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# Klamath sale features more bulls

### 111 already consigned for annual auction

By LEE JUILLERAT  
For the Capital Press

KLAMATH FALLS, Ore. — Nearly double the number of bulls will be up for bid at the 56th annual Klamath Bull & Select Ranch Horse Sale set for Feb. 4-7 at the Klamath County Fairgrounds.

Jolene Moxon, cattle manager for the upcoming sale, said 111 bulls have already been consigned for the sale.

She attributes the increase to a variety of factors, including high prices at last year's sale and the cancellation of a bull sale in Winnemucca, Nev.

Moxon said the sale will also cater to families and children, noting, "We have a lot of fun events we're really proud of," including goat roping and a kids' stick horse boot race. Other programs include a new two-man team ranch horse event along with a Western Trade Show, stock dog trials, stock horse show, ranch rodeo, a beef n' brews and the CattleWomen's Dinner and Dance.

"It's one of the traditions of the community," Moxon said of the sale, which shows

"many of the best bull programs in the Northwest. This all-inclusive, family-oriented event has been a staple for the ranching and farming community of the Klamath Basin and surrounding areas to provide entertainment, education and a great venue for the sale for their livestock.

The sale is sponsored by the Klamath Cattlemen's Association in conjunction with several local sponsors.

Last year, Moxon said the sale price for 56 head of bulls averaged \$5,397, the select ranch horse sale averaged \$6,090 on five horses while replacement heifers sale averaged \$2,480 per head on

six pens of six animals. She said this year's sale will have nine pens of heifers and an "amazing" trade show that has some of the top vendors from all over the West Coast.

The Western Trade show will open daily at 9 a.m. Bulls and heifers will be checked in starting on Wednesday, Feb. 3.

The live arena action will begin Thursday, Feb. 4, and feature the Stock Dog Trials. The Beef N Brews event that evening will showcase several local breweries and wineries, which will be paired with locally raised beef. Tickets are available online at [www.klamathbullsale.com](http://www.klamathbullsale.com).

The following day, bulls

will be sifted and graded and the Supreme Bull will be selected. Also scheduled for Friday, Feb. 5, is the conclusion of the Stock Dog Trials. Evening events include a four-person team branding and the Klamath County Cattlewomen's Dinner and Dance.

Saturday activities include the stock horse show, horse sale, Cattlewomen's live auction and ranch rodeo. The main event begins with the annual bull sale at 11 a.m. with the dropping of the auctioneer's gavel.

Other activities will include stock horse classes, stray gathering and the Select Ranch Horse Sale at 4 p.m.

The KCA Ranch Rodeo begins at 6 and concludes with the final Sunday event at 10 a.m.

Admission tickets will be available at the door or in advance at several local retailers and online at [www.klamathbullsale.com](http://www.klamathbullsale.com). Pre-sale tickets are \$6 and include admission to the Event Center Saturday and Sunday. Tickets at the door will be \$10. There is no admission fee for the bull sale.

For more information for bull or horse sale entries, stock dog entries, or trade show information call Moxon at 530-513-3782, horse sale secretary Kris Staebler at 541-892-2257 or visit the website.

## Some Idaho dairies to be regulated as public water systems

By CAROL RYAN DUMAS  
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TWIN FALLS, Idaho — Teaming up with the Idaho Dairymen's Association, the state Department of Environmental Quality has begun the process of bringing large dairies that qualify under the regulatory umbrella of public water systems.

Given the growing number of lawsuits aimed at dairies, including those in Yakima, Wash., IDA wants to be sure its members have all their regulatory bases covered, said Rick Naerebout, IDA director of operations.

While the requirements are nothing new, getting dairies into DEQ's Drinking Water Program

is, and the agency asked IDA for help, Naerebout said at an IDA district meeting in Twin Falls on Tuesday.

"It's a good thing for us to engage with DEQ," he said.

The regulations will apply to roughly 60 dairies in the state, those having 25 or more employees, he said.

Under the Clean Water Act, water systems with at least 15 service connections or serving at least 25 people qualify as public water systems, said Albert Crawshaw, DEQ Drinking Water Program manager in Twin Falls.

New facilities have to file paperwork with DEQ, but without the resources to look at every well in existence, it's hard to de-

termine which existing systems should be regulated as public systems, he said.

DEQ knows there are dairies that fit the criteria, it just doesn't know how many, he said, adding that IDA estimates that number at between 50 and 75.

The process of getting dairies into the program has not met with much success. Misconceptions about DEQ and what it does and the unknowns as to how many people are on a dairy have been barriers to the process, he said.

Dairies that meet the criteria will pay a minimal annual fee to DEQ and water sampling fees to an approved laboratory. Monitoring starts with an initial inspection and includes a mini-

mum of monthly bacteria samplings, he said.

In addition, sampling for numerous contaminants — such as arsenic, mercury, xylenes and PCBs — are required. Facilities in good standing on such contaminants normally go to reduced sampling after the first year, he said.

All sampling must be done by a licensed water operator, he said.

IDA is in the process of hiring a licensed operator to assist dairymen in getting ready for DEQ's initial inspections. Dairymen will then be responsible for sampling fees and any post-inspection services, but the goal is to give dairymen a "one-stop shop" in the process of getting on board, Naerebout said.

Dairies are already monitored by Idaho State Department of Agriculture, but DEQ will be



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Albert Crashaw, left, Idaho Department of Environmental Quality Drinking Water Program coordinator, talks with Mario de-Haro-Marti, a University of Idaho extension dairy and livestock environmental educator, following a DEQ presentation on Public Water System requirements for some Idaho dairies. The presentation was in Twin Falls on Jan. 19.

monitoring more than nitrates and sanitary surveys will be done with a different set of rules, said Megan Larson of DEQ. The DEQ will be mak-

ing sure the water systems aren't creating any health issues for employees and that water is fit for human consumption, she said.

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## Butter prices skyrocket, then dip

By LEE MIELKE  
For the Capital Press

### Dairy Markets

Lee Mielke



That bright light in the clouds last week was not the sun. CME cash butter was skyrocketing again, closing Friday at \$2.25 per pound, up a stargazing 21 1/2-cents on the week, 70 cents above a year ago, and the highest it has been since Dec. 10, 2015. Twelve cars were sold on the week at the CME. As FC Stone dairy broker Dave Kurzawski wrote, "The yellow giant is alive and well."

Notice I said butter was sky-

rocketing. The markets were closed Monday for the Martin Luther King holiday but the spot butter plunged 11 3/4-cents Tuesday, dipping to \$2.1325, as the cloud of Tuesday's Global Dairy Trade auction came on the horizon.

The CME also announced Tuesday that spot traded butter will no longer have to be graded AA beginning Feb. 1. Kurza-

wski says, "The removal of the grading requirements has the potential to impact the quantities of product brought to the exchange and possibly work to quell the rampant bullish sentiment in the marketplace."

CME block Cheddar cheese closed the third Friday of January at \$1.4950 per pound, up 3 1/2-cents on the week and 2 1/2-cents above a year ago. The barrels finished at \$1.5250, down 1 1/2-cents on the week but 7 1/2-cents above a year ago and 3 cents above the blocks.

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