



Our Beef is...

100 % grass-fed. No grain

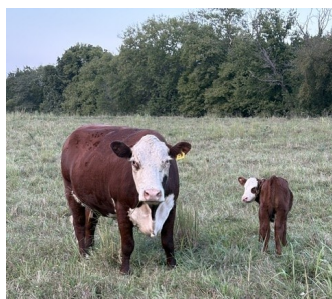
All natural. No hormones or antibiotics.

Certified by A Greener world as 100% Grass-fed and Animal Welfare Approved.

Calving Without the Waiting Room

As you know, we believe that healthy cattle begin with a healthy environment where the cattle can exhibit their natural behaviors. That philosophy also applies to calving season.

For us, that means allowing cows to calve naturally in the pasture. Cattle have been giving birth for thousands of years without barns, stalls, or complicated intervention. When a healthy cow is able to choose her surroundings to calve, she can follow many of her natural instincts. Pasture calving gives the cow room to move, find a comfortable location, and bond with her newborn. After birth, the calf can stand, nurse, and begin its first few hours of life in a familiar outdoor environment.



That early bonding period is important. A cow that is attentive to her calf and a calf that gets a strong start nursing are building the foundation for a productive pair.

Calving can be a stressful time, particularly when animals are confined in crowded facilities or frequently moved. Providing adequate pasture space allows cows to separate themselves from the herd when they want privacy and reduces unnecessary handling. Fresh air, open space, and the ability to move naturally are simple things, but they can make a meaningful difference in the calving environment.

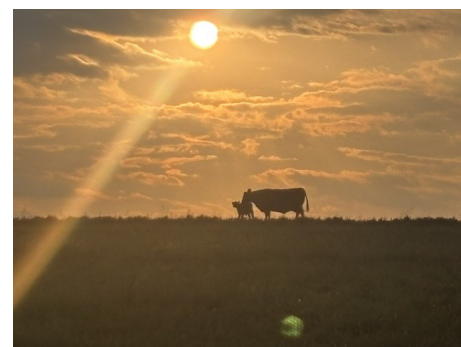
Of course, natural calving doesn't mean ignoring the herd. We check on the herd at least twice a day during calving season to observe our cattle closely, watching for cows that need assistance and making sure newborn calves are up, nursing, and getting the attention they need.

Natural calving also fits our broader approach to grass-fed beef production: working with the natural behavior of the animal and make good use of the resources provided by the land. Well-managed pasture provides cattle with space to graze, exercise, and move as a herd. When calving takes place in that same environment, the cow and calf remain part of the pasture-based system from the beginning.

Of course, every herd has challenging calving situations, and natural calving isn't about refusing intervention—it is about allowing

healthy animals to do what they are naturally capable of doing while being ready to step in when/if necessary.

Having the right genetics is important as well. We have smaller framed cattle and we select our bulls that rated high for calving ease. By selecting cattle suited to our environment and managing them carefully, we strive to maintain a herd that can calve efficiently with minimal assistance. The goal is simple: observe closely, intervene when needed, and otherwise let the cow do what she was designed to do.



When the conditions are right, allowing cows to calve naturally gives them the space to express their natural instincts and gives calves a simple, natural beginning. For us, that's what grass-fed beef is about: raising cattle in a way that respects the animal, makes good use of the land, and keeps the natural rhythms of the herd at the center of what we do.

Beef Updates:

BULK BEEF

Whole, half, or quarter beef

- We are sold out of our 2026 beef.. If you were on the waiting list and were not contacted, we will keep you on the waiting list for 2026. We will not take orders for 2026 until January.
- Please contact us with any questions.

RETAIL BEEF

Cuts directly from MJ Ranch

- We have a supply of organ meat (liver, heart, tongue) here at the ranch for sale and the price is right. If interested, please contact Joyce at mj ranch66044@gmail.com or at 785-865-2503.
- Joyce is introducing some tallow products. Contact her for more information.



What's New on the Ranch

We have finished hauling all of our fall beef. Overall, the average hanging weight was an all-time record for us. That was due to all the rainy weather this year and the great grass/forage available to the calves. This translated to some very high quality beef. We are so grateful to all of our loyal customers and greatly appreciate all the positive feedback we have received this year. We hope you enjoy your beef this year!

Calving season is wrapping up. At one point we had 22 calves with 17 males and only 5 females. All this in a year when we were hoping to save more heifers to grow the herd. I looked it up and the chance of this happening was 1 in 159 or 0.6%. As they used to say on Hee-Haw...if it weren't for bad luck I would have no luck at all...



Our beef is all 2-year old, 100% grass-fed Angus beef, that has **never** been fed grain, always been kept on pasture, never in a feedlot, no growth hormones or antibiotics, and always been given humane care....as certified by A Greener World. We have 2 certifications: Animal Welfare Approved (humane care) & Certified Grass-fed (fed only grass/hay)!



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