

# Heifer Ranch at Arroyo Seco, LTD

## Newsletter

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### From John's Desk:

- The weather turned from dry to wet. We had 6.5 inches rain a couple of weeks ago and it really made a mess here in the feed yard. The big pond at the bottom of the feed yard came all the way up to the pens. It took a solid week of pumping to get it down to where we could cross the crossings. We have had some follow up rain since then and our winter wheat crop is getting a good start.

- Last month I mentioned that we were going to do a new heifer arrival procedure because we were getting too many pneumonia cases within 7 to 10 days after arrival. It seems to be working better and the heifers are responding well despite all the wet weather. We are using a new nasal vac called "Onset" and it seems to do fine. Most of the smaller heifers are also getting an antibiotic at the same time. We hope to be able to discontinue the antibiotic shot a little later after the weather cools off some.

- Nothing to do with heifers, but I went to San Diego California a few weeks back for a marine corps reunion. One of our highlights was to attend a marine boot camp graduation ceremony. Being an old marine, I was kind of skeptical as to the quality of marines they were going to be putting out. I

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must say that I was very much impressed with those young men. Seldom have I seen so much pride, patriotism and courage as those young marines showed. Please include these young men in your thoughts and prayers as they will be heading into harms way shortly.

### **From Justin's Desk:**

- This week we plan on starting our final harvest of the year. We have over 2000 acres of milo silage to cut to finish off harvest. This will be enough acres to cover our silage usage until we cut wheat in the spring.
- We have made a few changes to our rations with the start of our new contracts. We are feeding more of the wet distiller's grain from the ethanol plants along with a little more DDG. This has been a good change thus far.

### **From Debbie's Desk:**

- We have currently begun using a more compact printout from the dairy comp program. If you have questions please feel free to call us. We will assist you with whatever information is needed.
- We are getting excited about the new office even though it still has a ways to go before completion.