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# Greetings from your new OCA President

**Diana Wirth** | 541-805-8210  
OCA President

## Thank you

It is with honor that I write to you as the newly installed President of the Oregon Cattlemen's Association. I have been told that I have some pretty big boots to fill. I want to take this opportunity to thank you for your trust and confidence in our Executive Committee, Board of Directors, and staff, as we endeavor to represent and serve you these next two years.

As we say goodbye to 2025 and herald in 2026, I want to say Happy New Year and "thank you." Thank you to all of our members, industry professionals, State legislators, OCA staff, and many others who work tirelessly to protect ranching and agriculture in this state. We can't do what we do without your support.

## Convention 2025

The networking opportunities at the convention are endless, and it is always a joy to catch up with fellow ranchers and other industry sectors. The 2025 convention was one for the record books. From the Oregon CattleWomen meeting to the pounding of the gavel on the past presidents' term, each moment was filled with the work of the industry. From engaged committee meetings and robust discussions to educational workshops and demonstrations, the awards dinner, and all the way to the membership meeting, the energy at convention seemed quite elevated and lively this year. If you did attend the convention, you finally were able to meet the "mystery man" himself, my husband Dave. He had a marvelous time, and I want to thank all who made him feel right at home. If you weren't able to stay for the General membership meeting on Saturday, the attendance was as full as I have ever seen it.

We had more candidates running for the open positions than I have seen in a long time. I believe members showed up just to cast their

votes for the candidates of their choice. That's healthy governance and how it should be. What a great thing to see many willing to give of their time to serve in the OCA. It was fantastic to see so many attendees at the meeting, expressing their opinions, contributing to the conversations about their livelihoods, and casting their vote for the candidate of choice. I loved the excitement, and I appreciated the participation. When it was all over and done, and the election results announced, I said to myself, "Now, if we could just bottle that excitement and energy and take it to Salem in February, wouldn't that be something else?"

## Decisions

The Oregon Water Resources Commission recently issued a decision, declaring the Harney County Basin a Critical Groundwater Area. The Commission unanimously denied a petition brought by water users in the area to manage the problem. Despite the water users' requests to work in a spirit of cooperation, which is in line with the Commission's bylaws, the Commission chose the most aggressive approach, sending the basin into a potentially catastrophic tailspin. Hours and hours of work and every effort made to develop alternative management plans were completely ignored and tossed aside as if they were trash. While I hope this matter will have a more productive outcome, I can't help but think: whose community will be next? The Commission is composed of 6 commissioners, all appointed by the Governor. Folks, elections matter, and political participation is in our best interest.

## Resolve

This year, OCA Legislative Days will be held in Salem, February 23 and 24. I am inviting you to come be a part of the conversations that

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impact your livelihoods and meet the legislators who make decisions about natural resource issues, taxation, wildfire, wolf depredation funding, and more. Each year, I believe we move the needle just a bit. New relationships form, and commonalities emerge across party lines. Building and strengthening relationships with our legislators is fundamental to industry success.

What you do is important and vital to our state and national food security, as well as being a leading contributor to our state's economy. Come to Salem and tell your story. Advocate for the policies that directly impact you and, most of all, help others understand that what we do is necessary to our world's existence. I promise you will not be disappointed, and you will leave with a resolve to be part of the change we so desperately need. You will also leave with a deep and profound respect for those who lobby on our behalf and stand on the wall of truth about ranching and agriculture.

In closing, I want you to know how humbled we are. Your trust in this new EC and Board is not taken lightly. We will do our very best, to do our very best. If you need anything, do not hesitate to call our officers or the office. We are here to serve you. **DW.** •

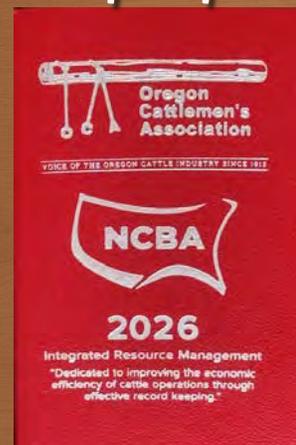
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(25-27)



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## District VP Election Results:

District I VP - Silas Skinner (25-27)

District II VP - Darren Hansen (25-27) (second term)

District VII VP - George Saul (25-27)





**4311** | 21273942 | 8/18/24  
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 Deluxe x Growth Fund; YW 1219  
 BW 2.6, WW 93, YW 157, \$W 90



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 Freewater x Patriarch; WW 859  
 BW 1.7, WW 80, YW 142, \$M 78



**5607** | 21363804 | 1/7/25  
 North Star x Commodore; WW 817  
 BW 1.5, WW 83, YW 143, Mb .91



**5585** | 21363051 | 1/4/25  
 Freewater x Reserve; WW 854  
 BW 1.6, WW 79, YW 139, \$W 83



**5574** | 21365097 | 1/2/25  
 Keystone x Foundation; WW 861  
 BW 1.7, WW 89, YW 154, Mb 1.51, \$C 379



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 Prolific x Black Granite; WW 762  
 BW 3.0, WW 85, YW 139, \$M 97, \$C 317



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 Top Gun x Apollo; WW 815  
 BW 3.8, WW 88, YW 152, \$M 88, \$C 337



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 Prolific x Complete; WW 830  
 BW 2.9, WW 94, YW 164, \$W 90



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Happy New Year. It feels hard to believe that it is now 2026. Doesn't it feel like time continues to go at warp speed and the months flash by in a blur? Well, here we go. A new year is here, and we are fully engaged in the OCA membership renewal phase. If you have read my comments previously, you know that every member is appreciated, and every member's dollar supports the work done at the state level to focus on issues, legislative priorities, agency rulemaking, and connecting at the county level. The OCA's work is made possible by your physical and financial support. Thank you!

The renewals were mailed in the first week of December. Please locate the membership renewal form, complete it, and return it with your payment. You can always go to the OCA website, [www.orcattle.com](http://www.orcattle.com) to renew and save the postage if you prefer. If, for some reason, you did not receive the renewal, please give the office a call, and we will get one right out to you in the mail. If you have any questions about your membership level, feel free to call us. Of course, if your herd size has changed, you can note it on the renewal form and remit the dues applicable to your operation. If you no longer have cattle, you can still support the Association for as little as \$75. We would love to keep you in our membership and continue to communicate with you.

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The convention is now in the rearview mirror. We have some returning board members, a new officer team, and a couple of new board members. A volunteer board governs OCA. When you see them, please let them know how much you appreciate their willingness to serve.

As we look to the new year, all the major activities are on the calendar, and I invite you to make a note of the key dates:

- February 23 - Spring Board Meeting, Legislative Reception - Salem Convention Center
- February 24 - Beef Day in the Capitol
- June 19 - Mid-Year Meeting of the General Membership - Madras
- September 24 - Fall Board Meeting - Prineville
- September 24 - CattlePAC Fundraiser - Powell Butte
- December 3-5 - Annual Convention - Pendleton Convention Center

Of course, the Short Legislative Session is scheduled to begin the first week of February and conclude on March 9. It will be a brisk six weeks, with each committee required to move bills within two weeks so they can move to the opposite chamber. We always welcome your active engagement in supporting the Association's priorities. I always welcome you to join the conversations and engage in hearings by providing testimony. Elected officials need to hear from those affected by their decisions. Please watch your weekly newsletter for legislative updates and plan to be part of the conversation when opportunities arise.

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	12:00 pm	Lunch
	1:00-3:00 pm	Issue Briefing (Preparation for Day in Capitol) <small>Please plan to attend briefing if attending Legislative Day, surrounding events not required.</small>
	5:00-8:00 pm	Legislative Reception <small>An evening with elected officials, heavy hors' d'oeuvres served.</small>
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<b>February 24</b>	6:30 am	Breakfast - House and Senate Leadership Briefing
	8:30 am	Legislative Day in the Capitol begins <small>A full day of meetings in the Capitol with Elected Officials. Attendance at Issue Briefing requested to attend.</small>
	12:00 pm	Lunch

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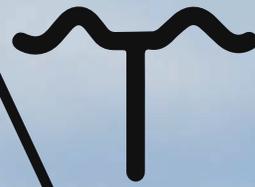
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# Examining 2026 in the Capitol with a crystal ball

**Rocky Dallum**  
Political Advocate

Happy New Year! Here's wishing you all health and prosperity in 2026. This year, OCA will be doing all it can to ensure the best for you and your business within our state legislative and executive branches. As we flip the calendar, we'll try to look into the crystal ball to see what 2026 might hold for ranchers in the halls of the Capitol and on your ballots this year.

The 2026 Legislative Session will commence next month, on February 2nd. Sometime in mid to late January, we will see the 350-400 bills that will be introduced for consideration. With a short session (just 35 days) and limits on how many bills each member can draft, we won't see the long list of bills or threats we did last year. Hopefully, that means fewer proposals to restrict water transfers, impose new regulations on fertilizer, or other bills we opposed in 2025. On the upside, we expect a few bills impacting ranchers. During OCA's annual convention, Senator Todd Nash (R-Enterprise) discussed proposals to broaden authorization for preg checking and a renewed proposal to use lodging taxes to fund conservation, including compensation for wolf conflict and depredation. Of course, expect OCA to continue advocating for solutions to firefighting costs that don't unfairly burden small landowners, knowing the state of Oregon has to pay these costs anyway, and the costs should be evenly spread.

Late 2025 gave us some insights into a few of the big-ticket items that will be high on the agenda in February (and impact our work), including transportation, taxes, and of course, the state budget. The status of the proposed transportation package and associated tax increases will generate plenty of intrigue. To close the year, signature gatherers turned in over 200,000 signatures seeking to refer the package to voters. The tax increases are now

suspended, leaving open questions on whether the Legislature will keep the proposed gas and payroll taxes on the November ballot, change the date for the vote, or scrap the package altogether. Either way, legislators may re-examine operations and administration at the Oregon Department of Transportation to find savings.

Knowing that voters are extremely wary of new taxes, and that budget reductions are coming in the next year with the implementation of federal budget cuts, Legislators will try to fill gaps with both revenue and cuts. On the revenue front, most political insiders expect to see proposals to disallow some of the new federal tax deductions on Oregon tax returns. On the budget front, agencies have already proposed cuts, in part to prepare for the next biennium when many federal changes start to sink in. But it's not just changes in federal funding: Oregon's unemployment rate is leading the nation, and the state economists' next forecast in February will frame how much the current biennial budget will need to be changed. Eventually, legislators will have to make hard decisions: the first time the Legislature has faced a budget cut since 2009. Plenty of Legislators are talking about reinvigorating Oregon's economy, but not all are supportive of tax relief or lowering (or eliminating) regulatory burdens.

There won't be much time after the session before focus switches from policy to politics. The deadline for candidates to file for the 2026 election will fall on the final day of the session (or at least the final day allowed, March 10th). We are already seeing candidates file, including for primaries - setting up an intriguing 2026 for some incumbents we know on both sides of the aisle, as well as the Governor's office. OCA's utmost concern is the ballot measure process.

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OCA members will have plenty of opportunities to engage on all these topics, be it through letters, testimony, Legislative meetings, or CattlePAC contributions. You can also come to Salem for the quarterly board meeting on February 23, followed by a Legislative reception that evening and Beef Day in the Capitol on 2/24. Reach out to OCA for more information and to register. We look forward to your support in 2026. Ranchers' commitment to OCA advocacy makes our jobs in the Capitol possible! •

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# ODA Brand & Animal Health Updates from the annual meeting

**Jake Seavert** | 541-910-3979

OCA 1st Vice President & Animal Health, Brand & Theft Co-Committee Chair

I hope your holidays were enjoyable. The mild, moist weather we've been experiencing in Northeastern Oregon has me thinking it skipped winter and is heading straight into March and calving season. The annual convention in Pendleton was great! I felt it was a great turnout and that membership participation was good.

At our Animal Health and ID committee meeting, the room was packed to hear the ODA update. The increase in brand inspection fees has stopped the bleeding, but has not shown the promise of getting the program back to black. The takeaway from that discussion of the changes made by SB1019 was to get the findings from the LRPO (Legislative Research Policy Office) by the first part of January and to see what they found from interviews with producers and programs from other states. With only a small portion of brand renewals returned for this year, we should see the impact from that over time as well. There was much discussion about the new central call program, in which the head inspector from that region will manage/schedule the workload for the brand inspectors to be more efficient with travel and time for those inspectors in that area. This will help avoid

sending multiple inspectors to close proximity to each other when one could have handled the workload. We will be hearing more about the self-inspection allowed by SB 1019, and we are hearing some favorable things about the pilot programs that have been initiated with it.

We got an update from the state veterinarian, Dr. Ryan Scholz, about EHV-1 (Equine Herpes Virus) and that there were no confirmed cases in the state at that time. Avian flu is still present; it hasn't affected any beef herds in Oregon to date. He also touched base on the New World Screwworm, saying its impact on southern states will be big, but with some antiparasitic treatments and the introduction of sterile male flies, it should keep them at bay and help eradicate them. The good news on that front is that the Screwworm is a tropical fly and doesn't do well in our northern climates, and would see a die-off with the freezing temps. There has been an Air Force base in Southern Texas that is being transitioned to a sterile male fly facility to prepare for domestic spread, but we hope it doesn't come to that.

The committee is also in favor of the proposed resolution to ask ODA to remove the two-bar policy and adopt a one-bar policy. This will help make brand registration easier for in-state and out-of-state producers who would like to register their brands for cattle using summer pasture. The resolution was then passed at the general meeting. The resolution concerning RFID tags was also amended and readopted in our general meeting; the amendments updated the language to say EID (Electronic Identification) rather than RFID (Radio Frequency Identification).

With that, if there are any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to reach out to me. In the meantime, have a happy New Year. •

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# Pillars of the USDA Grazing Action Plan

**Kelly Birkmaier & Mary Schadler**  
OCA Public Lands Council Committee Co-Chairs



We are writing this just after wrapping up the 2025 OCA Annual Convention. As with others, we feel that this event was a success. We especially think that the Public Lands portion of the meeting was a huge success. At the annual convention, we usually have one or two meetings associated with PLC. This year, we had four! We had the chance to hear Kaitlynn Glover, PLC Executive Director, discuss issues at the National Level. Barry Bushue, the Oregon State Director of the BLM, and Jacque Buchanan, the Region 6 Regional Forester for the Forest Service, also discussed actions and policies occurring within their respective agencies. The message from all three of these folks, as well as others, was that with this administration, the climate has changed. Jacque went into detail with this when she discussed the USDA Grazing Action Plan, which the USDI has also signed off on. This plan includes five pillars:

1. Expand access: prioritizing vacant allotments
2. Eliminate delays: streamlining permitting and authorizations
3. Elevate rural Americans: giving ranchers a voice
4. Maximize flexibility: keeping working lands working
5. Improved coordination: aligning agencies to serve ranchers better

In other words, this administration is working to make progress on issues that have long concerned livestock grazers on public lands. At the National level, some of the changes include streamlining NEPA to get decisions out promptly, using targeted grazing to reduce fuel loads (this may include grazing on allotments that are currently closed or vacant), thinning timber in a reasonable timeframe, working on predator issues, and creating a more adaptive management approach to existing permit practices. Unfortunately, one aspect of this administration's actions that hampers these changes is the loss of personnel. However, with this shift in paradigms, we are hopeful that PLC can continue to be behind some of these changes and push them forward, both at the National level and more locally. For more information, please access this link: <https://www.usda.gov/sites/default/files/documents/USDA%20>

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Another message that we heard from all these leaders is that we need to stay involved. We realize this has been said numerous times in our articles, but please reach out with concerns, thoughts, and ideas about what is working and what is not. We are here to serve you and can only do so if we know how we can help.

With the loss of so many employees, the Forest Service, in particular, is considering a reorganization of its Regional Offices. At this time, we do not know what that is going to look like. However, in the interim, Jacque will be acting as the Regional Forester for Region 6 (Pacific Northwest) 5, (California and Hawaii), and 10 (Alaska). Jacque is still committed to working with our Oregon PLC, as we are currently planning our next meeting with her.

On a final note, we were awarded a "Greenhand" award by Matt McElligott for our efforts to take over his position as the Oregon PLC Chair. We were truly honored to receive the award, but in truth, we could not have done this job without the guidance of Matt. With that being said, a big thank you to Matt for his help, support, and knowledge! •



The Forest Service team that attended the OCA meeting, from left to right: Dawn Coultrap, Region 6 Rangeland Management Specialist; Kevin Ford, Assistant Director, Forest & Range Management; Jacque Buchanan, Regional Forester; Kelly Birkmaier, PLC co-chair; and Shaun McKinney, Wallow-Whitman Forest Supervisor.

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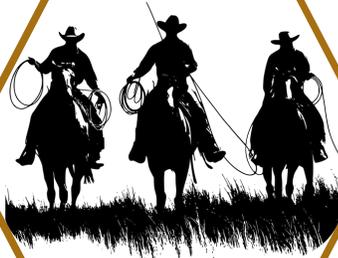


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# Seven Ways to Gracefully Transition Your Operation

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When we think about the transition of an operation from one generation to the next, we often get caught up in thinking about the legal side of the equation. No matter how important it is to legally transition your operation, it's just as important for the success of the transition to think about the day-to-day and what that will look like. This is often the area that the exiting generation gets hung up on and can cause some major issues right off the bat if it is not planned accordingly. As the exiting generation, take the time to ensure you are laying the foundation for the incoming generation.

## Get clear on the financial implications

It is almost guaranteed that there will be financial impacts (positive or negative) with any transition. Prior to the transition, take the time to assess your own financial future and make sure everyone involved understands



your needs for retirement. Depending on the business structure and your operation, there may be a one-time payment, an annual payment over several years, an ownership dividend, a salary, a multitude of other forms of compensation, or none at all involved in your succession. Whatever that looks like for your operation, make sure you are clear about your needs in retirement, it is planned for as part of the transition, and you understand how that will impact your bottom line.

Have you used farm fuel for your personal vehicles all these years, and now that needs to

stop? Did the farm always pay for your utilities and now that won't happen? Make sure you take the time to understand these financial implications, plan for them, and then honor the agreement that you make with your successor. Nothing sours a transition faster than taking liberties with farm assets that were not agreed to by everyone.

## Identify education gaps and help to fill them first

When working through your succession plan and identifying your successor, take the time to talk about and plan for the areas of the business that your successor may not have a lot of experience in. Take extra time to educate them and give them ample opportunities to work in these areas while you are present. Explore outside educational opportunities that may help them succeed and encourage them to pursue them.

It is likely very important to you that the next generation succeeds, so take the time to make sure you have passed along your knowledge and lessons learned from experience in all areas, but particularly in the areas where they need the most help. It is very easy to adopt the "I had to figure it out, you will too" mentality, but why? The beauty of generational business is the ability for each generation to build on what was left by the last and this doesn't

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happen unless you impart your knowledge and expertise upon them. There will be plenty of other things that they will learn the hard way! No need to create additional challenges when you don't have to.

### Designate roles and responsibilities ahead of time

For many producers, retirement is unfathomable. If you fall into that camp it is important to recognize it and plan for your continued involvement. When discussing your succession, take the time to identify areas of the operation that you particularly enjoy and ask your successor to identify areas where they may appreciate your continued involvement. Look for overlap in these lists and work with your successor to create a job description for you in "retirement".

By doing so, you can likely ease the transition, stay involved in ways you enjoy, and avoid creating unnecessary tension between you and your successor. Look for ways to stay involved that allow you to be independent, for example, let

your successor tackle employee management and opt for special projects that you can do on your own and on your own schedule. This allows you autonomy and freedom to come and go but doesn't disrupt the daily operation or new chain of command.

### Make a warm handoff

It is very likely that you have long-standing relationships with suppliers, buyers, dealers, and other third parties that interact with the operation. Prior to the transition take the time to visit with these folks and introduce your successor. Make sure they know how to contact your successor, and when the transition will take place. Then take the time to update names on accounts, permissions, and other important details so that the transition happens smoothly.

Many of these folks will default to calling you unless you make it clear that there is a change in the operation that you would like them to honor. This sets your successor up to maintain these long-standing relationships and

start off on the right foot.

### Nurture hobbies and relationships outside of the operation

Hobbies are often a foreign concept to farmers and ranchers, but this is the time to get familiar with the idea. If you have hobbies that you haven't had the time to enjoy in a long time, take the time to invest in them again. If you aren't sure what kind of hobby you might enjoy, think about what you enjoy doing around the operation. Do you like building things? Maybe woodworking or restoring old cars would be up your alley. Be willing to try all sorts of new things in an effort to fill your time with enjoyable activities. Look for local groups you can volunteer for, or boards that you can lend your knowledge to. There are often many ways to stay involved in the lifestyle and community you love without overseeing the day-to-day. If staying involved in ways that are pertinent to the operation is important to you, ask your successor if there are areas where you could represent the

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operation that would be helpful to them (think commodity groups, industry relevant boards, county producer groups, etc.).

Similarly, take the time to invest in relationships that you may not have had as much time for in the past. Take the grandkids for a fun outing, visit that neighbor that isn't doing so well, join the morning coffee crew, whatever it is, think about the people you enjoy spending time with and make an effort to do so more often.

### Take time away

When most people think about retirement they think about travel. Even if you are a homebody, spend some time thinking about somewhere you would like to go and make it happen. You might find that you enjoy travelling way more than you once did now that you don't have as many responsibilities waiting for you at home.

This is a great opportunity for you to get away and celebrate your newfound freedom, but also to give your successor some space

to get into the groove of their new role. Absence makes the heart grow fonder; allow yourself to take time away and in doing so, give your successor the boost in confidence that you trust them enough to do so.

### Pat yourself on the back

Take the time to reflect on your time at the helm of the operation and celebrate your successes. Being able to pass on a viable operation to the next generation, be it family or not, is a huge accomplishment and something to take pride in. By viewing this time as a celebration rather than a necessary evil you can approach it with a positive outlook and desire to help rather than feeling pushed out.

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# Bob Skinner Named Oregon Agriculturalist of the Year



In the remote high desert of southeast Oregon, where weather swings are as wide as the landscape itself, ranching is both a challenge and a calling. For Bob Skinner of Skinner Ranches in the Jordan Valley, it's a life defined by tradition, innovation, and resilience.

A fifth-generation rancher, Skinner has built a nationally respected Red Angus operation known for its quality, stewardship, and integrity. This year, Oregon Aglink honors his lifelong dedication to Oregon's agricultural heritage and his leadership in advancing the cattle industry by naming him the 2025 Agriculturist of the Year.

The ranch can trace its roots to 1863, when Skinner's great-great-grandfather homesteaded the land. Now in its seventh generation, the operation continues to thrive. "We live in the high desert of southeast Oregon, so we get extreme temperature swings through the different seasons, from highs of 100 degrees in the summer to lows well below zero in the

winter," Skinner explained in an interview with the Public Lands Council. Skinner recognizes because of the desert conditions, careful planning and resource management is essential for success.

The ranch employs a strategic approach to grazing, combining public lands managed by the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) in spring and summer, with private lands in fall and winter. Skinner emphasizes that ranchers using public lands are far from simply subsidized operators: "There is a reckless – and incredibly false claim – that public land ranchers are 'subsidized' by the federal government." Infrastructure required by the government, such as fences, pipelines, and water sources is funded and maintained by the ranch itself. Skinner recognizes that farmers grazing on public land naturally hold a deep commitment to land stewardship.

"For the cattle industry, access to public lands for grazing is an absolute necessity for many

ranchers who do not have adequate access to pasture to sustain their herd year-round,” said Executive Director of the Oregon Cattleman’s Association, Tammy Dennee. “Bob has been an active voice in conveying to policymakers, Bureau of Land Management and the Forest Service the value of this public/private partnership over the years.”

Skinner’s leadership extends beyond his own ranch, serving as president of the Oregon Cattlemen’s Association, and holding key roles with the Public Lands Council. “He is a respected leader who displayed the ability to engage with the rancher community and convey priorities to elected leaders at both the State and Federal levels as well as the agency leadership,” said Dennee. His advocacy includes public lands policy and wildfire management, ensuring that rural voices are heard in decisions that affect grazing rights and conservation. “Ranchers are the first line of defense against wildfires here on our public lands,” Skinner notes, “We receive no pay or funding from any government agency for this important work.”

Beyond the ranch, Bob’s broad depth of knowledge and commitment to community are evident. A licensed pilot, search and rescue volunteer, firefighter, and deputy, he brings the same sense of service and dependability to every role he pursues. As Niels Hansen, a friend and colleague who served on the National Public Lands Council Board of Directors with Skinner shared, “He makes you enthused to work with him and be around him.”

Hansen describes Bob as a man of clear purpose and direction, a trait that has guided both his leadership and his life. “Bob knows what he wants and where he wants to go,” he said. “When you have that kind of clarity and vision, you can do great things.”

Skinner also recognizes that educating the next generation is paramount to the sustainability of the agriculture industry. According to colleagues, Bob played a key role in supporting the establishment of a specialized educational path at Lewis & Clark Law School. Curriculum oriented toward the industrial side of natural resource management, including forestry, agriculture, and oil and gas. While the project was led by the law school, Bob’s advocacy and insight helped align the curriculum with the real world needs of production side industries and the lawyers who represent them. •





# Let's get back at it - there's work to do!

**Kaitlynn Glover**

Executive Director, Public Lands Council



Not too long ago, I read that by the end of January, more than 80% of New Year's resolutions will have been abandoned, cast aside as idealistic notions that seemed workable in the wee hours of January 1, but look a bit bleaker by February. Each year, we commit to going to the gym, giving up a vice, or starting a new hobby, only to realize that there's no magic change that happens when the calendar turns to a new year.

Unlike my resolution to drink less coffee, PLC's work began as soon as the President and new Congress were sworn in by the end of January. PLC had already started conversations with the Trump transition team, and our "resolutions" called on the new administration to act on a long list of priorities for federal lands grazing permittees. By the end of February, we had already started seeing meaningful policy change.

PLC's early wins included working with BLM to rescind an Instructional Memorandum that would have prevented renewal of grazing permits and directed the agency to take unscientific action in sage grouse plans. At PLC's urging, BLM immediately took steps to rescind the ill-fated Public Lands Rule. USDA announced plans to rescind the 2001 Roadless Rule that has certainly exacerbated - if not been directly responsible for - some of the worst forest conditions in the West over the last 25 years. The Trump Administration stripped NEPA back to its original and most efficient form, requiring agencies to decrease NEPA delays and make environmental reviews more effective. U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service rescinded some of the most problematic changes to the Endangered Species Act

from the Biden-era rules, restoring common-sense and efficient process to identification and designation of habitat and critical habitat.

As part of PLC's priorities for this administration, PLC provided a clear set of recommendations to BLM as part of our request for them to move as early as possible on reforming grazing regulations. We've been working with USFS for the last number of years to improve the directives that govern grazing program administration, and there is potential in this administration to enshrine some of the most positive changes in regulation.

Never inclined to be left out of the conversation, the first session of the 119th Congress delivered on grazing priorities in a way we haven't seen for decades. This last year was the friendliest I have ever seen for grazing priorities. From bipartisan support of bills like the Ranching Without Red Tape Act to enable permittees to move forward with maintenance of range improvements, to House passage and Senate progress on the Fix Our Forests Act to increase the use of targeted grazing across National Forest System lands to prevent wildfire, the message from Congress was clear: they heard permittees' message loud and clear, and they want to deliver lasting policy change.

PLC supported 7 witnesses who testified before Congress in 2025. This record-setting number is a clear recognition from Congress that they value the federal lands grazing permittees' perspective on a wide range of issues. PLC President Tim Canterbury testified on the "State of the Rangeland" at the beginning of the year. Hearings included the need for ESA reform, gray wolf

delisting, producer burdens resulting from inefficient federal policy, the consequences of catastrophic wildfire, and the need for meaningful reform to litigation incentives like the Equal Access to Justice Act. Witnesses came from across the West: California, South Dakota, Colorado, New Mexico, Washington, and more.

Certainly, 2025 had its share of challenges, but we begin 2026 with strong relationships with Congress, federal agencies, and the White House. When faced with challenges, PLC meets them head-on, advocating for producer confidence, security, and profitability. We see the light at the end of some decades-long tunnels, like restoring grazing to vacant allotments, improving grazing regulations, and resolving regional inconsistencies in management flexibility. This year also provides a once-in-a-generation opportunity to highlight the history, culture, and value of federal lands grazing as part of the International Year of Rangelands and Pastoralists. This global effort makes connections between ranchers in Oregon, herders in Mongolia, and producers in Ethiopia - and everywhere in between.

This year, PLC will celebrate our 58th anniversary. This year, like all the others before it, we don't need New Year's "resolutions" because we have a policy book full of strong directives. Last year showed us what working with the federal government can look like when stakeholders provide clear priorities and are met with agencies willing to listen.

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# Collaboration leads to beneficial outcomes

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Oregon Hunters Association (OHA) has a long history of working collaboratively with Oregon Cattlemen's Association on issues that matter to both producers and the hunting community. While the two organizations have different focuses and policy priorities, there is often overlap in topics of shared interest among our respective membership bases.

Topics central to the Oregon Department of Fish & Wildlife (ODFW) have shown to be areas where hunters and landowners can find alignment. OHA and OCA have worked collaboratively to identify and support qualified, well-informed appointees to the ODFW Commission who will analyze the science and data while also understanding their relevant application to the landscape. The three most recent appointments: Dallas Hall-Defrees in September 2024, and Hugh Morrison and Dave Moldal in November 2025, were supported by both organizations on this basis.

In the 2023 legislative session, OCA and OHA worked together to champion what became the most controversial natural resources bill: HB 3086, the redistricting of the ODFW Commissioners. This bill, sponsored by Representative Bobby Levy, sought to change the map used to select commissioners from the congressional districts model to the river basin management areas. This change ensured better representation of the eastern two-thirds of the state while limiting the number of Commissioners from the Portland/Metro area. Environmental organizations vehemently opposed the bill, but through collaboration between the sportsmen's community, natural resources organizations, and the Tribes, it passed in the final hours of the 2023 session.

The shifting migration patterns in our ungulate populations, particularly early in the season when elk herds should be moving off lower-elevation lands and returning to winter range, have contributed to increased damage to private landowners. With federal land managers showing little interest in changing forest management policies that have

prioritized late-seral age-class stands over more beneficial open-canopy habitat for ungulates, this migratory pattern is unlikely to diminish in the near future.

OHA has participated in workgroups and policy conversations on elk and deer damage to crops and infrastructure, supporting OCA's legislative efforts to secure funding for a compensation pilot program to assist producers in recouping a portion of the costs associated with ungulate damage. As an organization, OHA recognizes the value private landowners provide to wildlife, at times as their own expense due to crop loss or damage. The benefits of keeping working lands working and in the hands of our local farmers and ranchers cannot be overstated.

In this same vein, both OHA and OCA have worked to balance the Landowner Preference Tag Program between landowner offsets for having wildlife on their property and public hunting opportunities through tag allotments. Both organizations supported the recent removal of the program's sunset clause in the 2025 legislative session to establish the program permanently. Similarly, the General Season Antlerless Elk Damage Tag Program is another example of both organizations seeking opportunities for the hunting community to assist landowners with damage issues.

Perhaps no other topic highlights the alignment found between landowners and hunters like predator management. In addition to the aforementioned forest management policies that contribute to increased elk movement onto private lands, predator pressure can be a factor in dispersing herds into new patterns and shortening the time they spend on public lands.

Over the course of several legislative sessions, the topics of hunting cougars with hounds, forming predator control districts, and funding USDA/ APHIS Wildlife Services have been recurring areas of engagement to amplify the need for more robust predator management on the landscape.

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In the 2025 legislative session, OHA and OCA stood together on legislative concepts championed by both Representative Bobby Levy and Senator Todd Nash to more accurately assess the cumulative effects of wolf depredation on livestock and fairly compensate producers for their losses.

Similar to the ungulate depredation issues, OHA seeks opportunities for hunters to be part of the solution to the ongoing wolf depredation in northeast Oregon. In September of 2022, OHA staff presented testimony to the ODFW Commission requesting that the agency establish regulations for the implementation of controlled-take damage hunts in specific areas of chronic depredation, as allowed under the approved wolf management plan. Though the request was not granted, OHA continues to advocate for appropriate population control through hunt opportunities to manage wolves and other predator species.

While wildlife and habitat-centric topics tend to be the main areas of collaboration between the sportsmen's community and producers, there are other areas where our interests overlap. In 2025, OHA proposed a concept that would change how signatures are gathered for the initiative petition process. Instead of the current structure in which an initiative petition must gather a specific threshold of signatures to gain the ballot, the concept would have increased that threshold and, perhaps most

importantly, instituted a requirement to collect signatures in all six congressional districts of the state. The goal is to require petitioners to travel outside the Portland/Metro area and engage the rest of the state in the idea meant for the ballot. Oregon Cattlemen's Association not only supported the concept but also engaged its membership to move the bill forward. The shared efforts between OHA and OCA helped push the bill through two public hearings in each chamber of the legislature but ultimately could not overcome urban-based opposition.

Beyond the legislative and agency realms, the most pressing issue ahead of our organizations is Initiative Petition 28 (IP28). This initiative has the potential to decline both the ranching and sportsmen's industries and is poised to make the 2026 ballot. IP28 would criminalize the killing or injuring of any animal for any reason other than self-defense and would classify standard breeding practices, such as artificial insemination, as sexual assault. It would also criminalize all education and research done with animals, end wildlife management practices, and even make it illegal to trap mice and gophers.

While IP28 seems far too insane to take seriously, in reality, the proponents have already collected nearly 90,000 signatures. With the number of signatures needed to qualify for the ballot set at just over 117,000 and six months remaining until the deadline, the initiative's chances of making the November 2026 ballot are extremely high.

The Oregon Hunters Association has established a coalition of sportsmen's organizations to oppose the initiative and work in conjunction with our partners in the farming and ranching sector. Oregon Cattlemen's Association has been an instrumental member of the producer's coalition, along with Oregon Farm Bureau, Oregon Dairy Farmers, Oregonians for Food & Shelter, and many others.

The cooperation across our sectors reflects our memberships; many farmers, ranchers, and producers are also hunters and anglers. When we, as organizations, can stand together in greater collaboration to amplify a unified voice in support of the Oregon we envision, we can, in turn, withstand the large-scale attacks such as IP28.

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# Marketing & promotion with a friend at the Oregon Department of Agriculture

**Will Wise**

CEO of the Oregon Beef Council



When I met Erick Garman, he was helping the Oregon Beef Council with a chef preparing beef for a television spot. This became one of my favorite annual events as Erick handled things so well. We went to Gartner's Meats, a Portland tradition, to do a filmed shoot and then later did a shoot with the chef on live TV. Erick later took a position within the Agricultural Development and Marketing Division at the Oregon Department of Agriculture (ODA). I've worked with a lot of folks in this part of the Oregon Department of Agriculture. They do great work. Many farmers and ranchers may not know how we all work together, so I posed a few questions to Erick, and you may be interested in his responses.

With more than 16 years of experience in marketing and advertising, Erick brings expertise to his position as a Trade Development Manager at ODA. Erick works to enhance the competitiveness of Oregon's food and agricultural products at the local, domestic, and global levels. He supports Oregon and regional businesses through retail connections and promotional programs and works with large companies and commodity sectors to expand market access, drive sales growth, and navigate regulatory and export requirements.

His work includes engagement on international trade agreements and food and agricultural trade policy, as well as work on incentive programs that support investment and expansion of food and agricultural processing in Oregon. Erick partners with producers, processors, retailers, exporters, industry groups, and government agencies to address trade barriers and strengthen in-state value-added manufacturing.

Although we are the Oregon Beef Council, don't let the name get in the way. We are one of 22 Oregon Agricultural Commissions that are set up by state law in conjunction with the Oregon Department of Agriculture. I've worked for several of these Commissions, and each was established at the request of producers and is operated under statutory authority. ODA's Director appoints all commissioners—who are considered Oregon public officials—and annually reviews and approves each Commission's budget. These budgets, funded

primarily through commodity assessments, support research, education, and non-branded promotion efforts. Commissioners, who volunteer their time, make strategic decisions to advance the economic vitality of their respective commodities. ODA's oversight includes ensuring compliance with administrative rules, facilitating commissioner appointments, and guiding rulemaking processes.

Here are a few questions I asked Erick so we could explain some of the work we do together:

**Will:** When we met, you were working for KATU Channel 2 television in Portland. I felt right away that you saw the media appeal of Oregon agriculture as boundless. What do you see as the unique marketability of Oregon's agriculture, and how is this best optimized to benefit Oregon's farmers and ranchers in your opinion?

**Erick:** What makes marketing Oregon agriculture unique is the incredible diversity of our state, which ensures there is always a product, season, or story that resonates with consumers in both rural and urban communities. That diversity makes Oregon agriculture easy and meaningful to talk about, creating numerous opportunities to connect people with where their food comes from. Through my early work with the Oregon Beef Council, I've seen firsthand how sharing these stories through media can build lasting connections between consumers and producers.

Another key strength is collaboration. Working across multiple commodities and with retail partners allows us to reach more consumers while reinforcing a shared goal of celebrating Oregon agriculture. That willingness of producers and retailers to work together has been a major reason our message continues to be effective.

**Will:** You bring project proposals to Oregon's agricultural groups and to the Oregon Beef Council. I feel you get a lot of return for small investments on our part. One example was a recent event in which we invested \$500 in Food Forward Oregon. This was a project coordinated by the Oregon Department



Erick Garmen (center) Trade and Development Manager for the Oregon Department of Agriculture, working with television professionals to promote Oregon products.

of Agriculture’s Agricultural Development and Marketing Division, in partnership with Oregon agricultural groups and the Oregon Business Council. You thanked us for supplying beef and support, and I would like to ask how you feel this benefited awareness of Oregon’s beef and cattle producers, and was it helpful to have producers help fund and support these efforts?

Erick: The Oregon Beef Council has consistently been thoughtful and strategic in how it invests rancher dollars, focusing on partnerships that deliver real value. Over the years, I’ve seen which collaborations and investments have worked well—not only for the Beef Council, but across other commodity commissions—and each new opportunity is carefully evaluated to ensure it aligns with your goals. A recent example was Food Forward, where nine commodity commissions came together as part of the Oregon Leadership Summit. This high-profile event brings business leaders, elected officials, educators, and government officials together to discuss Oregon’s economic future. Participating in Food Forward ensured agriculture had a strong presence and showcased the best of Oregon food and agriculture alongside some of the state’s most respected chefs, restaurateurs,

winemakers, cider makers, and brewers. These simple yet impactful investments are important to ensure Oregon continues to be recognized as a leading food state.

Will: What advice would you have for Oregon’s agricultural organizations and the Oregon Beef Council in terms of cost-effective promotions to support our producers? What have you seen in your position that you feel has worked extremely well or was a great value for the investment?

Erick: I’ve seen several new and exciting promotions taking place across the state, from partnerships with the Oregon Farm to School Program to participation in local media efforts, including digital, television, and local talk shows. It’s energizing to work alongside partners who are just as enthusiastic about sharing agriculture’s story. The marketing work we do matters, but it should also be engaging and something we’re proud to be part of. While no single promotion stands out above the rest, it’s essential that we continue connecting with Oregon consumers and giving them a reason to feel proud to be part of a larger food and agriculture movement. •



# Annual Convention Wrap up

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Cattle producers, industry partners, students, and families from across the state gathered in Pendleton for the annual convention hosted by the Oregon Cattlemen's Association and Oregon CattleWomen. It was a packed few days full of education, policy discussion, recognition, and fellowship. From legislative updates and business meetings to hands-on workshops and great food, this year's convention once again highlighted the strength and unity of Oregon's cattle industry.

Throughout the event, attendees had the opportunity to participate in educational sessions designed to strengthen ranch operations and leadership across the state. Workshops covered timely industry topics and hands-on BQA classes, while OCA meetings provided members the opportunity to stay informed on current issues impacting Oregon cattle producers. The vendor booths offered a chance to connect with industry partners and explore new products and services supporting ranching operations.

The Oregon CattleWomen were proud to once again partner with OCA during convention week. Our business meeting was well attended and productive, as members gathered to reflect on the past year's accomplishments and lay the groundwork for the year ahead. From legislative engagement and education outreach to county affiliate support and event planning, the momentum and dedication of our membership were on full display.

One of the highlights of the week was the presentation of the Oregon CattleWomen awards at the Friday night dinner, recognizing individuals who have gone above and beyond in service to the cattle industry and our association. Senator Todd Nash was honored as the Industry Professional of the Year for his steadfast support of ranching families and rural Oregon. The Heritage Award was presented to

Roberta Valladao for her decades of dedication and impact on the beef industry. Sarah Kellom received the CattleWoman of the Year Award in recognition of her leadership, service, and commitment to OCW. Our new Cattleman of the Year award was proudly awarded to Dalton Straus for his lifelong support and advocacy for Oregon CattleWomen. The Tri-County CattleWomen won the saddle donated by





HighStreet Insurance for having the most new Oregon CattleWomen members in the 2024-2025 membership year.

We were also honored to welcome our friend and past American National CattleWomen President, Reba Mazak, who joined us in Pendleton and spoke during our meeting. Her presence and message served as a powerful reminder of the nationwide network of cattlemen working to educate, promote, and advocate for our industry.

Another exciting highlight of the convention was the election of our friend and past President, Diana Wirth, as the new President of the Oregon Cattlemen's Association. A respected leader in Oregon agriculture and a dedicated supporter of the cattle industry, her presidency signifies strong momentum for OCA and the industry as a whole. The Oregon CattleWomen are eager to work alongside President Wirth in the year ahead.

None of this would be possible without the tremendous support of our sponsors and partners, whose generosity helps make both OCA and OCW meetings and conventions successful each year. Their continued investment in agriculture and rural communities is deeply appreciated. The Oregon CattleWomen also extend sincere thanks to our officers and committee chairs for the countless hours of planning and work that go into making the meeting and convention a success, especially President-Elect Gabrielle Homer and Events

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Chair Jen Homer for their leadership and event coordination behind the scenes in Pendleton.

Beyond the meetings and workshops, one of the most meaningful parts of the convention is always the opportunity to reconnect with friends, meet new faces, and strengthen the relationships that keep our industry moving forward. The 2025 Annual Convention was no exception; it was filled with good conversations, shared meals, and a strong sense of community.

As the new year begins, the momentum from the convention carries with it an important sense of purpose. In the months ahead, Oregon CattleWomen look forward to deepening our engagement in the legislative process through increased advocacy and workshops, expanding producer education opportunities, and strengthening our collegiate committee to support the next generation of leaders in agriculture. We are also hopeful for continued growth in fundraising efforts to allow us to award even more scholarships, while increasing our public outreach to better connect consumers to the story of beef and the families who raise it.

Oregon's cattle producers remain resilient, innovative, and deeply committed to the future of agriculture in our state. As we step into a new year of advocacy, education, and promotion, the energy and engagement seen at this year's convention give us great confidence in what lies ahead. •

# Meet your ODFW Commissioners



The Oregon Fish and Wildlife Commission is a seven-member board that oversees policy direction for the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife. With three commissioners currently representing eastern Oregon (Vice Chair Becky Hatfield Hyde, Mark Labhart, and Dallas Defrees), the Commission brings a strong understanding of rural priorities to its work. It focuses on collaborative, science-based conservation—recognizing that most of Oregon’s wildlife habitat lies on private lands. The Commission’s recent efforts emphasize climate resilience, species adaptation, and practical partnerships with agricultural communities to support both ecological health and working landscapes. The Commission emphasizes science-based, adaptive management and works closely with landowners, tribal governments, and local communities to ensure that Oregon’s fish and wildlife resources are conserved and responsibly harvested for future generations. In November, the Governor nominated and Senate confirmed the appointment of two new commissioners filling two seats in NW Oregon, Dave Moldol and Hugh Morrison.

## Dave Moldol

Dave is a lifelong conservationist, sportsman, and wildlife habitat advocate. A native of Michigan, he has lived and worked throughout the United States and has lived in Oregon since 2007. At an early age Dave learned to hunt and fish and recognized how sustainable fish and

wildlife depend on healthy habitat and water resources. He has worked professionally in environmental management and planning, wildlife conservation, federal law enforcement, and renewable energy development. Dave earned graduate degrees in water resources management and environmental policy from the O’Neill School at Indiana University. Through these professional experiences and various volunteer roles, he developed a deeply held belief in the strength of grassroots conservation, stakeholder collaboration, and that we have a moral imperative to conserve fish and wildlife for future generations. He and his wife are raising two delightful, smart, and energetic boys who are always looking forward to the next fishing or rafting trip on Oregon’s beautiful rivers and lakes.



Dave’s interest in serving on the State Fish & Wildlife Commission is due to his strong personal desire to conserve fish and wildlife and their habitats for future generations. Dave has experienced tremendous pleasure and personal satisfaction hunting and fishing as well as hiking, camping, and birding and wants all Oregonians to experience our state with healthy and sustainable populations of fish and wildlife and habitats that sustain them.

## Hugh Morrison

Hugh (you could also see his bio on our website if you want to pull from that- <https://myodfw.com/oregon-fish-and-wildlife-commission-members>)

A native Oregonian with over 200 years of family history in the State, Hugh Morrison has a strong connection to the lands of waters of Oregon. Through a career in fish and wildlife work in the Pacific Northwest, mostly with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Hugh has had the chance to travel the State and hear from Oregonians from Astoria to Baker City to Lakeview. He is always heartened to hear the unifying theme of care for land.

Hugh has a great appreciation for the stewardship provided by private landowners. He understands that they provide a range of wildlife benefits from managing for multiple generations, to providing wet meadow habitat for migratory birds, to keeping large landscapes intact. Hugh is a great believer in listening to varied perspectives and finding the common ground in any situation. He looks forward to serving all Oregonians as a member of the Fish and Wildlife Commission. •



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# Recent Improvements in Assisted Reproductive Technologies

## Cecily V. Bishop

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Use of assisted reproductive technologies in cattle has allowed expansion of genetic potential beyond that offered by traditional breeding methods. Recently improvements have been made in sex selection of semen and embryo transfer to allow more producers the opportunity to improve genetic potential of their herds.

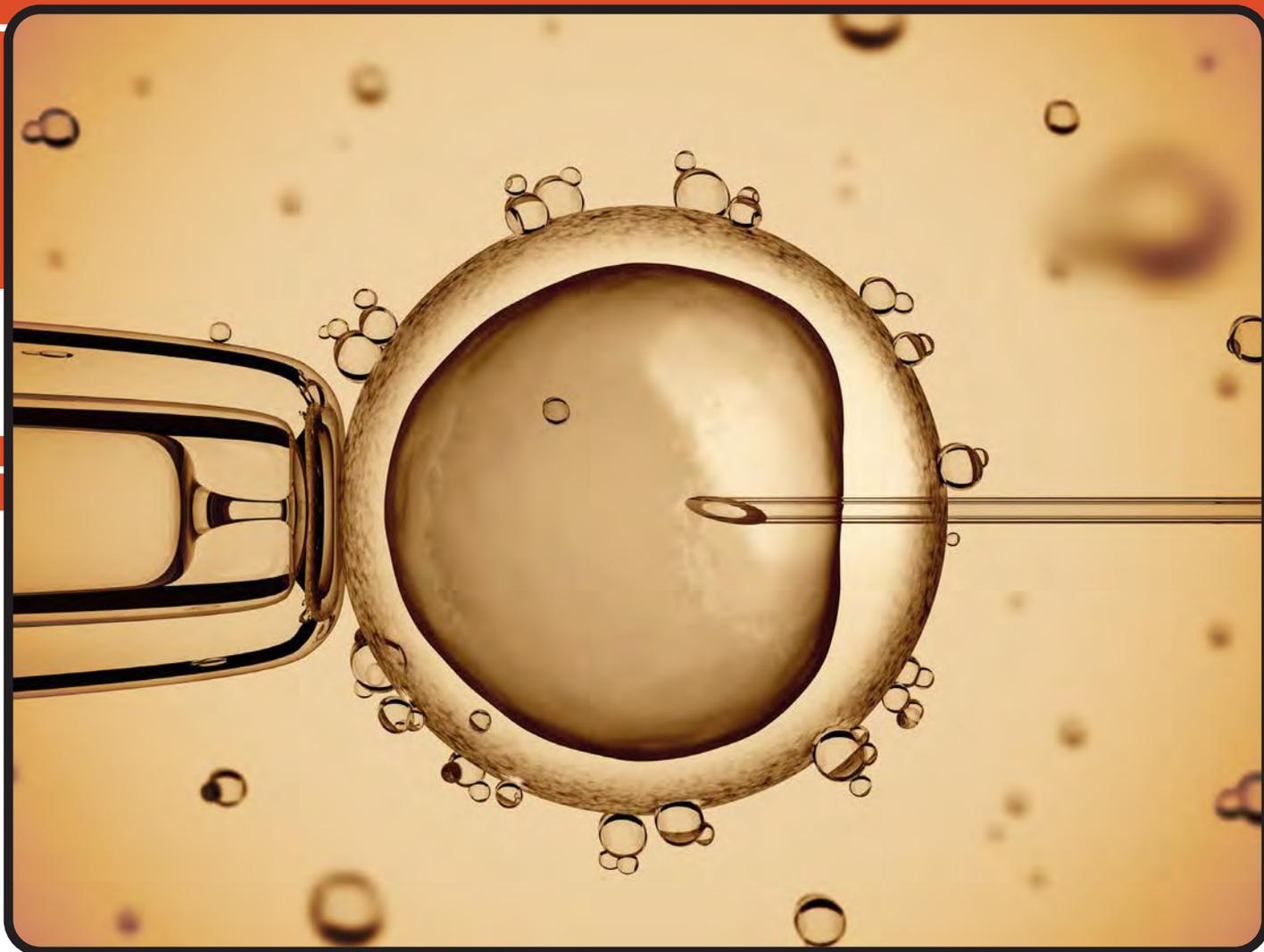
Sexed semen, where the semen is processed prior to packaging to increase the number of either X- or Y-chromosome bearing sperm in the straw, historically has lower rates of conception due to the sorting techniques. However, companies have made refinements to this process and now conception rates are now within 10 percentage points of conventional semen. To put this in perspective, if you have an 85% conception rate in heifers with conventional semen by artificial insemination (AI), you can expect at least a 75% conception rate using sexed semen. While sorting technology has improved, greater emphasis has been placed on understanding what sorting does to the fertilizing ability of the spermatozoa. Research has shown that sexed semen does



not need to be present in the female reproductive tract as long as conventional semen to successfully fertilize oocytes<sup>1</sup>. This means the timing between insemination and ovulation should be reduced with use of sexed semen compared to conventional semen. The Beef Reproduction Task Force, an independent multidisciplinary group of research and extension faculty from Universities across the United States, has developed specific protocols for synchronizing first-calf heifers and cows using sexed semen where all recommend synchronization protocols are modifications of the Co-Synch+CIDR system/Timed AI protocols to incorporate this reduced time between ovulation to insemination. One popular protocol is a mixed synchronization method, the PG-7, 7-day Co-Synch+CIDR for heifers. This protocol combines some of the qualities of the “pre-synchronization” methods used primarily in dairy cattle

to first use prostaglandin F2alpha (Estrumate/Lutalyse) to regress any corpora lutea (CL) present, then 7 days later a GnRH injection is used to force ovulation/CL formation of any large antral follicles present on the ovary. At time of GnRH, a CIDR is inserted to ensure the heifer is exposed to progesterone to allow her to maximally express estrus behavior in response to estrogen exposure from a large preovulatory follicle. Then, the protocol is similar to the typical 7-day CO-Synch+CIDR cycle (<https://beefrepro.org/sexed-semen-protocols/>).

Embryo transfer is another method used for genetic improvement in herds. Traditionally procedures for embryo transfer included superovulation of the genetically superior donor cow, AI of the donor, and then flushing and collection of embryos for transfer to suitable surrogates with good mothering abilities. These multiple ovulation embryo transfer (MOET) in vivo-produced embryos have a decent likelihood of generating a pregnancy in suitably synchronized donors, comparable to AI. However, the number of MOET cycles that



can be performed per cow is limited. Use of in vitro produced embryos (IVP) is now more popular and represents the vast majority of embryos transferred now, according to data from the International Embryo Transfer Society (IETS). These cycles are less taxing on donors, in that oocytes can be collected directly from ovaries without use of superovulation hormones, and more cycles per year can be performed on these donor cows. Oocytes are fertilized in the laboratory, and cultured until they reach stages suitable for transfer (morula to blastocyst). Depending on the number of oocytes recovered per female these cycles also offer more choice on sire selection, allowing oocytes from a single collection to be fertilized by semen from multiple sires.

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Sexed semen is also widely used to ensure a high likelihood of generating embryos from the desired replacement sex. In certain settings oocytes can be obtained from pre-pubertal/ juvenile animals (so called “JIVET” embryos), however this is currently more common in dairy breeds. Studies have found IVP embryos have a slightly reduced chance of generating a pregnancy compared to AI if they are cryopreserved<sup>2</sup>. However, because greater numbers of embryos can be generated by these methods, mechanisms to better predict which embryos have the highest likelihood of implantation and causes of early pregnancy loss are active areas of research.

Producers can obtain these sex-selected and IVP embryos for their herds through several

commercial companies. These companies often will have detailed synchronization protocols to guide preparation of surrogates for transfer. But, as the procedure for embryo transfer can be more technically challenging than AI it is recommended to use a technician or veterinarian with experience in performing these procedures to increase likelihood of successful pregnancy. There are also companies that partner with veterinarians to provide support for the entire process of oocyte collection, embryo generation, transfer and marketing. •



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