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Re: Ranch Update – “Sidney” our Bull – R.I.P.

I need to report some sad news for our ranching operations; Last Sunday our ranch hands discovered our young bull “Sidney” dead in one of fields. Our bull was alive and well the day before. We have followed up with the vet who states that based on the evidence they feel the bull died of Bloat.

Bloat in cattle is a condition where the excess gas (methane and CO₂) produced in the rumen can affect normal functions. The rumen is a crucial organ that drives production. It is the largest stomach compartment in ruminants, and digests inedible cellulose, converting it to digestible fatty acids.

We have been informed that Bloat in cattle is a serious problem, and a very old one that is associated with consumption of high-quality feeds that are easily digestible and rapidly fermented in the rumen. Bloat is not just a problem exclusive to cattle and can be a common ailment for most grazing livestock.

We have been informed how to keep an eye on the rest of our cattle and we will continue to work with our vet as required to avoid this occurring in the future. Further we have been informed that it is not unusual to have some loss to our herd over the course of the seasons with an average of two deaths a year. This is the first fatality we have suffered at the ranch to date.

The bull has been disposed of and we will be commencing our October castration and immunization program for our Herford's (Males) cattle.

We are keeping a super close eye on the rest of our herd, and we will be seeking a quality replacement bull moving forward.

Scott Carle

Executive Director