
The Bear Creek Cattle Bulletin

Spring 2026

What's happening at the ranch...

Winter seemed to miss us this year... and it is officially the driest winter in recorded Colorado history. While I am not a snow-and-cold fan, the consequences of this will be felt in poor grass (grazing) and poor hay crops. We continue to pray for moisture (snow and/or rain) and watch our water closely.

Calving has gone exceptionally well with these warm temperatures and dry weather - we have had an abundance of heifer calves this year, and all of them have white faces thanks to their daddy - Red Bull! We get asked a lot about calving. The most asked question is whether we help the cows during calving. Ideally, we do not! Animals are amazing, and God has designed them to be very self-sufficient, and they know exactly what to do when the baby comes. There are times when the calf comes backwards or is too large, then we must step in to help. In these cases, you can lose both the calf and the cow!

Now, there is always an exception 😊 and this exception is the heifer! A heifer is a female bovine that has not had a baby, so we use the term "first-calf heifer". This is an animal that can have a baby, forget they have had their baby, find the baby, then forget they had a baby...all within the first few hours of birth! Of course, I am joking to some degree, but some really test your patience when they have their first calf! We are so fortunate to have good mama cows, and our first calf heifers have been fantastic. I can only imagine that birth is a very scary and unknown experience the first time, and it is understandable that the first time mamas can be a bit scattered and frantic!

Calving season is exhausting, sleepless nights, stressful days, but when the cow and calf bond, and the cow talks to the calf and licks it, gets it up, and the calf starts to nurse...it truly is one of the most beautiful things you will ever experience. It reinforces God's love and bounty for us all.

Baldy calves!



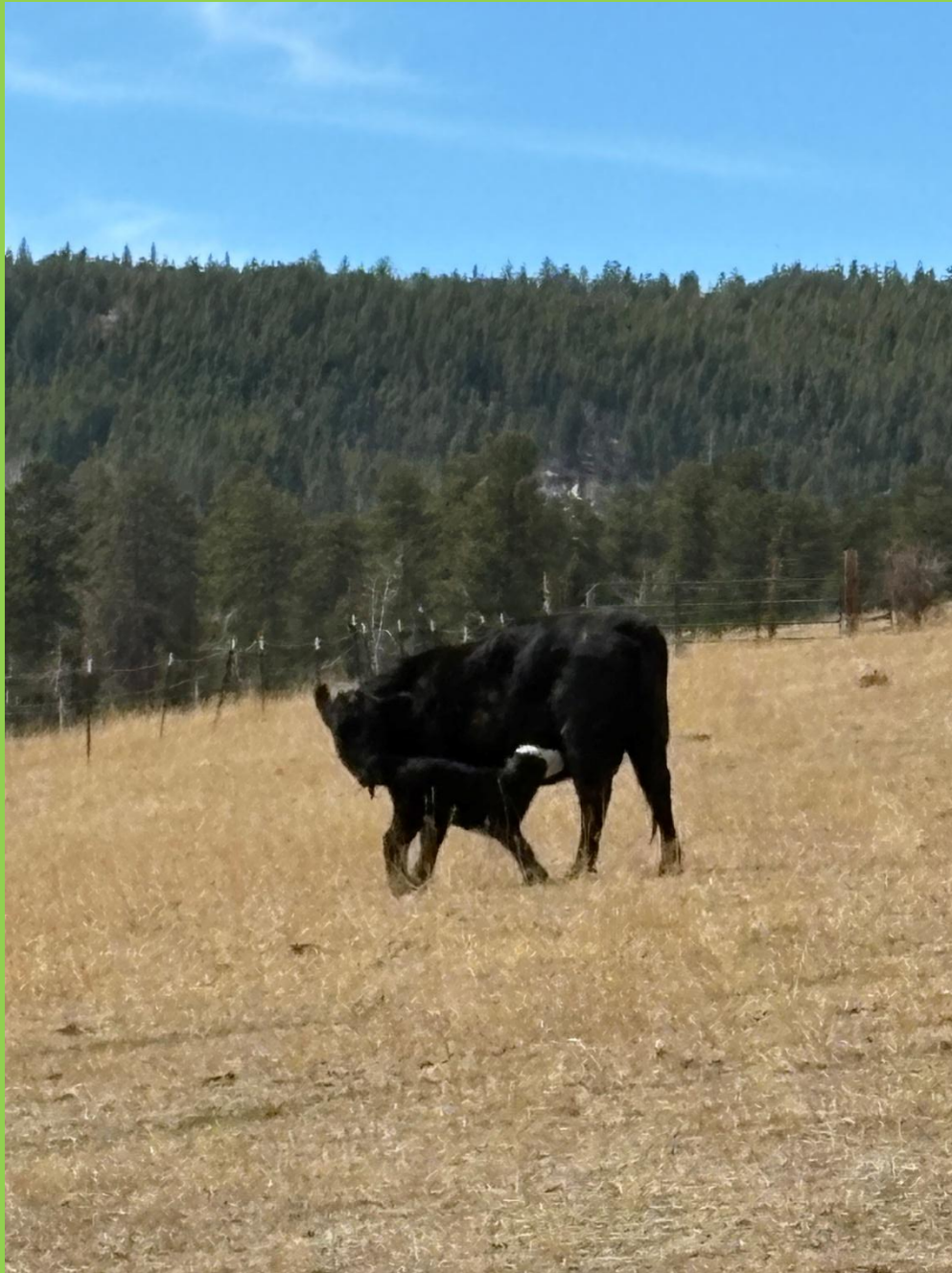
So cute...



The beauty of the mountains....



Super dry winter...but the moon set was still beautiful!



First drink...

Each season brings us time to reflect on how fortunate we are and to see *God's* gifts all around us. Let us never forget to be thankful for it all!

****WE ARE TAKING ORDERS FOR THE FALL OF 2026 IN MAY 2026****

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

