

August 10, 2021

Dear Friends,

I hope this letter finds you all well. We have had a good year, albeit a very busy one filled with projects on both the Elbert and Sedgwick county ranches.

We are selling mainly two year old bulls and a few 16 month old bulls, as well as the usual amount of herd sires 8-10. We will now be selling herd sires at four years of age as we want to turn the genetic crank a bit more quickly.

We had a good spring with plentiful rain and grew much grass... a surprising amount of western wheat grass, needle and thread and three-on in Sedgwick County. About June 10th it turned it turned off hot and dry and just now at the end of July has begun to rain again.

As some of you may know, for the past several years, I have been cross fencing in Sedgwick County. This spring and summer we put in two miles of water pipeline, 2 miles of barbed wire fence and are in the process of building 5 miles of electric fence. We have all the older cow pairs in one group and we seem to be grazing the pastures in a better manner. Each generation has to do more with less.

The goal is to cut these section pastures into 160's and then into 80's for better utilization. In this manner we will be able to beat back the cheat grass and weeds and have a better variety of cool and warm season grasses as well as Forbes which will help the wildlife. Elbert County receives 12 inches of rain and Sedgwick County receives 16-18 inches. Geographic diversity is certainly a blessing.

We may have a tour of the older cow pairs on Wednesday of sale week in Julesburg. We look forward to seeing you all at the sale. We have a good group of bulls.

Do not hesitate to call with any questions.

Best Regards,

