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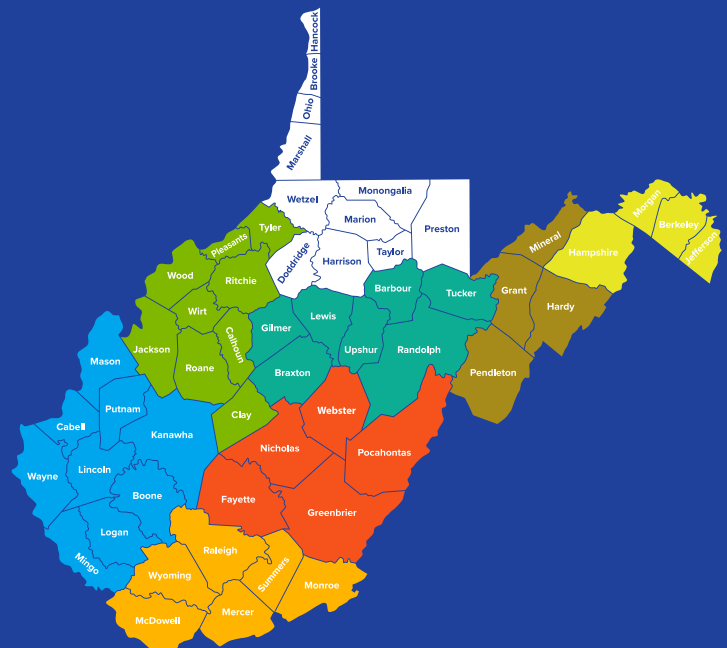
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# Momentum & Milestones: WVCA Spring-Summer Updates

Dear WVCA Members,

This spring has been full of excitement, engagement and meaningful progress for the West Virginia Cattlemen's Association—and we're just getting started.

We kicked off the season with an exceptional presence at the 2025 West Virginia Beef Expo. Thank you to everyone who stopped by our booth to visit, connect and support our mission. A special highlight was seeing so many junior members get involved—each new junior member received a WVCA T-shirt, and we're excited to continue this tradition of welcoming youth into our association. We look forward to offering shirts again during the Stockman's Contest at the West Virginia State Fair later this summer!

Just two weeks later, WVCA leadership traveled to Washington, D.C., for the NCBA Legislative Fly-In, where we joined cattle producers from across the eastern U.S. to advocate for federal policies that protect and advance the beef industry. From trade expansion to eliminating outdated regulations, we proudly represented the priorities of West Virginia producers in front of national decision makers.

Looking ahead, be sure to mark your calendars for Oct. 17–18, when the WVCA Fall Tour heads to Kentucky! This tour offers a fantastic opportunity to connect with peers, learn from leaders and visit top-tier operations that are shaping our industry. More details will be coming soon.

We also encourage your participation in the Junior and Adult Stockman's Contest, where learning, leadership and camaraderie take center stage. It will be on Sunday, Aug. 10 after the Parade of Champions. Whether you're a long-time cattle producer or just starting out, we welcome you to be part of this year's competition and experience.

We're also proud to share a major milestone: WVCA has successfully regained its 501(c)(3) nonprofit status, thanks to the dedication and persistence of Executive Director Kevin Shaffer. This reinstatement allows us to continue building meaningful partnerships, secure charitable contributions, and pursue new opportunities to grow and serve.

Our current membership has grown to 477 members, and we are on a strong path toward our goal of 600 by the end of 2025. If you haven't yet renewed or know someone who may benefit from being part of our community, we invite you to share this message and encourage them to join at: <https://www.wvcattlemen.org/membership>.

Finally, we want to hear from you! If you'd like to share what WVCA means to you or showcase your county's recent success, you could be featured in our next Quarterly Issue. Email your reflections and photos to: [mjwbeef@gmail.com](mailto:mjwbeef@gmail.com).

Thank you for your dedication to the West Virginia Cattlemen's Association—and for everything you do to support and strengthen our beef community.



With gratitude,

A stylized, handwritten signature in orange ink that reads "Megan J. Webb".

**Megan J. Webb**

President, WV Cattlemen's Association

## WVCA FALL BUS TOUR

Friday–Saturday, Oct. 17–18, 2025

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# Working With Our Neighbors to the South

Buck Wehrbein NCBA President

Recently, I had the chance to travel to Mexico for the annual conference of the Confederación Nacional de Organizaciones Ganaderas (National Confederation of Livestock Organizations or CNOG). CNOG is the cattle industry organization for Mexican cattlemen and, for many years, NCBA has maintained a strong relationship with this group because many of the issues we face occur beyond our borders. The growing threat of New World screwworm is a serious issue for Mexican cattle producers in the same way it is to American producers.

In the 1960s, state and national cattle industry groups including NCBA, banded together to eradicate the screwworm, pushing it all the way back to Central America. That action had the added benefit of helping Mexican producers as well.

When screwworms advanced out of Panama and into Mexico last year, NCBA began working with USDA to strengthen our defenses against this deadly pest. To protect U.S. cattle producers, while still allowing trade, we worked to put in place a robust series of protocols on both sides of the border. At the same time, NCBA also supported USDA's efforts as they coordinated flights between Panama and southern Mexico to transport sterile screwworm flies to be released near the location of screwworm cases in Mexico, keeping the pests contained behind critical phytosanitary borders far from the U.S. Unfortunately, the Mexican government created countless unnecessary barriers to these flights, resulting in the spread of screwworm flies north toward the U.S. and forcing USDA to enact a border closure because the interlocking safeguards that protected U.S. producers failed.

When I had the opportunity to speak during my recent trip, I hammered home how aggravating it was to hear that planes carrying sterile screwworm flies were ordered not to land, or that the Mexican government was giving the plane company paperwork grief when every passing day only increased the threat of screwworm infestation. Looking around the room, there were nodding heads, not shaking heads, and that speaks to producers' appreciation for our work that has the side benefit of supporting their industry too.

As I have traveled through the United States and abroad, I found that cattle people are similar regardless of where you go. We might use different words or turns of phrase, we might wear different clothing, but we all have a shared sense of values that come from the hard work that is necessary to succeed in the cattle business.

Mexican cattlemen are no different. I do not envy the position they are in, but I am exceedingly grateful for NCBA and the relationship we have with our U.S. officials.

Still, it's important that NCBA continues to engage, and by working with CNOG on key issues, we can help protect the American cattle industry. Without the intervention of NCBA

and USDA, New World screwworm would have ripped through Mexico at an even faster pace, posing much more of a threat to the American cattle herd.

Although NCBA supports the temporary border closure, it will have significant impacts for cattle producers in both Mexico and in the U.S. It's crucial that we quickly implement both effective animal health protocols and lasting fly countermeasures to contain and ultimately push New World screwworms back into South America. It's equally important to recognize that these flies don't understand international boundaries, so we must also be looking at how we can use effective inspection protocols to continue our cross-border trade. Simultaneous consideration of economic and animal health impacts is not an easy task, but one we must push for. The sooner both these steps are completed, the sooner we'll be able to restore normal trading patterns.

I lived in Texas for 20 years, and I always knew the relationship between American and Mexican producers was significant, but this trip really solidified for me the important aspects of this relationship. Every Mexican producer in the room also understood the importance of our partnership.

Thank you for being a member of NCBA and putting your trust in us to represent you and protect your interests, both here at home and abroad. Until next time, happy trails! 🐾



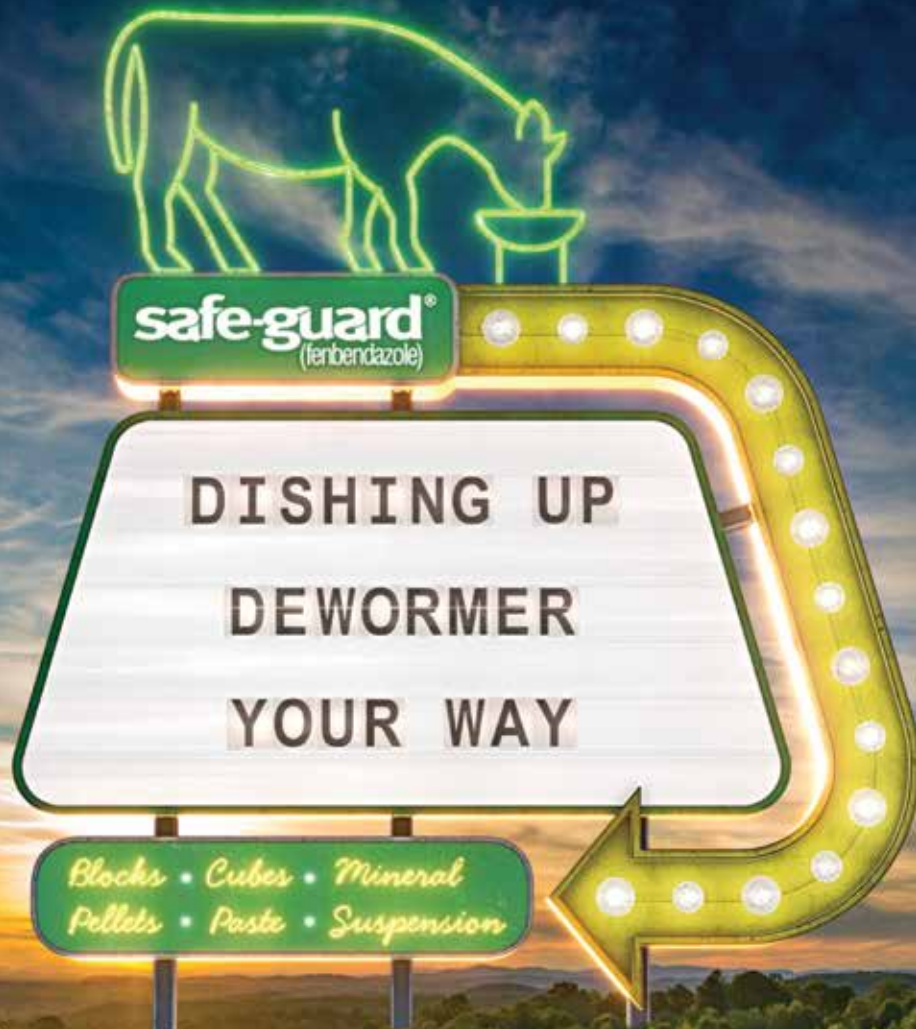
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WVCA board members represent producers and advance the cattle industry across the state. Pictured Front Row: Jamie Kinsey, Megan Webb, Nathanael Mason, Ivy Ward. Back Row: Derek Cumpston, Ty Wickline, Bruce Loyd, Kim Getz, Quill Ward, Allison Tomlinson, Eric Cunningham, John Pitsenbarger, Roy Milleson. *Not Pictured: Neil Bumgarner, Jayme Garrett, Duane Bishoff, Reese Tuckwiller*

## WVCA Board Welcomes New Members

The West Virginia Cattlemen's Association, the trusted leader and voice for the West Virginia beef industry, welcomes three new members and one new executive committee member to its board. The board is comprised of two members from each of the state's eight regions.

New board members beginning their two-year term include Eric Cunningham who represents Region 4. He replaces outgoing board member Josh Radabaugh. Derek Cumpston is the new representative for Region 5, replacing outgoing board member Todd Bolyard. Roy Milleson is the new director for Region 8. He replaces outgoing board member Richard Talbott. Aaron Glasscock, Region 2 director, also finishes his term on the board.

"We extend our appreciation to outgoing board members Josh Radabaugh, Richard Talbott, Aaron Glasscock and Todd Bolyard for their service and contributions," said Megan Webb, WVCA president. "We also welcome new board members Eric Cunningham, Derek Cumpston and Roy Milleson."

**Eric Cunningham** along with his wife, Audra, operate Maple Lane Farm, a cow-calf, stocker and feeder operation, near Hebron in Pleasants County. Cunningham grew up farming and now farms full-time. In addition to the diversified cattle operation, farm operations consist of commercial hay

production, corn silage and cover crops. Eric and Audra have two children and six grandchildren that all share interests in the farm. He is retired from The Pleasants County Board of Education. He currently serves as chairman of Pleasants County PSD, sits on the county FSA committee, is a county director of Ritchie County Farm Bureau.

**Derek Cumpston** is a cow-calf producer from just outside of Clarksburg in Harrison County. Cumpston has been involved in agriculture from an early age, working with his father and grandfather. He and his brother have grown the operation to around 200 commercial cows in addition to grazing some yearlings every year. Additionally, he is a horseman and works for stocker operators doctoring cattle horseback, catching rogue cattle and participating on the rodeo circuit during the summer.

**Roy Milleson** is a cow-calf producer from Springfield in Hampshire County. Milleson also manages a campground along the South Branch of the Potomac River. Roy is a longtime participant in the Hampshire County Calf Pool.

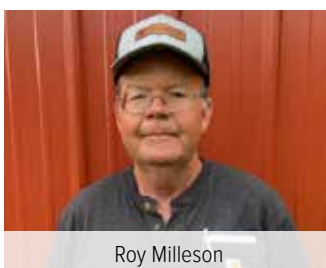
Also, board member **Nathanael Mason**, a director from Region 4, joins the executive committee as vice president. Jamie Kinsey, Region 5 director, was re-elected as secretary-treasurer and Megan Webb, who represents Region 7, renewed her term as president. 🐾



Eric Cunningham



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## NCBA Priorities Approved in House Reconciliation Bill

WASHINGTON, D.C., (May 22, 2025) – Today, several key priorities championed by the National Cattlemen's Beef Association (NCBA) moved one step closer to becoming law when the U.S. House of Representatives passed their reconciliation bill. The bill includes key cattle health, disaster recovery and tax priorities crucial to the success of America's cattle farmers and ranchers.

"Cattle farmers and ranchers need Congress to invest in cattle health, strengthen our resources against foreign animal disease, support producers recovering from disasters or depredation, and pass tax relief that protects family farms and ranches for future generations," said NCBA President and Nebraska cattleman Buck Wehrbein. "Thankfully, this reconciliation bill includes all these key priorities. NCBA was proud to help pass this bill in the House and we will continue pushing for these key policies until the bill is signed into law."

The reconciliation bill includes provisions that are crucial to the success of cattle producers and will:

- Reimburse cattle producers for loss due to depredation by federally protected predators.
- Expand access to the livestock forage disaster program for producers experiencing drought.
- Continue funding the feral swine eradication program.
- Bolster the "three-legged stool" that protects the cattle industry from foreign animal disease, including the National Animal Disease Preparedness and Response Program (NADPRP), the National Animal Health Laboratory Network (NAHLN), and the National Animal Vaccine and Veterinary Countermeasures Bank (NAVVCB). The NAVVCB currently houses emergency supplies for responding to a foot-and-mouth disease outbreak.

Additionally, the bill includes key NCBA tax priorities that protect the legacy of family farms and ranches for future generations, such as:

- An increase to the estate and gift tax exemption amounts to \$15 million per individual and \$30 million per couple, adjusted for inflation annually. The package also makes this exemption permanent.
- Preserved stepped-up basis.
- A permanent increase to the Section 199A Small Business deduction from 20% to 23%.
- Expanding the limitation on Section 179 expensing from \$1 million to \$2.5 million.
- Reinstating the 100% bonus depreciation for five years.
- Extending the Federal Disaster Tax Relief Act of 2023.

"The National Cattlemen's Beef Association extends our gratitude to all the members of Congress who voted yes on this reconciliation package," said NCBA Senior Vice President

of Government Affairs Ethan Lane. "America's farming and ranching families sorely need the provisions in this bill to succeed. We strongly urge the Senate to swiftly pass this bill and deliver a win for our nation's cattle producers."

## NCBA Pushes for Domestic Sterile Fly Facility to Eradicate New World Screwworm

WASHINGTON, D.C., (May 14, 2025) – As the threat posed by the New World screwworm rises, NCBA today joined affiliate state associations in urging Congress to pass the STOP Screwworms Act to fund the opening of a new sterile fly facility in the United States. Introduced by Rep. Tony Gonzales (R-TX) and Sen. John Cornyn (R-TX), this bill would help protect both livestock and human health from the New World screwworm.

"When I was growing up, I heard the stories of how damaging the New World screwworm was to our cattle before it was eradicated in the 1960s. I never want to see that kind of devastation return to our country," said NCBA President Buck Wehrbein, a Nebraska cattleman. "That is why the National Cattlemen's Beef Association is supporting the STOP Screwworms Act so we can construct a sterile fly facility in the United States that will help us prevent this pest from ever returning to our country."

Due to the New World screwworm's continued push north, the urgency to create a new sterile fly facility in the United States has increased. NCBA supported the U.S. Department of Agriculture's decision to close the southern border to shipments of cattle, horses and bison to protect American agriculture, but the long-term strategy to eradicate the screwworm from North America requires the use of sterile insect technique.

Under sterile insect technique, millions of sterile flies are released into the environment where they breed with wild flies, ultimately creating no new offspring. The United States spent millions of dollars to successfully eradicate screwworms from North America back in the 1960s using this method, but once the threat was mitigated, most sterile fly production facilities shut down. Today, only one facility is still active in Panama, but it cannot produce enough sterile flies to fully prevent the New World screwworm from spreading through Mexico and eventually reaching America's southern border.

"To protect American agriculture, NCBA strongly supports the creation of a new sterile fly facility within the United States," said NCBA Senior Vice President of Government Affairs Ethan Lane. "We also appreciate the hard work of NCBA state affiliates in ensuring that members of Congress closest to the southern border understand the severity of this threat."

In addition to NCBA, this legislation is supported by Texas & Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association. NCBA and TSCRA are also working with numerous lawmakers to secure additional financial resources to combat the New World screwworm.

"Texas will be among the first impacted by the New World



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screwworm, making domestic sterile fly infrastructure critical," said TSCRA President Carl Ray Polk Jr. "We're grateful to Sen. Cornyn and Rep. Gonzales for acting quickly and ensuring this threat is taken seriously in Washington."


## NCBA Urges FDA to Toughen Rules for Fake Meat Marketing

WASHINGTON, D.C., (May 9, 2025) – Yesterday, the National Cattlemen's Beef Association submitted comments to the U.S. Food and Drug Administration urging the agency to toughen up guidance for fake meat companies that would prevent them from using misleading labels on plant-based products.

"Cattle farmers and ranchers work hard every day to raise wholesome, high-quality and nutritious real beef. We've spent decades building a strong reputation with consumers, and we will not give up on that without a fight. Companies selling fake meat should not be allowed to use misleading advertising or trade on beef's good name," said NCBA President and Nebraska Cattleman Buck Wehrbein. "If you're manufacturing products to replace beef that contain no real beef, you should not be using terms that are specific to livestock, especially legally defined terms like 'meat.'"

"Likewise, you should not be permitted to utilize pictures of cattle, real beef or farmers and ranchers in your labeling," said Wehrbein. "The federal government's draft guidance for the fake meat industry has not gone far enough to prevent companies from attempting to trick the public into buying fake meat products."

NCBA's comments urge FDA to address misleading advertising on plant-based fake meat foods. Plant-based fake meat has been on the market for several years, but sales have tumbled as consumers balk at ultra-processed food. Although the final guidance for industry is nonbinding, closing loopholes that allow plant-based companies to use terms like "beef" and imagery like the outline of a cow are important first steps that benefit real farmers and ranchers. Additional guidance or rulemaking actions may follow in the coming months.

"If you have to hide behind the work of America's livestock producers to sell your product, that says all you need to know about these inferior imitations," Wehrbein added. 

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# West Virginia Cattlemen's Go to Washington

The National Cattlemen's Beef Association hosted the 2025 Legislative Fly-In for Regions I and II in Washington, D.C., on April 29–30. Two board members of the West Virginia Cattlemen's Association, Megan Webb and Neil Bumgarner, joined cattle producers from across the Eastern U.S.—from Florida to New York—to advocate for federal policies that support and strengthen the beef industry in West Virginia.

The event began with a half-day policy briefing at the NCBA office on Pennsylvania Avenue, where Ethan Lane and members of the policy team provided in-depth updates on key federal issues. These would become the focal points for state delegations during their visits with elected representatives.

## Trade and Tariffs

Trade and tariffs dominated the day's discussions. Contrary to recent negative headlines, beef exports are stable—and growing. The NCBA is working to expand market access and eliminate non-tariff barriers, such as the 30-month age limit for beef exports to South Korea. Currently, the U.S. exports 15% of its beef production, with significant potential for growth. Unlike pork, poultry, and grain sectors, the beef industry is less dependent on exports, giving producers greater leverage in conversations with Congress and the new administration. Notably, the NCBA has continued productive dialogue with federal leadership, strengthening the industry's voice without seeking subsidies or bailouts.

## New World Screwworm Threat

A fast-emerging threat is the New World screwworm. This parasite lays eggs in open wounds; the resulting maggots bore into the host animal and often cause fatal infections. For over six decades, control efforts have relied on a facility in Panama that produces sterile flies, released over Central America to suppress reproduction. However, this model is fragile. NCBA is requesting \$300 million in federal funding to build a domestic facility to ensure long-term screwworm control and prevent devastating outbreaks. If the parasite reaches the U.S., losses could exceed \$1 billion in the cattle industry alone.

## Black Vulture Relief Act of 2025

Cattle producers also advocated for the Black Vulture Relief Act of 2025, which seeks to simplify and expand permitting for lethal control of black vultures. Though still protected under the Endangered Species Act, these birds have rebounded in population—approaching 200 million—and have become a significant threat to newborn calves in West Virginia and across the country. Many lawmakers were unfamiliar with this issue, but expressed support after learning of the economic impact on producers.

## Other Legislative Priorities

Additional priorities included repealing the Death Tax,



► WVCA President Dr. Megan Webb and past president Neil Bumgarner visit the office of U.S. Representative Carol D. Miller to advocate for federal policies supporting West Virginia's cattle producers during the 2025 NCBA Legislative Fly-In.

▲ Dr. Megan Webb and Neil Bumgarner meet with U.S. Senator Shelley Moore Capito to discuss federal support for West Virginia's cattle industry during the 2025 Legislative Fly-In.

▼ WVCA President Dr. Megan Webb and Past President Neil Bumgarner meet with Ryan Bardot, Agricultural Staff Member for U.S. Senator Jim Justice. Their meeting centered on advancing agricultural policy priorities for the Mountain State.

◀ Members of the Kentucky and West Virginia Cattlemen's Associations gather on the rooftop of NCBA's Washington headquarters. Pictured are KCA Executive Director Dave Maples, KCA Staff Member Rachel Cain, KCA President Elect Allan Bryant, WVCA President Dr. Megan Webb, and WVCA Past President Neil Bumgarner.

securing exemptions from electronic logging and hours-of-service requirements for livestock haulers, and ensuring the next farm bill contains support for conservation programs and FSA loans.

Congressional Meetings

On April 29, Webb and Bumgarner met with Congresswoman Carol Miller and her Chief of Staff, Matthew Donnellan. Rep. Miller, who raises bison in Cabell County, remains a strong ally of agriculture. Matthew appreciated the overview they provided, given his limited ag background.

They then met with Sen. Shelley Moore Capito and her staff. Sen. Capito is well-versed in West Virginia agriculture and voiced strong support for the issues important to West Virginia cattle producers, including the potential for West Virginia to host federal vaccine banks. She remains an influential advocate, particularly given her leadership position in the Senate.

On April 30, the group visited the office of newly elected Senator Jim Justice. There, they spoke with Ryan Bardot, Justice’s agricultural staffer, who brings a cattle background from his youth in Missouri. He was grateful for their insights and noted that WVCA was the first ag group to engage the senator’s office since his election.

The final meeting was with Congressman Riley Moore at the Capitol Hill Club. While several industry groups attended, Webb and Bumgarner were the only West Virginians present. This allowed us to lead much of the discussion and secure

Rep. Moore’s support for both the screwworm initiative and black vulture legislation. As a token of goodwill and in support of future engagement, they presented a \$1,000 NCBA PAC contribution.

Takeaways

One of the biggest takeaways from this trip was how effective and respected NCBA’s policy team is in Washington. Their deep engagement ensures cattle producers remain at the table—and not on the menu. NCBA is the only national cattle group with a full-time D.C. presence, and that advocacy matters.

Another takeaway was the limited agricultural knowledge among congressional staffers. While intelligent and enthusiastic, few had direct ties to production agriculture—especially in West Virginia. That’s why WVCA’s presence is essential. Every conversation helps educate and influence.

Lastly, the experience emphasized the importance of engaging at the state level. In the 2025 West Virginia legislative session, only two of more than 20 agriculture-related bills moved forward. The WV Cattlemen’s Association has strong ties with WVDA and WVU Extension, but we must continue expanding our impact in Charleston as well as in D.C.

Representing West Virginia cattle producers at the Capitol, alongside peers from across the Eastern U.S., was a true honor for Webb and Bumgarner. They encourage all members to get involved in policy—whether at the federal or state level. When WVCA shows up and speaks out, policymakers listen. 🐮

Spring 2025 Sale Report

			BULLS			FEMALES			OVERALL	
DATE	SALE	LOCATION	#LOTS	AVG,	TOP	#LOTS	AVG,	TOP	#LOTS	AVG,
3/1/2025	Rudolph Angus	Yellow Springs, WV	29	\$ 6,677	\$ 11,500	7	\$ 4,500	\$ 6,500	36	\$ 6,254
3/8/2025	Genetic Alliance Bull Sale	Franklin, WV	54	\$ 7,740	\$ 19,000					
3/15/2025	Fairview Farms	Moorefield, WV	45	\$ 9,577	\$ 15,500					
3/21/2025	Southern Bull Test Sale	Ripley, WV	51	\$ 5,385	\$ 10,200	66	\$ 2,807	\$ 5,300	117	\$ 3,931
3/27/2025	Wardensville Bull Test Sale	Wardensville, WV	97	\$ 5,891	\$ 11,500					
3/29/2025	Hammack Ridge Farm	Amma, WV	30	\$ 4,921	\$ 9,500	20	\$ 3,945	\$ 6,250	50	\$ 4,531
	WV Beef Expo		21	\$ 5,052		120	\$ 3,587		141	\$ 3,805
	Angus		3	\$ 5,600	\$ 5,700	12	\$ 3,842	\$ 5,800	15	\$ 4,193
	Charolais		1	\$ 3,500	\$ 3,500	12	\$ 4,354	\$ 6,500	13	\$ 4,288
4/12/2025	Limousin	Jacksons Mill, WV	4	\$ 5,025	\$ 6,100	16	\$ 3,869	\$ 9,500	20	\$ 4,100
	Hereford		5	\$ 4,840	\$ 6,000	41	\$ 3,066	\$ 5,500	46	\$ 3,259
	Red Angus		3	\$ 4,833	\$ 6,000	16	\$ 4,475	\$ 6,000	19	\$ 4,532
	Simmental		5	\$ 5,400	\$ 8,100	23	\$ 3,169	\$ 7,000	28	\$ 3,568
4/19/2025	Friends of the Valley Sale	Harrisville, WV	14	\$ 5,285	\$ 7,000	38	\$ 3,700	\$ 4,900	53	\$ 4,049
4/24/2025	Tuckwiller Coalition	Lewisburg, WV	15	\$ 4,433		10	\$ 2,230		25	\$ 3,552

Congratulations to all our West Virginia producers on a successful spring sale season!!!

# Member Spotlight: Rolling Acres Farms

Kim and Becky Getz of Scherr own and operate Rolling Acres Farms. Rolling Acres is a 100-cow registered seedstock operation producing registered Angus, Limousin and Lim-Flex cattle. The Getz's own 250 acres and lease an additional 400 acres of hay and pasture ground.

Kim Getz is a fourth-generation cattleman, and his hope is that his son, Stephen, and his three grandchildren will continue the operation to the fifth and sixth generations. During his high school and college years, Stephen Getz was a two-term North American Limousin Junior Association (NALJA) board member having served two years as treasurer and vice-president for one year. He is now a practicing veterinarian and recently purchased his own farm just 1.5 miles down the road from the home farm.

Kim Getz's first experience with Limousin cattle was during a beef production class trip while in college. He was impressed enough that he purchased a purebred bull and one purebred cow the following year. He was so pleased with the impact the bull had on their predominantly Angus commercial herd that he began retaining and registering percentage females and purchasing registered females when funds permitted. With the use of performance testing, artificial insemination and embryo transfer, the herd has grown to what it is today. Over the years, Rolling Acres has participated

in the WVU-Wardensville bull test and the Potomac State College heifer test. Most of Rolling Acres cattle are marketed through private treaty sales as well as consignment and online sales.

In addition to the standard performance testing, Rolling Acres is currently in the process of DNA testing the entire herd so that they will be able to provide genomically enhanced EPDs on their cattle, which will greatly increase the predictability of how their cattle will perform for their customers.

Kim and Becky met while attending West Virginia University where they both majored in animal science. Kim Getz is currently serving on the board of directors for the North American Limousin Foundation (NALF), the West Virginia Cattlemen's Association (WVCA), the West Virginia Beef Expo, the West Virginia Limousin Breeders Association (WVLBA) board of directors, where he is currently the treasurer, and the Grant County Farmland Protection board.

The West Virginia Cattlemen's Association has been an integral part of the program at Rolling Acres since the inception of the purebred program with Becky Getz having served as the first executive secretary of the WVCA and the West Virginia Beef Industry Council. The Getz's encourage all fellow beef producers to become members of WVCA so that the state's cattle producers can speak with a strong unified voice for the beef industry. 



# **Buckhannon Stockyards**

## **Fall Schedule 2025**

**\*WEDNESDAY, JUNE 25<sup>TH</sup> AT 1PM BOARD SALE FOLLOWED BY BARN CATTLE**

**\*TUESDAY, JULY 29<sup>TH</sup> AT 9AM BOARD SALE FOLLOWED BY BARN CATTLE, YEARLINGS AND CALVES**

**WEIGH IN MONDAY JULY 28<sup>TH</sup> FROM 8AM-7PM**

**\*TUESDAY, AUGUST 26<sup>TH</sup> AT 9AM BOARD SALE FOLLOWED BY BARN CATTLE, YEARLINGS AND CALVES**

**WEIGH IN MONDAY AUGUST 25<sup>TH</sup> FROM 8AM-7PM**

**\*TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16<sup>TH</sup> AT 9AM BARN CATTLE – CALF SALE**

**WEIGH IN MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 15<sup>TH</sup> FROM 8AM-7PM**

**\* TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 23<sup>RD</sup> AT 9AM BARN CATTLE – CALF SALE**

**WEIGH IN MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 22<sup>ND</sup> FROM 8AM-7PM**

**\*FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 26<sup>TH</sup> AT 1PM BOARD SALE ONLY**

**BEEF QUALITY ASSURANCE SALE – NO IN BARN CATTLE**

**\*TUESDAY, OCTOBER 7<sup>TH</sup> AT 9AM BOARD SALE FOLLOWED BY BARN CATTLE YEARLINGS AND CALVES**

**WEIGH IN MONDAY, OCTOBER 6<sup>TH</sup> 8AM-7PM**

**\*FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 7<sup>TH</sup> AT 6PM BRED COW SALE**

**WEIGH IN THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 6<sup>TH</sup> FROM 4-8PM, FRIDAY NOVEMBER 7<sup>TH</sup> 8AM-12PM**

**\*TUESDAY, DECEMBER 2<sup>ND</sup> AT 9AM BOARD SALE FOLLOWED BY BARN CATTLE CLEAN UP SALE - YEARLINGS AND CALVES**

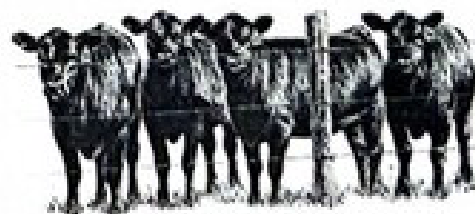
**WEIGH IN MONDAY, DECEMBER 1<sup>ST</sup> 8AM-7PM**

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***Livestock Sale Every Wednesday at 2pm***



Common tick species found in West Virginia include the American dog tick (*Dermacentor variabilis*), blacklegged or deer tick (*Ixodes scapularis*) and lone star tick (*Amblyomma americanum*).

## Spring into Cattle Health

Darin Matlick DVM West Virginia University Extension

From calving and breeding, spring days on the farm get long but now is not the time to take short cuts with cattle preventative health. Every time through the chute is a chance to evaluate cattle and use preventative measures to get the most from your herd.

Spring vaccines are to be given preferably a couple of weeks before breeding, which include viral vaccines- IBR, BVD, PI3, BRSV and bacterial vaccine – Leptosporosis to breeding cattle. When the cow is not pregnant, we can give modified live vaccines safely if they have not had them prior. For calves prior to turn out we can consider IBR, BVD, PI3, BRSV, Clostridium and Pasteurella (mannheimia), however you should consult with your veterinarian for a complete vaccine schedule.

Body condition scoring is a vital part of management to track cattle performance and health. Body condition scoring your herd in the spring and fall can help you evaluate your herd for issues with nutrition, age, parasitism, performance and diseases.

Internal and external parasites are a growing concern. Internal parasites are growing more resistant to anthelmintics (dewormers) and to keep this from being a growing problem requires different strategies. Strategies include – proper dosing, rotation of anthelmintic classes, strategic deworming and not treating flies and ticks with a dewormer except during normal deworming schedules.

Ticks!!! Ticks are a major concern. With the emergence of the Asian longhorned tick we now must closely monitor cattle for the presence and treat cattle with tick burdens quickly. More importantly, however, is prevention to avoid the Asian longhorned tick to prevent the spread of the disease *Theileria Orientalis*. This disease spread by the tick



Asian Longhorned tick

has been detrimental to cattle herds in Virginia and West Virginia when it is found in naïve herds or cattle brought into positive herds.

Clinical signs of the disease is rough hair coat, lethargy, reluctance to move, abortions and death. Prevention is the hallmark of avoiding these ticks and disease, and producers can use a few different methods. Pour-on pyrethroids is a primary method of fly treatments and have shown effectiveness against ticks, although not labeled for ticks. Macrocytic lactones (dewormers) injectable and pour-ons are effective against ticks. However, it is not advisable

to use these several times throughout the season because that will exacerbate the growing internal parasite resistance issue. Other classes of effective treatments are organophosphates which along with the other two classes can be found in fly ear tags and back rubber sprays.

Ticks are vectors of the blood-borne diseases *Theileria Orientalis* but also *Anaplasma marginale* (anaplasmosis). Cattle that become infected with either can become carriers of the diseases. Anaplasmosis can be treated with oxytetracyclines but *Theileria* has no treatment approved at this time. It is important to note that needle and surgical instruments can possibly transfer the diseases from one animal to another if reused and not sterilized. This means that one needle per animal is necessary to avoid spreading through the herd.

Spring is a great time to make sure you have the supplies you need and to consult with your veterinarian. Your veterinarian can help you put together vaccination protocols and strategies for external and internal parasites. 🐾

References: U.S. Department of Agriculture. n.d. "Asian Longhorned Tick." National Invasive Species Information Center. <https://www.invasivespeciesinfo.gov/terrestrial/invertebrates/asian-longhorned-tick>.



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## Classic Beef Kabobs

Cubes of seasoned, tender steak grilled with mushrooms, peppers, and onions on a skewer. A recipe that's perfect for an appetizer, snack, or dinner.

### INGREDIENTS

- 1 pound beef Top Sirloin Steak cut 1-inch thick
- 8 ounces mushrooms
- 1 medium red, yellow, or green bell pepper, cut into 1-inch pieces
- 1 medium red onion, cut into 1-inch pieces
- Salt
- 2 tablespoons olive oil
- 1 tablespoon chopped fresh oregano or 1 teaspoon dried oregano leaves
- 2 cloves garlic, minced
- 1/2 teaspoon ground black pepper

### COOKING

1. Cut beef Top Sirloin Boneless steak into 1-inch pieces. Combine seasoning ingredients in large bowl. Add beef, mushrooms, bell pepper pieces and onion pieces; toss to coat.

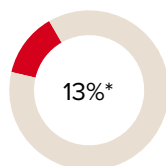
*Cook's Tip: One pound beef Tenderloin Steak cut 1-inch thick may be used.*

2. Alternately thread beef and vegetable pieces evenly onto eight 12-inch metal skewers, leaving small spaces between pieces.

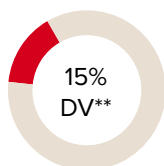
*Cook's Tip: Eight 12-inch bamboo skewers may be substituted for metal skewers. Soak bamboo skewers in water 10 minutes before using; drain.*

3. Place kabobs on grid over medium, ash-covered coals. Grill kabobs, covered, 8 to 10 minutes (over medium heat on preheated gas grill, 9 to 11 minutes) for medium rare (145°F) to medium (160°F) doneness, turning once. Season kabobs with salt, as desired.

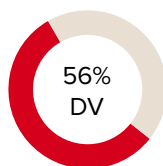
*Cook's Tip: To broil, place kabobs on rack in broiler pan so surface of beef is 3 to 4 inches from heat. Broil 9 to 12 minutes for medium rare (145°F) to medium (160°F) doneness, turning once.*



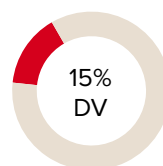
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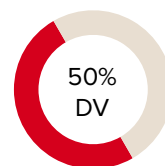
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2.3MG IRON



5.6 MG ZINC

\*Based on a 2,000 calorie diet \*\* Percent Daily Values are based on a 2,000-calorie diet • Nutrition information per serving: 252 Calories; 108 Calories from fat; 12g Total Fat (3 g Saturated Fat; 7 g Monounsaturated Fat) 70 mg Cholesterol; 61 mg Sodium; 8 g Total Carbohydrate; 1.6 g Dietary Fiber; 28 g Protein; 2.3 mg Iron; 9.9 mg NE Niacin; 0.8 mg Vitamin B6; 1.5 mcg Vitamin B12; 5.6 mg Zinc; 45.6 mcg Selenium; 115.3 mg Choline. This recipe is an excellent source of Protein, Niacin, Vitamin B6, Vitamin B12, Zinc, Selenium, and Choline; and a good source of Iron.

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