



Farmfair International Round Up January 2021

Welcome to the Farmfair International Round-Up.

We hope you enjoy this monthly round-up. It will include news from exhibitors, industry partners, agriculture shows, sales and other items of interest. It will land in your mailbox around this time every month. Please update your [contact information](#) - to ensure we can capture **your** news to include in our next issue.

Northlands is working with partners to identify agriculture industry workforce development needs and solutions - if you are an [Alberta business](#) and staffing has been an issue for your operation - please fill out this [survey](#).

Farmfair International dates for 2021 are November 10 - 14 in Edmonton, Alberta, Canada.

Until then, stay healthy and safe

- The team @ Farmfair International

Exhibitor News

- Canadian Cattlemen published [highlights](#) from November's [Lloydminster Stockade Roundup](#), including Grand Champion - Supreme ribbons for [Springside Farms](#)'s Charolais female SOS Hot Mess 50B and Charolais bull SOS Hodor PLD 51H, as well as for [Colgan's Cattle Company](#)'s Speckle Park bull Greenwood Headliner 71H. [Goldenview Shorthorns](#) posted about its [success at the show](#).
- It's calving season! Here are some recent snaps from [Carpathian Land and Livestock](#), [Charworth Charolais](#), [Diamond Nine Shorthorns](#), [Lilac Lane Farms](#), [MT Bar Ranch](#), [Robertson West Livestock](#), and [Shepalta Farms](#).
- The bulls at [Chittick Family Farms](#) had a "spa day" earlier this month to get ready for a photo shoot in advance of their **March 5** sale.
- [Goad Family Angus](#) is selling a 50% interest in [Red Goad Statement 104'20](#), "one of the best bull calves that we have raised."
- [Greenwood Limousin & Angus](#) shared pictures of [Greenwood High Class JJP 87H](#), who will be up for sale with some of his pen mates on **Feb. 25**.
- [McAleeer Ranching](#) is selling a limited number of straws of semen from [D.A.M. Dots 94A Electric 31E](#).
- [Nolara Farms](#) has been showcasing "Sunday Studs" headed for the [Next Step Bull Sale](#) on **March 11**. Here are [sons of SAJ Spark and Moose Creek Image](#), and here are [two sons of SKV Defiance 47D](#), who was Champion Simmental Bull at Farmfair in 2018.
- [Par Ranch](#) is selling bulls, yearlings, and two-year-olds [by private treaty](#).
- [Rainbow Red Angus](#) is getting ready to sell [Red Rainbow Concorde 28H](#) on **March 20**.
- [Wallgren Farms](#) is getting ready to sell [WF Class Act 40H](#), [WF Maverick 24H](#) and [WF Playmaker 28H](#) on **Feb. 23**.
- [Willow Creek Simmentals](#) brought its cows into a [new barn addition](#) at the end of December.

Beef News

- [Alberta Beef](#) board member Assar Grinde of Blindman Beef shared his hopes for public opinion of the cattle sector to improve. "Canada has been a leader in the Canadian Roundtable for Sustainable Beef," he [told Alberta Farmer Express](#). "I hope we just keep going down that path — that we're the leaders in being able to market beef with specific attributes and have that traceability system ahead of everybody else."
- [Alberta Beef](#) has announced its [delegate election results](#) under the new five-zone system. A few vacancies remain in the Central and Northwest zones. My Grande Prairie Now [has more info](#).
- [Alberta Cattle Feeders Association](#) shared how it has [making its voice heard in Ottawa](#) despite the pandemic.
- A two-year large-scale trial supported by the [Alberta Cattle Feeders Association](#) found that a novel feed ingredient called Bovaer from Royal DSM [reduced methane emissions by up to 80%](#) in commercial feedlots without negative effects on animal health or performance. The study was picked up by [DTN's Progressive Farmer](#), [Angus Beef Bulletin](#), and [AgInfo](#). [Livestock Gentec](#) touched on the research [in November](#).
- The Western Producer wrote about [Saskatchewan breeder Randy James](#), who sold his farm to work in oil and gas in 2006, but started dabbling again in purebred Simmental and Angus in 2015, and has since seen big success at [Farmfair International](#), [Agribition](#), and [Lloydminster Agricultural Exhibition Association](#)'s Stockade Roundup.
- [Farm Credit Canada](#)'s examined the [export risks and opportunities for red meat](#) in 2021. And FCC's Talking Farm and Food podcast talked about [ranching by the numbers](#) with Ben Campbell of Grazed Right Ranch in Black Diamond.
- [Livestock Gentec](#) shared the results of a study showing positive economic and environmental results from [consistent genetic selection for residual feed intake](#).

Agriculture News

- The AFSC Podcast from [Agriculture Financial Services Corporation](#) talked about farming and mental health with Lesley Kelly of High Heels & Canola Fields and Do More Agriculture. Here's [Part 1](#) and [Part 2](#).
- [Business has been good](#) for direct market growers during the pandemic, Gary Vander Waal of the [Alberta Farm Fresh Producers Association](#) told the Western Producer, as home cooking became a pastime and demand grew for locally grown food.
- [Alberta Milk](#) elected [Stuart Boeve as its chair](#) in November, succeeding Tom Kootstra, who had served since 2016.
- Alberta hog farmers lost more than \$5 per hog in 2019, according to [Alberta Pork](#)'s most recent [cost of production study](#). It also noted a [surge in feed costs](#) at the end of 2020.
- Video is now available of the [Chops and Crops Virtual Roundtable](#) between Agriculture Minister Devin Dreeshen and nine commodity commissions, including [Alberta Pork](#) and [Alberta Pulse Growers](#).
- A U.S. program to purchase \$17-million worth of American ground bison should have [knock-on effects for Canada](#), Dave Carter of the [Canadian Bison Association](#) said at the association's annual conference.
- Stan Blade, dean of the [Faculty of Agricultural, Life and Environmental Sciences](#) at the University of Alberta, wrote about "increasing the two-way interaction between scientists and the farmers who put their research to use" in a [piece for GrainsWest](#).
- [Farm Credit Canada](#) shared how agriculture organizations can [put on high-quality virtual events](#).
- The [Lloydminster Agricultural Exhibition Association](#) has been approved for a \$1 million grant which will allow it to [complete a deal to expand its grounds](#).

- [Lakeland College](#) in Vermilion [received a \\$1.9-million grant](#) to take over the beef production systems and pulse agronomy programs. Lakeland will also be [working more closely with Grande Prairie Regional College](#).

Selected Sales

- **Feb. 23:** [W2 Land & Cattle Bull Sale](#) at Vermilion
- **Feb. 25:** [The Robb Hoegl Greenwood 2021 Bull Sale](#) in Lloydminster — here's the [catalogue](#)
- **March 5:** [Future Farms and Charworth Select Charolais Bull Sale](#) from Innisfail
- **March 11:** [Next Step Bull Sale](#) from Thorsby
- **March 19:** [Red White and Roan Production Sale](#) at the Stettler Auction Mart
- **March 20:** [Joint Venture 42nd Annual Bull Sale](#) at Sangudo
- **March 27:** [K-Cow Ranch Annual Bull Sale](#) at Elk Point

Other Events

- **Mondays through to March 1:** [Nutrient Management Seminar Series](#)
- **Jan. 25 and 26:** [Talk Ask Listen - Mountain View County](#) with Do More Agriculture
- **Jan. 26 and 29:** [Roots to Success: Agricultural Risk Management Workshops](#) from Farm Management Canada
- **Jan. 27:** [The Future of Industry: Agriculture](#) with the Calgary Chamber of Commerce
- **Jan. 27:** [CanExport Innovation for Agriculture Companies](#), a webinar from the Canadian Trade Commissioner Service
- **Jan. 27:** [Alberta Pulse Growers Virtual Annual General Meeting](#)
- **Feb. 2 and 4:** [The Red-Bow Ranching Conference](#)
- **Feb. 3:** [Feed Your Future](#), an Agriculture for Life event to empower, connect and inspire young women
- **Feb. 9:** [Alan D. Quilley: Safety is Everyone's Responsibility](#), an AgSafe Alberta webinar
- **Feb. 17:** [Breeding Goals: Practical Genetics for Beef Production](#), a webinar from the Beef Cattle Research Council
- **May 2 - 8:** [Beef Australia 2021](#)

Opportunities

- The deadline to apply for the [Foothills Forage and Grazing Association Bursary](#) is **Jan. 22**.
- [Alberta Milk's](#) [New Entrant Assistance Program \(NEAP\)](#) is open for applications until **March 31**.
- Aspiring farmers are invited to apply for the [Young Agrarians Apprenticeship Program](#)
- If your business employee summer students, and have fewer than 50 employees, you may be eligible for a [Canada Summer Jobs](#) grant - deadline to apply is January 29th
- **Small and Medium Enterprise Relaunch Grant** - To better support Alberta's small business community, the Alberta government is [expanding the Small and Medium Enterprise Relaunch Grant](#) Applications are open now



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