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As we come to the end of what has turned out to be a very hot, dry summer many of us are forced to make decisions

about early weaning calves, supplementing cows, and culling deeper than we would like. This has caused me to reflect on the times operating challenges such as weather have caused me to make adaptations to management plans. I have been thinking about how past challenges turned into opportunities.

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UTAH CATTLEMEN'S ASSOCIATION PO BOX 540568 NORTH SALT LAKE, UT 84054-0568 WWW.UTAHCATTLEMEN.ORG Challenges and opposition often provide the necessary circumstances to cause us to reevaluate the way we do thing and help us "think outside the box."

Many years ago, we experienced a devastating fire on our winter range which left us far short of feed for the upcoming winter. This fire occurred early in the summer allowing us time to make some choices about what we would do with the cattle which would normally graze the pasture lost in the fire. Some of the options included selling cows, buying hay, and renting pasture out of state for the next few years. There was one other possible solution. We had a vast amount of feed on a portion of our allotment that we were never able to graze with cattle because it lacked water. In previous times it had been used as a sheep range.

As we deliberated about the possibility of using this part of our range we considered the possibility of hauling water to the cows. Because of access issues over rough and steep roads we did not believe that was a viable option. The other option, although it seemed impossible to make happen, was to build a stock water system that would deliver the water we needed to the cattle through pipelines.

As we thought through the options it became apparent that for the cost of feeding hay for the first year we could buy the materials for the stock water system. The biggest hurdle was getting such a project approved on public land. We met with our local BLM Field office and found some support for the project. We met with other stakeholders and received their support as well. We went through all the necessary steps associated with NEPA and SHIPO regulations. The fire occurred in early June, and we were able to begin construction in January. With some modifications to our grazing plan that year we were able to keep our cowherd together and build what eventually became the backbone of a much larger system. Had we not experienced the fire we would most likely be doing things the same way we had done for many years. As a result of that fire, we now have reliable water for our livestock across the entire winter range.

The devastating forest fires in central and northern Utah this past summer may also bring opportunities to those affected. Perhaps these fires can help bring much needed changes to forest management practices. I have heard that federal land managers allowing considering are use of virtual fences in the areas impacted by the fires. The use of this technology may allow ranchers to continue to graze parts of their allotments unaffected by the fire while allowing the burned portions

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#### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

OCT 29-30 FARM AND RANCH SUCCESSION

PLANNING WORKSHOP - SEE PAGE 10

NOV 5-6 UTAH SOCIETY FOR RANGE

MANAGEMENT - RICHFIELD, UT

NOV 6 MEMORY RANCHES BULL SALE

NOV 8 ROCKY MOUNTAIN ANGUS GOLDEN

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**NOV 19-20 WESTERN RANCH MANAGEMENT** 

**ACADEMY - CATTLE MARKETING OPTIONS** 

- LOGAN, UTAH

NOV 21 LEACHMAN FALL ROUNDUP BULL SALE

DEC 4-6 UCA WINTER CONVENTION AT LEGACY

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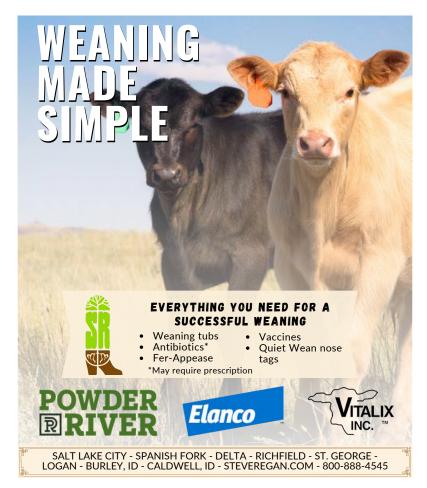
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#### **President's Message Continued**

to rehabilitate over the next couple of years. Future applications may help improve riparian health and provide cost effective means of concentrating animal impact on certain areas to help eradicate invasive grasses.

Overcoming challenges and seeking new solutions in the face of crisis often helps create new ways of thinking about things, new technology, and new management practices.

Jeff Young UCA President



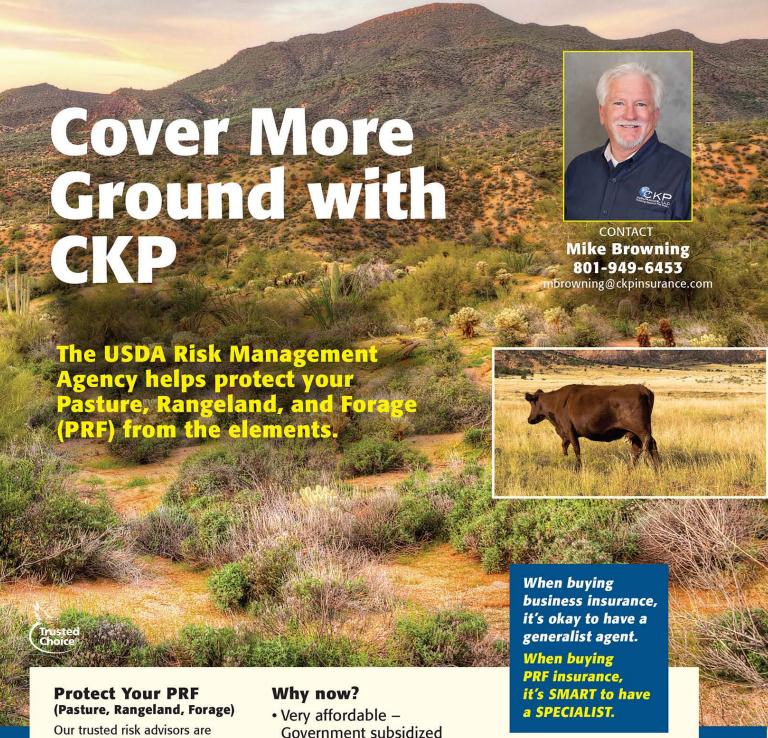
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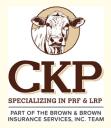


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days to include Saturday this year and are still finalizing the agenda.

All attendees 40 years and younger will receive free meeting registration.

Cattlemen's college will be taking place on Saturday. We have a great lineup of speakers and it will be worth your while to attend.

#### **TENTATIVE AGENDA**

#### Thursday, December 4

Extended Board Meeting UCWA Board Meeting Trade Show Reception with Food/Prizes (Two tickets to the 2026 NFR and more)

#### Friday, December 5

Registration & Tradeshow
UCA/UCWA President Reports
UDAF Commissioner Kelly Pehrson
Collin Woodall, NCBA CEO
Southern Utah Producer Panel
Beef Tallow Marketing
Tradeshow Reception Lunch
Sustainable Intensification
Utah GIP Program Update
Representative Celeste Maloy (Invited)
Awards Banquet and PAC Auction
at the Staheli Barn in Washington

#### Saturday, December 6

Breakfast and CattleFax Market Update UCA Business Meeting, Policy Adoption, Financial Report, and Elections Cattlemen's College & Lunch James Sewell, Young Producer Bovine Respiratory Disease Breakthroughs in Cattle Health

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\*Applicants must be under the age of 40 to be eligible for the scholarship.

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- Conference Registration
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#### **Conference Highlights:**

**Thursday:** Opening reception with door prizes including **2026 NFR tickets!** 

Friday: CattleFax market update by Patrick Linnell & NCBA CEO Colin Woodall

**Saturday:** Cattlemen's College

#### **Apply Here!**

Application deadline: November 1, 2025

Selected attendees notified by: November 7, 2025



Western AgCredit is dedicated to empowering the next generation of agricultural leaders. By sponsoring young cattlemen and cattlewomen to attend the Utah Cattlemen's Convention, which provides access to education, mentorship, and industry connections. Through their AgFuture program, Western AgCredit supports young, beginning, and small producers access credit and other resources to help them succeed in agriculture. For more information, visit: westernagcredit.com/agfuture.



#### **Sharing the Ranch**

By Dr. David Secrist, PhD - Beef Extension Specialist Utah State University



The cool fall air is welcome respite after the drought and fires of summer. With the fall foliage turning red and gold, also comes blaze orange.

The fall hunts may be a welcome sight for some, but not for others. Like most of you, I have always enjoyed the outdoors and the wildlife that inhabit the range and ranches in the West. However, I have always preferred to enjoy it in relative seclusion. The fall hunt usually brings people and noise to otherwise tranquil places. The public interest in wildlife and hunting has also brought significant opportunities to ranchers in Utah and across the West.

Recently, an event held in Logan by the Western Ranch Management Academy (WRMA) highlighted the key role of ranches and farms in the conservation and management of wildlife. Properly managed wildlife can be an economic benefit to ranches in addition to being the right thing to do. During the seminar, a presentation was given by a Box Elder County rancher, who described his journey and that of his family ranch over the last 40 years. He decided years ago that being at the table was a better approach than ignoring the mounting public pressure and interest in endangered species and the use of public land for grazing. Involvement in the process resulted in significant range improvements in Western Box Elder County and improved habitat for several species, including the greater sage-grouse. He said, "Land that's good for a species like sagegrouse is good for grazing too."

I was reminded of a meeting that I attended at the Grouse Creek School in the early 1990's. Many people, including myself, were concerned and even a little upset about elk showing up in the valley. They were direct competition for cattle and had no place there (or so we thought). My opinions on that subject have changed dramatically. I have seen how properly managed wildlife can add significantly to the ranch's bottom line. At the WRMA seminar, wildlife experts, state wildlife officials, and ranchers came together to learn from one another about how we can continue to move forward together. All agreed that wildlife cannot exist on public lands alone. Private landowners are vital to healthy wildlife populations, especially mule deer, elk, and pronghorn.

The Utah Division of Wildlife Resources is dedicated to continued improvement in the management of all wild animals. They have recognized and fostered the integral relationship with private landowners in Utah. The Cooperative Wildlife Management Unit (CWMU)

program is unique to Utah. The program enhances opportunities for sportsmen while providing additional income for ranchers. The bottom line is that hunters and ranchers have better opportunities and more incentives to work together than they did

back when I attended that meeting in the 1990's.

Undoubtedly, challenges still exist. State wildlife officials will readily admit their concern with the current high elk and low mule deer populations. The management of predators, both now and in the future, will always be a fine line to walk. However, ranchers and those who love wildlife have common ground to find solutions that seemed impossible a few decades ago. In support of comments made by the Box Elder County rancher, I say be involved. Take an active stake in the future of your ranch, community, state, and country. Your voice matters, and you can make a difference. More will be accomplished when people find common ground and work together for win-win solutions. I will conclude with a quote from a long-time friend and wildlife biologist, Rick Danvir. Rick recently said, "...the best and most broadly supported management solutions come from collaboration between hunters, ranchers, outfitters, NGO's and wildlife agencies." Amen.

Please feel free to reach out anytime.

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#### **Utah Cattlewomen's Association**



I am BryLee Miles, the daughter of Joe and Tiffany Miles. I recently graduated with high honors

from Altamont High School.

I have always tried to keep busy and stay involved in my school and community. I love the FFA program! I served as Reporter, Vice president for two years, and just recently retired my jacket as the Moon Lake Chapter President. I also had the opportunity to serve as Reporter on the first Area 6 officer team.

My time in the blue jacket has helped to shape me in more ways than I can count, I will forever be grateful for all the growth and opportunities it has given me.

I showed livestock at the Duchesne County Fair for ten years. I am grateful for my time spent in the show barn, and all the life lessons that were learned there. I am also grateful for the opportunity to represent my school as the Ag Science Sterling Scholar.

I have really loved being involved in sports and all the lessons they taught me also. I was co-captain of my high school volleyball team, ran track, and especially loved running on our relay teams. I was awarded Utah Track and Field All-State for our 4x400, placing at state twice.

I love to go camping with my

f a m i l y and help with my family's cattle operation, especially when it involves r i d i n g my horse Clyde.



I am currently working towards a degree in Agriculture Education at USU-Eastern, where I was chosen to serve as a beef ambassador. Thank you so much for awarding me this scholarship! I am so excited to start instilling my love and passion for agriculture in the hearts of future generations.

#### Utah County Farm and Ranch Easements and Succession Planning Workshop on October 29-30





Utah Department of Agriculture and Food (UDAF) and Conserve Utah Valley will cosponsor an Easements and Succession Planning Workshop in the Ponderosa Building at the Spanish Fork Fairground (475 South Main St. Spanish Fork) on October 29 and 30 in two evening sessions of about 3.5 hours each. Jeremy Christensen, **UDAF** Land Conservation Program Manager, and experts from Utah State Extension will lead the workshop, which will cover conservation easements as well as the succession planning process, helping to ensure that the retiring generation of farmers and ranchers can retire gracefully, allowing the next generation to gain access to land to farm.

From the Legacy Project: "The most

important part of a succession plan is having one, the most important step is getting started." Jeremy received a grant from the American Farmland Trust to develop a curriculum and fund workshops across the state. He worked with Utah State Extension to organize the first one, which was successfully held in last year Bear River City.

Participants will consist of 10 families with 2-3 people from each family able to attend. After a catered dinner, Jeremy will discuss such specifics as:

- retirement goals,
- evaluation of current condition of the farm including a financial picture,
- passing on the farm or ranch in a manner that fulfill the wishes of the current owners,
- fair vs equal inheritance,
- developing a shared vision with

successors through family conversations and meetings,

- setting up practical objectives and timelines for the succession process,
- succession tools such as deed restrictions and conservation easements.

This will be not a lecture but a workshop, so you will be creating materials for your use based on your own situation.

Farmers or ranchers in Utah Valley who are interested in joining the workshop should go to https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeDisRt\_sbq4eAr-SKJMvCy6H3TxQsI5Z7LK8ZFoYpT-5r6KFg/viewform?usp=sharing&ouid=113481823316296018324

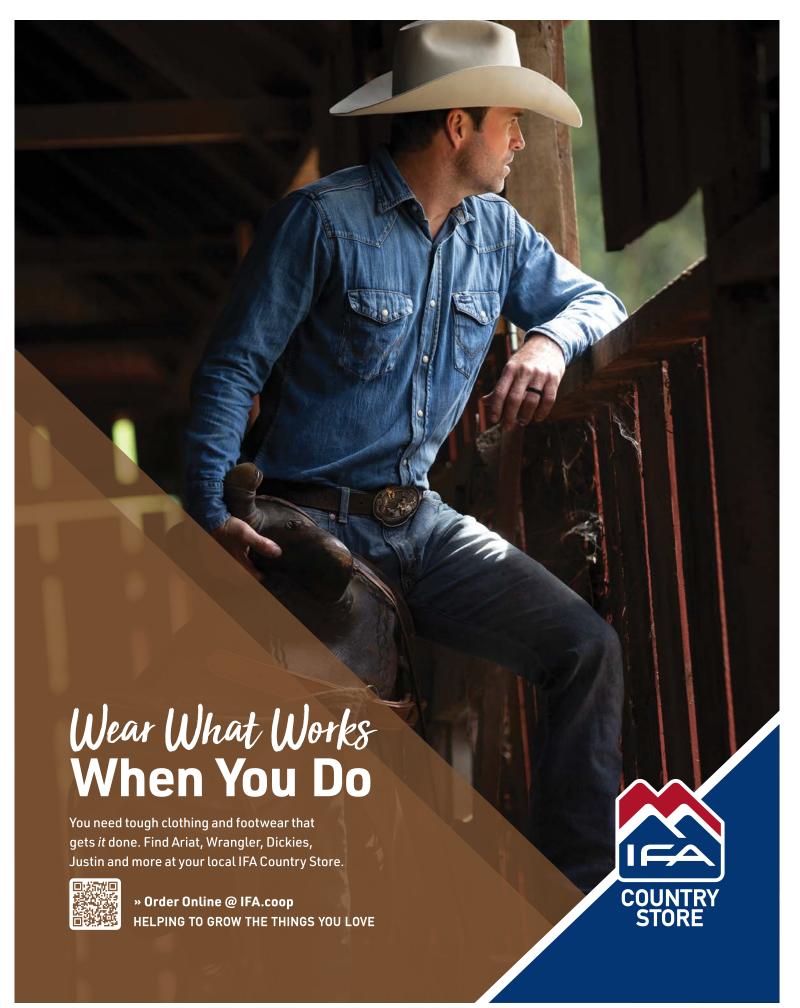
If you have questions, contact John Bennion, CUV:801-318-9521, john@conserveutahvalley.org.

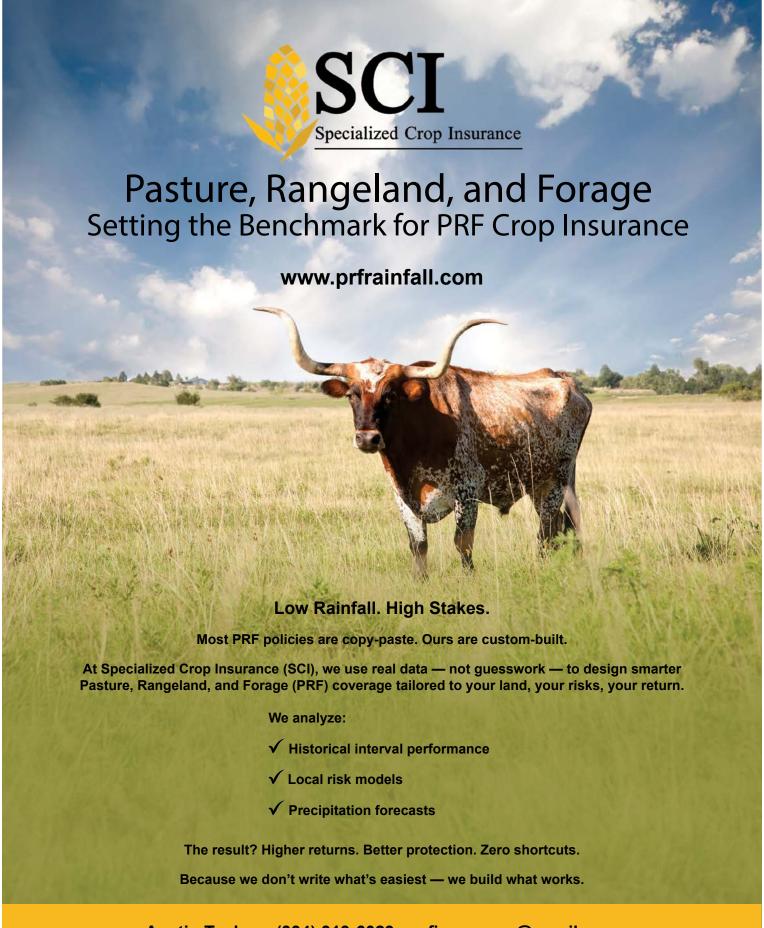


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That's why we have launched this campaign: to equip doctors and other healthcare professionals with evidence-based

resources that help guide patients toward high-quality protein choices with beef.

The toolkits are being delivered to over 5,000 medical health professionals (majority family physicians and general practitioners) and over 500,000 consumers nationwide with health-related information about beef. In our state we are reaching over 182 medical health professionals.

These materials highlight beef's role as a foundational

#### Dear Health Professional,

Your patients are hearing a lot about protein—from the explosion of protein-packed supplements and snack foods to trending conversations on high-protein diets and muscle maintenance

But with all the buzz, patients are often confused on how to make more nutritious, whole-food protein choices that support long-term health.

To help you cut through the noise, we've created a practical, evidence-based toolkit designed to support your conversations with patients around protein.



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#### What's Inside: Tools to Transform Your Nutrition Conversations

#### Health Professional Guide

An evidence-based refresher on protein, emerging scientific research on beef as a high-quality, nutrient-dense protein, and clinical takeaways for your practice.

#### ■ Patient Resource

An easy-to-understand handout that empowers patients to make protein-rich, balanced, and satisfying food choices that support strength and satiety.



As a contractor to Beef Checkoff, a program supported by beef cattle farmers and ranchers, we are committed to advancing nutrition research and supporting healthcare professionals and the public with practical, evidence-based information on beef's role in a healthy and balanced diet.

We hope these tools support you in caring for your patients.

#### In good health,



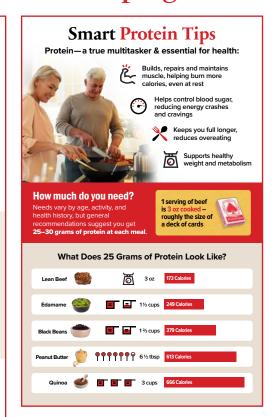
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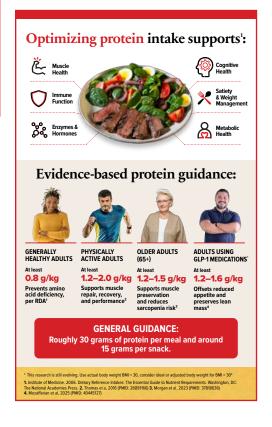
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food for health. They include relevant and new beef nutrition research, clinical takeaways for practical use, and clear handouts that empower patients to choose proteinrich, balanced, and satisfying foods that support long-term health.

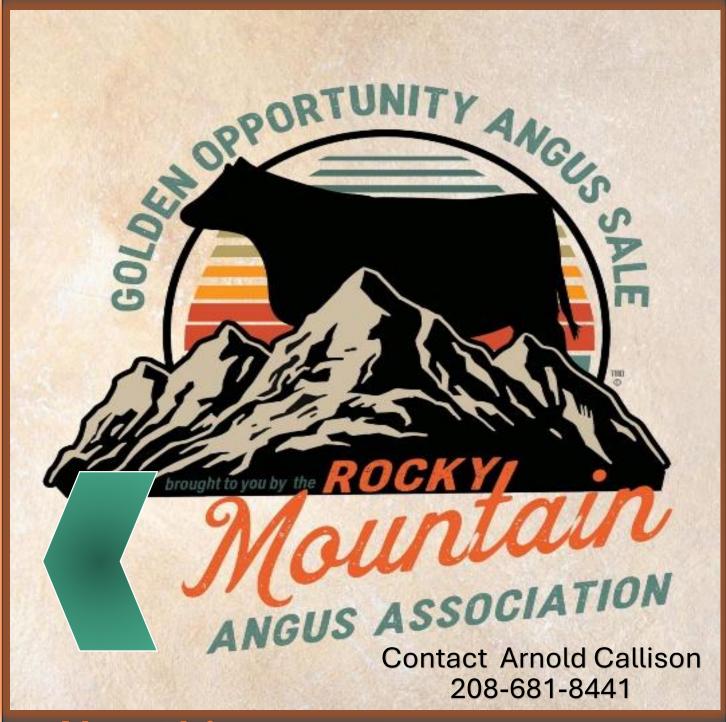
Following the campaign, we'll survey the medical health professionals they reached to measure impact. Historically, these toolkits have led to an average of 80% increase in HCP's likelihood to recommend beef to their patients after receiving the materials.







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