



Executive Summary

2022 Joint Stockmen's Convention

Cattlegrower Panel on Cattle Management Strategies through Drought, Jeff Bilberry, Bronson Corn, Manny Encinias

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Transforming Challenges into Opportunities*

Summary:

Regardless of where you are from in New Mexico, these panelists concluded that 'thinking outside the box' is the best way to effectively produce livestock during a drought. Bronson Corn, an agricultural producer from Roswell, Manny Encinias from Estancia, and Jeff Bilberry from Lamy with Singleton Ranches, discussed drought strategies for producers in New Mexico.

While 'thinking outside the box' emerged as a leading concept, Corn also explained effort to decrease production costs. During a drought, the producer often has limited options for putting weight on their animals, which will result in lower income for producers.

Drought can cause serious setbacks in production agriculture, however with the proper technique's producers can still be successful while producing livestock.

Key Points:

1. Think outside of the box for innovative ideas and growing concepts.
2. Calving later may be a solution depending on how serious the drought.
3. Supplemental feeding is an option to maintain the herd's daily gain.
4. Ask questions with neighbors to find out the strategies that worked in the area.
5. Look into different alternatives such as leasing new property or leasing a feedlot.

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