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National Show & Roping
September 14-17, 2022
at the Complex in Gillette, Wyoming

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Hello Valued Members & Friends,

The Board of Director have made some great strides so far this year. Nikki was able to secure a grant to help with all website improvements, social media management, and a three year business plan. The Board has made



every effort to curb spending and bring the NACA to a very conservative, but functional place financially. I would like to thank all of our breeders, partners, and sub-associations for all of their hard work. In particular, I would like to thank the James Trust and Deep Well Ranch for their continued support of our association.

On another note, we are starting to see the increase in demand and the market we have been waiting for. I believe we will continue to see this steady increase over the next few years. It has never been more important to register your cattle. You want to be in front of this market up swing, and the NACA needs your support and participation.

I encourage each and every member to participate in our Annual Virtual Show and The NACA 40th Anniversary National show in Gillette, Wyoming.

Happy 40th NACA! And God Bless.

Joshua Martinez

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NOTES FROM THE OFFICE

Greetings to all NACA Members & Friends!

I hope you are all enjoying this spring weather! Spring is my favorite season of the year-seeing all of the new animals just brings the promise of new beginnings for the new year...and who is ready to celebrate the 40th Anniversary of the NACA!

I know it's still early in the year, but please mark your calendar for the 40th Anniversary National Show September 14-16th, 2022 in Gillette, Wyoming. Things are lining up to be a great show!

There are a lot of things going on in the association right now. A month ago, the NACA was awarded a grant for pandemic relief. All funds were to pay for expenses during COVID for safety and to keep your business online. We were able to pay back the expense we had for the cost of the website and other expenses incurred during the Covid timeframe specified in the grant.

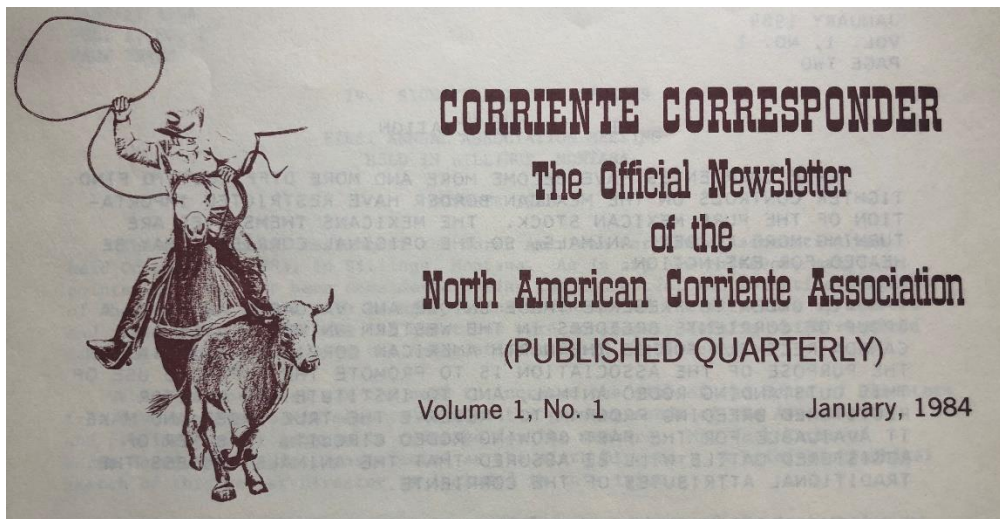
We are ready to start accepting entries for the 2nd Annual Virtual Show. Entries opened May 1st and will be closing July 31st, 2022. The show will be setup the same as last year, with an added beef class this year. If you would like to enter, the show packet is available on the website. All results will be announced in Gillette at the 40th Anniversary National Show in September.

The NACA is still looking for high quality images to use on the website and social media. If you have images that would work, please forward to the office. We will happily give you photo credits for the images.

As always, please feel free to contact me if you have questions or concerns.

See you in Gillette,

Nikki



Excerpt taken from the first official Corriente Corresponder in January 1984.

The Association: True Corrientes have become more and more difficult to find. Tighter controls on the Mexican border have restricted importation of the pure Mexican stock. The Mexicans themselves are turning more to beef animals, so the original corriente may be headed for extinction.

In order to preserve these unique and valuable animals, a group of corrieinte breeders in the western United State and Canada formed the North American Corriente Association. The purpose of the Association is to promote the expanded use of this outstanding rodeo animal, and to institute and monitor a registered breeding program to preserve the true breed and make it available for the fast growing rodeo circuit. A buyer of registered cattle will be assured that the animals possess the traditional attributes of the corriente.

Director's Notes by Tucker Ashley

After the headaches and hangovers of the passing of 1983, we can now look back at what we may call a tremendous year for the North American Corriente Association. 1983 was the year the internal machinery of the association really started turning. The results can be seen in new members, more cattle numbered and registered, and more public awareness. I believe that everyone affiliated with this organization should be congratulated, as the hard work of organizing and planning can now be seen.

We still have a long way to go and I am sure, many more obstacles to deal with. But we as members have the toughest job done-we are an Association; we can work together now.

Our memberships are increasing and we are hearing from different states, and even some foreign countries, so we know there is interest, both here and across the oceans. It may be hard to imagine a corriente in Rome, but who knows? They may decide to start roping.

CORRIENTE CATTLE: MAKING AN IMPACT IN RURAL ILLINOIS

The horses snort and paw at the ground in anticipation. The riders loosen and prepare their lassos. The sound of the horns and body of the cow brushing against the chute adds to the drama. All are set. The clank of the gate opening triggers the hearts of the riders, the horses and the steer! The chase is ON!

This scenario is played out on a daily basis on The Salem4youth Ranch in rural Flanagan, Illinois. Salem4youth is a residential program designed to minister to young men and their families. These families are in a “season of struggle” and they look to The Ranch program as a way to help them in the restoration and reconciliation process.

Founded in 1896 Salem has been ministering to children and families for over a century. Originally founded as an orphanage for boys and girls, infants through teenagers, the program is currently focused on boys, ages 12-17 years old. At the present time there are a dozen students attending the program. Salem is a faith-based residential program. The students live on campus between 12-15 months.

During the time they are here, the boys attend Salem’s computer-based online school while also taking part in the on campus vocational program. Salem’s school is recognized by the State of Illinois and can issue a valid high school diploma to students who have garnered sufficient credit hours. They do not earn a GED but rather a true diploma.

Salem’s vocational program includes wood shop, photography, practical maintenance, welding and equine. All of the boys participate in each of these vocational tracks while a student here on campus.

For the purposes of this article, we will focus on the equine portion of Salem’s vocational program. For years Salem has been known for its equine program. This program has evolved over the years to what it is today. We agree with Winston Churchill who once said *“The outside of a horse is good for the inside of a man.”* Here on The Ranch we have seen this positive impact on the boys as they learn to work with these majestic creatures.

Shane Knapp, Salem's Equine Director, has added a new facet to The Ranch's program with that being Team Roping. Initially the students learn the basics of horsemanship-how to feel comfortable around horses, how to saddle them and ride. As they progress, they work with their horse in the on-campus obstacle course all the while they are taught how best to handle their horse in a variety of situations. As the boys progress they also participate in trail rides. All of these activities are designed to teach and instill confidence in their newfound abilities and to overcome fear.

While the boys become more proficient with horses they are also receiving "ground work." This groundwork is learning how to use a rope/lasso with a stationary roping dummy/sled. During these hours of practice, they work with both roping the head and the heel of the dummy. As they grow more proficient



with the groundwork they eventually saddle up and move to roping a dummy that is actually pulled around the outdoor arena behind a John Deere Gator. After hours of roping the dummy on horseback it is time to begin roping live cattle.

Using actual cattle to teach roping came about when Shane reached out to Ron Bachman of Windmill Creek Ranch. Ron raises Corriente

cattle. There are similarities in working with cattle and working with the students here on The Ranch. Like a fresh calf early on you work with it to "gentle it up." That takes structure and time. When a student arrives on The Ranch he has developed coping skills that are not necessarily healthy. Sometimes it is a result of the friends he associates with or conflict with his parent/s. Salem's equine vocational class definitely stretches the young men and teaches them valuable life skills. Skills like patience, self-awareness and "stretching" beyond what they believe they are capable of achieving. These are all important lessons that will serve them well as they move into adulthood.

The relationship between Windmill Creek Ranch and Salem4youth Ranch is a win-win. This model has value and applicability to other programs across the country that work with both young people and adults. Through a relationship like this the rancher ultimately will have lean and broken Corriente cattle that could be used with performance horses and then ultimately taken to market. For Salem4youth Ranch we are able to provide a unique experience for our students while also providing a unique service to the Ag community. Ron is using his passion for Corriente cattle to have a positive impact in the lives of young men.

You may ask will any of these boys ever participate in team roping events once they leave The Salem4youth Ranch? Will they ever have the opportunity to keep up their horsemanship skills? The answer to both questions is, very likely, no. So why teach them horsemanship and roping? It's all about learning life skills. Overcoming the fear of the unknown, of trying something completely new, and the discipline of stretching oneself beyond what they have ever done before or believed they could do. These are all skills that will help these boys be more successful in the future.

It's time! He's in the saddle firmly gripping the rope. All of the distractions that teenagers typically deal with are stripped away. No cell phone, no social media or television. He has nothing to "lean on" other than the hours of hard work and discipline to get to this point. The life lesson of "if I discipline myself and put in the hard work I will be ready."



While on The Ranch the student, and ideally his parents, are doing "the work." For the months he is here he is taught how to lead a disciplined life. He learns of the Hope found only in Christ. Ultimately the choice is up to him.

His throat is dry, and the sweat beads up on his forehead. He nods his head and the gate bursts open!

For more information about Windmill Creek Ranch you can visit their Facebook page: "Windmill Creek Heart Healthy Beef" (Their website is under construction). Salem4youth: www.salem4youth.com or Facebook "salem4youth"



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Established in 1982

1982-George Washington aka Tucker Ashley

1987-Marvin Knutson

1992-Darrell Currie

1993-Thurman Mullins

1995-Jim Watkins

1997-Dave Lewis

1999-Jeff Poole

2001-Mel Gnatkowski

2005-Kinnan Golemon

2010-Ron Long

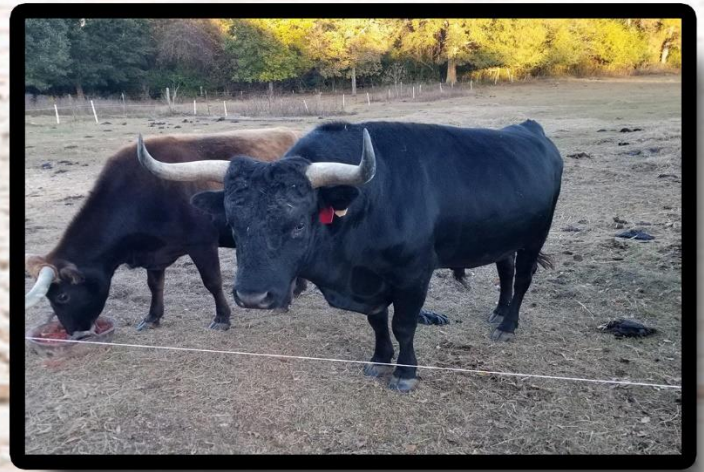
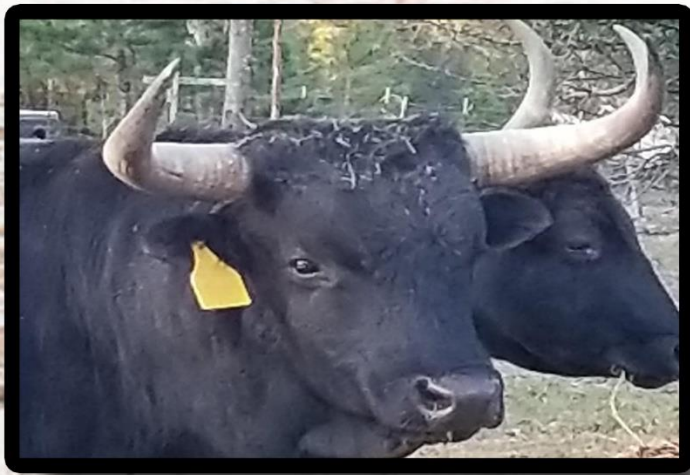
2012-Liza Jane Nichols

2013-Ricky Mara

2018-Calvin Schwartz

2020-Rick Schlutz

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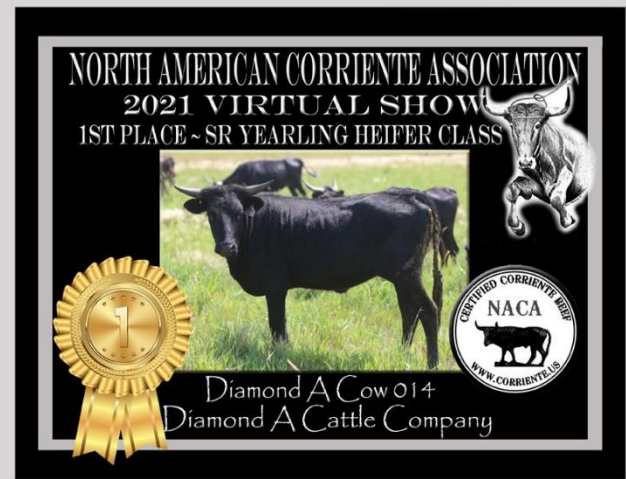
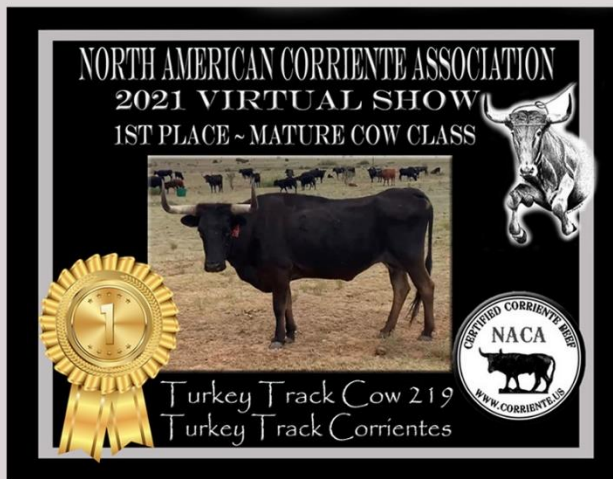


2nd Annual NACA Virtual Show

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Show packets available at: www.corriente.us

Results will be announced at the 40th Anniversary National Show in Gillette



2022 Board of Director Election

This year, Audie Morris and Ray Radford will be done with their terms on the Board. They have been very implemental on keeping things moving for the NACA and we greatly appreciate their service. We had two nominations for the next election. Please read the bios on the following pages. We will have the election in September, with final ballots received at the Gillette National show.

2022 NACA Board of Director Election



Darrell Miller

24868 349th Ave

Pukwana, SD 57370

Occupation: County Sheriff

Education: College-Natural Resources & Law Enforcement

Regional Shows attended-3, Gillette, National

Shows attended-1, Gillette

Organizations Involved in: National Sheriffs Assn, SD Sheriffs Assn, Chairman of NACA Beef Board

“My wife Cara and I have two daughters, both married and we have six grandchildren. Both daughters are married to farmer/ranchers in South Dakota. I have been in law enforcement for 37 years, the last 32 years I have been sheriff. I have been raising cattle with my Dad for over 30 years along with feeding out small bunches for local consumption. We raise angus cattle along with a registered herd of corriente cows. Dad and I have been raising registered quarter horses for more than 30 years, but with lack of pasture, we had to get out of that, keeping just enough riding horses to run the place.

Why are you interested in being on the Board of Directors?

I really like the performance part of the corriente cattle, but I think we are missing a place where we can make a little more money. I would like to be on the board to represent the meat aspect of the association. I think with the quality of the meat these animals produce there should be a place to market our beef.

2022 NACA Board of Director Election



Ron Luikens

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Scottsbluff, NE 69361

Occupation: Own & operate the family business, raise corriente cattle

Education: University of Nebraska, Animal Science

Regional Shows attended-PACA Show in Gillette

National shows attended-National Show 2020 in Gillette

Organizations Involved in: Scottsbluff County GOP Member and Nebraska State Delegate

“We started raising corriente cattle in the mid 90s and purchased our first cows in southern Colorado. From that first group of cows we bought until now, there have been some changes. We live in Scottsbluff, Nebraska now and have a family business with our sons. I sold our first set of cows and was out of the corriente business until moving to Scottsbluff, where we purchased our corriente cattle and have been involved with the Plains Area Corriente Association ever since. Jan and I are currently co-show managers of the Plains Area Show and I am working on becoming a NACA sanctioned judge. “

Why are you interested in being of the Board of Directors?

I fell like if we are going to keep the NACA alive, we are going to have to think outside the box for future ideas. The meat market is one area. Every part of the country, people ask if I have meat for sale. They want good quality meat and you will find excellent meat in the corriente breed. But also, I don't want to get away from what started the NACA, and that is raising good performance cattle. I think I can be a good addition to the Board. I would work with current board members to hone in on our ideas to benefit all members.

CEDAR CREEK RANCH

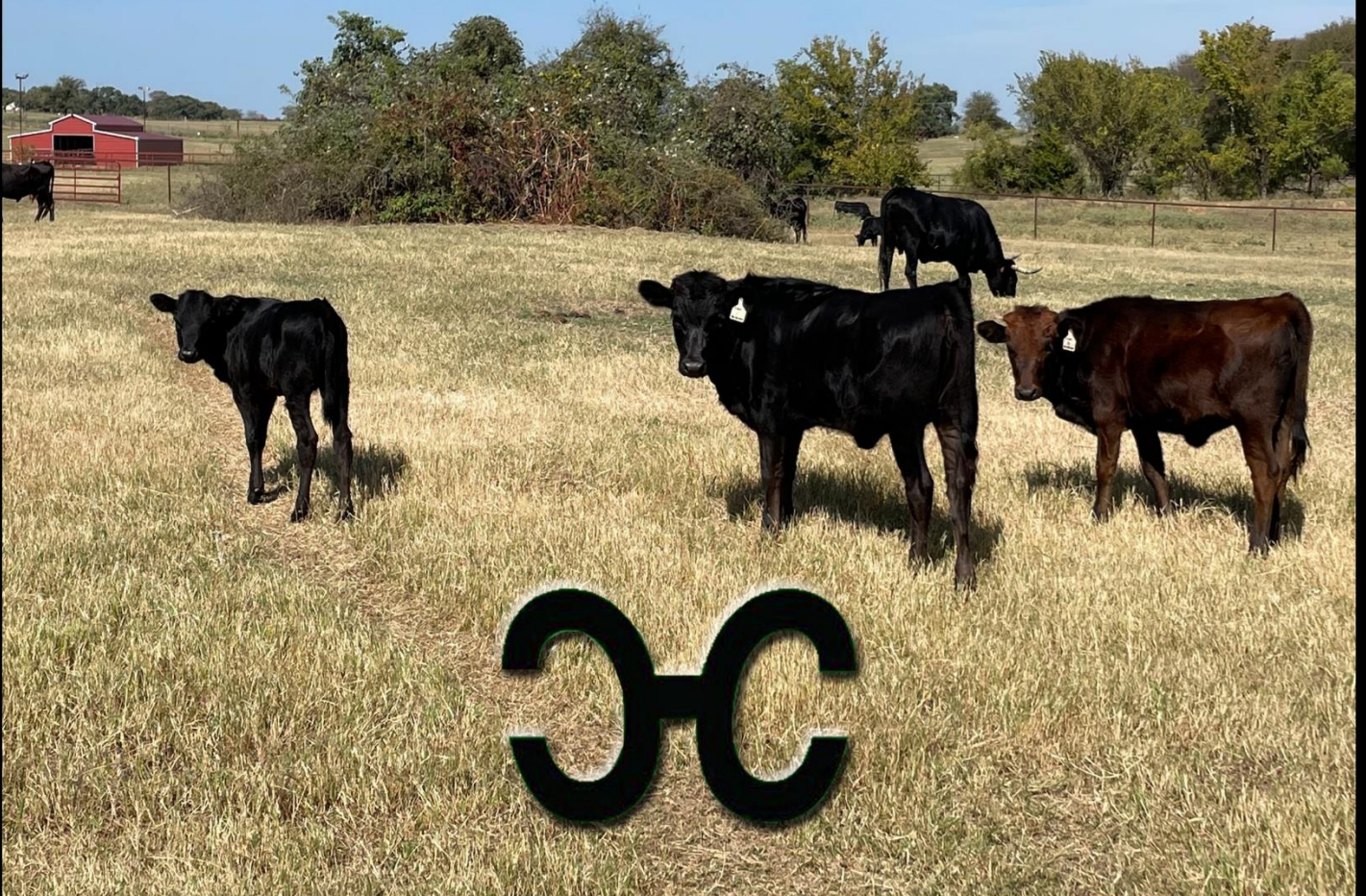
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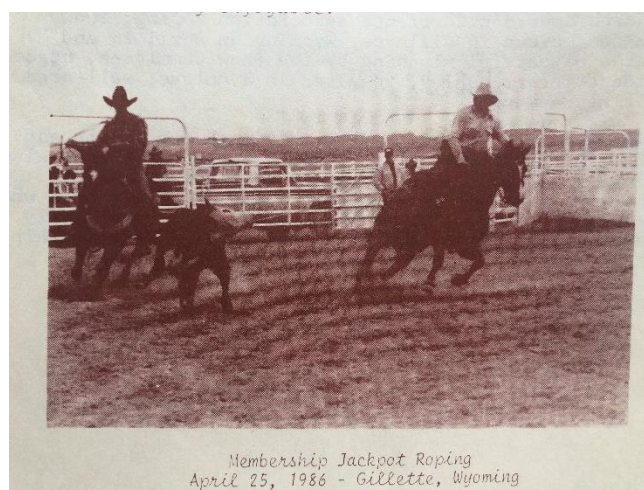


The First Annual Corriente Show, Roping & Sale

Gillette, Wyoming, April 1986

Grand Champion Roping Steer:	Ricky & Judy Day, Texas
Grand Champion Bull:	Garcia Ranch, New Mexico
Purebred Aged Bull:	Garcia Ranch, New Mexico
Purebred 2-Year Old Bull:	Cates Ranch, New Mexico
Purebred Bull Calf:	Bill Mundorf, Nebraska
Grand Champion Purebred Cow:	Garcia Ranch, New Mexico
Purebred Aged Cow:	Garcia Ranch, New Mexico
Purebred 2-Year Old Heifer:	Diamond A Cattle, South Dakota
Purebred Heifer Calf:	Bill Mundorf, Nebraska
Grand Champion Percentage Cow:	Diamond A Cattle, South Dakota
Percentage Aged Cow:	Garcia Ranch, New Mexico
Grand Champion Percentage Heifer:	Lane Cattle Co, New Mexico

The cattle show was followed by the cattle sale Sunday afternoon. The sale went quite well, although most of the buyers were after the roping steers, with only a few bidding on the breeding stock. The general consensus of the sellers was that, a year from now, the buyers should be realizing the value and superiority of their cattle, and the market for both steers and breeding stock may be hotter. All in all, both yearling heifers and steers averaged around \$1 per pound, which puts the beef cattle market to shame.

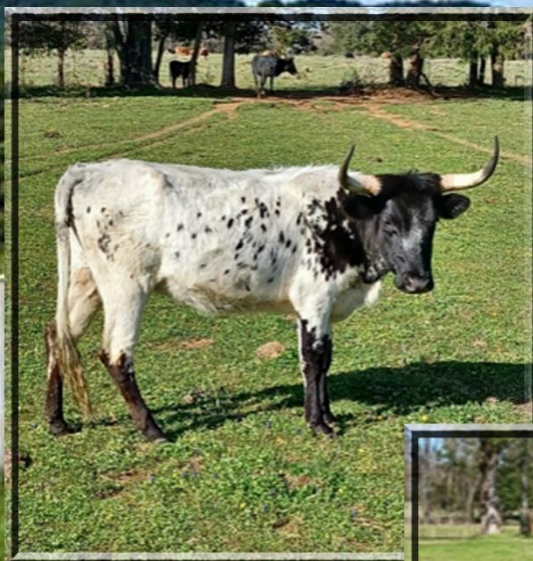


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James Family Deepwell Ranches Partners with New Mexico University on Continued Research

As many of you know, the James Family have been very generous members in the NACA. And while they continually support our association, they are also working behind the scenes with New Mexico State University (NMSU) on continued research. The James Family Ranch has been a place of research for NMSU for several projects. For the newest project, they are applying precision livestock management on rangelands, which simply put-they are using GPS monitoring and accelerometers to track livestock in different pastures. I was able to visit with Derek Baily, a Professor in the Animal and Range Sciences Department from NMSU, to get some of the details from his research. Two groups of 115-130 cows are used in his studies, in which a third of the group is collared with GPS devices, the data pulled from the collars has the potential to let ranchers know when there is a water system failure and when herds need to be rotated. (there are other uses for the data as well, which is included in his research) From the research that they have conducted the Corriente is an easy mover and traveler and uses all of the pasture even if it is good sized. Corriente cattle are also willing to travel a distance for water, up to three miles. Derek also provided me with several supporting documents from his research that I will take excerpts out of for this article. If you would like to read the full research document with further details, please go to this website: www.frontiersin.org and search for "Opportunities to Apply Livestock Management on Rangelands"

Opportunities to Apply Precision Livestock Management on Rangelands

Precision livestock management has become a new field of study as the result of recent advancements in real-time global positioning systems (GPS) tracking, accelerometer and other sensor technologies. Real-time tracking and accelerometer monitoring has the potential to remotely detect livestock disease, animal well-being and grazing distribution issues and to notify ranchers so that they can respond as soon as possible. Tracking also has the potential to detect water system failures. Combinations of GPS tracking and accelerometer monitoring may be more accurate than either device used by itself. Real-time GPS tracking can identify when livestock congregate in environmental sensitive areas which may allow managers the chance to respond before resource degradation occurs. Precision livestock management has the potential to improve welfare of livestock grazing rangelands and forested lands, reduce labor costs and improve ranch profitability and improve the condition and sustainability of riparian areas and other environmental sensitive areas on grazing lands around the world.



While there are several benefits to this research, like monitoring for livestock disease, parturition detection, managing predator/livestock conflict, studying social interactions among livestock, Professor Bailey spoke mostly of managing water system failures and the management

of grazing distribution at the Deepwell Ranch.

Water System Failure

Water is the most critical nutrient and welfare issue for livestock grazing arid and semi-arid rangelands. Cattle can lose about 7% of their body weight per day if they are deprived of water during the summer, and die with 5 days of water deprivation and high temperatures. Consequently, ranchers usually check livestock water frequently, once every 1-3 days, depending on water conditions and water storage. Real-time GPS tracking and other sensors have the potential to remotely monitor the availability of water on rangelands. Ongoing research in the lab, indicates that on-animal sensors and GPS tracing have the potential to detect water systems failures. Normally cattle do not remain near the water tank after watering and typically move over 100m from the water tank to rest. During a simulated water failure, cattle remained within 100m of the tank and were more active than during normal watering events. Normally, cows moved at least 250m from water after drinking.



Real-Time Riparian Grazing Management

Livestock grazing management of riparian areas is time sensitive, especially in semi-arid and arid rangelands. Riparian areas typically make up only a small percentage of arid and semi-arid rangelands. For example, riparian areas make up 1-2% of rangeland pastures in the Pacific Northwest of the USA. Although they comprise a small area,

riparian areas are essential for maintaining water quality and providing fishery and wildlife habitat and can potentially produce over 20% forage and over 80% of the vegetation intake of cattle during the summer. On public lands, managers may ask ranchers to end grazing once stubble heights drop to 10-13 cm. Cattle are then either moved to a new pasture or moved off the grazing allotment. Low-stress herding and strategic supplement placement can be used to reduce grazing use of riparian areas during the grazing season. It was found that low-stress herding reduced cattle use of riparian areas by 35-50% compared to controls. If GPS tracking could be transmitted in real time, ranchers could monitor cattle grazing patterns and determine if animals concentrate grazing in riparian areas during the grazing season. Such remotely detected information may allow ranchers to implement low-



stress herding and other practices to minimize cattle use of riparian areas before the stubble heights drop below the 10-13cm goal and riparian degradation may begin.

Conclusions of Research

Development of real-time and near-time tracking has facilitated the development of precision livestock management, which can allow managers to remotely monitor livestock health and well-being. Real-time tracking could also monitor spatial movement patterns of livestock and potentially identify areas where animals are concentrated and may be overgrazing and causing resource degradation. Algorithms in precision livestock management system would detect animal well-being

issues and resource concerns, and the manager would be notified and could respond as soon as possible. Ongoing research is providing proof of concepts of the value of real-time tracking and monitoring. Accelerometers can remotely monitor the decrease in activity associated with the onset of illness. Real-time GPS tracking is an on-animal sensor method for detecting water system failures. The identification of genetic markers that are associated with terrain use demonstrate that grazing distribution traits are inherited. New uses for GPS tracking land evaluations of novel processing approaches using geographical information systems and resource selection functions may facilitate development of genetic selection tools for terrain use of beef cattle. To develop these genetic tools, collection of data from large numbers of cattle is also needed. Precision livestock management is an exciting new field of study that has potential to reduce labor costs, enhance livestock well-being and improve the economic and environmental sustainability of rangeland livestock operations.

