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I want to start by expressing our deepest thanks and appreciation for all the welcoming attitudes as well as the financial support we have received as we have traveled around the state attending county meetings and banquets. Sheree and I have truly enjoyed meeting with you and visiting your counties. If we missed your county please let me know and I will make every effort to get there for a meeting, field day, picnic, or other gathering to meet and visit with your members. The donations made to the WCA president’s travel fund have made it possible for us to travel to meetings and conventions around the US. While these events and representing the WCA around the US is important, it is my focus to meet and visit with our membership here in Washington State. The county WCA members are the grassroots of our organization.

Please contact the WCA office or myself about upcoming events in your county.

This legislative session, albeit a short session, has produced many challenges. I want to again say thank you to Senator Judy Warnick for sponsoring a “fake meat” bill. While the bill has died, we appreciate her continued effort on behalf of our industry. Mark Streuli, our WCA lobbyist, has done a great job representing Washington producers and keeping us informed on all pending bills. Please read his weekly email legislative update as well as his Ketch Pen articles for information on bills that may affect you.

Now for the hard one, the issue that seems to be dividing our membership. Mandatory Country of Origin Labeling (mCOOL). I want you to know that no matter where you stand, this issue is NOT being taken lightly. Mark Streuli, Danny DeFranco, myself, and your entire WCA Executive Board have had countless long discussions concerning how best to represent our membership and stay true to our policy book. It is our goal to represent you and your ability to make a living. That is and will continue to be our top priority on all issues.

Representative Kretz introduced a bill, that after examining our WCA policy, which states, “WCA will work with industry partners on labeling programs that support the Washington cattle industry”, and talking with experts in the field we felt we could not support. Yes, as WCA President I testified against this bill. During my testimony I clearly stated, “Washington producers are proud of the beef we produce.” Bottom line, if the bill had passed in its original form the WCA Board was able to change our position to “neutral/other”. The bill that has
I'm back from San Antonio feeling refreshed, motivated, and optimistic! With so many negative things coming up daily in legislation, it’s nice to hear about some of the huge wins NCBA has been able to pull off and hear about the strong relationships they have built to keep things moving forward. One of the biggest highlights of my trip was getting to hear the new NCBA CEO, Colin Woodall, speak to us in our ANCW meetings about everything that’s been going on and NCBA’s dedication to have a 24/7 presence in Washington D.C.

One of the most impactful things I took away from that talk was “If you don’t show up to the table, you are on the menu”. Wow! That couldn’t be more true! So often we are so disgusted with the people with crazy and wrong ideas, we run away from them and block ourselves away where we can stay comfortable. It’s very obvious that is not NCBA’s approach. They are literally sitting around a table constantly with people with views and values that do not align with ours, yet they are making headway. By being there, they can stop the nonsense before it gets too far and keep a close eye on all their moves and motives. I think it’s brilliant and shows extreme leadership in fighting for our livelihood and industry.

I always enjoy the ANCW Ag tours. This year we visited Texana Feeders where they custom feed a few thousand head of cattle. They even feed cattle imported from Mexico and discussed how the Mexican cattle are starting to come in much healthier and better growing. Much improvement from what they were a few years ago! They also had Akaushi cattle, which was my first time seeing that breed in person. I even got to try some Akaushi beef in the NCBA trade show, but have to admit I couldn’t claim it to be better than more traditional breeds.

Our second stop was at Dean and Peeler Meatworks, which is a federally regulated custom processing plant. They cater to the producers that want to sell their own branded meat through local farmers markets, etc. So, hence why they are federally regulated since the meat they harvest is not going to be consumed by the cattle owner themselves and instead to a customer. It was great to see the renovations they made to the building and the flow of their business. Dean and Peeler is also known for their Premium Beef brand and have that enterprise completely vertically integrated. They are probably the largest, fully integrated system in the entire country, if not the only one.

Some exciting news was revealed during the ANCW awards presentations. WCW has been working very hard over the last two years to participate in the Making Our Outstanding Value Evident (MOOVE) Contest to increase membership in our junior and collegiate rankings, as well as memberships throughout the state and for ANCW. I'm very proud to announce that Washington placed third this year and brought home a $300 Purina Gift Certificate!! I can't wait to come up with a plan on how we can use it to benefit our organization. Thank you to all the ladies for your efforts towards receiving this award! Paula Coon and myself were also recognized in the Platinum Spur Posse for our individual successes in bringing in new ANCW members.

So much more happened in San Antonio and an amazing trend I saw this year was the huge influx of young cattlewomen in attendance at the ANCW meetings and NCBA activities. The ANCW hosted an Emerging Leaders Luncheon on the last day that I was grateful to be asked to mentor in. At the luncheon, I very much enjoyed getting to visit with young collegiate and up-and-coming cattlewomen that are ready and passionate to step into advocacy roles for the beef industry.

I flew home early in the morning to be able to attend the Kittitas County Banquet in Ellensburg. Thank you Kittitas County Cattlemen’s for having me, and a shout-out to the KC Cattlemen for all the beautiful set up and decorations! I’d also like to give a huge congrats to my other half, Myles Femrite, and the Charlton Family for Charlton Farms being named Cattlemen of the Year! I’m so blessed that I get to spend my free time working and caring for cattle with Myles and learning so much from him along the way. He is too humble, but I know a good cattleman when I see one and I wouldn't want to ranch without him.
alongside anyone else.

I look forward to attending the upcoming Franklin and Klickitat County Banquets! Our next two WCW meetings will be on April 20th and June 22nd, so mark your calendars! The location is yet to be determined, so please check out our website or Facebook for more details as we get closer to the event.

Kady Porterfield

Kady working the ANCW booth at the NCBA Trade Show and signing up a new member from Pennsylvania!

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now passed out of the House 92-6, has a chance of working without upsetting the US Trade Agreements if we work with our industry partners to address customer concerns without raising cost of production. The United States has recently passed United States, Mexico, Canada Agreement or USMCA, and signed a trade agreement with China, both big wins for the beef industry. Japan and many other countries are purchasing US beef. Washington has embraced RFID tags as an official form of identification. All these things show promise for the future of our industry. Will it happen tomorrow? No. Can we survive with rising costs to see $2.50/pound calves again? I sure hope so. I never thought we would see it the first time.

The WCA staff and Executive Board are working hard every day to do what is best for our membership. We deal with many member concerns including wolves/predators, fake meat, DNR regulations, animal cruelty, tax, and water issues. I hope you see the value in our organization even when we are not always in total agreement on all the issues.

Bear with me, I am out on a limb and can hear it cracking!

To see the off test weights for the WCA Bull Sale go to www.washingtoncattlemen.org/bull-test-sale

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Danny DeFranco

First off I would like to thank the counties that have invited leadership to attend their banquets the last couple months. The hospitality you have shown is very much appreciated. It’s a great time of the year for us to get out in the country and visit members.

I also want to thank individuals and counties who have donated money to various WCA funds, specifically the Presidents Travel Fund and our Legislative Fund. Having these extra dollars helps our president get around the state without them having to pay out of their own pocket for the miles they put on. The Legislative Fund also helps us to contract with Mark Streuli who is doing a phenomenal job representing our interests in Olympia.

Sam Ledgerwood, Jim Hutton, and myself attended the NCBA convention in San Antonio this month along with various other WCA members. It was the first convention I have attended, and it was very informational and a good opportunity to connect with NCBA leadership and staff.

In regard to legislative session, I wanted to touch on how we as leadership are directed on how we take positions on various proposed and existing legislation. Leadership takes direction from our policy book which is created by and approved by the general membership. I encourage individuals and county associations to review the WCA policy book and bring proposed policy to our August meeting where we start the process to review proposed policy and renewals. After that meeting all policies that are new or expiring get published in the Ketch Pen for members to review before our convention in November where the general membership votes to adopt policy. Please contact committee chairs to start the conversation now so we can create policy that represents the wishes of membership. My “door” is always open to discuss our policy book and the positions WCA takes on various issues.

WCA has recently partnered with a group of WSU students to conduct a comprehensive review of our organization. This review will give us an overview of how we can better serve our members into the future. Be looking for a survey created by these students to be sent via email, social media, and at our next Board of Directors meeting. This group will also conduct one on one phone interviews with district representatives as well as a few members and nonmembers from each county. Please take the time to take this survey. This is a great opportunity to partner with WSU students and to improve our organization.

Our next Board of Directors meeting will take place in Connell at Michael Jays on March 17th which is the day before the WCA/WBA Bull Sale and Test at Bonina on the 18th. Hope to see you all there!

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When it comes to consumer attitudes about beef production, we have plenty of opportunity for improvement. While 40% of consumers report positive perceptions, 25% report having negative perceptions about how you raise your cattle. That leaves a very large percentage of consumers who are on the fence with 35% saying they are neutral.

What are they concerned about? Animal welfare is by far their largest concern at 29%. Hormone use is 6%, antibiotic use is 5%, and even with all the climate change coverage late last year, the environment was mentioned by only 3%. The reality is, consumers know very little about how you care for your cattle which is why your Beef Checkoff launched a digital advertising campaign designed to help them better understand how committed you are to improving your production practices every day.

Last fall, your state and national Beef Checkoff launched The Right Way is The Only Way campaign with commitment through BQA, to raising beef safely, humanely and sustainably. The results of the national campaign have been outstanding, achieving:

- 11 million video views
- 58.6 million media impressions
- 4 million social media engagements
- 16 radio interviews aired 700 times reaching 22 million consumers

The campaign also targeted 150 key supply chain decision makers through an online webinar and provided information to 15,000 Master of Beef Advocacy grads to provide background on the campaign. In Washington State, the Beef Commission produced two videos featuring Sam Buhrig of Beef Northwest Feeders in Quincy; and Branden Spencer of the Figure 50 Ranch in Ritzville, both local producers engaged in the BQA program. The videos ran on Pandora, Connected TV, Facebook and YouTube in October and November and were viewed 888,300 times.

Did the ads impact consumer attitudes about beef production? According to the ongoing Beef Tracker Data, the number of consumers reporting they were positive about beef increased from 63% to 72% during the campaign and positives about beef production increased from 37% to 43% during the campaign period of October and November. More specifically, 67% of consumers reported that learning about BQA increased their confidence that your animals are treated humanely and 70% were more confident in beef safety. The number of consumers agreeing that beef is produced in an environmentally friendly way increased from 50% before the campaign to 59%; their trust in the people who raised the animals increased from 50% to 57%.

The Beef Quality Assurance program has been funded by your Beef Checkoff for decades and we are proud that it helps to reassure consumers that beef can continue to be their number one protein choice. If you are raising cattle and are not BQA-certified, please go to BQA.org and take the online certification course. It costs nothing, improves consumer confidence and . . . a recent study from Colorado State University indicates that listing your cattle as BQA-certified increased the sale price of beef calves and feeder cattle marketed through video auctions by $16.80 per head.

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Our members and organization cannot support the four listed options relating to recreational cougar harvest guidelines because they do nothing to solve the overabundance of cougars in the state. In many areas of the state cougar harvest has blown through the harvest guidelines long before the early season ends. Public Safety cougar control numbers are at an all-time high, even given the fact that most rural residents have given up on WDFW and are just handling the problem themselves. If the cougar population was as limited as the WDFW suggests these harvest, control and unreported numbers would be impossible to achieve. The four options are just a shell game moving target guidelines around without achieving any meaningful reduction in cougar density or increasing cougar harvest over historic harvest numbers. Any reasonable wildlife manager would consider that if we have high complaints and high baseline harvest that they should increase the harvest rate substantially until an equilibrium is reached. The Game Management Plan(GMP) provides for cougar removals when they are affecting the prey base but WDFW skirts around their own mandate by purposely gathering little or no ungulate population data which equals no action under the GMP.

In Washington state, cougars are presently managed for a "stable population " with no consideration for that populations effect on a stable prey base population (their food supply). Nationwide deer/elk populations are managed to stay within the carrying capacity(food supply) of their habitat. Should WDFW be managing cougars and all predators the same way? They should because the principle is the same. Without a sensible integrated predator/prey management plan the prey base will continue to spiral downwards statewide leading to more and more predator pits and more unnecessary depredation of livestock and pets.

Wolves are now in the spotlight for livestock depredations and taking all the blame for a severely depressed prey populations in an increasing number of areas. These livestock depredations are occurring in areas where increased cougar and black bear populations have greatly reduced the prey population over the last two decades. Now with the third apex predator, wolves, on these landscapes they are further depressing the prey base and predators are being forced to prey switch to livestock and pets for their food supply. The cause of these depredations is WDFW’s concept of single species management of predators and their unwillingness to manage predator populations in balance with a robust prey base.

We would also like to mention that the livestock/hunting/etc. communities will be expecting major revisions in the next version of the GMP, so we aren't pigeonholed with a built-in excuse by WDFW for lack of significant changes in cougar and/or predator/prey management. Any GMP should be a dynamic document that has the ability to evolve or change based on variable conditions. As an organization we will not tolerate a rigid uncompromising single species approach to apex predator management into the future.

Sam Ledgerwood  
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5 cups water, divided
1 medium head cabbage (about 2 pounds), cut into wedges
8 ounces Yukon Gold potatoes, cut into 8 wedges
8 ounces carrots, cut into 1-inch pieces
2 tablespoons butter, melted
1/2 teaspoon salt
1/2 teaspoon pepper

COOKING:

Preheat oven to 350°F. Place Corned Beef Brisket and 3 cups water in large stockpot or Dutch oven, fat-side up. Bring to a simmer. Do not boil. Cover tightly and cook in 350°F oven 2-1/2 to 3 hours or until fork-tender.

Cook’s Tip: If seasoning packet is included with Corned Beef Brisket, pour over brisket after the water is added in Step 1.

Transfer brisket to cutting board, reserving any liquid in stockpot; cover brisket with aluminum foil. Let stand 15 to 20 minutes.

Meanwhile add 2 cups remaining water to same stock pot with reserved liquid. Place steamer basket in stock pot. (Liquid should not touch bottom of basket). Place cabbage, potatoes and carrots in basket. Bring to a boil. Cover tightly; reduce heat and steam vegetables 20 to 25 minutes or until fork-tender.

Remove fat from brisket, if desired. Carve brisket into thin slices across the grain. Combine butter, salt and pepper in small bowl. Drizzle over vegetables. Serve brisket with vegetables.
Spring!!!
Here’s hoping all our farming and ranching friends are successfully navigating through the weather and calving season! Definitely an exciting time as the weather always seems to add some challenges as we care for livestock as well as prepare for spring plantings.

Exciting things are brewing with WAIC! Our spring issue of Ag@School is in full production which focuses on stewardship and that EVERY day is Earth Day to farmers and ranchers. Look for this issue to mail mid-April. The readership of Ag@School, targeted at 4th graders, has rapidly increased in the past few months with new subscriptions rolling in! This is great news and shows the efforts of our volunteers and promotional work! It’s a GREAT problem to have when you have to increase the amount of magazines we order because of an increase of subscriptions! Production for the Spring issue will be 15,000 magazines!

On the horizon is our National Ag in the Classroom meeting in Kansas City in March which I’ll happily report on next month. Also are some important dates coming up which include National Ag Week – March 22-28th with the official National Ag Day on Tuesday, March 24th. Check out www.agday.org to find information and find an idea or two that you could implement that week to promote agriculture! Even if it’s as simple as a social media post, YOU ARE making an impact!

The Franklin Farm Fair is coming up March 26-27th as well as the Kittitas County Farm Fair the end of the month, where hundreds of students will be educated about agriculture through a series of rotations. WAIC is excited to be part of this ag literacy outreach as well as any others that may be taking place! Please let us know if we can help! Remember it’s never too late for a teacher to sign up, be involved in Ag in the Classroom or donate! Visit our website at www.waic.net or feel free to call or email.

Spring also means baseball is starting and I pulled some great ag facts to share!

Hope you are motivated by Spring and all the season has to offer!

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The deadline for bills to be out of their “house of origin” was Wednesday February 19th. If House bills weren’t passed out of the House, or Senate bills weren’t passed out of the Senate, then they are generally considered dead for this session. Key bills for us that were affected by the deadline are listed below:

HB 2712 – Kretz – Requiring Retailers to Indicate the Country of Origin of Beef Sold to the Public (Passed the House 92-6)

On Wednesday, this bill was voted out of the House 92-6. As timing would have it, the WCA executive board was meeting that afternoon and after much discussion and seeing that the bill is now drafted with words that bring it closer to voluntary COOL, the board voted to be officially neutral on the bill. The board made it clear that they felt it’s important they give the new trade agreement with Mexico (USMCA) some time to work. In addition, there was much discussion and concern that this could lead to a loss in revenue for the cow/calf producer.

Much appreciation for the six legislators that voted NO on the bill. That was exactly what the WCA asked them to do at the time. Again, the House vote was held just prior to the Board meeting when the motion was made and approved that WCA is now neutral on HB 2712.

Thank you Representatives Dufault, Irwin, Klippert, Pettigrew, Schmick and Stokesbary for supporting WCA.

Here is a link to the bill - http://lawfilesext.leg.wa.gov/biennium/2019-20/Pdf/Bills/House%20Bills/2712-S.pdf?q=20200214045619

Kudos and appreciation for Representative Corry. A good bill that is continues to move forward in the Legislature.

Next step – Currently scheduled for a Hearing on February 28th in Senate Agriculture.

SB 6328 – ERCICK, TAKKO – Creating State Inspected Meat Facilities (Passed the Senate 48-0)

Essentially starts the long negotiation process with USDA for establishment of a State program. Also created the meat and poultry processing and marketing assistance program within WSDA.

Kudos to Senator Ericksen for bringing this bill forward and getting it through the Senate.

Next step – Currently has not been referred to committee in the House, but would expect it to go to Ag.

SB 6329 – Warnick – HB 2696 – Dent – WCA Fighting Back Against Fake Meat (Both versions died, House and Senate)

Both bills made it out of Rules in both the House and Senate, but did not make it to a vote on the floor. We were pushing back hard against an amendment from Vegans to further weaken the bills. We were disappointed we lost the bills, but with their proposed amendments, the bills would have looked less like pro beef and more like advertisements for vegan food.

Much appreciation for Senator Warnick and Representative Dent for their Work on this issue!

HB 2498 – Corry – Providing compensation for early DNR lease termination (Passed the House 96-0)

• Requires the Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW), until gray wolves are no longer classified as threatened, endangered, or sensitive under state law, to prioritize the use of radio collars to monitor gray wolves and avoid conflicts with livestock.
• Requires the WDFW to make multiple attempts each year to collar one or more wolves within packs with known livestock depredations within the previous three years, as well as other packs.

Next step – Currently in Senate Agriculture. Not scheduled for a Hearing at this time.

Legislation of Concern

SB 6300 – Ketch Pen – “A retailer who sells beef or offers beef for sale that is raised and processed in Washington state must make an effort to display information that is clearly visible and readily viewable by the public…”

Next step – Must receive a Hearing in Senate Agriculture. The bill has currently not been scheduled.

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HB 2906 - Kretz – Radio Collars on Wolves (Passed the Senate 48-0)

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SB 6545 – Zeiger – Resets the date to join the Voluntary Stewardship Program (Died in the Senate)

Unfortunately this bill died in the Senate which was unfortunate. It would have given the six Counties that did not previously join the voluntary stewardship program a second chance to join, thereby minimizing for ranchers.

Appreciated the NO votes from Senators Ericksen, Honeyford, Muzzall, Schoesler, and Wagoner.

Currently scheduled for a Hearing on February 25th in House Public Safety Committee.

To see the complete bill tracker go to the Legislative Update on the WCA website.
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LOT 439 • R Jet Black 9037 • 19503797
Dam: Vintage Blackcap 7037 • 18710522
CED BW WW YW RADG SC DOC Milk
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During the past year, the Washington State Department of Agriculture (WSDA) has been providing free RFID tags to veterinarians for regulatory work. A recent announcement from the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA), ensures WSDA will be able to continue providing those tags.

In February 2020, USDA announced it would begin providing RFID tags as a free electronic alternative to metal “brite” tags and orange Official Calfhood Vaccination (OCV) tags. The alternative brite tag option will be an RFID low-frequency, white button tag. The OCV option will be an orange RFID low-frequency button imprinted with “OCV.”

No state code is imprinted on the RFID tag.

Each state can order an amount based on data from the USDA National Agriculture Statistics Service, equal to their percentage of total beef/dairy replacement heifers nationally. USDA has allocated funding for approximately eight million RFID tags in the U.S.

Washington’s allotment is 1.56% of tags available, or 118,947 tags. Funding is expected to continue next fiscal year depending on availability of funds. Supplies of tags are also dependent on the rate that tag manufacturers can produce them.

Veterinarians using the tag for regulatory work will be prioritized, but producers may also have access as supplies allow.

The use of the RFID tag will give the accredited veterinarian options to support producers who vaccinate for brucellosis or move classes of cattle required to have official ID for interstate movement. The RFID also facilitates the use of electronic platforms for animal health records that improve animal disease traceability.
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(program gives planned dates that can be varied to suit management programs)

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We have created an online survey and we are asking as many WCA members as possible to fill it out. The purpose of this survey is to directly understand what improvements members would like to see in the organization.

Thank you for your cooperation and allowing our group to learn more about the cattle industry in Washington.

WCA Survey

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