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Black Angus beef.

## Message from your rancher

Raising animals on pasture requires more knowledge and skill than sending them to the feedlots. In order for the meat to be succulent and tender, the animals need high-quality forage, especially in the months prior to slaughter. This requires healthy soil and careful pasture management so that the animals are grazing the grass at its optimal stage of growth.

Because high-quality pasture is the key to high-quality animal products, ranchers who graze their animals on native grasses are giving their animals and their customers an extra helping of vitamin E according to a survey of forage samples taken from cow/calf herds in 23 states. Grass is considerably higher in vitamin E than grain.

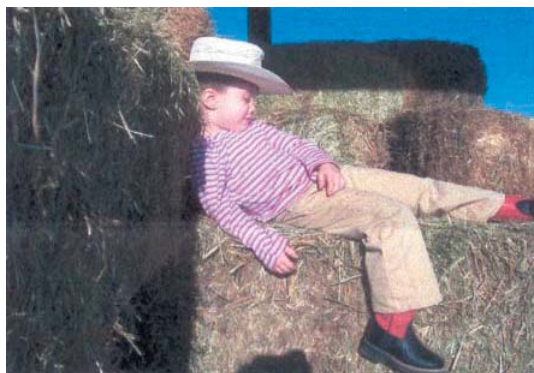
Please visit our website and email us with any questions you may have.

## Thanks to our ranch staff

Our 2005 alfalfa season has begun. We are on our second cutting in a drought season.

We want to thank Jay for keeping it watered and green, as well as Sylvia and Sabrina, for driving trucks. Stephanie, Kara, Kayla and Grandma Roybal for helping stack the bales. We also want to thank Brian Lusk of West Wind Ranches for helping us get it baled and under the shed before the rain arrived.

Thanks again, crew.



*Miranda resting after stacking hay in early June*

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## Roybal Ranch teams with Farm Bureau Bank

Roybal Ranch, along with the help of Farm Bureau Bank, will look to expand in 2006. We plan to purchase property for grazing and alfalfa production near Zillah, WA.

A 70-acre site is currently available which would allow the ranch to increase its herd size and be able to meet the demand for grass fed beef. We also plan to participate in local farmers' markets, allowing us to reach an even bigger customer base.

Future plans are for the Zillah ranch to be our home ranch, allowing customers to visit the ranch and also visit local wineries.

## Court rules Canadian beef may enter U.S.

On July 14, the U.S. Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals overturned an earlier ruling by a Montana district court that granted an injunction blocking Canadian live cattle imports. The decision of the three-judge panel will lift the injunction against importation of live cattle, under 30 months of age, effective immediately.

R-CALF expressed disappointment in the ruling, "USDA's final rule was not justified and that USDA did not provide significant justification for overturning a long-standing policy that protected both the U.S. cattle herd and U.S. consumers from the introduction of BSE."

## Second case of BSE reported

A second case of BSE has been reported in the U.S. USDA is reporting that the animal was a 12 year-old Brahman-cross cow born and raised in Texas. Certainly, no one is thrilled by the confirmation that BSE is endemic in the U.S.

Although several months elapsed between the initial handling of the cow and final confirmation of the disease, the cow was initially delivered to a pet food manufacturer in Waco, Texas. Having been identified as a high-risk animal, it was held for testing and the carcass ultimately was incinerated despite negative test results.

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