website has become actively managed by Kaye. It is your place to go for the latest news or forms that you need and is very user friendly. Check it out.

Your ARPA Board has worked diligently to propose amendments to the Bylaws to clarify the language. The biggest change proposed is changing the Appendix Program to the Red Poll Plus Program. Some rules were contradictory or not clear, these have been worked over. Meeting monthly, taking suggestions from breeders, debating the language, the Board hopes we have proposed a better set of Bylaws. Take the time to study these proposed changes and attend your national membership meeting in Murray Kentucky in September.

This issue of the Journal features your National Membership Meeting and the National Sale in Murray Kentucky in September. Make time to attend both events as it is your association. The consignors have dug deep into their herds to offer quality cattle that are representative of their herd. Small or large, newly established or a century old, you can find an animal in the sale to improve your herd.

Hope to see everyone in Murray in September

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Winter Journal Released

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August

August 27 Kentucky State Fair Red Poll Show

September

September 28-30 National Meeting & Sale
Murray, Kentucky

October

October 1 NAILE Entries Due

November

November 14 NAILE Cattle May Arrive

November 16 108th National Red Poll Show
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A Message from the Secretary

It has been a very interesting but yet challenging year. Last year at this time, I was making preparations for my first National Meeting and Sale. I was also making preparations to put faces with names and voices once

I arrived at the National Sale and Meeting. As a cattle breeder myself, being on this side of an Association has been very enlightening as well as educational for me. However, as a breeder, I feel it has helped me to be more in tune and aware of the needs of a breeder in a national office. It has been challenging to manage the expanded needs of the office in comparison to when first taking the position. Calls, paperwork, and communications has risen which is a very good thing. Interest has also increased in the breed. Membership and inquiries for information has been on the rise. If this trend continues, this next year should be a good one! In addition to the day to day, I am making preparations for the National Meeting and Sale. I am looking forward to seeing all of you again in Murray!

Kaye



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Reducing Stress at Weaning

by Adam Hady, University of Wisconsin Extension

With fall right around the corner, it is time to look at weaning this year's calf crop. This is always a time of stress for cows, calves, and the farmer. So looking at ways that we can reduce stress for all can play an important part in profitability and health of the herd. The main factors in developing a low stress system are to look for ways to limit the number of stress sources put on the cattle at one time. The main stressors at weaning come from changes that are physical, social, environmental, and nutritional. Knowing where each of these stressors can come from allows us to make changes and limit the amount of stress at any one time and make the transition less stressful. These changes may vary from farm to farm. Here are a few methods to consider when deciding how to start minimizing stress at weaning time.



The first consideration is fence line weaning. In this system cows and calves are separated only by a fence. This may be done on pasture or in dry lot. If we look at fence line weaning on pasture, this allows us to wean calves on the same forages as they were currently on and start the transition to other feed stuffs as the process moves forward. This reduces the nutritional stress on the calves. The biggest areas of stress reduction are seen in the social and environmental aspects. In

this system, since the calves and cows have visual and scent contact, calves spend more time eating/grazing and lying down than conventionally weaned calves. These calves also spend less time walking and vocalizing than calves weaned in a more traditional method. One of the possible draw backs to this system is fencing. Solid fences become a key in this system and it is the separation tool.



A second method for low stress weaning is a two-step method. In this system, calves have an anti-sucking device inserted into their nose for set amount of time prior to actual separation. The second step is then separation from the cows. This method allows for calves to keep their social structure while the nutritional stress to different feed is achieved. Once the transition from mom occurs, the calves are then separated, making the social and environmental change easier on the calves. Good results have been seen in this system when the anti-sucking device is used for 3-7 days. There is evidence that when the device is left in beyond this time frame, it can cause nose lesions and reduce feed intake and create additional stress.

In some cases abruptly moving the calves from cows is our only option

based on space, facilities etc. So other things we can do to minimize stress at this point is precondition our calves to hay prior to putting them in the feed lot and do some of our vaccinations prior to weaning. Placing feeders and waterers at the fence edges versus in the center of the lot will increase the odds of the calves finding feed as they pace the fences.

Looking at the impacts of weaning stress on weight gain, the Tennessee Beef Cattle Improvement Initiative did Comparison of Weaning Methods Demonstration on a farm in Lawrence County in 2005. They compared fence line weaning, a two-step weaning, total separation no dehorning, and total separation with dehorning. In their demonstration the low stress systems had a weight gain range of 170-183 pounds gained at 58 days versus the total separation methods at a range of 122-143 pound at 58 days.

As with any agricultural system, there are many ways to achieve your goals. Identifying the source of stress on calves and cows, and implementing a change in management may make it easier for cattle and us.



5 Tips to Help Reduce Stress & Improve Health of Calves

by Justin Sexten, Director of Supply Development for CAB

According to Justin Sexten, director of supply development for Certified Angus Beef, beef producers need to alleviate stress at this stage in order to minimize shrink and give calves the best opportunity to meet their genetic potential for growth and carcass merit later. He offers the following tips to reduce stress and improve health.

Vaccinate calves

Beef producers may have started preparing for weaning health at branding or pre-breeding by vaccinating calves for clostridia (blackleg) and respiratory diseases. If not, consider vaccination three to four weeks prior to weaning with a booster shots at weaning, Sexten says. "Pre-weaning vaccinations in late summer can be a challenge due to summer heat or distant working facilities, so keep that in mind when discussing options with your veterinarian."

Provide clean water

Believe it or not, a calf's surroundings can create stress. Clean water is the most

important nutrient a calf needs, according to Sexten. The facilities should have a good source of clean water readily available

Consider fence-line weaning

"Placing calves across the fence from the cows reduces walking and helps address the challenge of getting calves to feed and water," he notes. "Whether across the fence or farm, orient the weaning pastures and pens so the cows draw the calves to feed bunks and waterers."

Develop Energy Diet

Depending on weaning stress, calves may take one to three weeks to consume enough feed to allow weight gain beyond maintenance. "As a rule of thumb, they need to eat 2% of body weight in feed to provide enough nutrients for growth," Sexten says. If calves were creep fed, consider using the same creep feed to transition them to the post-weaning diet.

He notes that beef producers should work with a nutritionist to develop an "energy-dense feed with balanced protein sources"

which will help overcome the reduced intake associated with weaning stress. "Weaning onto a vegetative pasture will provide calves with a familiar feedstuff but should be supplemented to ensure adequate nutrients for growth," Sexten adds.

Monitor feed intake

Paying close attention to feed intake is one of the best indicators to gauge a weaning program success. Sexten recommends feeding more often in an effort to increase beef producer interaction with the calves, as well as, encouraging calves to come to the bunk. "Avoid using the self-feeder in the weaning pen until calves are started on feed, unless bunk space is limited," he adds. "Ideally, calves should have 18 inches of bunk space to ensure timid ones can get to the bunk."

Sexten finds that taking steps to minimize weaning stress now promotes long-term health, performance and carcass merit.

Another Factor in Weaning

by Kaye Gilbert

There is another factor many farmers and ranchers use while weaning calves or any other activity on the farm for that matter. It is the process of weaning by the signs. The moon signs that is.

The sign is referred to what phase the moon is in as well as what sign of the Zodiac the moon is in. Per the Farmer's Almanac, one "rule" for weaning is to do it when the Moon is the signs of Sagittarius, Capricorn, Aquarius and Pisces. These signs rule the thighs, knees, ankles, and feet, and the dates listed in the Farmers' Almanac are based on this rule.

The question is does it work? For those that use the sign to wean, the answer is absolutely.

In my own operation, we utilize the Farmer's Almanac to select dates to wean. Due to our heavy travel schedule, we have had to plan ahead the last few years by consulting the dates and making a plan. As with any well laid plans on the farm, they don't always work out and the weaning happened when we were able. When that has happened, there has been a noticeable difference with the calves not to mention sleepless nights.

When we are able to wean by the sign, there is less balling, less weight loss, and less illness. When we do this along with fence line weaning, we have had a minimal stressed calf during the weaning process. That alone has made me a believer in the signs.

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International Red Poll Congress 2017

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The World Red Poll Congress has announced the destination for the 2020 World Red Poll Congress Tour. The Tour will be going to South Africa!

By all standards the 15th International Red Poll Congress and Tour was a huge success. Thirty seven Red Poll breeders from six countries spent twenty five days visiting Red Poll herds and conversing with teachers and researchers at Purdue University and the Purina Research Farm. But a big part of the tour was the opportunity to meet a lot of U.S. Red Poll breeders. Tour members saw the many varied management operations that Red Polls were a part of. Naturally none of this would have been possible without the U.S. Red Poll breeders opening their homes, their herds, and (to be frank) their pocketbooks to host the tour members. I cannot begin to express my gratitude to each and every breeder. The tour members asked that I convey their thanks to these breeders in helping make the tour a success. These breeders have been listed in previous Journals and we encourage everyone to thank them for representing the U.S. family so well.

Now on to South Africa and Kenya in three years!



Group photo at Peoria, Illinois
Hosted by McMarshall Farms



Group photo at Colony, Kansas
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**Applications are due
October 15, 2017**

and will be announced at the National Red Poll Show at the National American International Livestock Exhibition (NAILE) in Louisville, Ky.

A Message From Khrista Edgell 2017 Red Poll National Ambassador

Hi! I am Khrista Edgell from Ligonier, Indiana. I feel fortunate to represent the Red Poll Association for 2017 as Ambassador. I attend West Noble High School, Ligonier, IN where I will be a Junior. I am the Granddaughter of Bonnie (Jackson) Edgell, a part of the Jackson Red Poll family.

My school and community activities include West Noble FFA and 4H. Through these activities I have won many awards. In FFA I was the Outstanding Green Hand in 2016, served on several judging teams, and was on the 1st place District Dairy Judging Team 2017. My SAE project is in the area of Horticulture with the development of a new Greenhouse at our school. In 4H I have taken

various projects: Floriculture, Photography, lambs, goats, and calves which I enjoy the most. I have won many awards with my calves over the past 6 years.

I became interested in Red Poll cattle through family and 4H. Uncle Bill Jackson helped me get my start in showing.

By showing Red Polls, I have found a big family that extends across the nation. The people involved in the association and activities welcomed me in and have helped me with my showing as well as knowledge of the breed. When I found that the cattle started with the combining of both the dairy and beef breeds, I started looking into those breeds and how it evolved into today's Red Polls.

Megan Spegal's Farewell Message



*It's Not
Goodbye,
Just See You
Later*

For the last four years I have been serving as your National Queen representing the Red Poll breed in any extent that

I possibly could. But now the time has come for me to step down as the breeds representative passing the torch to the next queen. From attending fairs, sales and farm tours I have had the opportunity to not only

meet new breeders but establish long lasting relationship with each one of you. As I prepare to begin my junior year at Purdue University I reflect on these relationships and experiences processing just how they have affected my life. These connections have not only guided me in my career decisions to become an agriculture teacher but have allowed me to discover even more about the agriculture world around me.

Again, a giant THANK YOU to all of my Red Poll Cattle friends for the endless love and support over the years and remember this is not goodbye, just see you later.

Love Always,

Megan Spegal



The Junior American Red Poll News Stop



Hailey Elsrod with her Grand Champion Heifer



Boston Soucy with His Grand Champion Bull Banner & Chair



Payton Elsrod with His Grand Champion Steer Buckle

Junior Preview Grand Champions

Grand Champion Heifer

JF Bella

Exhibited by Hailey Elsrod

Grand Champion Bull

JF Maverick

Exhibited by Boston Soucy

Grand Champion Steer

JF Harry

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Reserve Champion Heifer

JF Esther

Exhibited by Khrista Edgell

Reserve Champion Bull

GLS Avalanche

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Reserve Champion Steer

JF Nic

Exhibited by Zoe Pfenning



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*Senior Showman and
The Ebersole Showman of Showmen Emily Koch*



Beginner Showman Zeb Pfenning



Junior Showman Payton Elsrod



Pee Wee Showman Jacob Elsrod



Cameron Spegal with his Grand Champion Cow Calf Pair



*Herdsman Winners
William, Edna, & Dylan Gardner*



Khrista Edgell's Winning Photo in the Photography Contest



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News from the Board

The membership was mailed a new ByLaw Proposal at the end of July. The original proposal was rescinded and the new proposal put in its place.

The Board had received feed back and suggestions for changes. The Board opted to send those suggestions back to the Bylaws Committee which then brought a new proposal before the Board for a vote.

The mailing to the membership was a result of the membership feedback and suggestions.

The Board has also been working to bring the National Meeting and Sale to

the members in Murray, Kentucky.

As the preparations are made for the National Meeting, so will be the work on committee assignments, nominations for the board, and preparations for the coming year.

If members are interested in serving on committees or running for the Board, please contact a members of the Board.

Also a reminder, all Board Minutes are published on the association web page.

To visit the webpage, go to americanredpolls.com. The Board Minutes are listed under About ARPA.

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Make Plans to Attend the Banquet

The 73rd Annual National Red Poll banquet will be held on Friday, September 29 with the meal starting at 7:00 pm.

This year, the committee opted to hold the banquet at the hotel, Springhill Suites, for the convenience of the membership. The banquet will be in the Chestnut Room and catered by "The Keg" from right there in Murray Kentucky.

In addition, a silent auction is planned as well as several presentations. The Committee along with the Executive Committee will be presenting several

awards that you, the membership, will have the ability to nominate.

Those awards include bringing back the Promoter of the Year Award. Also, there will be nominations available for Lifetime Achievement Award, Longevity Award, and some that are still in the works!

This year, banquet reservations must be paid at the time of their making. You may send your reservations and checks to the office or you may pay via credit card.

We look forward to seeing all of you at the banquet in September!

73rd National American Red Poll Sale



The American Red Poll Association will hold the 73rd National Sale September 30th, 2017, 9:30 am at the William Cherry Expo Center at Murray State University in Murry Kentucky. The Hutson School of Agriculture is co-sponsoring the event.

In response to the questionnaires received from last year's attendants, the Committee decided to have the event again centrally located so it would be less than one day drive for most attendees. Everyone (members and interested parties) is encouraged to attend.

The Murray State University - Hutson School of Agriculture is very excited to co-sponsor this event with ARPA at the William Cherry Expo Center. It is a fantastic facility that can be set up with a sale ring and pens that will handle unhaltered cattle as well as haltered cattle with a head gate

provided if needed.

A veterinarian will be on hand at sale time to write health papers for the buyers. A sale commission will be 10% up to the maximum of 15% depending on number of entries and sale expenses as voted on by the Board of Directors.

We are also welcoming Col. John Hopson as our Auctioneer this year. He comes to us with years of experience with cattle and horse sales. He works with Col. Wayne Boyd.

A valuable quote from an old timer in our organization years ago said "to bring your quality cattle to the National Sale because it sets the price for the coming year". Those words still are true today.



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- Make sure your vet has the name and address of the facility on the health papers

Facility Address

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FARM & RANCH BOOTHS

The National Banquet & Seminars Committee is once again asking for ARPA members to set up a farm or ranch booth in the arena area at Murray State University.

These booths will be set up in a little different space this year which will be better for the members. The more participants the better! You do not have to have cattle consigned to put up a booth!

To reserve or for more information, contact Kaye Gilbert at americanredpolls@gmail.com or JL Morrison at design3@consultant.com

Event Schedule

Thursday, September 28

Noon to 6PM	Arrival of cattle
	Registrations and Health Papers to be checked in by Brian Fairchild
6 PM	Consignors' Meeting
7 PM	National Board of Directors Meeting

Friday, September 29

8:00 AM	Check In Table Open
9:30 AM	73rd National Red Poll Membership Meeting
12 PM	Lunch - FREE with a Reservation
1 PM	Dr. Backes of Purina Research
4 PM	Viewing of Sale cattle
7-10 PM	Banquet at the Springhill Suites Marriott \$20.00 per person Paid Reservations Due by September 15

Saturday, September 30

9:30 AM	American Red Poll National Sale
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73rd National Red Poll Meeting

Friday, September 29

Check in:
8:00 - 9:30 am
Meeting
9:30 am

A mailing will be arriving shortly after the journal with the second publication of the proposed bylaws by the Bylaws Committee.

In this mailing will also be your reminder for your 2018 Service Fee. Service fees are active from September 1 - August 31 of each year, following the fiscal year of the American Red Poll Association.

You may renew your membership anytime between now and the meeting.

You must have your 2018 Service Fee paid prior to the meeting to be eligible to vote for the proposed bylaws as well as for the candidates for the board.

Please come early on Friday so we may start the meeting on time!

Dr. Elizabeth Backes to Speak at National Meeting

Dr. Elizabeth Backes is a Beef Nutritionist with Purina Research Facilities in St. Louis, Missouri. Dr. Backes' work focuses on beef cattle nutrition, including working with cattle producers and supporting sales staff.

Growing up on a small cow/calf operation in Saint Thomas, Mo., Backes learned to appreciate animal agriculture and developed her interest in a career in the beef cattle industry.

"I've always been passionate about agriculture and the impacts nutrition has on reproduction and health," says Backes. "My work with Purina will help contribute to the technical side of the beef industry and provide cattle producers the knowledge they need



to provide optimal nutrition to their animals."

Dr. Backes' expertise and interests include: Impacts of parasitology on nutrition and performance, Cow/calf production, and Ruminant nutrition.

Dr. Backes graduated with a bachelor's degree in agriculture with an emphasis in animal science from Lincoln University. She continued her education at the University of Arkansas, receiving her master's degree in animal science with an emphasis in ruminant nutrition. Her master's work focused on evaluating animal management practices in small ruminants. Dr. Backes pursued her Ph.D. in cow/calf parasitology from the University of Arkansas evaluating various commercial anthelmintics in cow/calf production.

Dr. Backes speaks from a research perspective similar to our experiences with Extension.

SERVICE FEES FOR 2018 ARE DUE ON SEPTEMBER 1

Before any new registrations or transfers can be done after September 1, 2017, the service fee must be paid

Payment for service fees will be accepted at the Membership Meeting if no work has been needed prior to the meeting

8 STRATEGIES FOR SELECTING REPLACEMENT HEIFERS

By Amanda Radke
Beef Magazine

According to the North Dakota State University (NDSU) Cow Herd Appraisal of Performance Software (CHAPS), the average replacement rate for participating herds is 15.7%. Once a rancher has targeted the number of additional heifers to retain from the calf crop or purchase elsewhere, there are several considerations to determine which heifer stays and which heifer goes.

Carl Dahlen, NDSU Extension beef cattle specialist, offers eight strategies for selecting replacement heifers based on specific criteria. While each rancher might implement his own strategies, based on his operational goals for the beef herd, these eight tips encompass many of the basic considerations:

Target parentage based on desired criteria.

Dahlen says, "A thorough evaluation of mature females in a herd may identify cows from which we simply don't want to keep calves. Cows or cow families that are overly aggressive, have a history of heavy calves or calving difficulty, or are too large, too small or otherwise do not match our vision of a structurally sound female, may be good candidates to remove."

Have a vision of your "ideal"

phenotype

Every rancher has the image of his "ideal" cow in his mind. Of course, these ideals can vary based on who you ask; however, phenotype characteristics are moderately heritable, says Dahlen. "Keeping heifers of an ideal phenotype through time will result in future generations having a greater likelihood of similar phenotype. This criteria can be limiting quickly if the 'ideal' phenotype desired is not present in the cow herd."

Keep older heifers

"Early-born heifers are older and often heavier at weaning, compared with their later-born contemporaries," says Dahlen. "Early-born heifers also have a greater chance of becoming pregnant earlier than later-born herd mates."

Cull female twins to male calves

Don't forget that freemartin heifers (females born twin to a male calf) are generally infertile and should automatically be culled from the replacement group.

Evaluate growth performance/heifer size

"Some producers use the growth rate from birth to weaning, or from weaning to a yearling age, as a selection criteria," says Dahlen. "The same selection pressure likely is used, indirectly, if the

biggest heifers are selected at any given time point. You must use caution with this selection criteria to stay away from selecting extremes that have potential to move mature weights away from your ideal (mature females that are too small or too large)."

Study the EPDs & genomics

For purebred cattle, EPDs can be used as a selection tool, and producers can prioritize EPD traits when selecting females. For more information about using EPDs to make breeding decisions, click here.

Genomic panels are also available to assist with selecting replacement heifers. Dahlen says, "Heifers may look alike and meet all other selection criteria; genomic results can be used to narrow the replacement pool to a target number. If using genomic panels, consider using traits that are of high value to cow herd profitability."

Look at the reproductive tract scores/pelvic measurements

About 45 days before the breeding season, a veterinarian can evaluate the reproductive tract and pelvic measurements of the heifers, assigning a score of 1 to 5. This test can help identify heifers with narrow pelvic areas that might go on to have calving difficulty. It can also identify the freemartins in the group.

Select to achieve early pregnancy

Dahlen writes, "Selecting only heifers that become pregnant early (to the first artificial insemination or during the first 21 days of a natural-service bull exposure) can have major impacts on herd reproductive rate and productivity. Heifers becoming pregnant early have greater longevity and wean more and heavier calves, compared with heifers becoming pregnant later in the breeding season."

Of course, this means retaining a larger number of heifers, which can be limiting based on the forage and feed resources available; however, this strategy can pay off greatly when heifers calve in a tighter window resulting in a more uniform calf crop. It also identifies those that will be able to breed back sooner in the upcoming breeding season.

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Southern States Red Poll Association to Aid Juniors

The Southern States Red Poll Association will Raffle a Dell Computer at the National Sale in Murray Ky. The computer is a Dell 15.6 Touch Screen. This fundraiser is for the Junior American Red Poll Association.

The tickets are 2 tickets for \$5.00 or 5 tickets for \$10.00. Please help us make this successful event for the Junior American Red Poll Association by purchasing tickets.

Tickets will be available at the National Sale in Murray Ky. Just go to the Belyew's Red Poll Cattle table set up at the Sale or See a Southern States Red Poll member and we will see you get your tickets. You can also contact me at the number below



if you would like tickets.

The winning ticket will be drawn during the sale on Saturday, September 30th. For more information contact Jan Belyew, 731-693-9746.

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9 Considerations About Cow-Culling Decisions

by Heather Smith Thomas, BeefProducer.com

Culling cows is a vital operation for all ranches and should be used to improve profitability and genetics, as well as add to ranch income.

Here are nine ideas about how to consider and possibly improve your culling decisions.

1. Make them pay. “The only reason a cow is on your ranch is to give you a calf every calendar year. If she is not doing that, for whatever reason, she should be culled,” said Bart Lardner, a research scientist at the Western Beef Development Center, University of Saskatchewan.

Pregnancy-check and cull open cows. It may cost too much to winter a cow that isn't going to give you a calf.

2. Prove fertility. Lardner adds it's important to keep good records to know which cows are getting bred in their first cycle and calving early in the calving season.

Gestation is about 283 days, plus or minus a few days, so you only have about 82 days after calving to get her bred again on time. Lardner says it takes about 40 days to involution of the uterus. That leaves only 42 days for her to start cycling and then get bred again to give you a calf every 365 days.

When you allow cows to be bred in their second or third cycle or later, the calving period is extended; some cows are giving you a calf every 400 to 430 days.

“This costs you money in terms of potential pounds of calf to sell, and those cows may breed late again. This would be one reason to cull a cow, if she has a late calf,” Lardner says.



3. Look at calf growth as a benchmark. Weaning weight is a percentage of dam weight, and if a cow brings back 43% or

more of her mature weight in salable calf, that's acceptable.

“If she's bringing less calf than that, she may be a large-framed cow that is eating too much for what she is giving you back,” explains Lardner. “She has to pay for her keep.”

4. Use pounds of calf weaned per cow exposed to the bull to help measure herd fertility and calving success. Open cows add to the cost of the operation without adding revenue to offset those costs. This takes the profit away from other cows, greatly reducing or even eliminating profit per cow if there are very many open cows.

5. Select sound structure. “In our university herd, we look at a number of factors, including feed and legs. We don't want any lameness issues,” Lardner says. “Udder structure and milking ability includes good sound udder with all four quarters functioning, and no teats too long or big for a newborn calf.”

6. Understand that disposition matters. Even if a cow raises a good calf, it's not worth keeping her if she puts people at risk. “We want cows to be good mothers, but no overzealous to the point of being a safety risk. We also see some with lack of mothering- abandoning their calf or not letting it suck. That's another reason to cull a cow,” says Lardner

7. No prolapse allowed. “We also keep records on cows that have a vaginal prolapse late in pregnancy. They should be culled because they will do it again the next year. If it happens once, you should sew her up, but it will be a continuing problem,” Lardner says.

“Producers should never keep a daughter from a cow that prolapses because this weakens is hereditary,” he says.

8. Remember efficiency is also important. You want cows that are good at converting forage and stay in good body condition. She should raise a good calf and be fertile on a forage-based program, while limiting costly inputs like concentrate supplements.

“Cows that can do well on

native range are the ones that keep replacement heifers from,” Lardner says.

9. Consider twinning as a cause for culling. Lardner says those additional calves give you something to foster onto any cow that loses a calf, but they can also require extra labor.

If the cow mothers and raises both calves, that's great, he says, but often you'll find one twin not doing as well, or a cow that abandons one.



Recordkeeping is Key

As Lardner noted early on, keeping records on each cow for every breeding-calving season has a payoff. For example, if you have a lot of cattle and don't remember all the details about each individual, notes from calving season could remind you that a certain cow had big teats that the calf had a hard time nursing because her udder might not look that bad later in the year.

“The bigger the herds, the bigger the challenge to keep good records, but you need some way to look back and check on a certain cow's performance,” Lardner says. “This could be a tie-breaker on culling decisions.”

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Troubleshooting Reproductive Failure

by W. Mark Hilton, DVM, Purdue University

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Financial analysis indicates a pregnancy percentage of 90-95% in 65 days is both achievable and likely most profitable. If your herd is below this level, some investigation by you and your herd-health veterinarian is needed.

When I investigate a reproductive problem, I break it into the following categories: For bull problems, it's Breeding Soundness Exam (BSE), overuse, or lack of libido. For cow problems, I look at nutrition, environment, disease and genetics.

Bull problems

When a large percentage of cows are open, my first thought is generally a bull problem. With a national annual average of about 10% of bulls failing their BSE, an annual BSE on every bull before turnout is a must. Nearly every year I've been in practice, I've seen a group of cows all open due to a sterile bull. It's an easy situation to figure out.

Another bull problem is simply overuse. My rule of thumb for Midwest herds is you need a month of bull age for every cow in a 65-day breeding season. If you have

100 cows in a group, you need "100 months of bull" to breed them.

This means three bulls at three years of age, or two bulls at four years of age, would be adequate bull power. We know some bulls can service more than 50 cows in a breeding season, but 50 cows to a bull is our upper limit.

We also know using bulls of greatly differing ages doesn't work well. Having a yearling bull in the pasture with a three- and four-year-old adds up to 100 months, but the yearling will likely get no cows bred due to dominance issues by the older bulls.

The final bull problem is lack of libido. These bulls generally get some cows bred but not enough. To diagnose this problem, place a group of open cows with the bull(s) in question. If the bull lies down in the shade when a cow is in heat, he's asking to leave the herd.

Cow problems

Nutrition. It tends to be the most common reason for a less-than-desirable pregnancy percentage; the most common nutritional problem is lack of Body Condition Score (BCS) before calving. This is primarily an energy deficiency.

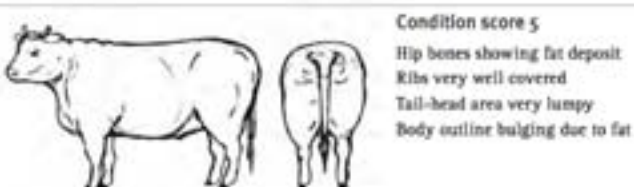
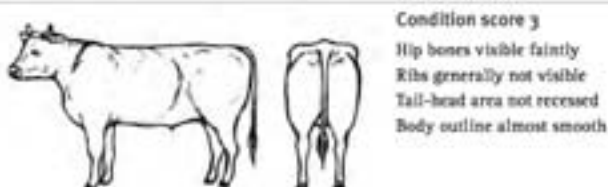
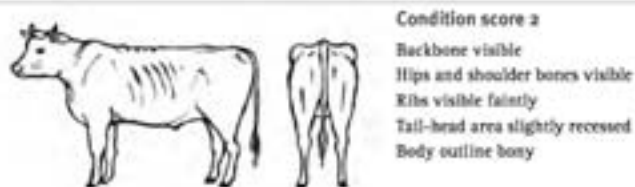
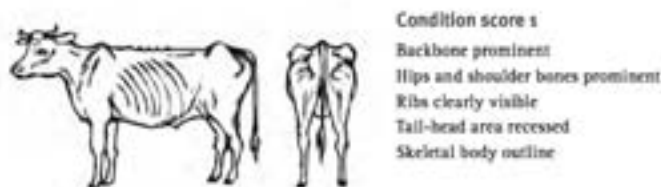
The period between weaning and the third trimester of

pregnancy is the most cost-effective time to improve BCS. A good BCS prior to calving is key to breeding back in a timely fashion.

If thin cows are over-represented in the open pen, you may already have the answer. If your younger cows are over-represented, it can be the same problem.

Mature cows that calve too thin (below BCS 5) are at higher risk of being open, compared to cows in good BCS. Young cows are also at increased risk of being open as they need additional energy for skeletal growth. If you have a cow both young and thin, she's at a severe disadvantage.

Post-calving cows need 45% more energy and 40% more protein than a pre-partum cow. Be sure not



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to shortchange cows at this critical time.

Mineral and vitamin deficiencies also can reduce pregnancy percentage. While phosphorus deficiency historically was listed as a cause of reproductive failure, it's now very rare as most all cows are adequately supplemented with phosphorus.

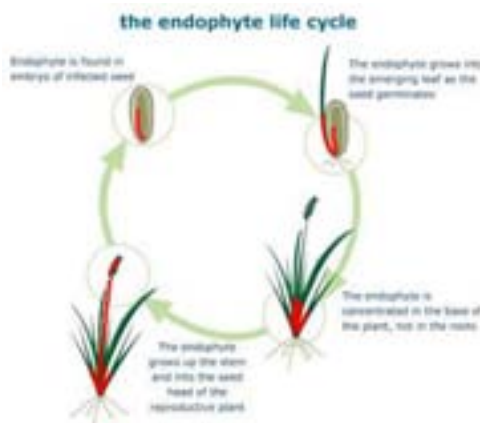
Other elements that can cause reproductive failure include deficiencies of selenium, vitamin E, cobalt, copper, iodine and manganese. Check with your nutritionist, Extension beef specialist or herd-health veterinarian for requirements in your area.

Environment

A cow herd out of synch with what's going on in the environment can pose problems. The biggest concern is an overly productive cow in an average or poorer environment. We don't want high-maintenance cows weighing 1,700 lbs. trying to get rebred while grazing infected

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Heat stress can also affect reproduction. It can cause reduced embryo viability early in pregnancy, as well as reduced sperm quality and breeding activity by the bull.



Disease

When disease causes reproductive failure, other manifestations of the same disease are generally seen. Abortions, early embryonic death, calves born weak or dead, and calves that die soon after birth are common manifestations. Most disease factors don't simply cause an increase in the percentage of open cows. This is another area where you need to get your herd-health veterinarian involved early in the course of the problem.

Genetics.

There are differences in the inherent fertility of different beef breeds. Research also indicates an increase in pregnancy rate in crossbred vs. purebred cows. If you can't attain the pregnancy rate you desire, there may be an underlying genetic component.

If your herd's pregnancy results look good, then congratulations. If it's less than desirable, work with your veterinary to get to the bottom of the problem. This time next year, you can be reflecting on a job well

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Managing Bulls After Breeding Season

By Geni Wren, Drovers

It's time to think about managing beef bulls. Brett Andrews, Burwell Veterinary Hospital, Burwell, Neb., says at this time it's typical for some of his Nebraska Sandhills ranchers to cull some bulls on age, soundness, and breeding problems.



More producers are keeping breed and performance records, so if a bull isn't performing with his peers then he may be culled depending on the cash flow. "Although a poor performing bull negatively impacts the long-term cash flow, he may be kept due to short-term cash flow problems," Andrews explains. "Usually the only time we do any breeding soundness exams on bulls in the fall is if they are fall breeding or if they had a reproductive problem such as lacerations to the prepuce during the summer," Andrews says. "And if it was lacerations we just extend them to make sure they healed with no strictures."

Tom Troxel, PhD, University of Arkansas, adds that the conclusion of the breeding season is an excellent time to perform BSEs on bulls to aid in determining which bulls to replace in the breeding herd. "Bulls may need to be culled for failure to pass a BSE, lack of libido, injuries, poor vision, undesirable conformation or inferior calf performance," he says.

Overwintering bulls

Troxel says herd bulls should be kept in a separate paddock or pasture away from cows and heifers during the non-breeding season with plenty of exercise room, protection from severe weather, adequate shade, access to clean water and access to a mineral supplement. Provide ample feeder

space if there is competition for feed from other animals in the paddock. In the Sandhills, Andrews says it's important to keep bulls where shelter (usually trees or manmade windbreaks) is available for the cold north winds that can frost/freezing scrotums. "Also provide bedding during the severest cold or blizzard conditions so the scrotums won't be on the bare cold ground," he suggests. "The producers who do this have very few permanent testicular injuries due to extreme cold," he says. "However, I have seen bulls that were left out with no or minimal shelter and they suffered permanent testicular injury."

Andrews says the fall/winter is the time to treat bulls for lice and deworm them as well.

A note on BSEs

Andrews says he sees too many young bulls that have been "semen tested" prior to purchase by his clients that he can't pass on a breeding soundness exam (BSE). "Veterinarians need to do a proper BSE on all bulls, especially the bulls for sale," he recommends. "Poorly performed BSEs only hurt our clients or the purchasers of the sale bulls and reflects poorly on our profession. If a veterinarian is in doubt if they are doing a proper BSE, then consult the Society for Theriogenology."

When doing BSEs on sale bulls, please provide the purchaser with a completed BSE evaluation form, Andrews says. "That way, if the purchaser has his veterinarian do a BSE on the bull and it doesn't pass, then the completed evaluation form allows better decisions to be made about whether to return the bull or reevaluate him again in a week or so. Also, if a veterinarian is providing a completed BSE evaluation form, I believe he is much more likely to do a proper and complete BSE."

Tom did a very good

job on the stuff he wrote. The only thing I would add is to manage the bulls like the cows, ie have them gaining weight prior to breeding season and to reach a BCS of 5-6 prior to breeding season. I see some bulls with a BCS of 3-4 when they are brought in for a BSE and they are much more likely to not pass and all too often the producer is wanting to turn out in the next 1-2 weeks. This is just simply not enough time to get the bull into breeding condition.

Management groups

Bulls may be divided into management groups in order to more effectively meet the different nutrient needs of each group, Troxel says. "Separating younger and older bulls may be particularly important in preventing injuries and meeting nutritional requirements. This is a good time to assess body condition scores on bulls to determine nutritional needs and tailor forage and feeding programs to ensure adequate body condition at the start of the next breeding season." Overworked bulls can lose significant body condition during the breeding season and may require extra nutrients to get back into shape before the next breeding season.

Managing bulls properly during the non-breeding season is important because bulls need this time to rest and regain condition. "Maintaining adequate nutritional and health programs is a year-round challenge," Troxel says. "Monitor pasture conditions and seasonal health concerns throughout the year and adapt nutritional and health programs to the changing production environment."



Mineral Nutrition in the Cow:

Macrominerals and Their Importance

by Adele Harty, SDSU Extension Cow/Calf Field Specialist 1st in a 3 Part Series

Mineral nutrition is vital to overall cow performance. Without appropriate balance of minerals, cows may not perform as desired or could exhibit detrimental effects. There is value in analyzing your mineral program to determine if modifications need to be made to improve cattle health and performance.

Minerals are divided into two groups based on the quantity of the mineral required by the cow: macro minerals and micro minerals (trace minerals). The macro minerals are required as a percent of the diet dry matter, while micro minerals or trace minerals are required in ppm (parts per million). This article will focus on macro minerals.

ABOUT MACROMINERALS

There are seven macro minerals that need to be analyzed and balanced within a cow's diet. These are calcium (Ca), phosphorus (P), magnesium (Mg), sulfur (S), sodium (Na), chlorine (Cl) and potassium (K). Some of these minerals work together, while others work independently.

Calcium & Phosphorus

Calcium and P are two minerals that work hand in hand. These are the main mineral constituents in bone. In addition to their role in bone development, Ca is also important in muscle function and P plays key roles in metabolic functions throughout the body. In general, grazing cattle will have adequate Ca in forages, especially legumes such as alfalfa. On the other hand, P can be deficient in these forages and supplemental P is generally needed in forage-based diets, but how much? The key is to sample and test forages to determine mineral content and select a mineral to meet the cow's needs. It is relatively easy to meet the requirements for Ca and P, but there is also value in ensuring the proper Ca:P ratio. The optimum Ca:P ratio based on extensive research is 1.5:1 to 2:1. The requirements for Ca and P change with animal age and stage of production.

The Ca requirement for lactating cows is 0.27% and P is 0.23% of the diet dry matter. These requirements decrease in nonlactating cows.

Magnesium

Magnesium is required at 0.2% of the diet dry matter for lactating cows and only 0.12% for gestating cows. Magnesium plays a role in enzyme and nervous system function, as well as carbohydrate metabolism. It is critical that cows receive sufficient Mg when they are lactating heavily, especially grazing lush, rapidly growing pastures. Oftentimes these pastures have excess K, which inhibits Mg absorption in both the plant and animal. A high Mg mineral (8-13% Mg) should be provided to lactating cows two to four weeks prior to turn out on rapidly growing grass, to increase Mg intake to 0.25% of diet dry matter.

Sulfur

Sulfur is not typically thought to be necessary in mineral supplements, but conversely how it can cause toxicity. Sulfur is necessary in the diet for the rumen microorganisms to form sulfur-containing amino acids. There are multiple sources of S and some of these can result in toxicity, specifically high sulfate water in western South Dakota. Research conducted at the Cottonwood Range and Livestock Field Station shows that excess sulfates in water can cause polioencephalomalacia (PEM or polio) in cattle. Symptoms include blindness, difficulty walking, muscle tremors, convulsions and ultimately death. Cattle on pasture require 0.15% sulfur, but forages and water should be tested prior to adding sulfur to a mineral supplement.

Sodium & Chlorine

Sodium and chlorine work together to maintain

cellular volume, pH and osmolarity of body fluids. Sodium chloride (NaCl, salt) promotes water intake. Sodium plays a role with K for nutrient transport into and out of cells and Cl is involved primarily in the production of hydrochloric acid in the abomasum (stomach) to aid in digestion. A 1300 lb cow will consume between 1 and 2 ounces of salt per day to meet requirements.

Potassium

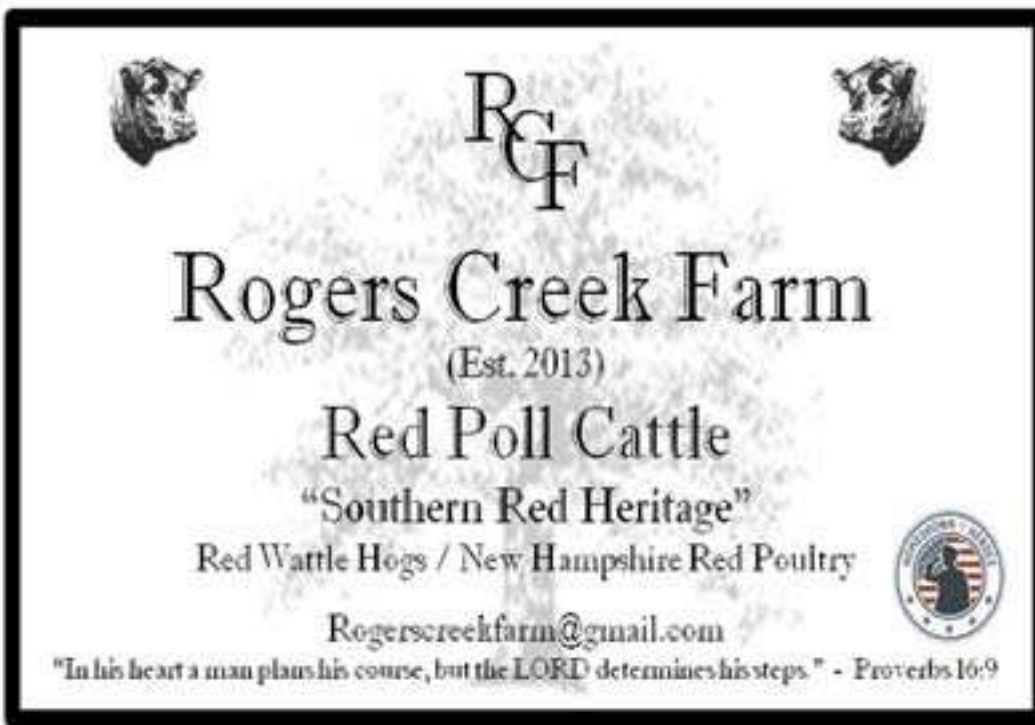
As mentioned previously, K works with Na in the body to regulate osmotic pressure and transport nutrients in and out of cells. As the K levels increase, the Na levels will need to increase equally. Through forage analysis, K levels are adequate in most of western South Dakota. Potassium will leach out of dormant forages, therefore it may be necessary to provide a mineral supplement that contains 1% K to remedy any deficiencies.

The Bottom Line

Mineral nutrition and balance is key to animal performance and productivity. Take time to evaluate your mineral program and determine if the supplements you are using are meeting the needs of your cattle. It is often stated that a mineral is formulated for a region, but there can be significant variations in minerals from one side of your ranch to the other. It might be valuable for you to sample your forages and get a better understanding of what minerals are available in your forage and what needs to be provided in the form of a supplement.

MINERALS REQUIRED BY A COW

Macro Minerals	Chemical Symbol	Essential Micro Minerals	Chemical Symbol
Calcium	Ca	Iodine	I
Phosphorus	P	Iron	Fe
Magnesium	Mg	Copper	Cu
Sodium	Na	Cobalt	Co
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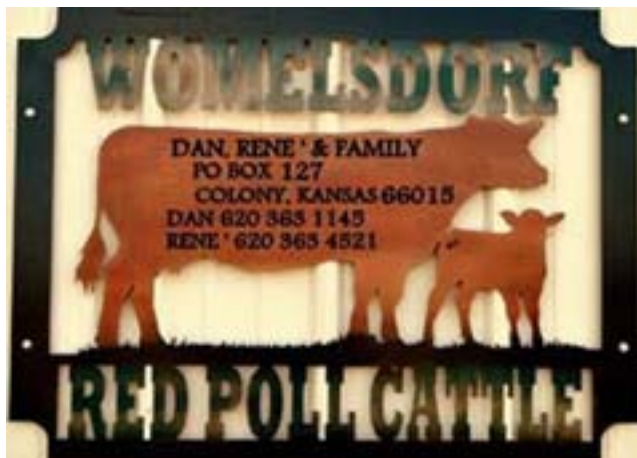
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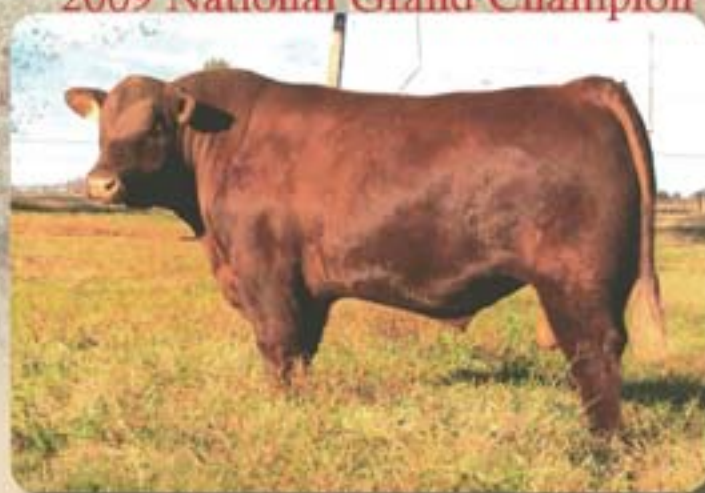
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