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WyFB 102nd Annual Meeting Nov. 11-13, 2021 in Cody

By Kerin Clark

Neighbors helping Neighbors. It's what we do in agriculture and in the great state of Wyoming. For the 102nd year, agricultural neighbors will gather at the Wyoming Farm Bureau Federation (WyFB) Annual Meeting to help their neighbors in the grassroots policy development process. The WyFB 102nd Annual Meeting is Nov. 11-13, 2021 at the Holiday Inn in Cody.

Farm Bureau's grassroots policy development is the strength of the Federation. Voting delegates from the county Farm Bureau Federations participate in policy discussion, elect officers and ultimately chart the policy course for the coming year. Folks also enjoy networking with other farmers and ranchers, seeing old friends and making new friends. This

year's theme, "Neighbors Helping Neighbors," is fitting for the work Farm Bureau Federation members do to keep agriculture strong in Wyoming and America.

Tour to kick-off meeting

Park County Farm Bureau Federation is sponsoring a tour and providing coffee, juice and donuts at the Wyoming Seed Company facility on Thursday, Nov. 11 at 8:30 a.m. The tour will be given by owners Dave Johnson and Ken Borcher. Mike Moore (Seed Certification) and Gary White (Allied Seed Company) will speak on regional seed production. Pre-registration is requested.

Meeting schedule snapshot

The annual meeting begins Thursday, Nov. 11 at noon. WyFB's four standing committees

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Grassroots is the key to success

County Farm Bureau Federations across Wyoming have been holding their annual meetings this past month. The meetings are a time for food, fellowship and business. Thank you to all the members who

make the time to participate in your annual meetings. You are an incredible part of the grassroots involvement that is the strength of the Farm Bureau Federation! Shown here members and guests of the Niobrara County Farm Bureau Federation enjoy good music by B.J. Jamison, good food and good company before starting into the business meeting. Kerin Clark photo.



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Wyoming Needs Agriculture Day at UW Football game Oct. 16

"Wyoming Needs Agriculture" Day is coming to a University of Wyoming Cowboy Football game on October 16, 2021 and the Wyoming Farm Bureau Federation is proud to sponsor the game day event.

Promoting Wyoming farmers and ranchers will be the premier focus of the event. Cowboy fans are encouraged to attend the Pre-Game Zone Tailgate Event. Stop by to participate in



the "Ag Olympics" and visit with farmers and ranchers from around the state for some fun before the football game. A free game day t-shirt will be given to 400 fans at the pre-game zone area.

The Cowboys play Fresno State on October 16 with kick-off time to be announced. Wyoming Needs Agriculture! Agriculture; Keeping Wyoming Strong!

Go POKES!

A look at legislative bills in the interim

By Brett Moline

The Wyoming Legislature's Joint Agriculture Committee met September 9-10 in Riverton. One topic covered by this committee was trespass of wild, feral, and stray horses. While gathers will bring the horse numbers

down to the appropriate management level (AML), concerns are real that the numbers will creep up again. While these horses graze on federal lands, they also graze on private, state, and county-owned lands.

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Working Together to Find Solutions

By Zippy Duvall, American Farm Bureau Federation President

When you hear about what is going on in Washington, you often hear about the battle between political parties or special interests. Sometimes it's easy to pick a fight with another group. But what's harder – and often more productive – is working with groups that don't always agree with you to find common ground. Over the past few years, I've been proud that Farm Bureau has taken a seat at the table with many other organizations so we can help build a better future for agriculture and the communities our members live in.

By bringing people with different viewpoints together, we achieve much



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more than any one group could accomplish on its own. We see the truth of this in our individual communities as neighbors help neighbors. It's that spirit that led us a few years ago to partner with National Farmers Union and Farm Credit to launch a training program to help spot the signs of stress on the farm and offer help. Unfortunately, farmers and ranchers are more likely to commit suicide than those in any other occupation. The inability to control the cost of supplies, the weather and the price for their products can take a tremendous toll on a farmer's mental health. Not to mention, farming can be rather solitary and it's natural for us to keep fears and feel-

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Private property rights are the cornerstone of this nation

By Todd Fornstrom, WyFB President

The proposal initiated by President Biden's January Executive Order formerly known as 30 x 30 and now rebranded, Conserving and Restoring America the Beautiful, leaves too many questions unanswered. Original concerns about future utilization of federal lands by farmers and ranchers have intensified with additional concerns of infringement on private property rights.

Throughout history America's farmers and ranchers have been the stewards of the vast

ity of our country's land. Farms and ranches have long been a cornerstone of the health of our lands through voluntary conservation. Whether the land was private or public, agriculture has managed the land for the long term. The health of the land not only provides for their livelihoods and future generations but the continuous improvement of the lands and waters that support the environment as a whole.

Mixed messaging or lack of messaging is a big source of



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Calendar of Events

October

- 4..... Southwest District Farm Bureau Meeting at 10 a.m. - *Lincoln County Library in Kemmerer*
- 5..... WyFB Merchandise Online Store Closes
- 7..... Southeast District Farm Bureau Meeting at 10 a.m.—*Fairgrounds in Lusk*
- 9..... Northwest District Farm Bureau Meeting at 10 a.m. - *Fairgrounds in Worland*
- 9..... Natrona County Farm & Ranch Bureau Annual Meeting at 5:30 p.m. - *The Hanger in Bar Nunn*
- 10..... WyFB Distinguished Service, Leadership Award and Outstanding Membership Worker Award Nominations Deadline
- 16..... Wyoming Needs Agriculture Event at University of Wyoming Football Pre-Game—*UW Indoor Practice Facility in Laramie*
- 27 WyFB Annual Meeting Hotel Room Reservation Deadline and Pre-Registration Deadline
- 29..... Park County Farm Bureau Federation Annual Meeting at 5:30 p.m. —*Eagles in Powell*

November

- 11..... Agriculture Tour at 8:30 a.m. - *Wyoming Seed Company in Powell*
- 11-13.... WyFB Annual Meeting - *Cody*
- 12..... WyFB YF&R Collegiate Discussion Meet

January 2022

- 21-22.... WyFB YF&R Farm and Ranch Conference Hosted by South Dakota Farm Bureau and Wyoming Farm Bureau Federation - *The Lodge in Deadwood, South Dakota*

March 2022

- 1-2..... WyFB Legislative Meeting - *Cheyenne*



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NOTICE

Annual Policyholders' Meeting
Mountain West Farm Bureau Mutual Insurance Company

December 2, 2021 – 8:00 a.m.
Farm Bureau Center, 931 Boulder Drive
Laramie, Wyoming 82070



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Award nominations due no later than Oct. 10

Outstanding Membership Worker Award nominations

Nominations for the Wyoming Farm Bureau Federation Outstanding Membership Awards are due in the state office no later than Oct. 10th. This award recognizes those hard workers in the state for their outstanding dedication and effort in recruiting Wyoming Farm Bureau Federation members. There are three categories:

1) Volunteer

2) Agent

3) County Office Staff

The nomination award form is available at wyfb.org by clicking on the specific day of Oct. 10 under the Calendar of Events.

The awards will be presented at the WyFB Annual Meeting. Contact Dee Brewer at 307-721-7719 or dbrewer1@wyfb.org for more details.

WyFB Distinguished Service and Leadership Award nominations

Nominations for the Wyoming Farm Bureau Federation Distinguished Service and Leadership Awards are due in the state office no later than Oct. 10th. These awards recognize those individuals/couples who have devoted much time to the betterment of agriculture in Wyoming and the Wyoming Farm Bureau Federation.

Nominees for the Distinguished Service Award must be active in Farm Bureau and/or other areas that relate directly to agricultural interests.

Nominees for the Farm Bureau Leadership Award must be an agricultural operator and active on a statewide basis.

Award nominations may be made by any county Farm Bureau Federation.

Only one nomination per award may be made by the county.

Judging for these awards will be handled by the Administrative Advisory Committee of the Wyoming Farm Bureau Federation Board of Directors.

This committee is not limited to considering only nominations from participating county Farm Bureau Federations but may make an independent selection.

The nomination award form is available at wyfb.org, by clicking on the specific day of October 10th under the Calendar of Events.

The awards will be presented at the WyFB Annual Meeting on Nov. 12th during the evening banquet. Contact Dee Brewer at 307-721-7719 or dbrewer1@wyfb.org for more details.

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Young Farmer and Rancher News

Words Paint Pictures ... but don't be fooled by Cons

By Chelsea Baars, WyFB YF&R State Chair

We've all heard the saying, "A picture is worth a thousand words." Safe to say that it must be true as evidenced by the pieces that grace the walls of our homes and workspaces. But have you ever stopped to consider the flip side of that saying? Is it not true that our words paint pictures in our minds?

Consider some of the most powerful imageries of all time. "The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want. He makes me lie down in green pastures. He leads me beside still waters." (Psalm 23:1-2) or "Oh beautiful, for spacious skies for amber waves of grain, for purple mountain majesty, above the fruited plain." (America the Beautiful lyrics). I'm willing to bet that even these simplest of words have formed depictions in your mind. It's also likely that they are pleasant, and comforting images.

Now consider these – "a wolf in sheep's clothing" or "a rotten apple". Your mind has quickly shifted away from the former thoughts and has been hampered by the reality of our world that employs false impressions on a daily basis. Unfortunately, we live in a sinful world where the "truth is enhanced" daily by the best – storytellers, salesmen, bureaucrats...

The county Farm Bureaus of the Southeast District recently hosted an informational event about the "30 x 30 Plan", featuring Margaret Byfield, Executive Director of American Stewards of Liberty. For those who don't know, this plan was adopted through a Biden Administration Executive Order (E.O.) on January 27, 2021. Section 216 of E.O. #14008 spells out that "30 X 30" means they plan "to achieve the goal of conserving at least 30 percent of our lands and waters by 2030."

Pause for a second. Personally, two words have always caused me to hesitate – "conserve"



and "sustainable" – and our government loves to use them. In and of themselves, those words aren't bad. But the administrations that use them so frequently, do so in such a vague context. Use the two words together and you have something that means "to save for long periods of time." In the framework of our government, I relate those words to the idea of a mother bird who won't let her chick leave the nest. While the mother feels good about what she's done, the choice is crippling to the health, growth, and overall well-being of her baby.

Picking up where we were – The "30 X 30 Plan" has been readily adopted by a variety of groups, especially under the new name the Biden Administration has given it – "America the Beautiful". Whatever you call it, "30 X 30"/"America the Beautiful", vice versa, please do not be fooled by the pictures these words paint. According to data from the 2010 Census, the total land and water area of Continental 50 United States is 3,796,742 sq. miles. No doubt it's a big country. It's easy

to think that we could spare 30%. But consider this – 30% converted to acres is 728,974,464 acres. Millions and millions of acres that will simply be "conserved". The kicker? The government refuses to spell out exactly what that means.

From what we learned at the SE District's Informational 30 X 30 Meeting, the bureaucracy utilizes a system to lump land-use into 4 different categories. Simplified, these categories mean no-use, single-use, multiple-use, any use/no restrictions. From language used in various government documents related to this topic, the American Stewards of Liberty have safely assumed that the administration wishes to put all of this area under no-use restrictions. This would mean no residential, recreation, hunting, fishing, grazing, logging, or mining use. "America the Beautiful" would just sit and rot. They have also assumed that they will acquire this land through various government conservation and sustainable environmental stewardship programs. Can you smell the wolf in sheep's clothing now?

Consider, for a moment, the "Save the Forest" initiative - a direct result of the media circulating images of decimated forests in foreign countries. In an effort to "save the forest," the government sprang into action issuing a limited number of logging permits, and enforcing hefty rules and regulations on the practices of the dwindling number of logging companies. But what we hope were well-intentioned bureaucrats, likely never had any premonition of the disastrous results that would ensue.

During a summer road trip through the Medicine Bow National Forest, I witnessed the thousands of acres that had been burned during the Mullen Fire of 2020. Even now, the areas that were rescued from the savage flames still hold thousands upon thousands of dead trees. The permits, rules, and regulations that were enforced have

left many people to deal with unsightly views and the looming peril of the extreme fuel load of a dying forest. To say these lands are "beautiful" and better off in their natural state... is absurd.

However, if you drive through this very same Medicine Bow National Forest, on Highway 230, there is a place near Woods-Landing that will enrapture you. As a direct result of years of meticulous care and attention, you'll find something that is quite amazing to behold. Against a backdrop of brittle, dead, and dying trees, are small oases, thick with luscious little evergreens – their height ranging from mere inches to 6 feet, or taller. These colonies of evergreens stand strong and resilient, in an obviously frail landscape. I couldn't help but think how breathtaking the entire vista would look if people had been able to realize that the key to "saving the forest" was to let the loggers continue managing the forest in way that they have always done. Not only do their methods benefit their businesses, they benefit the health of the entire landscape.

My friends, my point is be discerning. Open your eyes, ask questions, and don't be conned by the pictures painted by the words of others. I'm reminded of the Bible verse that says, "Be sober-minded; be watchful. Your adversary the devil prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour." (1 Peter 5:8) So many of us refer to Farm Bureau as a family – especially here in Wyoming. And families look out for the welfare of one another. My Farm Bureau family, please be mindful of the words around you. In a world filled with so much stress, chaos, and hatred, the least we can do is use our words to paint pictures that are full of life and reflect the truth.

Chelsea Baars is the Niobrara County Farm Bureau President and WyFB YF&R State Chair. She works on her family's ranch near Lusk, WY.

Annual Meeting

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will meet Thursday afternoon to discuss resolutions pertaining to their areas and make recommendations. The committees include: Natural and Environmental Resources (NER), State Government Affairs (SGA), Agriculture Tax and General Issues. The committees consist of one representative per county (county committee chairs), the state chair and state vice-chair.

A county president's meeting will open the day on Friday, Nov. 12. The general and business sessions of the Wyoming Farm Bureau Federation follow that morning. Members will hear reports from Wyoming Farm Bureau Federation's president and executive vice president. Voting delegates will begin discussing the resolutions and determining what is in the best interest of farmers and ranchers.

There will be two guest speakers from the American Farm Bureau Federation (AFBF). AFBF Directors of Congressional Relations

Scott Bennett and Shelby Hagenauer will join the meeting and speak on national agriculture issues.

After a day of business work, Friday evening's banquet is a time to celebrate our farmers and ranchers. The Distinguished Service and Farm Bureau Leadership Awards will be presented. Resolutions consideration, elections, and a WyFB YF&R report conclude the meeting on Saturday.

Foundation Fundraiser

Members are again invited this year to donate to the Wyoming Farm Bureau Foundation. Donors will have their names placed in a drawing for a Commemorative Centennial Henry Golden Boy Rifle donated by the Laramie County Farm Bureau Federation. See page 8 for details. The Wyoming Farm Bureau Foundation supports educational programs for agriculture producers and legal issues which

impact Wyoming agriculture.

"Harvest for All" Fundraiser

The WyFB Young Farmer & Rancher (YF&R) eighteenth annual "Harvest for All" fund drive will take place at annual meeting. Monetary donations (we are unable to accept food donations) will benefit the Wyoming Food Bank of the Rockies, a credentialed Feeding America Harvest affiliate serving Wyoming communities. Please bring your monetary donations to the registration desk at annual meeting. Additionally, the WyFB YF&R Committee will hold their annual playing card raffle so plan to buy your playing card raffle chances from any WyFB YF&R Committee member during annual meeting.

Hotel Reservations

A room block has been secured at the Holiday Inn and Comfort Inn (these sister hotels both connect to the meeting venue). To make a

reservation, call the Holiday Inn at 307.587.5555 or the Comfort Inn at 307.587.5556. To receive the group discount rate of \$104/night, reservations must be made by phone. Refer to "Wyoming Farm Bureau Federation" and group code ZLJ to be eligible. The reservation deadline is October 27. After that date, reservations will be subject to availability.

Registration

Pre-registration forms are requested by October 27. Please email Brooke Roes at broes@wyfb.org or call 307-721-7723 to register for the meeting. You may also contact your county Farm Bureau Federation president to learn more about attending the state annual meeting.

The meeting agenda will be printed in the November issue of *Wyoming Agriculture*. The agenda will also be available as the meeting gets closer at www.wyfb.org.

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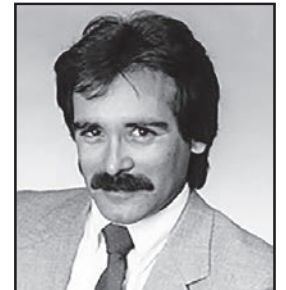
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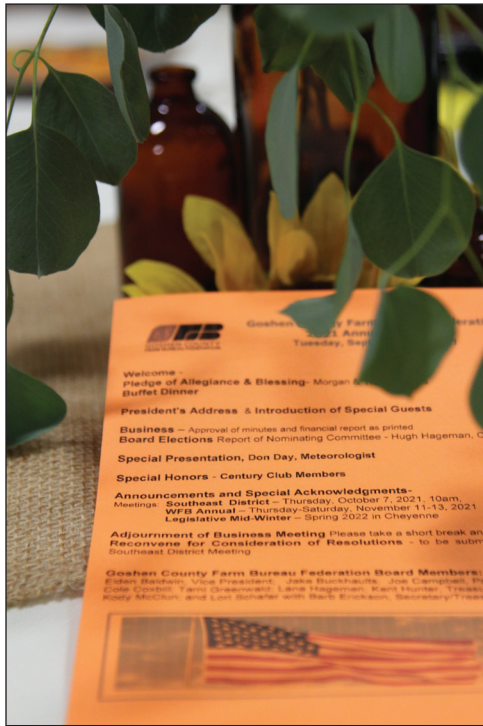


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News from the County Farm Bureau Federations



A century of grassroots policy development

It's a tradition that is going on 102 years strong... that of farmers and ranchers gathering to discuss current agriculture issues and develop Farm Bureau Federation policy. The Farm Bureau Federation's grassroots policy development truly begins at the grassroots with resolutions discussion at the county level. Attending your county Farm Bureau Federation annual meeting is an important part of your membership in Farm Bureau.



WyFB President and Laramie County Farmer Todd Fornstrom providing an issues update at the Niobrara County Farm Bureau Federation annual meeting. *Kerin Clark photo.*

Goshen County's Lee Hageman was the recipient of the 2020 Wyoming Farm Bureau Federation Outstanding Membership Worker-Volunteer. The Goshen County Farm Bureau Federation recognized her at their recent annual meeting. Shown here Hageman receives her award recognition from GCFBF Board Member Tami Greenwald. *Kerin Clark photo.*



Niobrara County Farm Bureau Federation Board Member Kevin Baars (right) presented the VIP award to brothers Ray and John Robb during the annual meeting Sept. 20 to thank them for their years of Farm Bureau involvement. *Kerin Clark photo.*



Weston County's Tucker Hamilton shared Young Farmer & Rancher (YF&R) opportunities during the Weston County Farm Bureau Federation annual meeting in Newcastle. Hamilton serves as the At Large member on the WyFB YF&R Committee. *Kerin Clark photo.*



BINGO! The Weston County Farm Bureau Federation annual meeting featured a fun game of Bingo throughout the meeting led by Brittany Hamilton. Members and potential members were able to have a bit of fun while learning some organization history. *Kerin Clark photo.*



Platte County Farm Bureau Federation Board Member Sandy Dovey and Emma Douglas drew names of members to win door prizes at the annual meeting in Wheatland. *Kerin Clark photo.*



The Uinta County Farm Bureau Federation annual meeting featured Harriet Hageman as the keynote speaker. *Ken Hamilton photo.*



The Sweetwater County Farm Bureau Federation meeting featured entertainment by Fly Over Town as well as prize drawings. *Brooke Roes photo.*



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ings bottled up. No one should feel hopeless or that they have to go it alone. Partnering with these organizations, we reached more people than we could have on our own – and our communities are better off because of it. I have no doubt that lives have been saved thanks to that partnership.

Another issue that we have been working with a diverse group of stakeholders is around climate policy. A few years ago, it became clear this was a rising topic in both the public and private sectors. Farmers and ranchers have made notable strides in reducing our environmental impact and in caring for our soil and water. At the American Farm Bureau, we stepped

up to engage more fully in the conversation. We're putting a spotlight on advances in climate-smart farming to better tell the world our story. And together with other agriculture, forestry, food processing and environmental groups, we formed a historic alliance: the Food and Agriculture Climate Alliance. This coalition represents people who may not always think alike. Still, we focus on areas where we agree, without compromising our grassroots' policies, and put forward responsible policy solutions to support farmers and ranchers as we work together to achieve sustainability goals. Because of it, the focus in Washington is very different from a decade or so

ago, with much talk of respecting farmers and ranchers as partners.

A much broader conversation is underway about advancing climate-smart farming. There are groups far removed from the farm, like the United Nations, that seek to set goals for farmers. Unfortunately, the UN has a track record of omitting some facts and failing to fully rely on science, in addition to closing its doors to U.S. farmers and ranchers. We must have a seat at the table if we hope to set the record straight and stop damaging policies and commitments. Coalitions like U.S. Farmers and Ranchers in Action are also doing important work to ensure agriculture is

represented and farmers have a seat at the table, including at tomorrow's UN Food Systems Summit. If we want the UN to recognize the remarkable leadership shown by U.S. agriculture in advancing sustainability goals, then we darn well better have a seat at the table.

One thing farmers and ranchers know how to do is work together. We work to improve our communities and push for policies that will help us successfully deliver the food, fiber and fuel our country needs. From our work ensuring food bank shelves were restocked early in the pandemic, to packing meals for kids to replace school lunches and even sewing masks

to donate when there was a shortage, our commitment to giving back continues. Our Young Farmers and Ranchers Committee is coming up on 20 years of working together to give back through our Harvest for All program. In 2020 alone, YF&R programs across the country donated nearly 52 million pounds of food, spent 22,570 hours volunteering, and donated over \$1.4 million to their local food banks. Bottom line, that spirit of cooperation inspires me. Whether it's improving our communities or improving the policies that impact us and our communities, I am proud to take a seat at many different tables to represent agriculture as we work to find solutions.



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New member benefit announced with Office Depot/OfficeMax

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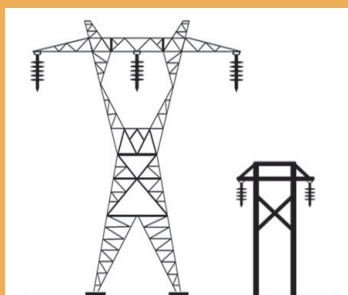
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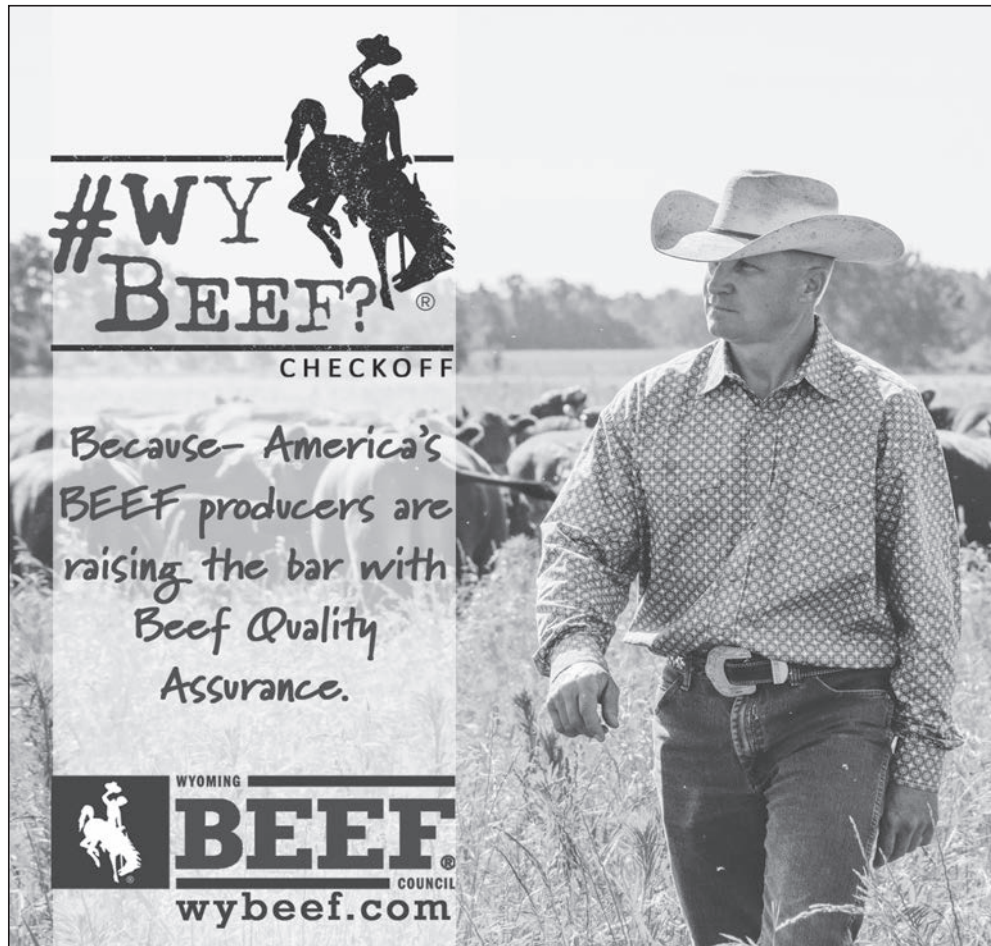
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Property rights

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uneasiness. An example of this is the range from one federal agency applauding landowners for voluntary conservation and stressing protection of private property rights to another federal agency pressing for preservation with little to no mention of property rights. Discussion during an information session hosted by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) added to this uneasiness as it became evident from the groups present that many of the activist groups are pressing for more of a preservation approach.

We are concerned that members of this Administration are working qui-

etly behind the scenes to ensure the outcome will morph into a stronger preservationist effort. There has been little information and activity from the Administration on this proposal since the Executive Order was released.

Private property rights are the cornerstone upon which this nation was built. WyFB has reached out to Wyoming's Congressional Delegation to address these concerns. Protecting private property rights is the mission of the Wyoming Farm Bureau Federation and is of utmost importance to the ability for our state and our nation to produce feed for our nation and the world.



HARVEST BAKED BEANS

By Connie Werner

Ingredients

- 8 strips bacon , diced
- 2 medium onions, quartered and sliced
- ¾ cup brown sugar
- ½ cup vinegar
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1 teaspoon ground mustard
- ½ teaspoon garlic powder
- 1 (16 oz) can baked beans, undrained
- 1 (16 oz) can kidney beans, rinsed and drained
- 1 (15.5 oz) can butter beans, rinsed and drained
- 1 can beans, of your choice I use great northern or navy

Directions

1. In a skillet cook bacon until crisp. Drain, reserving 2 tablespoons drippings; set aside.
2. Saute onions in drippings until tender. Stir in brown sugar, vinegar, salt, mustard, and garlic powder. Simmer uncovered for 15 minutes or until onions are golden brown.
3. Combine the beans in a slow cooker. Add onion mixture and bacon; mix well. Cover and cook on low 6-7 hours or until the beans are tender. Serve with slotted spoon.

Note: This recipe is easily doubled for a crowd.

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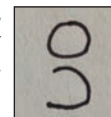
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Legislative bills

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These landowners receive no compensation for having these horses on their property, and the landowners cannot manage the number of horses. A draft committee bill is going forward that will charge the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) the state AUM grazing fee for these horses if the numbers are below the AML. Should the numbers be above the AML, the BLM would be charged three times the State AUM fee. WyFB supported this bill.

Another topic covered by the Ag Committee was reorganizing weed and pest. Currently, weed and pest on school trust lands is managed by the State Land and Investment Board. A bill was taken forward which will move weed and pest management to the Wyoming Department of Agriculture. WyFB supported this bill with the hopes those leasing school trust lands will receive more assistance in weed and pest control, especially highly invasive weeds.

This committee deferred draft legislation to establish a program for industrial bonds for increasing agricultural processing of Wyoming agricultural products in the state. This legislation was deferred to the Committee's October meeting. WyFB supports this type of program because it should improve the profitability of Wyoming farmers

and ranchers.

Predator management issues was also a topic of discussion. The proposed legislation would allow the Animal Damage Management Board to contract directly with federal, state, county, and other agencies to coordinate predator control measures. WyFB supported this bill because it should help districts improve predator control.

Legislation was also moved forward by the Joint Ag Committee which would require that livestock water permits on a federal grazing allotment must have the permittees' name on the water right. This would keep the federal agencies from being able to take away water sources on federal lands. Should the permittee change, the water right would transfer to the new permittee. WyFB supported this draft bill.

This committee also was updated on the proposed changes to the College of Agriculture. Some of the proposed changes include moving Human Nutrition, Ag Communications, and Agricultural Economics out of the College of Agriculture. WyFB expressed our concerns with these moves. Not only would the College lose expertise, but Extension would likely diminish or disappear. Wyoming residents rely on Extension for up-to-date knowledge transfers and to provide other support

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Ratcliff, Powell; Cathy & Scott Sibley, Powell; Diane & Terry Smith, Cody; Lauren & Gary Stochetti, Cody; Land Company, LLC, Bennett Creek (REG), New Ringgold

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SUBLETTE

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Mary & Frank Johnson, Newcastle; Madison Murphy, Newcastle

for agriculture.

In other legislative interim work, the Corporations Committee is assigned with the task of redistricting. This is done every ten years, after the census information is developed and received by the State. Each legislative district must be plus or minus five percent of the average population of all districts. It is likely each legislative district will have at least some changes with some districts changing a great deal. The following link shows the mapping for this round of redistricting: <https://redistricting.wyoleg.gov/Default.aspx>.

The Corporations Committee is also looking at changing how we vote in Wyoming with three options being discussed. One option not likely to advance is an open primary, where all the candidates are on the same ballot, with no party affiliation.

Another voting option being discussed is ranked choice. The ballot would be based on political parties, but instead of voting for only one person, the voter would rank all of the choices.

If no one person receives a majority vote, the lowest ranked person falls out, and the ballots are recounted. The low person drops out until one person receives a majority of the votes.

The third option is the only voting bill which WyFB will support and is a run-off election. Should no one person receive a majority of the votes, the top two candidates would advance to a run-off election. This would require quite a few changes in how Wyoming elections are run. The primary would be in May, the runoff in July, and the general election in November. A runoff would increase the cost of the elections roughly \$1.2 million.

The Revenue Committee will again be looking at ways to increase tax and fee income to the State. The same increases will be on the table, including eliminating sales tax exemptions, placing sales taxes on services, income taxes, gross receipts taxes, etc. WyFB policy is quite clear, we do not support losing exemptions or increasing taxes.

Iowa Farmer uses horse product to help heal an injured foot.

On September 9, 2020 Iowa farmer Dan Burck injured his left foot in a grain auger. He was rushed to University of Iowa Hospital in Iowa City, Iowa.

His hospital stay lasted 10 days and included 6 separate surgeries. In January 2021 while recuperating at home he read a story about a Minnesota woman, Liz Hershberger, who had used a horse product called Miracle Heel to help heal her severely injured foot.

Dan was hoping to find a way to speed up his healing process and contacted Stuart Labs about the product Miracle Heel. Stuart connected him with Liz Hershberger who recommended that he use Miracle Heel.

About 10 days after beginning to apply Miracle Heel to his foot, Dan did notice

an improvement in the healing process.

In February, his doctors at U of I commented on how well his foot was healing.

On April 13, Dan's foot was almost completely healed except for a small, discolored area on the top of his foot. An MRI revealed a small pocket of fluid just below the surface. His doctor scheduled a surgery appointment for May 6 to remove the pocket of fluid. At his pre-op appointment on May 4, the discolored area looked normal, and an MRI showed that the pocket of fluid was gone.

Dan and his wife Kris farm 800 acres of cropland and have 138 beef cows. With the help of a prosthetic insert in a specially made boot, Dan was able to return to farming in March.



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Consider a long term approach to managing risk



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Livestock producers have several options available to manage price risk such as insurance policies, futures and options contracts, and forward pricing. Using an insurance product such as Livestock Risk Protection (LRP) is one way to manage price risk for a given production cycle. This policy could also be part of a long term risk strategy.

Any major risk management decision should be carefully examined through a long term lens. However, the question then becomes how to effectively analyze the long term implications of a decision or strategy. Typically, we would evaluate alternatives using a partial budget approach, but that method does not normally account for the time-aspect of uncertainty like changing prices or the time value of money.

The professionals at RightRisk.org developed the Multi-Temporal Risk Analyzer (MTRA) tool to address these long term questions. MTRA combines spreadsheet-based partial budgeting with additional capacity to evaluate variability over time. In the following example, we examine how a producer could evaluate the possibilities of using LRP as a long term strategy.

Livestock Risk Protection Insurance Overview

LRP is an insurance policy designed to help manage livestock market price risk. Coverage is available in Wyoming for feeder and fed cattle, swine, and lamb. The producer selects a production period and corresponding coverage levels to purchase a policy.

Consider example Goshen County producer, Bill Bates*, who is looking to protect against price declines on 100 head of 650 pound steer calves. Bill typically markets in October, so he selects a 21-week contract at 96 percent coverage, with a premium of \$3.16/cwt (\$2,054 total). The contract price is listed

at \$159, resulting in a coverage price of \$153/cwt (\$99,450).

The MTRA Tool from RightRisk.org

The Multi-Temporal Risk Analyzer is a budgeting tool designed to provide users a way to examine the long term variability of a proposed business change or strategy. Results include probability analysis for the expected outcomes and also includes the time value of money.

MTRA offers entry blanks to outline any projected inflows (added returns and reduced costs) and projected outflows (reduced returns and added costs) associated with the change. One of the unique features of the tool is the ability to turn on/off each projected change over a possible twenty year period (shorter time periods are also possible). This allows the user an opportunity to describe the long term expectations for the project and associated decisions.

The basic variables needed to estimate net returns over time for Bill's example LRP strategy include: the cash sale price, the potential indemnity payment, and the projected cost of the LRP premium. Under Added Returns we enter steer calf sales (coverage price x total steer weight = \$99,450). In addition, we expect sales to vary between \$91,450 to \$107,450 and enter these as the expected low and high.

The expected LRP indemnity payment is \$2,054 (roughly equal to the LRP premium), with a potential low of zero and high of \$10,000. Under Added Costs we enter the LRP premium \$2,054 and keep it constant by also entering this value for the expected low and high. We also select all 20 years for each variable by clicking All, rather than checking the box for each individual year.

Table 2 MTRA Output Table - Cash-basis Analysis, Bates LRP Strategy

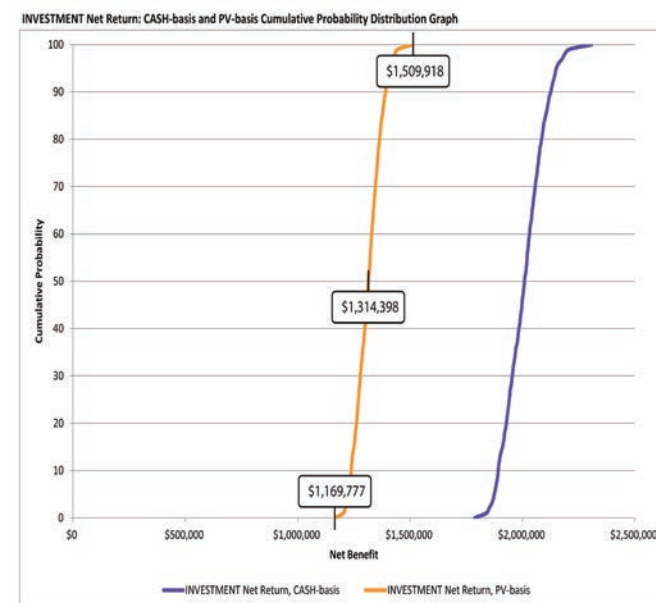
Proposed Change: Bates LRP Strategy

Interest Rate: 0.00%

YEAR	CASH-basis analysis				
	Projected Total Added Returns	Projected Total Reduced Costs	Projected Total Added Costs	Projected Total Reduced Returns	Projected NET ANNUAL Return
1	104,115	-	2,054	-	102,061
2	106,911	-	2,054	-	104,857
3	103,550	-	2,054	-	101,496
4	95,911	-	2,054	-	93,857
5	100,002	-	2,054	-	97,948
6	103,085	-	2,054	-	101,031
7	99,823	-	2,054	-	97,769
8	104,061	-	2,054	-	102,007
9	101,106	-	2,054	-	99,052
10	101,536	-	2,054	-	99,482
11	105,271	-	2,054	-	103,217
12	107,554	-	2,054	-	105,500
13	105,032	-	2,054	-	102,978
14	105,077	-	2,054	-	103,023
15	102,724	-	2,054	-	100,670
16	101,650	-	2,054	-	99,596
17	105,013	-	2,054	-	102,959
18	100,791	-	2,054	-	98,737
19	106,318	-	2,054	-	104,264
20	100,571	-	2,054	-	98,517

Annual Return CASH-basis Return GRAPH	Annual Return CASH- & PV-basis GRAPH	Net Return: 2,019,022 MIN Rtn: 93857 AVG. Rtn: 100951 MAX Rtn: 105500
Annual CASH-basis with BEST/WORST Return GRAPH	Annual PV-basis with BEST/WORST Return GRAPH	

Figure 1 MTRA Investment Net Return, Cash-basis and Present value-basis Distribution, Bates LRP Strategy



Useful LRP Links:

- Cost Estimator:
<https://ewebapp.rma.usda.gov/apps/costestimator/>

- Daily Prices, Rates, and Ending Values:

<https://www.rma.usda.gov/Information-Tools>

- Agent Locator:

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WyFB merchandise online store open through Oct. 5

Here's your chance to order Wyoming Farm Bureau Federation branded apparel and caps! Go to www.wyfb.org and click on the online store link found on the home page and on the specific calendar date of October 5.

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through and check out all the options! We are also offering the limited edition "Centennial Proud Member" sign while supplies last. This metal sign is on sale for just \$15.

Please note merchandise will not be ready for shipping until the end of October as all orders are made once the store closes October 5.



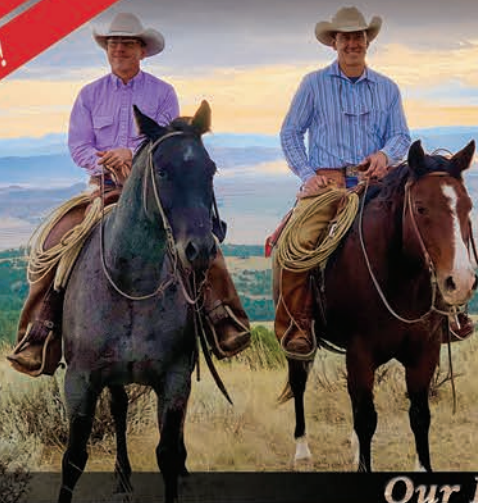
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