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# Program Agenda

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- 9:00 am      Registration
- 9:30 am      DR. DERRELL PEEL, Professor Oklahoma State University, **Industry Outlook.**
- 10:30 am     DR. KEN ODDE, Kansas State University, **Beef on dairy economics: results of a video auction analysis.**
- 11:30 am     **Q & A Session**, WARREN RUSCHE, South Dakota State University, moderating.
- 12 noon      Lunch
- 12:45 pm     DR. BOB WEABER, Kansas State University, **Genetic considerations for a more valuable calf**
- 1:45 pm      DR. LAUREN KIMBLE, Select Sires, **How do dairy influenced cattle fit into value-based markets**
- 2:45 pm      **Q & A Session**, WARREN RUSCHE, South Dakota State University, moderating.
- 3:15 pm      Adjourn

# I-29 Moo University Faculty Members

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Jennifer Bentley is a Dairy Field Specialist for ISU Extension and Outreach in northeast Iowa. Her base office is in Decorah, Iowa and she currently works and develops educational programming with producers in 10 surrounding counties. Jennifer grew up on a dairy farm in North Central Iowa, where the 3rd and 4th generation family is operating the dairy farm today. She earned her Bachelor of Science Degree in Dairy Science and Master of Agriculture Degree both from Iowa State University. She works closely with dairy producers, providing them with information regarding facility design, calf management, and overall dairy herd management. She enjoys educating the public about modern dairy practices and plays an integral role in telling the Iowa Dairy Story, a program to educate consumers about the importance of the dairy industry in Iowa.



### Fred Hall

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Hall joined Iowa State University Extension in January 2017 as the dairy specialist for Northwest Iowa. He served as the Chickasaw County Extension Director for Iowa State University Extension from 2005 to July of 2009 where he served on the Iowa Extension Dairy Team. He coordinates the ISU webinar series and most recently publishes the Siouxland Latino Work/Life Celebration newsletter for Latino employees in the NW Iowa food industry. His industry focus is on milk marketing and labor issues. Hall is married to Sharon Lee and has two sons.



### Gail Carpenter

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Gail Carpenter is the state dairy extension specialist for Iowa State University, beginning in July 2022. Gail joined the faculty at ISU as a teaching professor and coach of the Dairy Challenge team in 2021. A Michigan native, Gail received a Bachelor's degree from Michigan State University in Animal Science. In graduate school, she completed her Master's at the University of Minnesota in ruminant nutrition and her PhD at Kansas State University in transition cow nutritional physiology. Gail was a faculty member at the University of Guelph, Ridgetown Campus from 2016-2019, where she held an appointment in teaching, service, and research, focusing on applied dairy nutrition management and alternative forages in dairy rations. From 2019-2021, Gail worked as a dairy nutritionist for CSA Animal Nutrition in Dayton, OH. Her current position is split between statewide extension, research, and teaching, and she is heavily involved with the Dairy Challenge organization as a national board member and member of the Midwest Regional Planning Committee in addition to serving as ISU's team coach. *Expertise:* nutrition, management, feed management, records analysis, beef on dairy.



# South Dakota State University

## Maristela Rovai

Assistant Professor/Extension Dairy Specialist

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Dr. Rovai is a Veterinarian from Brazil with a MSc & PhD degree in Veterinary with emphasis in Animal Science (UAB-Spain). She had postdoc positions in USA (UW-Madison and E. (Kika) de la Garza American Institute for Goat Research-Langston University) and Europe (TUM in Germany and UAB-Spain) working in animal science with emphasis in mammary gland physiology and ruminant management. Dr. Rovai's research activity has involved studies on the area of milk ability in dairy ruminants (goat, sheep, camels and cows), with a strong focus on milking technology, milk quality improvement, mastitis impact on technological properties of milk and cheese. Dr. Rovai has published more than 45 scientific and extension papers and has mentored graduate students in pursuing either their Master or PhD degree in Animal Science.



Currently, she is an Assistant Professor / Extension Dairy Specialist at the Department of Dairy and Food Science at the South Dakota State University in Brookings, SD. Dr. Rovai's main responsibilities are to develop Extension programs for improvement of milk quality and assist dairy producers and industry personnel on workforce development and best production practices. She is also coordinating a program called "Semillas" – the Spanish word for seeds - designed to help Latino youth of dairy workers within the region to embrace their heritage and gain a sense of community while understanding the Dairy Industry. Dr. Rovai has the ability to assist dairy producers on developing farm protocols, educational trainings, which include hands on and assisting with farm employee meetings. Rovai's expertise is in lactation physiology and milk quality, employee educational training, and speaks fluent Spanish, English and Portuguese.

## Patricia Villamediana

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Dr. Villamediana is a veterinarian with a MSc degree in Cellular Biology and a PhD degree in Veterinary Medicine with emphasis in Animal Reproduction (UAB-Spain). She was a Professor in Venezuela working on in vitro embryo production in goats, cattle, and buffaloes. Dr. Villamediana's research focuses on the physiological fundamentals of in vitro embryo production. Dr. Villamediana has published more than 30 scientific papers and has mentored graduate students pursuing their Master or/and PhD degrees in Animal Production, Animal Reproduction, Veterinary Science and Basic Immunology. Currently, she is an Extension Dairy Field Specialist in the Department of Dairy and Food Science at South Dakota State University officed in Watertown, SD. Dr. Villamediana's main responsibilities are to enhance agricultural profitability and grow the South Dakota dairy industry, focus on improving the reproductive efficiency of dairy cattle by applying knowledge gained through scientific research to develop practical management strategies and disseminate that information throughout South Dakota.. Speaks fluent Spanish and English.





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Jim Salfer is a Regional Extension Educator – with University of Minnesota Extension. Jim has served in his present position for 22 years. Before that he managed a feed department, was a dairy nutritionist, a district sales manager for an AI company and managed a dairy farm. Jim has been involved on farm research projects studying robotic milking systems and automatic calf feeders. The focus of his education program has been to help farmers and other industry professionals understand the major factors driving dairy farm profitability and develop management strategies to improve profitability.



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# I-29 Moo University Beef Short Course Speakers

**Derrell Peel** Professor and Extension Specialist for Livestock Marketing. Peel holds the Charles Breedlove Professorship of Agribusiness in the Department of Agricultural Economics. He has served as the Extension Livestock Marketing Specialist since 1989. My extension programs focus on livestock market situation and outlook and marketing/risk management education for producers.

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**Kenneth G. Odde, DVM, PhD** Professor Emeritus Kansas State University. Dr. Odde received a bachelor's degree in animal science from South Dakota State University, a master's degree in reproductive physiology, a doctor of veterinary medicine and a doctorate in physiology from Kansas State University. Dr. Odde served as Assistant Professor, Associate Professor and Professor at Colorado State University from 1983 to 1994. He taught and conducted research in beef cattle reproduction and health. In 1994, Dr. Odde returned to his home area in South Dakota and joined the technical services team at SmithKline Beecham Animal Health. He was a member of the technical services team at Pfizer Animal Health following their acquisition of SmithKline Beecham Animal Health. In 2000, Dr. Odde left Pfizer to become Vice President of Veterinary Operations at AgSpan and then had his own consulting business. Dr. Odde joined North Dakota State University as Professor and Head, Department of Animal & Range Sciences, in January of 2003. Starting in June 2005, he served as Professor and Director, Beef Systems-Center of Excellence, a public-private partnership designed to grow cattle feeding and processing in ND, and the research and education support to the beef industry. Dr. Odde served as Department Head for the Animal Sciences and Industry Department at Kansas State University from 2007 to 2018. Dr. Odde is a member of several associations, including American Society of Animal Science, American Veterinary Medical Association and American Association of Bovine Practitioners and is a frequent speaker at veterinary and cattle producer meetings.

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*Abstract.* Our objective was to determine 1) the value of Holstein feeder steer lots compared with steer lots of other breed descriptions, 2) the value of beef-dairy cross weaned steer calves compared with either Holstein weaned calves or weaned calves of other breed descriptions, and 3) the value of beef-dairy cross weaned steers and heifers compared with weaned steers

and heifers of other beef breed descriptions sold through video auctions. Materials and Methods: Data on 14,075 feeder steer lots sold in 211 auctions from 2010 through 2018, 763 weaned steer calf lots, and 1,125 weaned steer and heifer calf lots sold via 7 auctions in 2020 and 2021 were used. Separate multiple-regression models using backward selection were developed for feeder cattle, weaned steer, and weaned steer and heifer calf lots. The 5 breed group categories used were English-English crossed, English-Continental crossed, Brahman influenced, Holstein, and beef-dairy crossed (weaned calves). Results and Discussion: Breed description of feeder steer, weaned steer calf, and weaned steer and heifer calf lots affected sale price ( $P < 0.0001$ ). Among feeder steer lots, Holsteins sold for the lowest ( $P < 0.05$ ) sale price (\$110.56/45.36 kg of BW) compared with all other breed groups. Among weaned steer calves, beef-dairy crossed lots sold for the second lowest ( $P < 0.05$ ) price (\$147.62/45.36 kg of BW), though greater than Holsteins. Among weaned steer and heifer calves, beef-dairy crosses sold for less than ( $P < 0.05$ ; \$136.39/45.36 kg of BW) all other breed groups. Implications and Applications: Beef-dairy crosses have a greater value prospect than Holstein steers in the beef supply chain.

**Dr. Bob Weaber** B.S. Animal Science, Colorado State University, 1993. M.S. Beef Industry Leadership, Colorado State University, 1995. Ph.D. Animal Breeding, Cornell University, 2004. Bob Weaber's nationally recognized extension programming has resulted in more than 145 publications and more than \$13 million from 42 awards of grants and gifts for research and extension programming. Weaber's extension program leadership has been recognized with MU Provost's Innovative Extension Programming by New Faculty, the MU CAFNR J.W. Burch State Extension Specialist Award, and the Beef Improvement Federation's Continuing Service Award.



Weaber grew up on a cow-calf operation in southern Colorado and went on to earn a BS in animal science followed by a Master of Agriculture degree in the Beef Industry Leadership Program at Colorado State University. He completed his doctoral studies in the Animal Breeding and Genetics Group at Cornell University. While there, he served as the Interim Director of Performance Programs for the American Simmental Association for three and a half years. Previously, Weaber was Director of Education and Research at the American Gelbvieh Association. Bob, his wife, Tami, and their young children, Maddie, Cooper and Wyatt, reside near Wamego, KS. [bweaber@ksu.edu](mailto:bweaber@ksu.edu) 785-532-1460



**Dr. Lauren Kimble.** McGill University, BS Agricultural and Environmental Sciences. Virginia Tech, MS Animal Science, Bovine Reproductive Physiology. Having lived through the beef x dairy (BxD) explosion on the dairy and in her role with Select Sires, Inc (SSI), Lauren Kimble quickly became fascinated with the value of BxD to the dairy industry. Originally trained with a Masters in reproductive physiology from Virginia Tech, and having worked at two dairy genetics companies, Lauren



transitioned in her career from delivering on-farm mating strategies to delving deeper into the application of BxD. In her current role as the ProfitSOURCE Supply Chain Manager at SSI, Lauren leads efforts to develop regional partnerships with beef supply chain partners, from calf buyers and growers to feeders and packers. Thanks to quality genetics and traceability-fueled insights, dairy producers can benefit from long-term relationships with beef production partners that are experiencing and sharing the value of ProfitSOURCE BxD programs.

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*Abstract* Intertwining research findings and industry data, this presentation investigates how the increased volume of beef x dairy (BxD) cattle in the market has molded trends and mindsets from the dairy producer to the packer, and everything in between. Industry research demonstrates some of the challenges and perceptions facing BxD, while Select Sires' continued commercial data collection indicates areas of success and ongoing supply chain development. BxD cattle are not only shown to have economic benefits across the entire supply chain when compared to straight dairy steers, but also vary in value within the BxD population when comparing high genetic merit groups to commodity BxD groups of unknown genetics. These insights can help dairy producers to participate more effectively in a dynamic and value-driven beef market.



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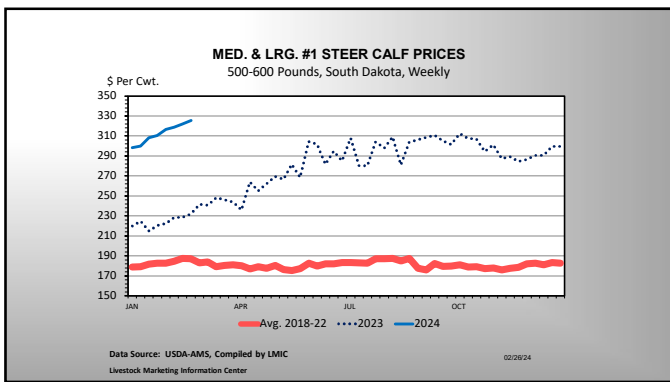
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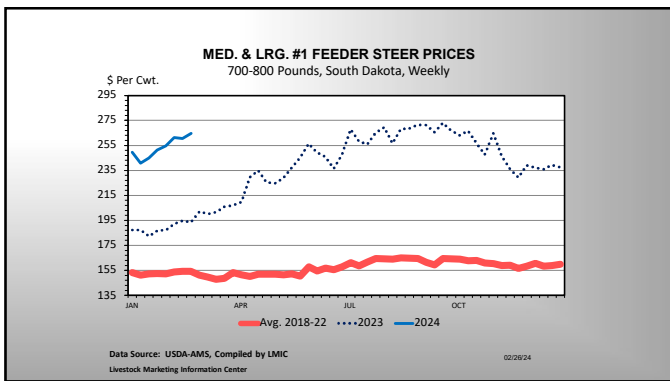
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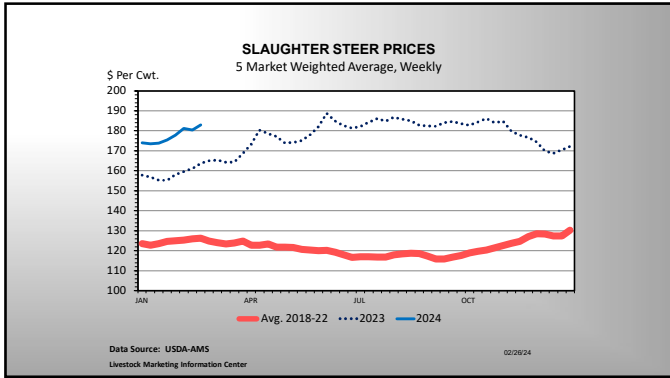
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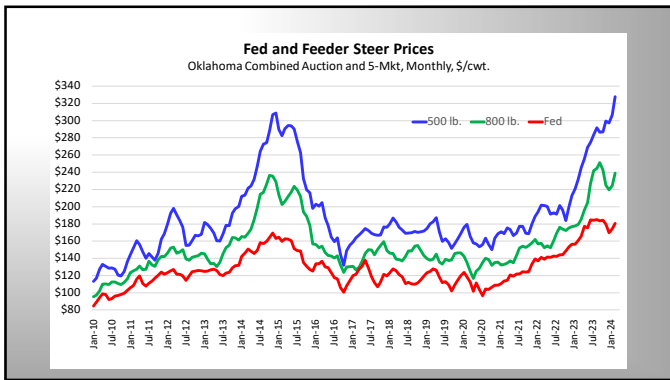
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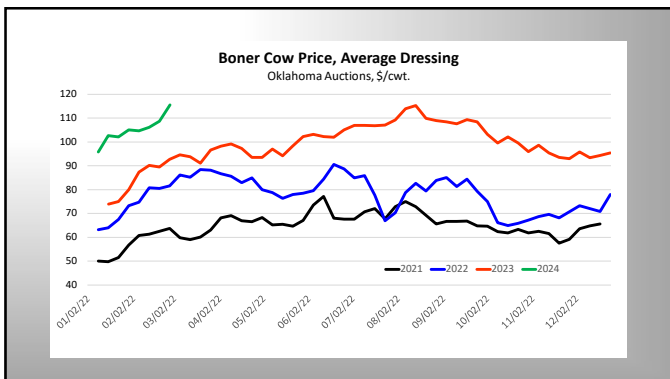
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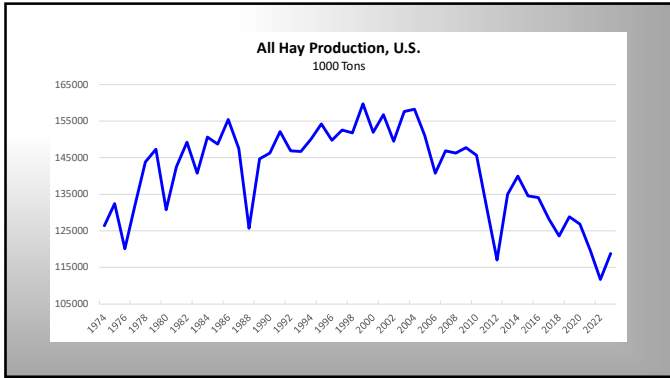
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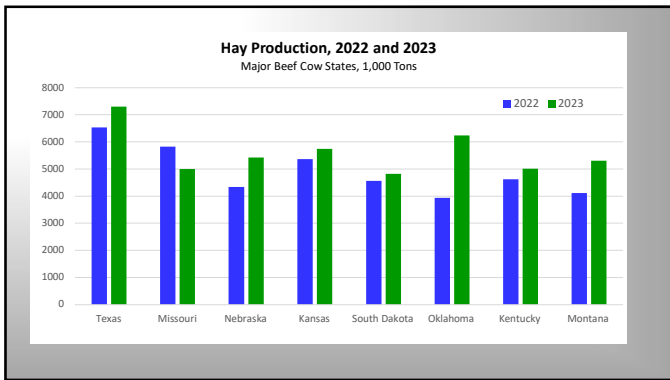
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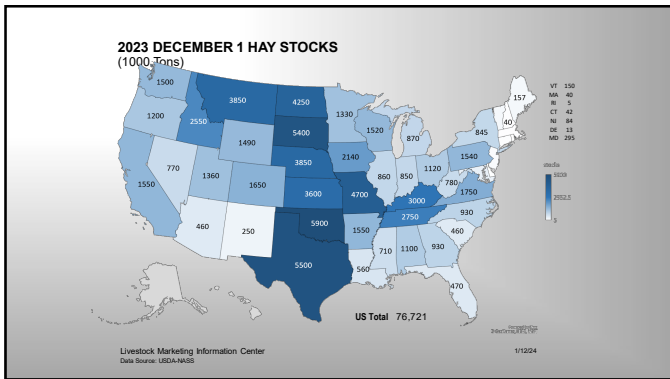
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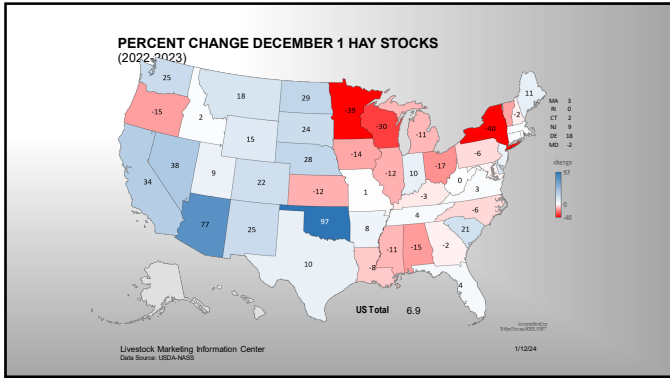
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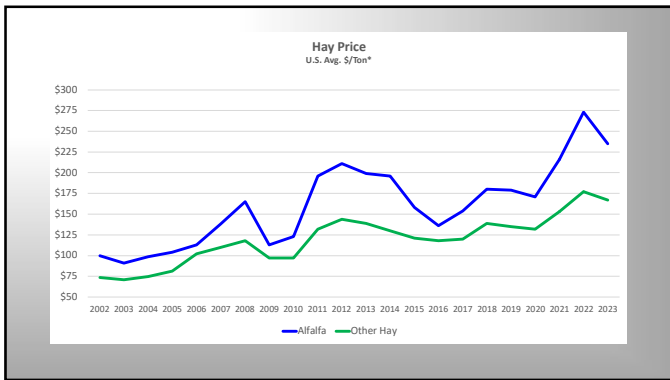
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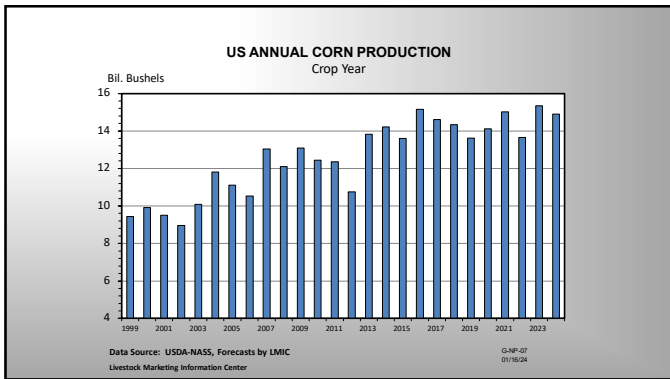
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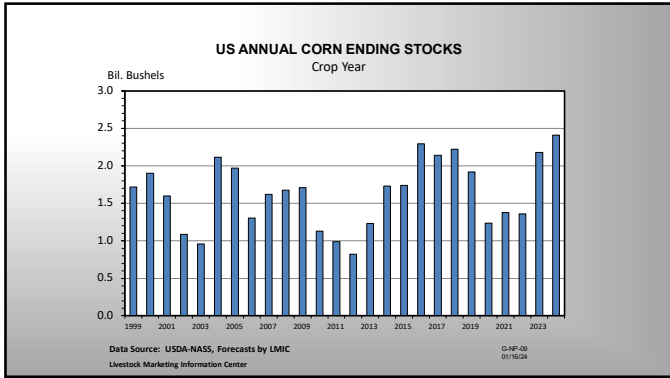
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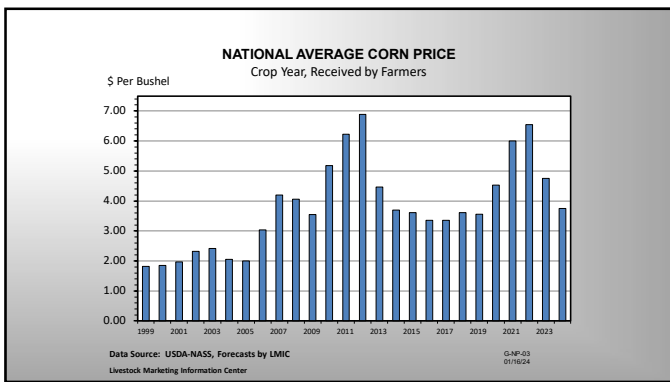
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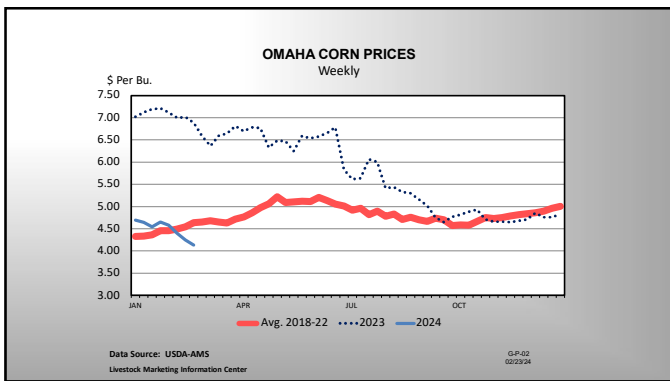
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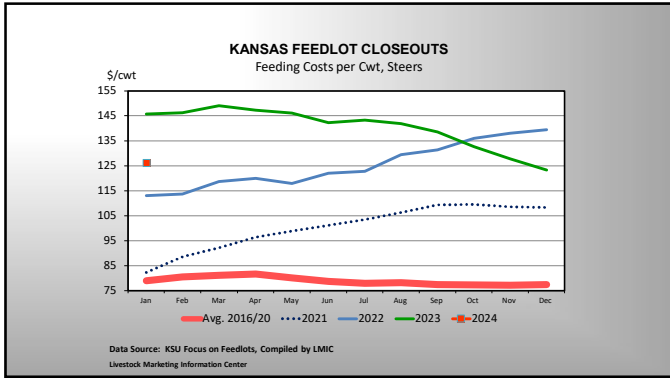
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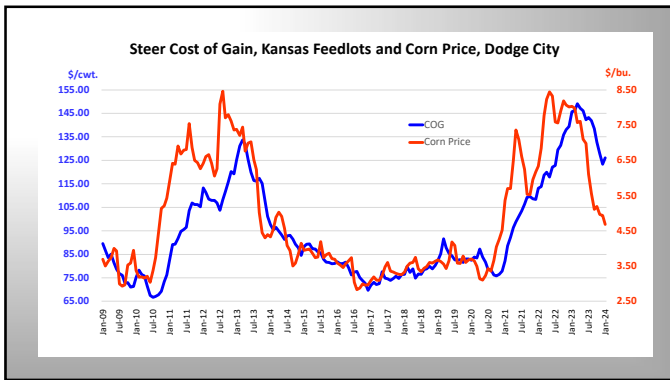
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### U.S. Cattle Inventory

January 1

	2021	2022	2023	2024	% Change
	1000 Head	1000 Head	1000 Head	1000 Head	
All Cattle and Calves	93789.5	92076.6	88841.0	87157.4	-1.9
Beef Cows	30843.6	29983.1	28939.3	28223.0	-2.5
Dairy Cows	9442.4	9377.0	9397.5	9356.8	-0.4
Beef Replacements	5803.1	5481.5	4929.6	4858.3	-1.4
Dairy Replacements	4608.5	4440.6	4073.6	4059.2	-0.4
Feeder Supply	26214.0	25865.2	25276.2	24216.1	-4.2
Cattle on Feed	14667.4	14694.6	14195.8	14423.3	+1.6
	2020	2021	2022	2023	
Calf Crop	35495.5	35165.9	34439.5	33593.0	-2.5

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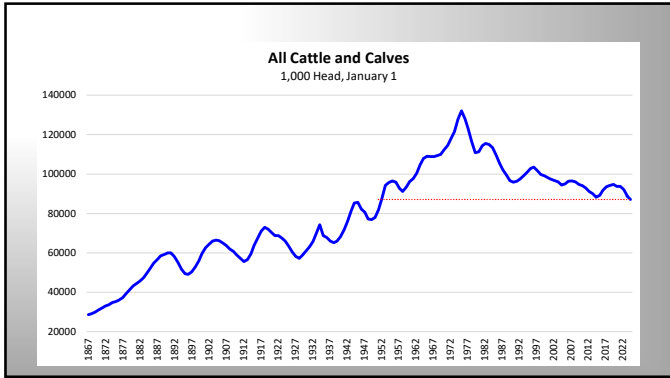
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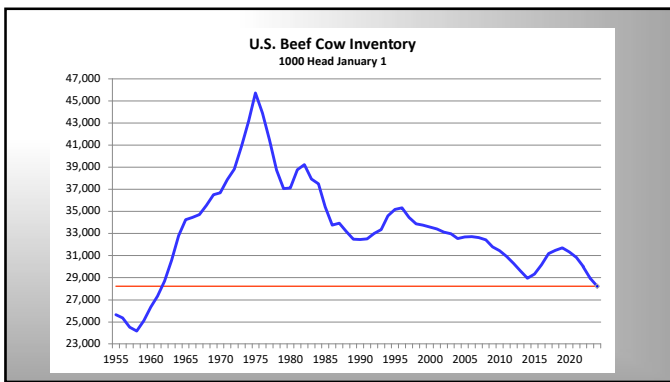
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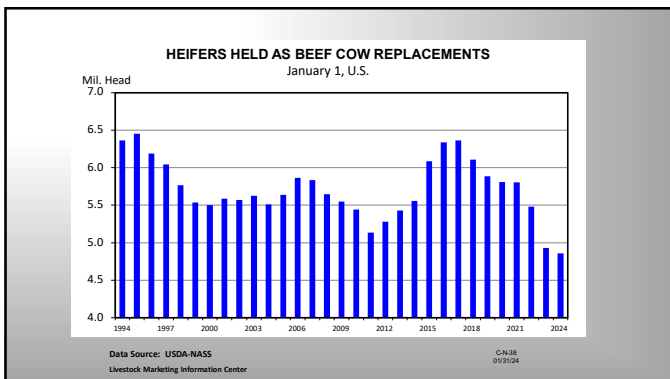
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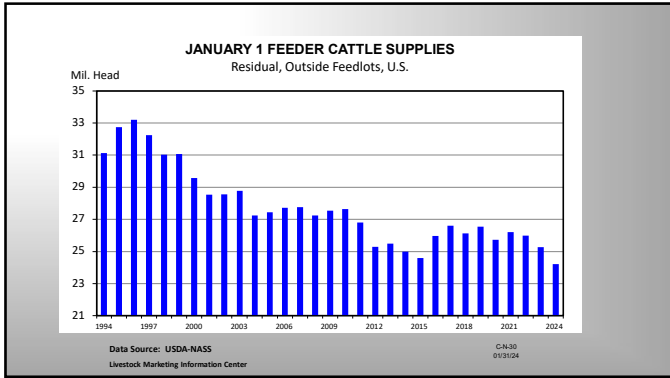
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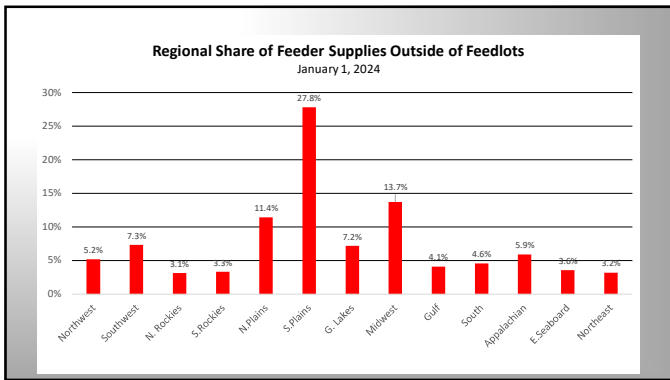
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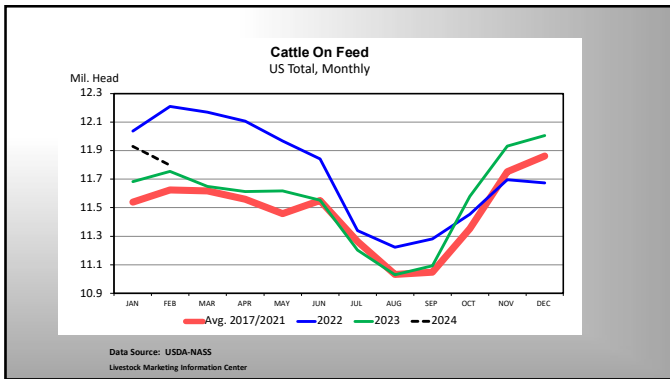
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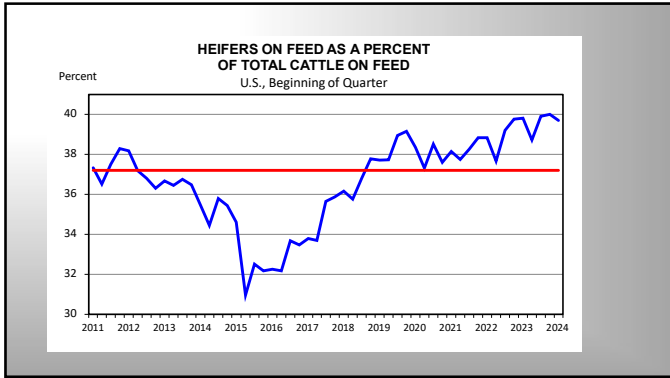
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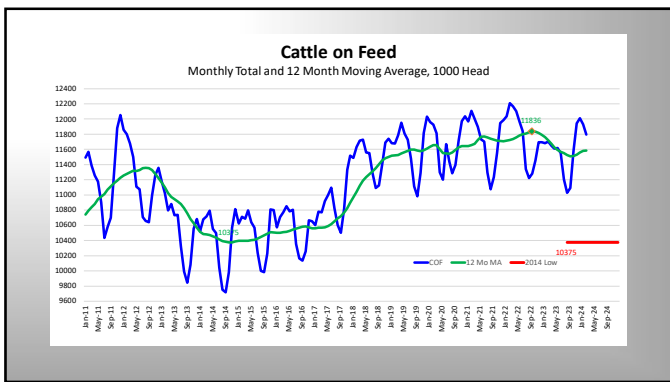
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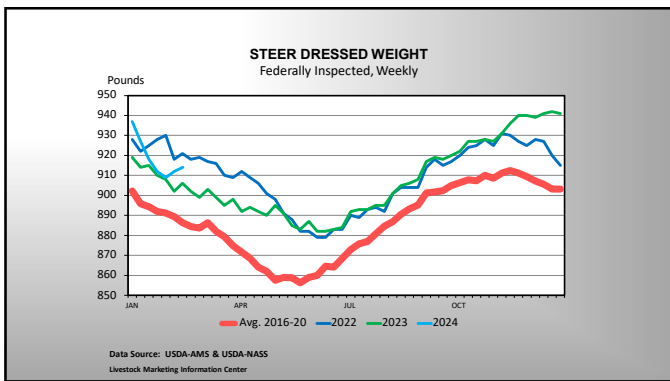
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### 2024 Meat Production and Consumption

	Production					Consum.	Consum.	Consum.
	2022	2023	2022-2023	2024	2023-2024	Change	Per Capita	Change
	Million lbs.	Million lbs.	% Change	Million lbs.	% Change	% Change	Retail Lbs.	% Change
Beef	28291	26964	-4.7	25542	-5.3	-1.7	56.2	-2.9
Pork	26996	27300	+1.1	27622	+1.2	-1.4	50.5	+0.6
Broilers	45711	45886	+0.3	47736	+4.0	+0.4	102.6	+3.7
Total	107005	106388	-0.6	107534	+1.1	-0.5	227.3	+1.2

2024 forecast  
LMIC, January 31, 2024

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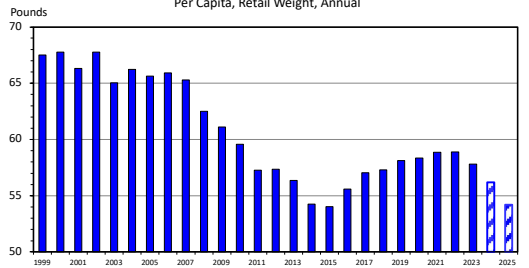
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### US BEEF CONSUMPTION

Per Capita, Retail Weight, Annual



Data Source: USDA-NASS and USDA-ERS, Compiled & Analysis by LMIC  
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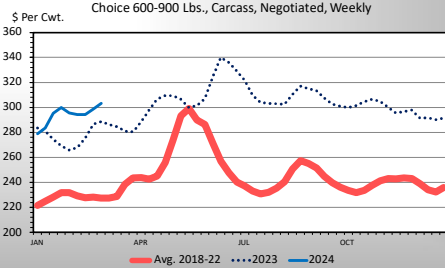
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### BOXED BEEF CUTOUT VALUE

Choice 600-900 Lbs., Carcass, Negotiated, Weekly



Data Source: USDA-AMS  
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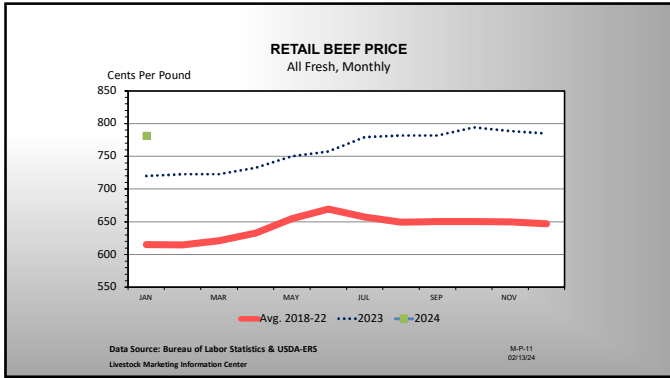
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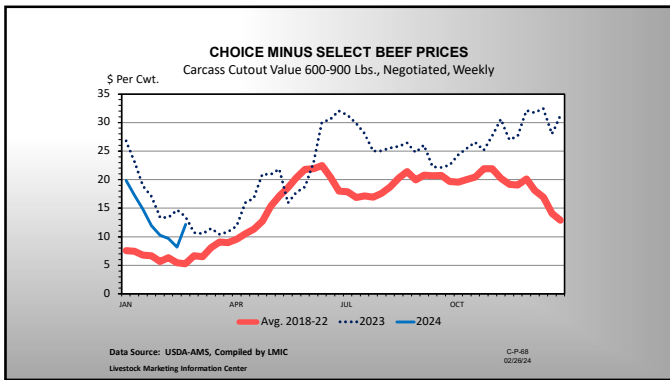
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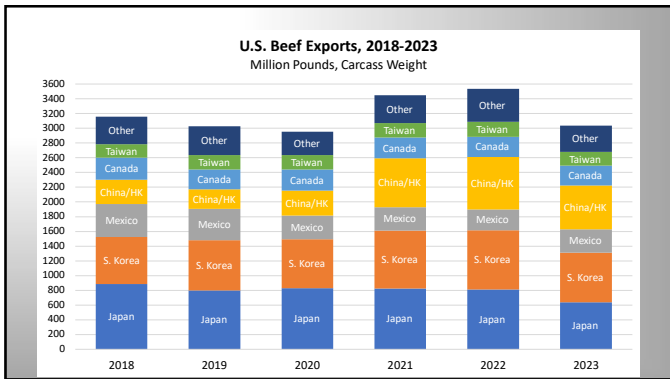
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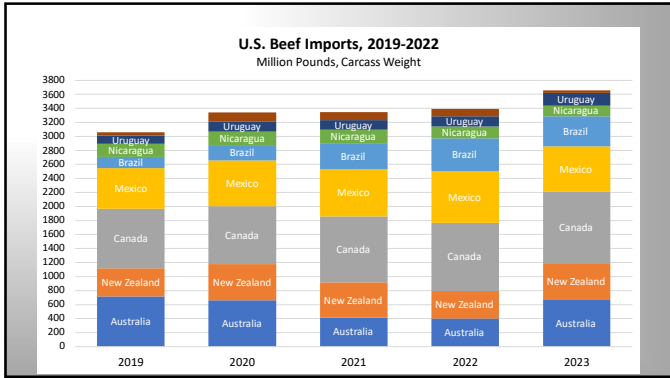
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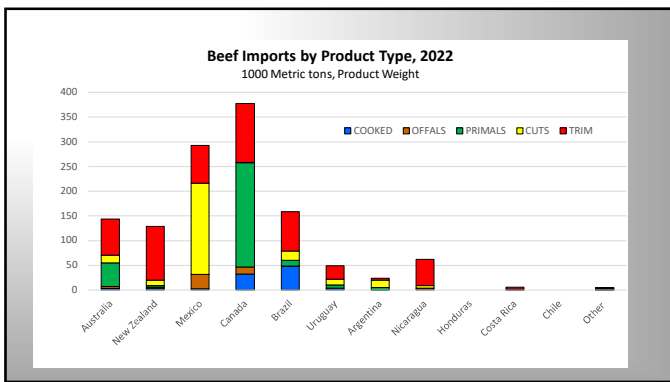
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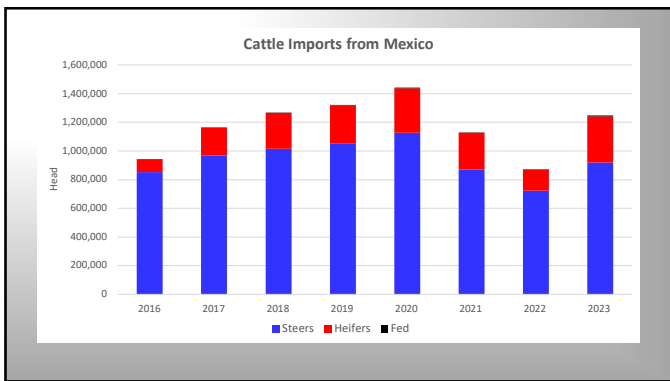
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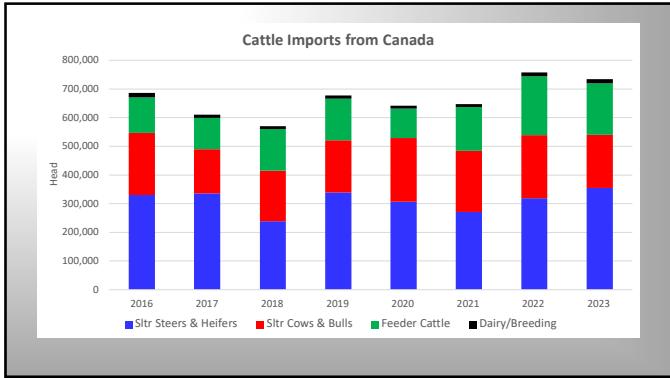
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### Cattle Slaughter Federally Inspected, 1000 Head

	2021	2022	2023	% Change 2022-2023	YTD % Change 2023-2024
Steers	16147	15811	15075	-4.7	-2.3
Heifers	9825	10292	10033	-2.5	-4.0
S+H Total	25972	26103	25109	-3.8	-3.0
Dairy Cows	3106	3047	3076	+1.0	-16.0
Beef Cows	3562	3952	3516	-11.0	-12.1
Cows Total	6668	6999	6592	-5.8	-14.0
Bulls	544	565	532	-5.9	-11.1
Total	33185	33667	32233	-4.3	-5.5

Latest data: February 17, 2024

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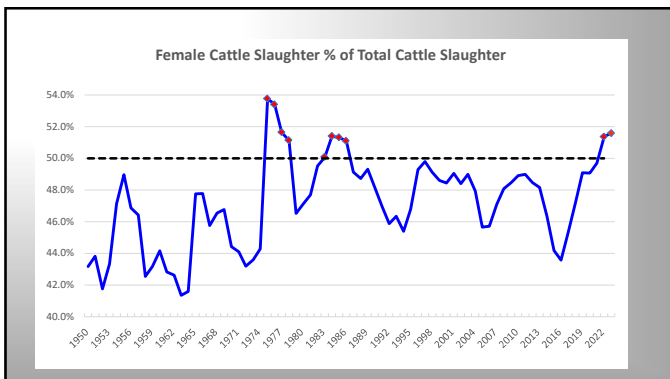
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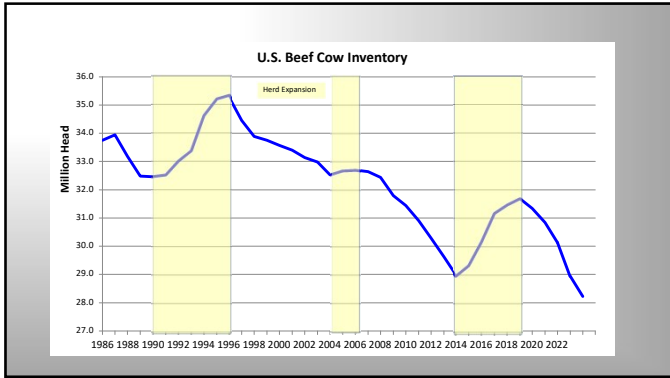
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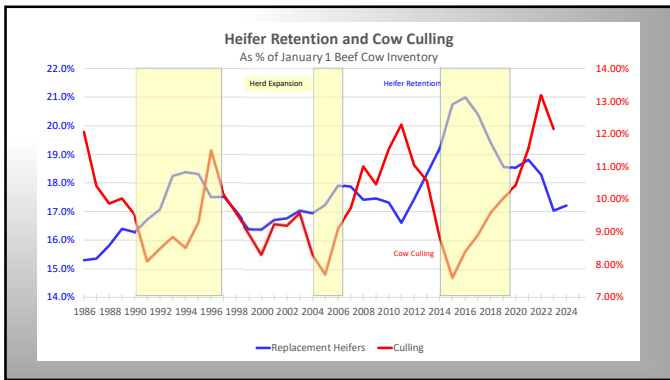
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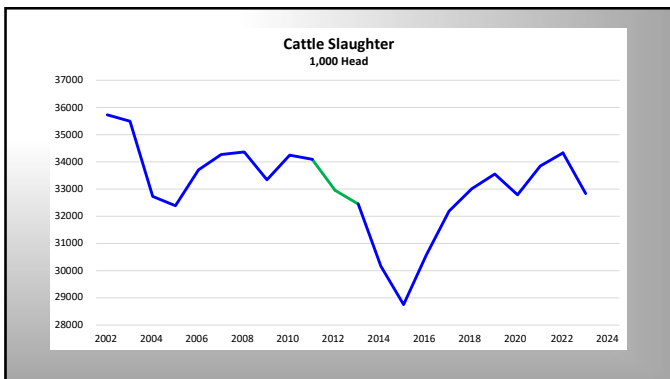
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**This Herd Expansion/High Price Cycle Will Start Slower and Last longer**

- Rebuild Female Numbers
- Continuing Drought
- Drought Recovery
- Financial Recovery
- Finance Costs/Interest Rates
- Producer Age
- Producer Expectations



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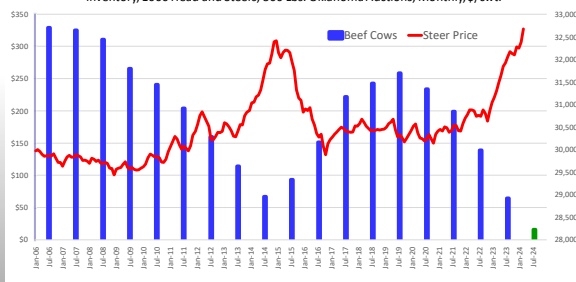
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**Beef Cow Inventory and Steer Prices**  
Inventory, 1000 Head and Steers, 500 Lbs. Oklahoma Auctions, Monthly, \$/cwt.



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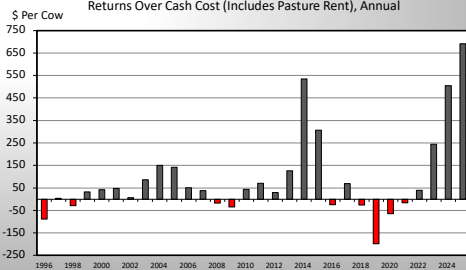
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**ESTIMATED AVERAGE COW CALF RETURNS**  
Returns Over Cash Cost (Includes Pasture Rent), Annual



Data Source: USDA & LMIC, Compiled by LMIC  
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**Beef on Dairy Economics: Results of a Video Auction Analysis**

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**2023 Semen Sales Report Reflects Global Trends**  
*National Association of Animal Breeders regular members unit sales shows domestic and global semen use continues to shift.*

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**In 2023, the total beef units sold in the US totaled 9.4 million units with 7.9 million going into dairy herds and 1.5 million used in beef herds.**

NAAB, March 12, 2024

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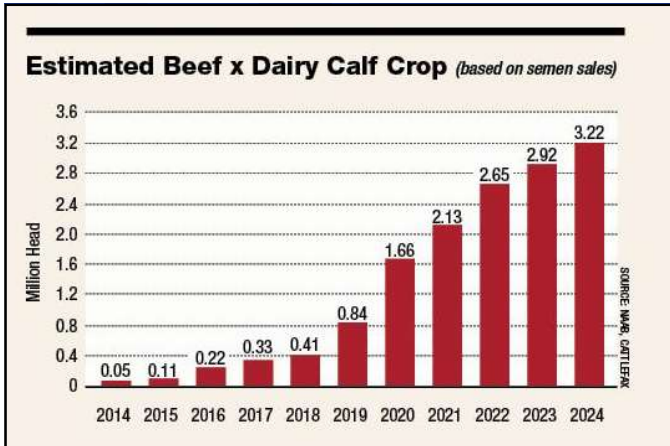
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CattleFax predicts U.S. beef-on-dairy cattle numbers will reach between 4 million and 5 million head – roughly 15% of the cattle harvested annually – as early as 2026.

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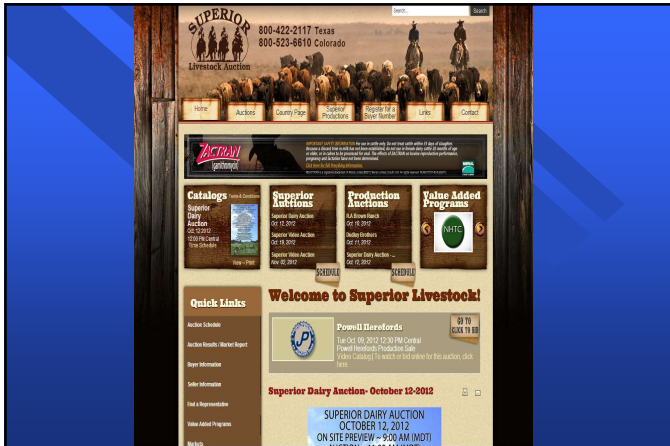
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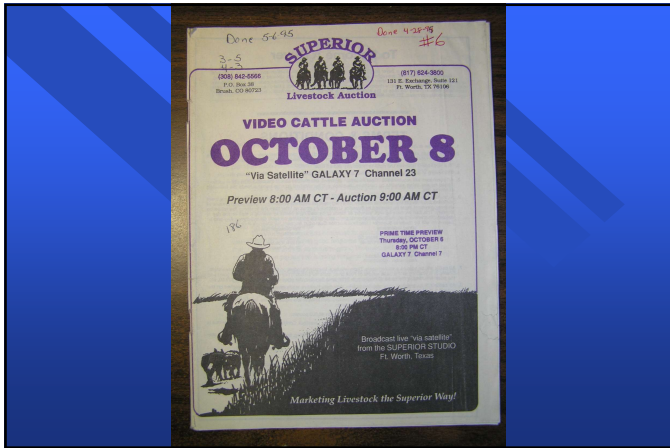
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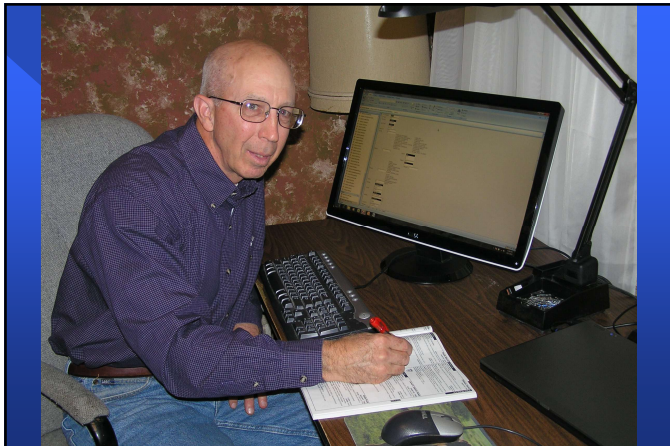
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**Table 1.** Nonadjusted means, medians, and ranges for factors describing single-sex lots of feeder steers sold through 211 Superior Livestock Auction video sales from 2010 through 2018

Factor	Mean ± SD	Median	Range
Number of steers in the lot	121.1 ± 110.3	70	17–1,680
Base weight of the lot (kg)	363.2 ± 50.6	374.2	99.8–580.6
Number of days from auction to forecasted delivery	30.8 ± 38.2	15	0–287
Price per 45.36 kg (\$)	145.80 ± 33.77	141.00	68.00–333.00

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**Table 4.** Sale price of Holstein feeder steer lots relative to other breed descriptions sold through 211 Superior Livestock Auction video sales from 2010 through 2018<sup>1</sup>

Breed description	Number of lots	LSM of sale price (\$/45.36 kg of BW)	Regression coefficient
2010 to 2018			
English-English cross	3,829	152.39 <sup>a</sup>	41.83
English-Continental cross	4,310	150.61 <sup>b</sup>	40.05
Brahman influenced	4,945	148.75 <sup>c</sup>	38.19
Holstein	991	110.56 <sup>d</sup>	0.00
2010 to 2012			
English-English cross	1,252	128.10 <sup>a</sup>	34.47
English-Continental cross	1,562	126.81 <sup>b</sup>	33.18
Brahman influenced	2,185	125.56 <sup>c</sup>	31.93
Holstein	282	93.63 <sup>d</sup>	0.00
2013 to 2015			
English-English cross	1,171	182.43 <sup>a</sup>	44.82
English-Continental cross	1,485	180.46 <sup>b</sup>	42.85
Brahman influenced	1,630	178.83 <sup>c</sup>	41.22
Holstein	373	137.61 <sup>d</sup>	0.00
2016 to 2018			
English-English cross	1,465	145.62 <sup>a</sup>	47.84
English-Continental cross	1,359	144.47 <sup>b</sup>	46.69
Brahman influenced	1,283	141.97 <sup>c</sup>	44.19
Holstein	360	97.78 <sup>d</sup>	0.00

<sup>a-d</sup>Prices without a common superscript differ ( $P < 0.05$ ) within years.  
<sup>1</sup>Breed description affected sale price ( $P < 0.0001$ ). Within each analysis (2010 to 2018, 2010 to 2012, 2013 to 2015, and 2016 to 2018), each multiple-regression model was adjusted for the random effect of auction date nested within auction year.

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**Table 5.** Least squares means sale price of feeder steer lots and the mean and percentage discounts of Holstein feeder as compared with English-English cross, English-Continental cross, and Brahman influenced steer lots for each 3-yr increment

Breed description	Number of lots	LSM of sale price (\$/45.36 kg of BW)	Mean discount (\$/45.36 kg of BW)	Percentage discount (%)
2010 to 2012				
English-English cross, English-Continental cross, and Brahman influenced	4,999	126.82		
Holstein	282	93.63	33.19	26.2
2013 to 2015				
English-English cross, English-Continental cross, and Brahman influenced	4,286	180.57		
Holstein	373	137.61	42.96	24.3
2016 to 2018				
English-English cross, English-Continental cross, and Brahman influenced	4,107	144.02		
Holstein	360	97.78	46.24	32.1

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**Table 2.** Nonadjusted means, medians, and ranges for factors describing single-sex weaned steer calf lots sold through 7 Superior Livestock Auction video sales in 2020 and 2021

Factor	Mean ± SD	Median	Range
Number of steers in the lot	124.7 ± 75.4	98	20–800
Base weight of the lot (kg)	278.9 ± 59.1	283.5	95.3–442.3
Number of days from auction to forecasted delivery	60.0 ± 49.9	57	0–205
Price per 45.36 kg (\$)	151.86 ± 20.19	151.00	81.00–228.00

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**Table 6.** Effect of breed description on the sale price of weaned steer calf lots sold through 7 Superior Livestock Auction video sales in 2020 and 2021

Breed description	Number of lots	LSM of sale price (\$/45.36 kg of BW)	Regression coefficient
English-English cross	270	165.18 <sup>a</sup>	52.14
English-Continental cross	197	160.38 <sup>b</sup>	47.34
Brahman influenced	111	155.54 <sup>c</sup>	42.50
Beef-dairy cross	94	147.62 <sup>d</sup>	34.58
Holstein	91	113.04 <sup>e</sup>	0.00

<sup>a-e</sup>Means within a factor without a common superscript differ ( $P < 0.05$ ).

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**Table 3.** Nonadjusted means, medians, and ranges for factors describing weaned steer and heifer calf lots sold through 7 Superior Livestock Auction video sales in 2020 and 2021

Factor	Mean ± SD	Median	Range
Number of steers in the lot	123.4 ± 75.4	98	20–800
Base weight of the lot (kg)	280.5 ± 44.8	283.5	95.3–430.9
Number of days from auction to forecasted delivery	61.2 ± 51.1	57	0–205
Price per 45.36 kg (\$)	150.65 ± 17.06	149.50	110.00–228.00

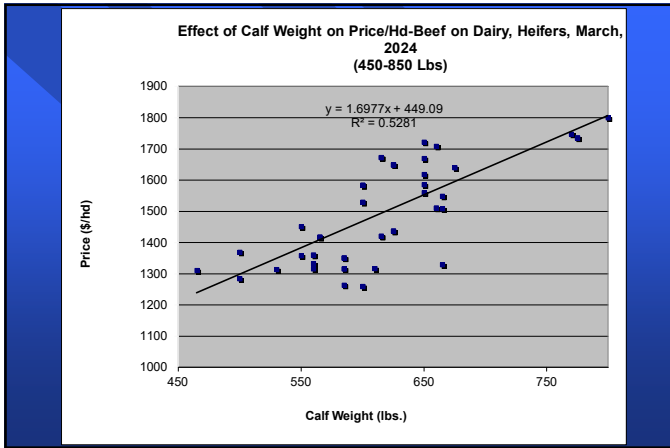
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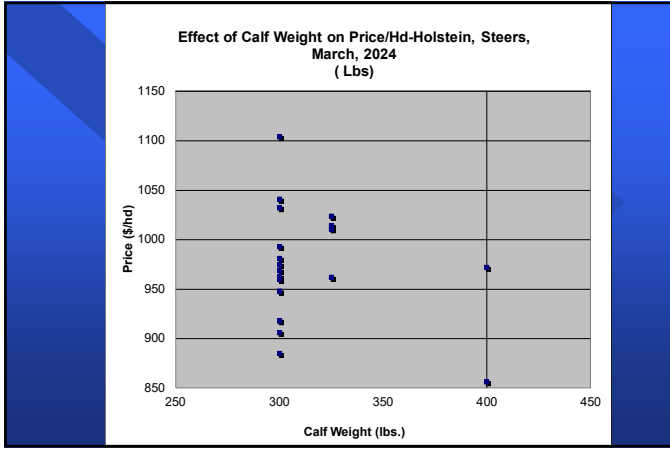
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**CMS Results**

Breed Group	Price/Head (\$) 350 lbs.	Price/Head (\$) 650 lbs.
Beef on Dairy-Steers	\$1,226	\$1,629
Beef on Dairy-Heifers	\$1,043	\$1,552
Holstein Steers *300 lbs	\$976*	

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Gardiner Angus Bulls X 35% Holstein Cows, 35% F1 Composite HoJo Cows, 30% Jersey Cows

Combination of TD/InFocus/Genex Genetics X Composite Jersey Cross Cows

TD Angus Bulls X Holstein Cows  
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TD Charolais Bull X 1/2 Holstein & 1/2 Composite Jersey Cows

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Charolais Bulls (Combination of TD/InFocus/Genex Genetics) X Holstein and Composite Jersey Cross Cows

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“Beef × dairy carcasses produced slightly less saleable red meat yield than conventional beef carcasses but much greater yield than straightbred dairy carcasses. A greater percent bone in crossbred beef × dairy carcasses was the primary reason for their slight disadvantage in red meat yield to conventional beef carcasses”.

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## Summary

- Beef on Dairy market continues to grow

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- Beef on Dairy market continues to grow
- Beef on Dairy calves are much closer in value to Beef on Beef than straight dairy
- Beef semen sales into the dairy market have grown dramatically
- Heterosis benefit from Beef on Dairy
- Emphasize muscling and feed efficiency in selecting beef bulls

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**Genetic Considerations for a More Valuable Calf:**  
*Breed Complementarity in the context of beef x dairy decisions*

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**Beef on Dairy is a Disrupter**

- Sexed dairy semen used on best cows to build high merit replacements
- Beef semen used on dairy cows that:
  - Have been hard to settle with dairy semen
  - Older cows
  - Genetics milking herd doesn't want to propagate
- Maximize value of calf products
  - Targeted replacements
  - Value added terminal calves



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## Challenges for Dairy Cattle in the Beef Value chain

- Gain and efficiency in feeding period
- Days on feed (risk and cost)
- Carcass
  - Dressing percent
  - Lean yield
  - REA and ribeye shape
  - Carcass weight (Jersey)
  - Carcass Length (Holstein)
  - Liver Abscess
- Market Access...

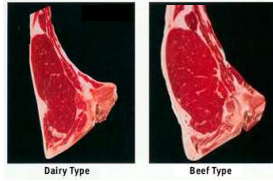


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## Consequence of Dairy Type

- Decreased value/price of dairy type bull/steer calves
- Increased feeding and health costs
- Demand for Holstein/Dairy Beef good but priced back of native
  - Consistent product
  - High quality product

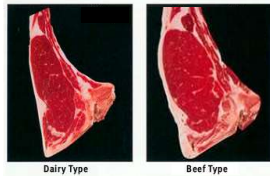


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## Beef on Dairy Opportunities!!!

- Year around supply
- High quality, market targeted product
- Requirements:
  - Begin with end product in mind
  - Build with 'product' mentality (not a byproduct)
  - Impactful decisions: genetics, health, nutrition
- Premium product... premium process!



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## Beef X Dairy Calf Attributes

- Improved Average Daily Gain
- Improved Feed Efficiency
- Reduced Days on Feed (decreased risk)
- Dramatically Improved Carcass Value
  - Increased and improved ribeye shape/area; round shape
  - Improved cutability/retail yield
- Decreased dairy discount at packer (\$4-10 cwt improvement)
- Better animal welfare message
- Improved Dairy Beef sustainability
- Beef carcass program eligibility
- Improved **Profit** potential
- Risks– margin in retained ownership
- Liver abscess issues

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## What's a Dairy Cow Bring to Carcass Genetics Table??

1. **Abundant Marbling**
2. Uniformity
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## Case for complementarity: Pure Terminal Sire System

- Use of breed strengths to fill deficiencies of other breeds
- Beef Sires for Use on Dairy Cows Should Have:
  - Good/Great Fertility
  - Adequate Calving Ease
  - ADG and Feed Efficiency
  - Carcass Weight
  - Ribeye Area Especially Ribeye Shape
  - Round/chuck muscularity
  - Health
- Ability to build calves that avoid dairy discount
- Add value to beef chain



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**Breeds grouped into biological type by four criteria.<sup>a,b</sup>**

Breed Group	Growth rate and mature size	Percent retail product	Age at puberty	Milk production
Jersey	X	X	X	XXXXX
Angus	XXX	XX	XX	XXX
Hereford	XXX	XX	XXX	XX
Shorthorn	XXX	XX	XXX	XXX
Brangus	XXX	XX	XXXX	XX
Santa Gertrudis	XXX	XX	XXXX	XX
Gelbvieh	XXXX	XXXX	XX	XXXX
Holstein	XXXX	XXXX	XX	XXXXX
Simmental	XXXXX	XXXX	XXX	XXXX
Maine Anjou	XXXXX	XXXX	XXX	XXX
Salers	XXXXX	XXXX	XXX	XXX
Piedmontese	XXX	XXXXX	XX	XX
Limousin	XXX	XXXXX	XXXX	X
Charolais	XXXXX	XXXX	XXXX	X
Chianina	XXXXX	XXXX	XXXX	X

<sup>a</sup> Adapted from Cundiff et al. 1993  
<sup>b</sup> Increasing number of X's indicate relatively higher levels of trait

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**Table 1. Breed performance levels for seven traits in beef cattle.<sup>a,b</sup>**

**Relative Performance Levels for Seven Traits**

Breed Group	Growth Rate and Mature Size	Lean to Fat Ratio	Marbling (intra-muscular Fat)	Tenderness	Age at Puberty	Milk Production	Tropical Adaptation
Longhorn	X	XXX	XX	XX	XXX	XX	XX
Wagyu	X	XXXX	XXXX	XXX	XX	XX	XX
Angus	XXXX	XX	XXXX	XXX	XX	XX	X
Red Angus	XXXX	XX	XXXX	XXX	XX	XX	X
Hereford	XXXX	XX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XX	X
Red Poll	XX	XX	XXX	XXX	XX	XXXX	X
Devon	XX	XX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XX	X
Shorthorn	XXXX	XX	XXXX	XXX	XX	XXX	X
Galloway	XX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XX	X
South Devon	XXX	XXX	XXXX	XXX	XX	XXX	X
Tarentaise	XXX	XXX	XX	XX	XX	XXX	X
Pinzgauer	XXXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XX	XXX	X
Braunvieh	XX	XXXX	XXX	XX	XX	XXXX	XX
Gelbvieh	XXXX	XXXX	X	XX	XX	XXXX	X
Simmental	XXXX	XXXX	XX	XX	XXX	XXXX	X
Maine Anjou	XXXXX	XXXX	XX	XX	XXX	XXX	X
Salers	XXXX	XXXX	XX	XX	XXX	XXX	X
Piedmontese	XX	XXXXX	X	XXX	XX	XX	XX
Belgian Blue	XXX	XXXXXX	X	XXX	XX	XX	X
Limousin	XXX	XXXXX	X	XX	XXXX	X	X
Charolais	XXXXX	XXXXX	XX	XX	XXXX	XX	X
Chianina	XXXXX	XXXXX	XX	XX	XXXX	X	XX
Tuli	XX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX
Romosinuano	X	XXX	XX	XX	XXX	XXX	XXX
Beefmaster	XXXX	XXX	XX	XX	XXX	XXX	XXX
Bornholm	XXX	XXX	XX	XX	XXX	XXX	XXX
Brahman	XXXX	XXXX	XX	X	XXXX	XXXX	XXXX
Nellore	XXXX	XXXX	XX	X	XXXX	XXXX	XXXX
Sahiwal	XX	XXXX	XX	X	XXXX	XXXX	XXXX
Bojan	XXX	XXX	XX	X	XXXX	XXXX	XXXX

<sup>a</sup> Cundiff 2008  
<sup>b</sup> Increasing number of X's indicate relatively higher values.


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**TABLE 2: BREED OF SIRE MEANS FOR 2020 BORN ANIMALS UNDER CONDITIONS SIMILAR TO USMARC**

Breed	Birth Wt. (lb)	Weaning Wt. (lb)	Yearling Wt. (lb)	Maternal Milk (lb)	Marbling Score <sup>a</sup>	Ribeye Area (in <sup>2</sup> )	Fat (in)	Carcass Wt. (lb)
Angus	84.7	539.2	978.6	521.1	6.19	13.71	0.663	920.8
Hereford	87.2	517.2	914.7	508.9	5.31	13.50	0.590	868.7
Red Angus	83.9	518.6	937.5	521.6	5.97	13.47	0.631	895.5
Shorthorn	89.0	500.9	901.9	514.2	5.45	13.71	0.529	867.5
South Devon	88.2	506.0	893.5	518.1	5.29	13.90	0.493	850.6
Beefmaster	87.4	528.2	920.1	507.8				
Brahman	94.4	557.4	928.7	513.5	4.86	13.49	0.509	859.3
Brangus	87.1	520.8	929.7	519.0				
Santa Gertrudis	88.4	528.2	920.7	512.3	5.11	13.32	0.579	873.2
Braunvieh	88.2	511.7	902.7	528.8	5.49	14.47	0.487	853.4
Charolais	89.5	540.8	905.2	515.8	5.34	14.57	0.463	898.1
Chianina	87.9	507.0	897.0	512.8	5.46	14.01	0.534	872.9
Gelbvieh	86.5	537.8	955.6	520.2	5.30	14.42	0.522	890.0
Limousin	85.5	530.1	926.2	512.3	5.39	14.52	0.531	892.8
Maine-Anjou	86.3	496.8	876.9	503.8	5.17	14.40	0.454	855.4
Salers	85.9	517.9	918.8	518.7	5.17	14.39	0.475	861.1
Simmental	87.1	542.0	959.1	516.1	5.50	14.45	0.501	897.5
Tarentaise	86.2	523.1	892.1	505.7				

<sup>a</sup> Marbling score units: 4.00 = S1<sup>+</sup>; 5.00 = S2<sup>+</sup>

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## Carcass Composition and Value of Crossbred Beef × Dairy Cattle

Blake Foraker, Ph.D. Dale Woerner, Ph.D. TEXAS TECH UNIVERSITY Dairy College Animal & Food Sciences

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## Subprimal Cutout Value

Study 2: Carcass yields and subprimal cutout value

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Subprimal Cutout Value, \$ per cwt				Average B×D
Beef	B×D HY	B×D LY	Dairy	B×D
2.97 <sup>a</sup>	7.59 <sup>a</sup>	-2.12 <sup>c</sup>	-8.45 <sup>d</sup>	2.74

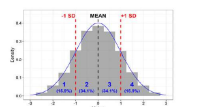
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**!! IMPORTANT !!**  
**NOT ALL** Beef × Dairy Crossbreds Have a Greater Subprimal Cutout Value than Beef Cattle

Beef × Dairy				
Carcass traits	Beef	HY	LY	Dairy
HCW, lbs	900	904	917	865
12th rib fat, in	0.54	0.40	0.44	0.33

**Subprimal Cutout Value Differences**  
 \*\*Does not include value of trimmings, fat, or bone\*\*

Beef vs. Dairy + \$11.42 per cwt  
 B×D HY vs. B×D LY + \$ 9.71 per cwt  
 Average B×D vs. Dairy + \$11.19 per cwt



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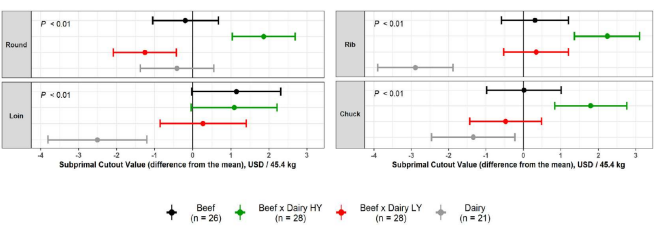
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## Subprimal Cutout Value

Study 2: Carcass yields and subprimal cutout value

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What *wholesale cuts* drive the greatest differences in cutout value between cattle types?



Subprimal Cutout Value (difference from the mean), USD / 45.4 kg

◆ Beef (n = 26)    ◆ Beef x Dairy HY (n = 28)    ◆ Beef x Dairy LY (n = 28)    ◆ Dairy (n = 21)

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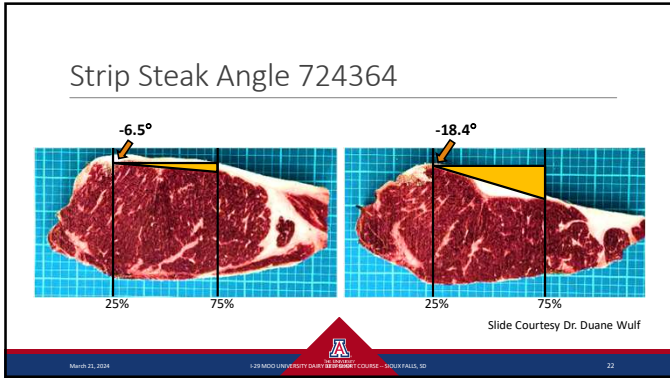
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### The FUTURE...

- What additional opportunities for data flow from dairy sector to improve performance in Beef x Dairy system
  - Gestation length (in Beta Development CSU)
  - Male fertility-semen quality/conception rate (KSU project underway)
  - Gain (calf ranch, early and late feeding period)
  - Health/treatment outcomes
  - Feed efficiency
- Key: Partners that recognize the value of data and willing to share it up and down the value chain

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The FUTURE Disrupted...

- Beef X Dairy Systems
  - Terminal Sire System
  - Leverage Breed Complementarity
  - What does each breed (type) bring to the table
- IVF ET systems
  - Terminal systems—what beef breeds/crosses?
- Needs:
  - Tailored Selection Index Decision Support System -- iGENDEC
  - Breeders to build bulls targeted at market vs. sort existing production stream



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The FUTURE...

- Development of Beef on Dairy indexes
- Carcass EPDs on Dairy Bulls...
  - Wait what?
  - Breed complementarity
    - What should the dairy cow bring to the carcass trait party
  - Leverage breed complementarity and terminal breeding system



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The FUTURE...It's Here TODAY!

Dairy Breed	Grand-progeny Count	epd_ms	acc_ms	epd_yg	acc_yg	epd_cw	acc_cw	epd_rea	acc_rea	epd_bf	acc_bf	
JER	Average	127	0.59	0.22	0.23	0.22	41.09	0.30	0.03	0.29	0.04	0.18
	Min	1	0.07	0.03	-0.13	0.04	19.70	0.07	-0.65	0.06	-0.03	0.02
	Max	2940	1.32	0.74	0.54	0.56	79.20	0.73	0.55	0.71	0.11	0.66
HOL	Average	53.96	0.62	0.23	0.19	0.24	41.33	0.33	0.13	0.32	0.04	0.18
	Min	1.00	0.22	0.05	-0.07	0.05	11.90	0.06	-0.50	0.06	-0.01	0.04
	Max	390.00	1.02	0.54	0.44	0.44	73.60	0.63	0.91	0.59	0.09	0.44



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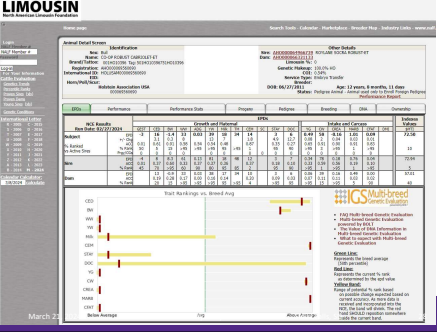
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### CO-OP ROBUST CABRIOLET-ET AHO000069560690



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### igENDEC – igendec.beefimprovement.org

Customizable Beef x Dairy Selection Index Development Tool



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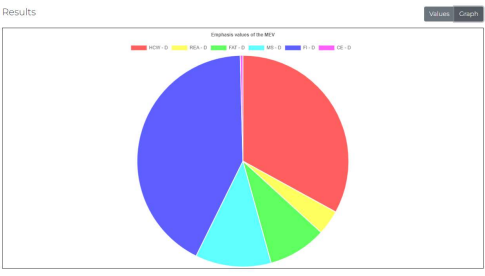
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### igENDEC

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**THANK YOU!**

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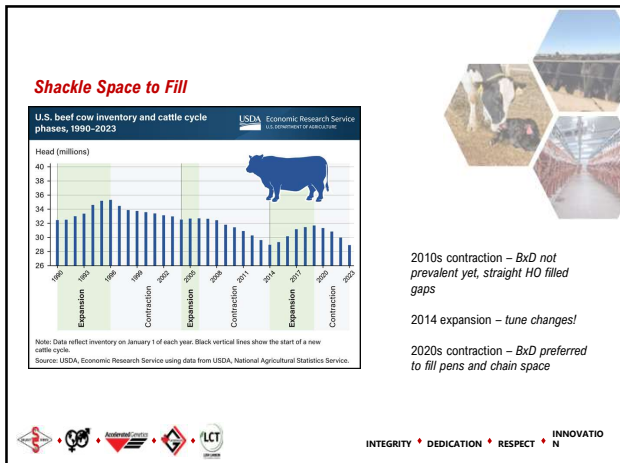
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**From Holstein to Crosses**

For years, Holstein steers represented 14-16% of fed kill

Use of sexed semen

3 of 4 major packers quitting or slowing Holstein harvest

Higher prices paid to dairies for crosses  
~\$300 spread HO vs commodity BxD, addt'l ~\$35 and up for program BxD

Prediction: BxD will replace 70% of Holstein steer population

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**Right From the Packer's Mouth**

**National Beef Quality Audits:**  
FED CATTLE: "Holstein hide color decreased from 20% in 2016 to 12.3% in 2022"

**Cargill for 2023:**  
Out of their dairy-influenced fed kill:

**95%** vs **5%**  
Beef x dairy vs HO Steer

Gen Dolezal, Cargill, CAB Feeding Quality Forum 2023

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**Why Beef x Dairy?**

**Best of both worlds...**

- Increased **palatability** over native beef
  - "Buttery" and "fat-like", less metallic off-flavors
- Greater tenderness – 86.5% USDA Very Tender
- Improved **dressing percentage** and **ribeye area** (and shape) over straight dairy
- Longer shelf life (slower browning) at retail than straight dairy
- Likely all under **30 months**

	Dairy	Beef x Dairy	Beef
Dressing %	60%	62.8%	65%
Ribeye Area	13.3"	14.1"	14.8"

Jenna Frisk, TTU, BCRC

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**...and Why Not?**

**The not-so-stellar...**

- Bulling | Respiratory | Udder development | and...

**\$409 million** est. industry losses last year due to **Liver Abscess**

- reduced feed conversion, marbling and REA
- condemnations/loss of outside skirt, rail stoppages, etc.



Prevalence:

- 25-30% native beef
- 29% / 50-80% Holsteins (numbers vary)
- 53% - 68% beef x dairy

Wide variation across feedlots – supplier linked  
High concentrate diet contributes to acidosis and liver abscess  
- \$1/hd for liver scoring

Ty Lawrence, Blake Forster



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**BxD are Necessary Regardless**

**Beef x Dairy has a huge role to fill**

- Keep the yards full – check those calf prices!
- Address and overcome the not-so-stellar

**Even with the need for cattle, quality still reigns**

- Consumers continue to...
  - Buy **quality** ("Prime!") beef
  - Seek **transparency**
  - Demand **environmentally-sound** practices

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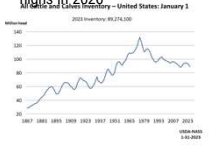
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**BxD are Necessary Regardless**

- Lowest cattle volume at harvest expected to be in 2026
- Weekly harvests in 2024 likely to be merely half of plant capacity
- Beef prices expected to hit record **highs in 2026**



US Cattle and Beef Cattle Inventory - United States: January 1




**Wow!**  
Calf Market:  
Beef calves reached \$9.20 per pound!  
NOW IS THE TIME TO BRING IN THOSE BEEF CALVES!

**TOP CALVES**

9685 VT 90 Ag# 9.20.00 \$8238.00
9634 NY 88 Ag# 9.10.00 \$782.40
277 NY 83 Ag# 9.10.00 \$755.30
185 NY 84 Ag# 9.00.00 \$646.00
1811 VT 94 Ag# 9.00.00 \$646.00
192 NY 83 Ag# 9.00.00 \$637.00
9591 MA 91 Ag# 9.00.00 \$619.00
1663 VT 88 Ag# 9.00.00 \$792.00
9277 NY 88 Ag# 9.00.00 \$792.00
9363 NY 88 Ag# 9.00.00 \$792.00

- Current BxD prices skyrocketing, even on day-olds
- Will it always be like this?



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# CHANGING PERCEPTIONS

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## Reconciling Needs

**Quality**

- Flexibility of marketing
- Year-round supply
- Consistency & predictability
- Value add !!!
- Traceability & insights
- Calving ease
- Maximize fertility
- Market access & value

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### Dairy Producers – What is Our Strategy?

#### What BxD strategy did we start with?

1. Get the cow in calf = Fertility
2. Get the calf out of the cow easily = Calving Ease/GL

**\$4 - \$7**  
Cost per day open per head

**1** =  $\frac{0.3 \text{ to } 0.8 \text{ lb/d}}{\text{increase in birth weight}}$  =  $\frac{0.7 - 2\%}{\text{increase in assisted births per lb of BW}}$

*"A veterinary-assisted calving creates a loss of approximately 2 kg of milk per day for that lactation compared with an unassisted calving."*

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### What Should Our Strategy Be?

Grid marketing made us HAVE to get smart.

**The New BxD Mentality**

1. Get the cow in calf → *with a calf carrying traits desired by beef market*
2. Get the calf out of the cow easily
3. Prove the value of the calf with traceability

Domestic beef for Maternal needs

**7AN600 WOLVERINE**

	CED	BW	CW	Marb.	RE
EPD	16	-2.1	35	0.47	0.78
% Rank	4	4	80	60	25


X X X

**ProfitsOURCE**

**2AN724 SET UP**

	CED	BW	CW	Marb.	RE
EPD	1	0	3	1.05	1.4
% Rank	1	2	5	10	1

✓ ✓ ✓



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## THE VALUE OF QUALITY





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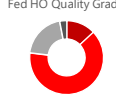
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### General Expectations at Harvest

**HOLSTEIN**


Fed HO Quality Grade



■ Prime ■ Choice ■ Select ■ No Roll

**BEEF**

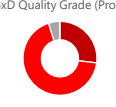
Fed Native Beef Quality Grade



■ Prime ■ Choice ■ Select ■ No Roll


**BxD**

BxD Quality Grade (Program)



■ Prime ■ Choice ■ Select ■ No Roll

WGA, Texas Tech, Internal Data



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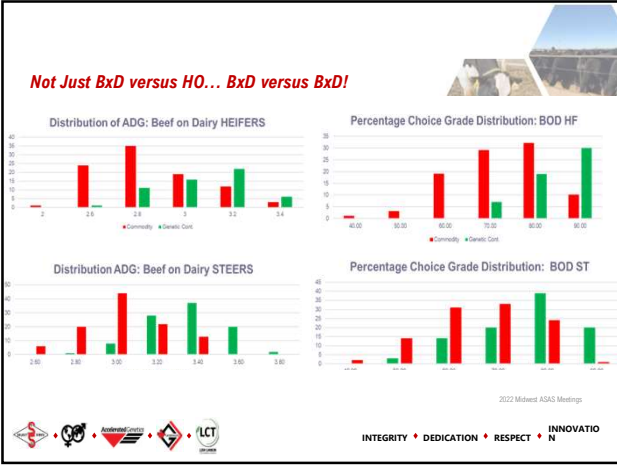
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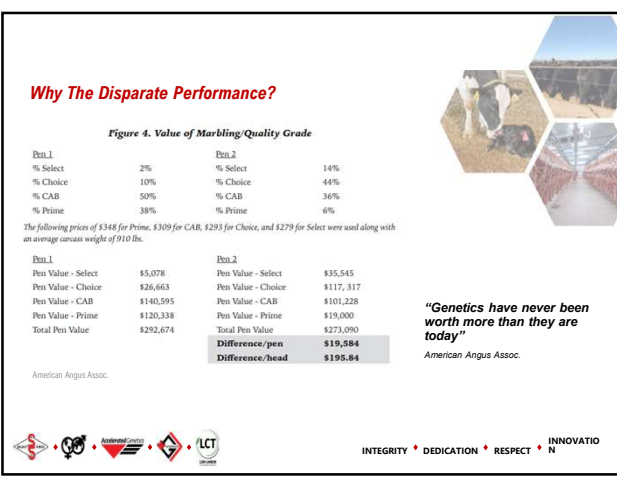
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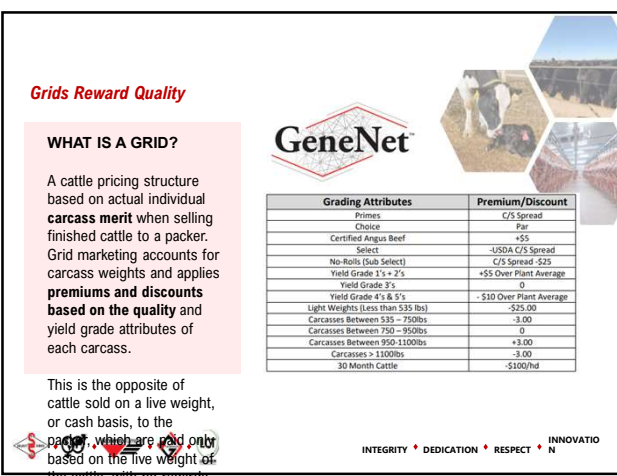
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### Show Me the Money

**AVERAGE PERFORMANCE, INTERNAL RECORDS**  
(Base Carcass Price \$286)

Carcass ID	Hot WGT	Quality Grade	Yield Grade	Program	Prime	Choice	Select	No Roll	CAB	YG 1	YG 2	YG 3	YG 4 & 5	Sum of Values (\$/HD)	\$/CWT	
HOL	802	Choice	3		\$	-\$	-\$	-\$	-\$	-\$	-\$	-\$	-\$	-\$	\$2,293.72	\$286.00
COMM BxD	849	Choice	2	CAB					\$59.43					\$25.47	\$2,513.04	\$296.00
PROG BxD	887	Choice	2	CAB					\$62.09					\$26.61	\$2,625.52	\$296.00
PROG BxD	887	Prime	2	CAB	\$221.75				\$62.09					\$26.61	\$2,847.27	\$321.00

Commodity BxD over HO = \$219.32  
Avg Program BxD over HO = \$331.80

Avg Program BxD over Commodity BxD = \$112.48  
Avg Program BxD over Commodity BxD = \$334.23

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### Signaling Value

**Programs help:**

- Guide proper **genetic** selection
- Signal proper **calf care**
- In some cases, ensure **traceability** – proof of value
  - Market access through pickup programs
  - Ability to signal program specs on open market

**LOT 3234 TD Beef**  
874 Beef Daily Cross Steers 850#  
Location: Hartsfield, TN  
Requ: Ty in Carolina, Mary's Larkin, Jason Barber

**LOT 3235 TD Beef**  
677 Beef Daily Cross Heifers 850#  
Location: Hartsfield, TN  
Requ: Ty in Carolina, Mary's Larkin, Jason Barber

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### Data Feedback → Program Success

**ProfitSOURCE** traceability derived carcass records clearly indicate the expected trend, with targeted program genetics performing stronger than unknown's. Communicate your on-farm strategy with your buyers.

Quality Grade	Prime	Choice	Select	Condemned	No Roll
TD Beef	27%	68%	5%	0%	0%
Unknown	14%	71%	15%	0%	1%

**% Choice + Prime**

Program	% Choice + Prime
TD Beef (R)	95%
No Program	85%

10% diff.

**Average of Hot Weig**

Program	Average of Hot Weig
TD Beef (R)	887
No Program	849

38 lbs diff.

**ProfitSOURCE TD Beef calf harvested at ~17 mo, 36.6% IMF**

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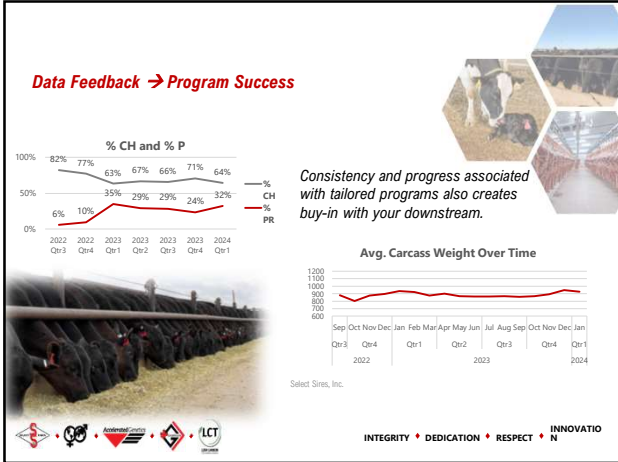
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**Consumer Trends**

- 7 out of 10 US consumers have **mod. to high trust of packaging labels** from government, manufacturers and retailers (2/3 for third-party orgs)
- 66% of consumers seek eco brands
- 55% would **pay more** for sustainable items
- 'Sustainable' products grew **2.7x** faster than conventional
- In the news – beef sustainability mentions have increased **257%** since Q2 2022
- 63% would like to know where their food comes from

Melan Marketing

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**Sustainability Matters**

- NCBA: climate neutrality by 2040
- Many retailers and foodservice reporting GHG reduction progress by 2030

**JBS is committing to**

June 08, 2021

**Tyson Foods Targets 2050 to Achieve Net Zero Greenhouse Gas Emissions**

In conjunction with the release of the 2020 Sustainability Progress Report, the global protein company raises the bar for action.

Milk'n Marketing

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**What Role does BxD Play?**

**Beef x Dairy have a key advantage when it comes to greenhouse gas emissions.**

The native beef cow dam only produces one product, a beef calf.

The dairy cow's main resource produced is milk. The beef calf is a co-product, and therefore her emissions are allocated across more products.

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**What Else Contributes to Lower GHG Emissions?**

Various factors, from production system to cattle performance, can contribute:

- Fertilizer**: Conscientious use of inorganic Nitrogen fertilizer
- Manure**: Solid manure storage is preferable management
- Cull Rates and Death Loss**: Lower is preferable
- Feed Additives**: Can increase feed efficiency and/or reduce methane production
- DMI**: Avoiding highest intake cattle (more emissions, less efficient)
- Feed Efficiency**: Genetics and management contribute to less days on feed

LOW CARBON BEEF

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**Emissions Intensity Scenarios**

In this example, assumptions included: mature cow weight, preg rate, cow cull rate, calf death loss, nitrogen fertilizer usage, manure management system

	Backgrounding (BxB)	Dairy-Beef Holstein (HO)	Dairy-Beef (AN x HO)
Harvest live weight (lbs)	1,330	1,330	1,400
Days in feedlot (days)	135	337	300
ADG, feedlot (lbs/d)	3.4	2.9	3.5
Feed:Gain, feedlot (lbs/lbs)	7.2	7.2	6.2
Dressing (%)	63.50%	60.00%	62.80%
GHG Intensity (kg CO2e/kg CW)	18.4	12.5	11.2
Reduction in GHG Int (%)	-	32.40%	39.10%

In this scenario, beef x dairy had a 39.10% reduction in greenhouse gas intensity across a lifetime of production compared to the native beef animal, and may carry some efficiency advantages over straight Holstein.



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**Back to Programs...**

**How does the dairy producer benefit?**

- ☛ Select sire **genetics** that meet beef supply chain needs
  - ☛ Production traits
    - ☛ Weaning Weight
    - ☛ Yearling Weight
    - ☛ Average Daily Gain
  - ☛ Terminal traits
    - ☛ Carcass Weight
- ☛ Take part in programs that help you to document and **communicate** calf **value** in the **sustainability** conversation
  - investigate certification programs to be at the front of the narrative

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**QUESTIONS?**

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