
The Bear Creek Cattle Bulletin

Summer 2024

What's happening at the ranch...

Summertime...here in the Rockies our days are long, the sun is warm and we are blessed with cool fresh evenings! At Bear Creek Cattle we are working on many projects to keep the ranch running and prepare for Fall and then Winter.

The cattle are on pasture, and we check on them daily to make sure they are healthy and hopefully to catch any issues before they become too serious. This year has been a good year for us in terms of animal health. Our cows all had healthy calves, and our bull looks fantastic. We focus on animal health around here as it is one area that can cost a lot of money if not paid attention to. Also, it is our commitment to the animals in our care. A healthy animal is going to gain weight well, produce a healthy calf in the spring, and I believe that like humans, feel better when in good condition and overall health.

The animals that will be harvested this fall are doing really well! They are also on pasture and are given some all-natural feed (corn, oats) to help them gain more weight and put fat on their body! These beef this year will feed many many people, and provide our local community with an option for mountain-raised beef! It is exciting each year to get feedback on how good the beef tastes and how much they appreciate having a truly local option.

An exciting "new" event we did this year was AI! That is artificial insemination....not the popular artificial intelligence! Last year we bought a group of nice heifers (a female that has not had a baby) and decided to bring some new genetics into the herd via AI. Our herd Veterinarian helped us prepare the animals, and then the semen was delivered and we bred them! Thanks to great friends and great Vet we were able to get this done....now we wait to see if they are pregnant!! This is exciting for us, as we have amazing cows but know that we need to bring new blood (genetics) into our herd to keep moving towards the best mountain cattle we can raise.



Pics of AI Day! A gentle hand, always focused on the animal!



The beauty of the mountains....



The wildflowers are in full bloom! The Columbine is our state flower, and it was voted to be such in 1891 by Colorado schoolchildren! The beautiful blue color represents our Colorado sky, the white petals represent our snowcapped peaks and the yellow pistils represent our gold rush history. How fun and appropriate that it grows best at higher elevations with cool, crisp nights.

Other favorites at this time of year: it is truly a miracle the colors that God produces for us to enjoy!



Thank you for your business and for checking out what we are up to! Happy trails...and blessings to you all!

