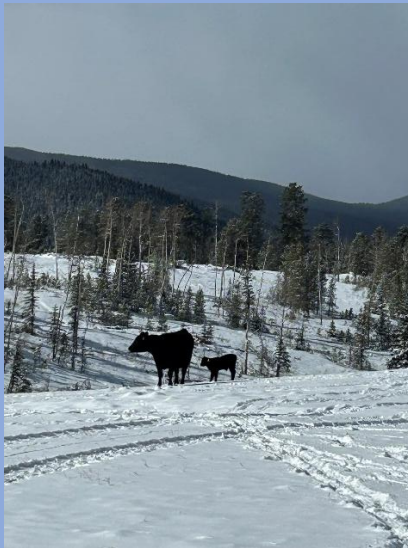

The Bear Creek Cattle Bulletin

Spring 2025

What's happening at the ranch...

Spring has sprung here at 8700'! Somedays it is hard to remember it is Spring....when the temperature is 25 F and there is snow on the ground! But other days it is beautiful, with blue skies and the grass turning green! We are almost done calving, which means we can sleep the entire night without alarms to check the girls! We had our FIRST AI calves with first calf heifers, and they did great! Beautiful babies, and they were great mamas. The count right now is in favor of bull calves (the boys)....I'm hoping the heifers (girls) catch up!

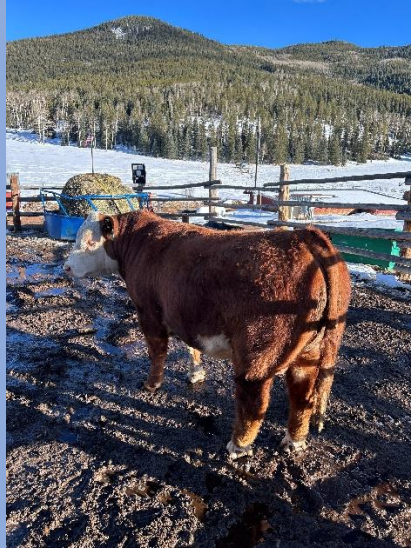
Did you know a cow is pregnant "about" 283 days...around 9 months. The pregnancy length can be 279-292 days, and like human babies, they come when they are ready! The babies are born (ideally) head first with their head on their front legs...and they are on their feet within 30 minutes generally. They are spunky from the get-go, and their mamas start cleaning them up as soon as they hit the ground. This miracle of life never gets old, and it make us appreciate that we are lucky enough to witness their first breath.



Babies...

~~~~~

We also bought a new herd sire this year! We made the change to a polled Hereford (no horns) so 2026 babies will be black with white faces! Why did we change it up? Our last bull (Ram116 – AKA William Wallace) was amazing...great genetics and great temperament- but we are keeping his daughters and wanted to bring some new genetics in! We opted for a Hereford, as the Black Angus and Hereford cross offers exceptional maternal characteristics (good mamas) and great bee production! We buy our bulls from the Colorado State University Seedstock team, where these animals have their genetic potential mapped out, are well cared for, and are tested to ensure fertility! Plus, we believe in supporting CSU's efforts in training the next generation of beef production experts!



Redbull.....he will get his wings here!

## The beauty of the mountains....



While it is Spring, here in the higher elevations, we don't get leaves on the Aspen trees for another couple of months....the grass will turn green, and the ice will melt. While it may not be the most colorful time of year, it reminds us of what is to come...and that the winter is FINALLY over!

Each season brings us time to reflect on how fortunate we are and to see God's gifts all around us.

~~~~~


****WE ARE STILL TAKING ORDERS FOR OUR BEEF - THEY WILL BE PROCESSED MAY 15! LET US KNOW IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN A HALF OR QUARTER!**

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

