

Enhancing Profitability & Sustainability through Innovative Grazing Management

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“Passionate Ranching”



Radical Ranching With A Passion

- 1600 Head in One Herd
- Forage Bridge System
- Horses Work Best For Us
- We Pencil Everything



Goal:

To lower cost by improving operating efficiencies...

“There is a better way to be a good steward of what God has entrusted to our care.”

“Not everyone gets to do this”
-Yates



Who...

What...

Where...



Cow-Calf Operations Southeastern Oklahoma

Middle Creek Ranch

- 15,000 Deeded Acres
- 1000 Females

Adcock Ranch

- 1440 Acres
- 140 Females
- Expected Expansion in the near future



People...make the difference

- Understand the Vision
- Willing to Try
- Willing to do it Differently



Internship Program

- **Began in 2007**
- **Administered by Samuel Roberts Noble Foundation**
- **One Current College Student Each Summer**
- **Outstanding Relationships Formed**





People have to be open-minded
and be willing to try new
approaches to old problems!

Our Management

- Breeding
- Calving
- Open Cow Marketing?
- Weaning.....
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Mob Mentality

- **The Cow**

- Type

- Size

- Color

- **Efficiency**

- **Running Age Cows**

- **Wet First Calvers**

- **Bred Heifers**



Grazing Management



Grazing Management

- Rest Period...
 - 60 Days to 50 Weeks
- Strip Grazing
- Forage Bridges
- Use of Electric Fences to Extend Rest

-Flexibility-

Paradigm Shift Traditional Practices

Stocking Rate : 4 Acre/Hd

<u>Practice</u>	<u>Cost/Unit</u>	<u>Remarks</u>	<u>Total Cost</u>
Spray	\$ 11.40	Acre (Cim. Max)	\$ 912
Fertilizer	55/Acre	550/ton	4400
Baling	26/bale	Custom	2080
Feed	340/ton	150 days @ 5lb/hd	2550
Labor	10/hr	75 feed days (.5 hr)	1125
Fuel/Mileage	.56/mile	5 mile/trip @ 75 trips	210
Mineral	28/Hd		560
Land Cost	20/Acre	Rent	1600
Cost Summary	\$ 671.85/head		\$ 13437
85% Calf Crop Weaned	\$595	500lb@\$700/hd	\$11,900
Margin	-76.85/head		-1537.00

Progressive Management

Stocking Rate – 6.6 acre/hd

<u>Practice</u>	<u>Cost/Unit</u>	<u>Remarks</u>	<u>Total Cost</u>
Spray	\$ 11.40	Acre (Cim. Max)	\$ 912
Labor	10/hr	Once/week (1.5 hr)	780
Fuel/Mileage	.56/mile	5 mile/trip @ 52 trips	145.60
Mineral	28/Hd		560
Land Cost	20/Acre	Rent	1600
Cost Summary	\$ 333.13/head		\$ 3997.60
85% Calf Crop Weaned	\$595	500lb@\$700/hd	\$ 7140
Margin	\$ 261.86/head		\$ 3142.40

-Return- Stockers or Cows?

Adcock Ranch Budget Example

Stocking Rate 10acre/hd

Keep 14-20% Replacements

<u>Item</u>	<u>Remarks</u>	<u>Total Cost</u>
Land Cost	1440 ac. @ \$9.63/Acre	\$ 13,800
Mineral	\$28/hd	3920
Vet Expense	\$8/hd	1120
Transportation	4 Loads @ \$400each	1600
Seed	Turnips/Wheat	2500
Fertilizer	\$550/Ton	2750
Fuel		1400
Repairs		1000
Fencing		500
	Total Expense	\$ 28,590
	Exp./Hd @ 140 hd	\$204.21

Money on the Table?

Should I really be retaining the calves as stockers to eat up my cow grass?

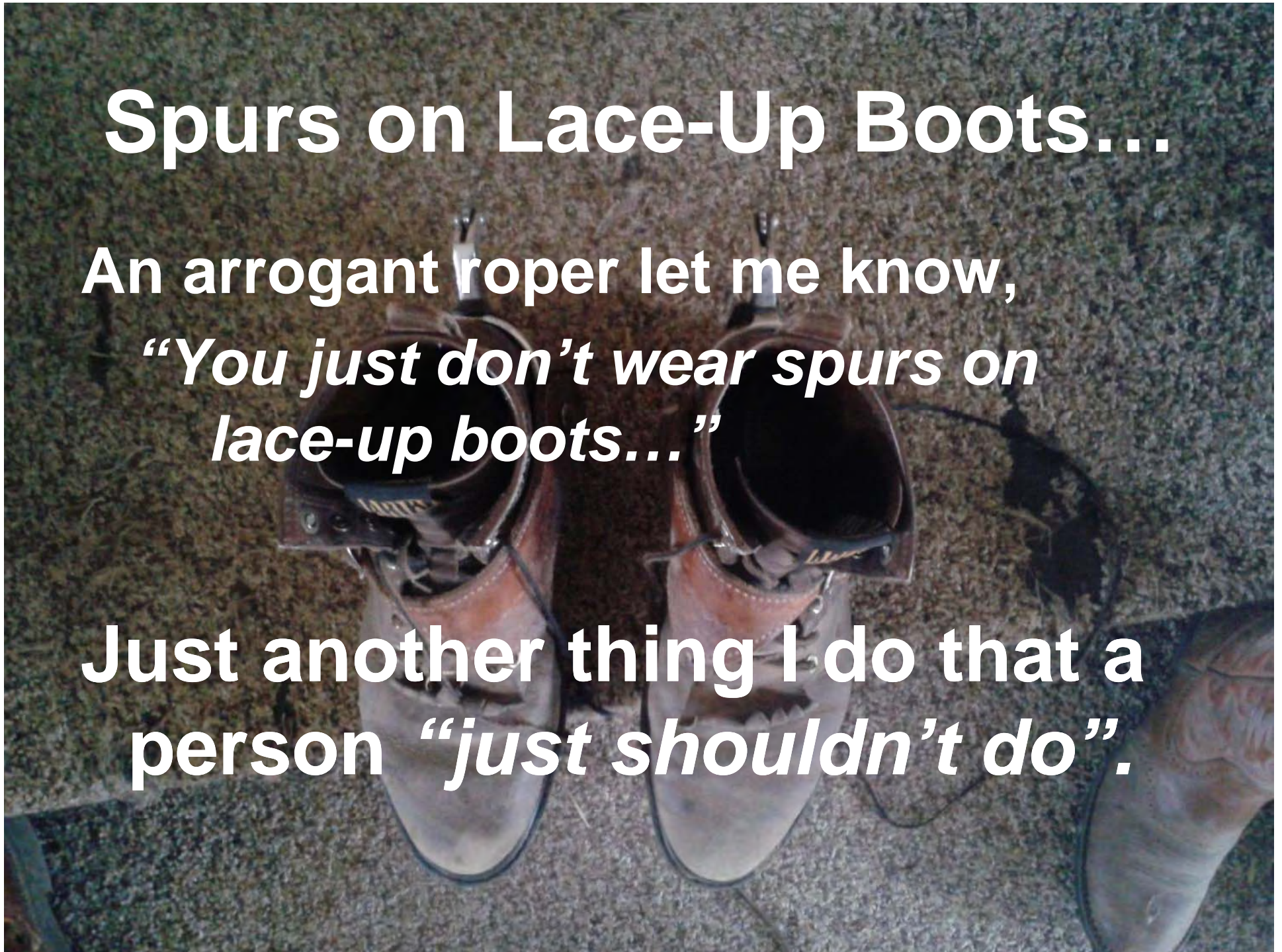
Weaned Calf @ 500 wt	\$ 700
Exp./Hd @ 140 hd	204.21
Profit Per Hd	\$495.79
Profit per Acre @ 10 Acre/Cow	\$50

Spurs on Lace-Up Boots...

An arrogant roper let me know,

*“You just don’t wear spurs on
lace-up boots...”*

Just another thing I do that a
person *“just shouldn’t do”*.





-- A Neighbor Asked --

- *“How in the world do you have so much grass on that place?”*
- *Feb. 2012 – “You still haven’t started feeding cubes and hay yet?”*

I just smile and say “We’re Blessed!”

