

Stockman School with Dylan Biggs

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Gordondale Hall

By: Chair Harcourt

Quotes and comments.

Dylan grew up on a cattle farm and clearly remembers how his Dad used to use very colorful language to describe the cow that did not want to go where he wanted her to go.

Dylan knew at an early age that there had to be a better way.

Costa of owning cattle, numerous ways to lose money!

He needed an easier management system of actual daily handling the movement of cows and calves.

He described his system, in excellent detail, of moving cows without increasing the tension that is often caused by trying to get the cow to go where you want.

Several people and a dog or 2, a calm walk, the cows head will be slightly down a bit, head up, back arched means shes afraid, she does not want to be here.

Don't drive...push. Slow walk behind or slightly beside.

Try not to do things that will upset the cow, they must trust and respect you.

When they turn away from the gate you want them to pass through, "cut them off at the pass" manoeuvre will not work.

You will be repeating that one many times.

To get the cattle out of a bush walk back and forth several times at 90 degrees to the direction you want them to go.

A horseshoe walking move will not work.

Once on the move walk along side gently directing the way.

When changing pasture paddocks, calves must be with the cow, no calf, turn the cow back, no fresh green pasture until the cow comes back with the calf.

Try to have the calve nursing before the move.

He went on to comment on the "Bud Box" and "Calf Stripping"

Many very good video clips. Many questions but difficult to hear the person speaking.

Highly recommend you attend if Dylan comes back to the Peace.

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First Speaker...Ric Dehod...AFSC.

The Question...Why do you want to buy land?

With over 4 million people in AB. (2.8 million in Calgary and Edmonton),
farm land of quality is becoming scarce.

There is a high demand and a low supply.

In our Peace country the average price per acre is 1 to 3 thousand.

2 to 2.2 thousand is mid range.

Bank rate is low and grain prices are fairly good.

LAND...Your Heritage Savings Trust Fund.

If you do want to buy land does family and or your partner agree?

Do you have a plan? Don't rush or be impulsive. Talk to a lawyer.

What is your farm financial position?

Revenue, labor, equipment?

Land purchase could be a long term investment.

Would it make more sense to rent or own?

Interest rate, fixed or floating, term 5-10-25 years?

Cultivated acres, access, limits, buildings,fences, bins?

Cost of similar acres in the same area?

The Soil...what type and number, weeds, past crops, sprays, neighbors?

Revenue from oil pumps or gas pipe lines, pay record?

Caveats, power source, wind, solar, or Atco?

Call the Registry Office for more info and check with the local

MD. for farm type bylaws etc.

You may want to build a home and or other buildings.

Water, well, dugout, or some type of stream?

Any environmental issues?

How long do you plan on farming?

Where will you be 10 years from now?

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Second speaker..Brian Perillat...Canfax.

Price of cattle hit the last high Dec 2014...Jan 2015.
2015 we had the smallest calf crop in 60 years.
Past three years US cattle numbers increased over 1 million head.
Broilers still #1 in meat production.
AB steers sold at 550 lbs still top sellers but
heaver weights are becoming more and more popular.
Ontario farmers are up to 1050 lbs.
Feed lots seem to be forever struggling.
Canadian beef cow inventory under 4 million.
Farmers not keeping enough heifers.
Cow slaughter about 70 thousand per year.
Beef exports up 6%.
Imports down 12% , our dollar helps both.
Bulk of consumers dollars goes to beef.

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