

Heifer Ranch at Arroyo Seco, LTD

Newsletter

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From John's Desk:

- April has been another funny month from cold to summer all in the same day. We received about 2" of rain a couple of weeks ago and it was a blessing, at the same time Lubbock had big rain and hail. Tulia, which is 30 miles north of us made the news with big hail (baseball size) and rain up to 8 inches in places. The interstate was closed by the hail storm and they had to get snow plows to clear the road.
- Corn planting is over and the corn is off to a good start. Cotton is being planted as fast as they can get planters going. The weather forecast for May in this area is hot and dry. May is supposed to be our wettest month of the year.
- Heifer condition is good. They are starting to slick off. Incoming heifers from the east seem to transition to the heat with very few problems. We give them the shaded areas upon arrival. Heifer numbers have been steady, about 2000 head in and about 2000 head out per month.
- As a policy we do not vaccinate heifers returning home. Each dairy has its own program for springers, this way its gets done in the manner you want. However make sure you give a colostridial shot as one customer had some problems after calving when he stopped giving it.

From Justin's Desk:

- We are finishing our wheat and triticale silage harvest today. Due to the freeze in March and the lack of rain this year the crop did not yield near as much as we had hoped it would. The rain we received earlier in the month really helped the crop grow in the last couple of weeks before harvest. We plan on putting up a good amount of oats for silage around the middle of June. The oat crop got off to slow start due to the freeze, but has really started to grow since the rain. We are expecting a good crop of oats and a little more rain would really help.