

BEST OF BRONCS AND BULLS

ROUGH STOCK

Quality stock makes for exciting show

Some of rodeo's toughest broncos, bulls, and bull fighters will be performing at this year's Farm-City Pro Rodeo.

Those in charge of the show want to ensure that both the spectators and competitors get the best of the best.

"Both have to pay the price of admission," said David Bothum of the Farm-City board of directors. "The cowboys pay their own entry and travel fees, so we want to make sure everyone gets a legitimate shot."

Since riders get a blind draw on which animal they're going to ride during a performance to try to earn their paycheck, having a stable full of good stock is important. It also pays off for the audience with a

series of exciting rides each night.

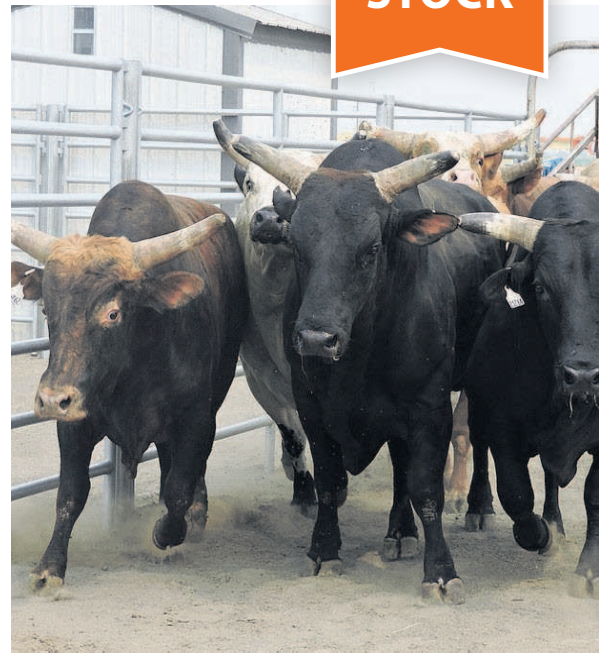
This year, rough stock will be provided by Calgary Stampede from Alberta, Canada, Korkow Rodeos from Pierre, South Dakota, Kesler Rodeo Co. from Helena, Montana, and Corey & Lang from Moses Lake, Washington.

And once the ride is over, a familiar crew will jump to action getting the bulls back to their pens.

Tim O'Connor, a veteran of California's Redding Rodeo, and Nate Jestes, a National Rodeo finalist, will both return to Hermiston this year to face down bulls.

Farm-City takes pride in providing their contestants with top-quality rough stock, and audiences with a top-quality show. They received the Remuda Award for Best Stock in 2009 and 2014 — an award voted on by the top 15-20 cowboys in the world.

"It's an honor to be a part of such a high quality show," Bothum said.



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A group of bulls from Korkow Rodeos stock contracting company offloads into the new Farm-City Pro Rodeo arena in August 2017.

An advertisement for Rogers Toyota of Hermiston. The background is a photograph of the dealership building with a large Toyota logo and the name 'ROGERS' on the facade. Several cars are parked in front. Overlaid on the image is the text: 'FAMILY OWNED FOR OVER 46 YEARS' in large, bold letters, with '46' in red and 'YEARS' in white. Below that is 'ROGERS TOYOTA OF HERMISTON' in red and white. At the bottom, it says 'We Care About What You're Driving!' and 'toyotaofhermiston.com | f' with a Facebook icon.

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