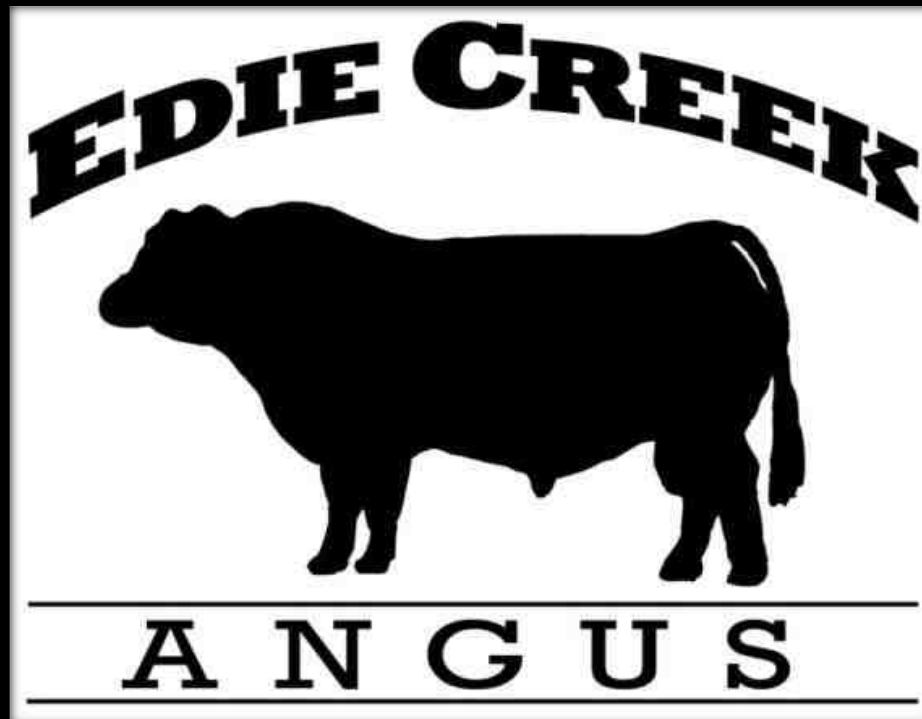


# “A Journey from Feedlot to Grass Farming”

Grass & Green in 2016

7<sup>th</sup> Annual CFGA Conference – Winnipeg, MB 2016

Virtual Farm Tour: Edie Creek Angus - Jonathan Bouw, Anola, MB



**Breeding Maternal Angus cattle that thrive on **FORAGES** alone!**

# Our Farm History:

- Hogs → Shipping Cream (dairy) → Beef Cattle
- 1500 head feedlot (hard on facilities & equipment...)
- 500 head feedlot → BSE hits (OUCH!!)
- Growing Cow/Calf Operation → Purebred Angus Herd

## Today:

- Grass-Finishing Beef, Pastured, grain-finished Lamb, Organic Grain (300 acres Grain / 400 acres Forages / 1,000 acres of rotationally grazed pasture)
- **Moderate, Maternal, Easy Calving, Easy Fleshing** – breeding bulls for grass farmers!
- 150 Cows, 35 bulls sold from BC & Alberta to Saskatchewan & Manitoba to Quebec & New Brunswick in the past 9 years



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# We are Grateful to Our Parents:

Herman and Marilyn Bouw, for wanting us to farm with them, and inviting us to join them in the new corporate structure as we plan for the future.





# Stefan & Family



Stefan, Kendra, Jaxon (7), Mikaya (5), Alexa (3), Micah (8 mo.)



# Jonathan's Family



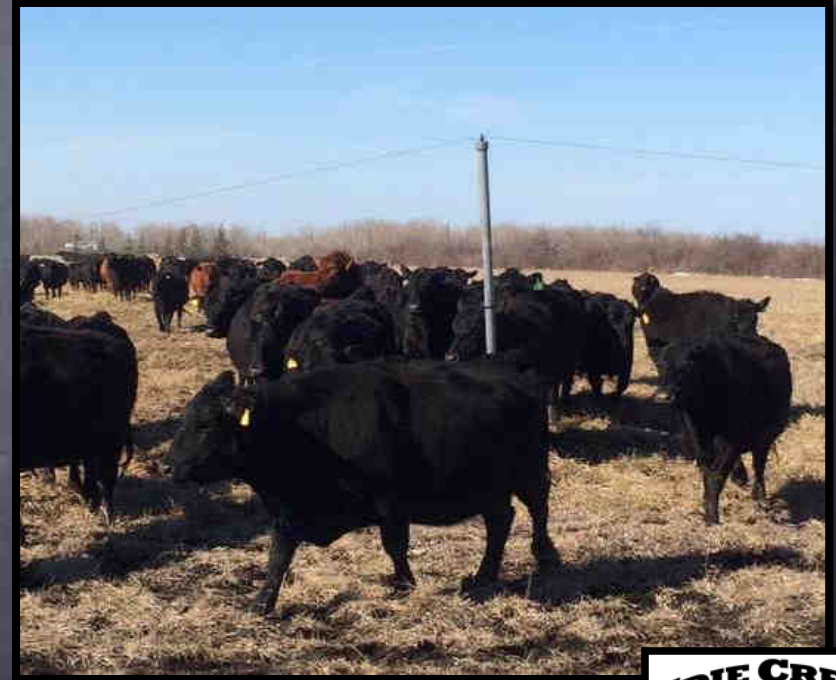
Jonathan, Eileen, Lucille (4.5) & Karis (2.5), Lukas & Kian (5 days old!)



Forages are the **lowest-risk** crop we can grow.  
How do you optimize what you  
do best at?



Edie Creek Angus cows crossing the Edie Creek!  
It took 6 guys and one poly wire around them, 30 mins  
for 2 miles- record time! Let Calving 2016 Begin!



We slide a 8' tall PVC pipe onto a steel T-post to make "gates" from the water alley.





Always have more power than you think you need!



Had a helpful little owl assisting with bull drop off for Edie Creek Angus Bulls on their way to Savona, BC with H.S. Knills trucking

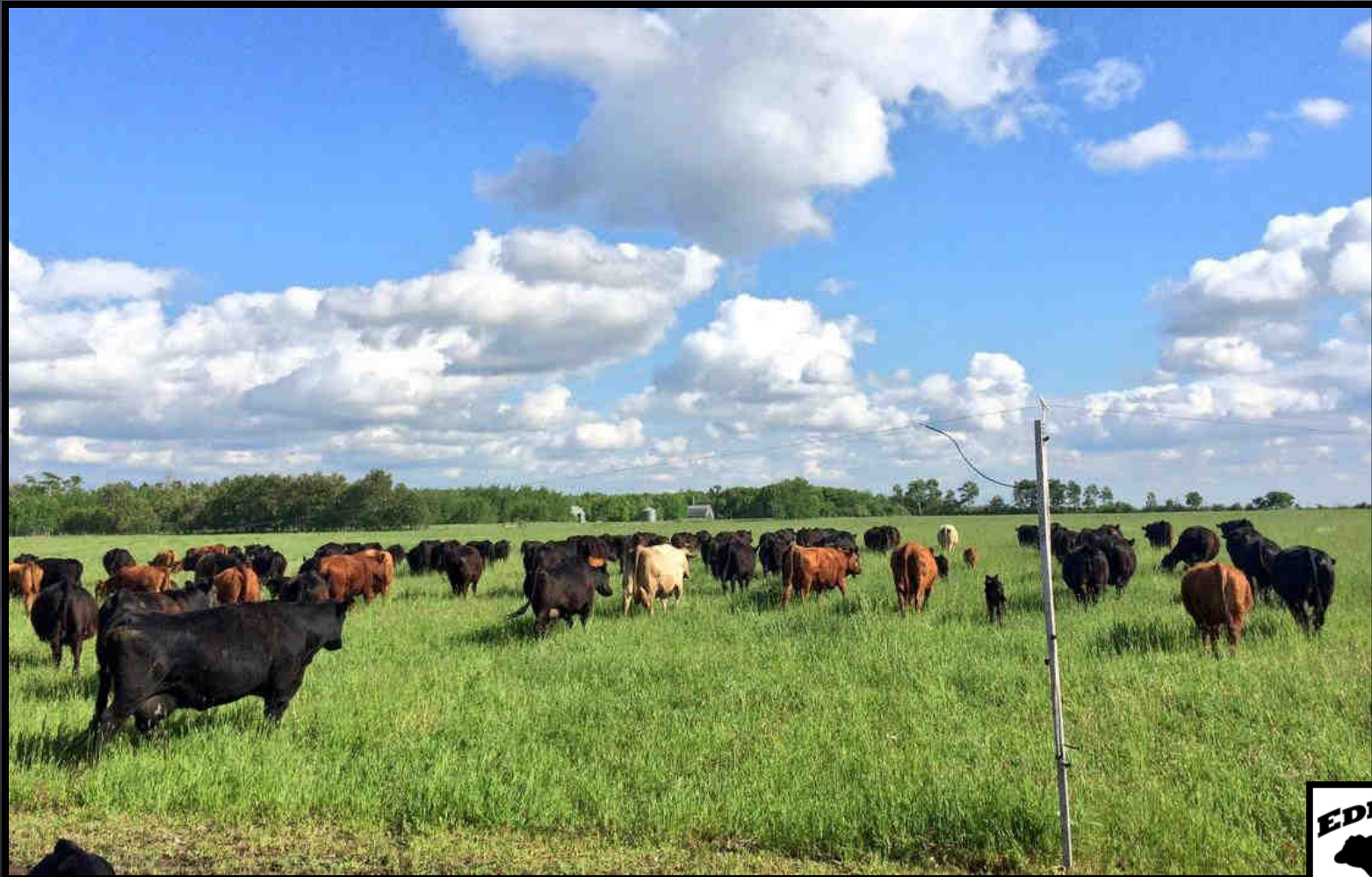


Behind the cows is the residue left behind after bale grazing & paddock to the right is last year's bale grazing paddock, calves can walk under the fence and find fresh grass to eat and sleep in.





June 1<sup>st</sup> Cows and calves can finally start Grazing grass for the year.



30-ft swaths nearly as tall as the quad fenders  
for silage. Certified Organic, heavily manured.  
Last year nearly 8T/ac wet!





Up to 7, 1300lb bales on a 1/2 mile row (30 ft swath)! one benefit of late 1st cut is quantity!

Quality Not So Much!

The hay rake has saved time and \$





Neighbors last years hay bales for next springs bale grazing on the calving pasture.





# Turning a perfectly good hayfield into a pasture! What will the neighbor's think? Summer 2015





Fresh break of grass for our embryo recip. group  
after ANOTHER INCH+ of rain.





Back in beautiful Morden, MB for a bull semen collection appointment - OCC Easy Red 868A



Truckload of mostly urbanites came for a great little "Open Farm Tour" of Edie Creek Angus.





Dandelions-what an obnoxious weed. What an obnoxious, highly palatable, 2' tall, 18% protein weed!





Moving some panels and a chute to the current cow herd pasture for AI'ing on natural heats. The quad is fully loaded and ready for another couple weeks of AI!





Gave the cows their daily dose of Vitamin "G"-  
Grass! (& alfalfa, clovers, trefoil etc...)





Soon going to need a "lift kit" for the quad so we can see where anything is around here! When the cattle leave here, the mat left behind really feeds the soil!





Good thing they're getting small paddocks,  
otherwise the 2017 Sale Bulls might get lost in that  
6.5'+ clover!





After a few moves it looks like this!  
It took 27 days for 55 yearling Bulls to graze 20  
acres (daily moves)



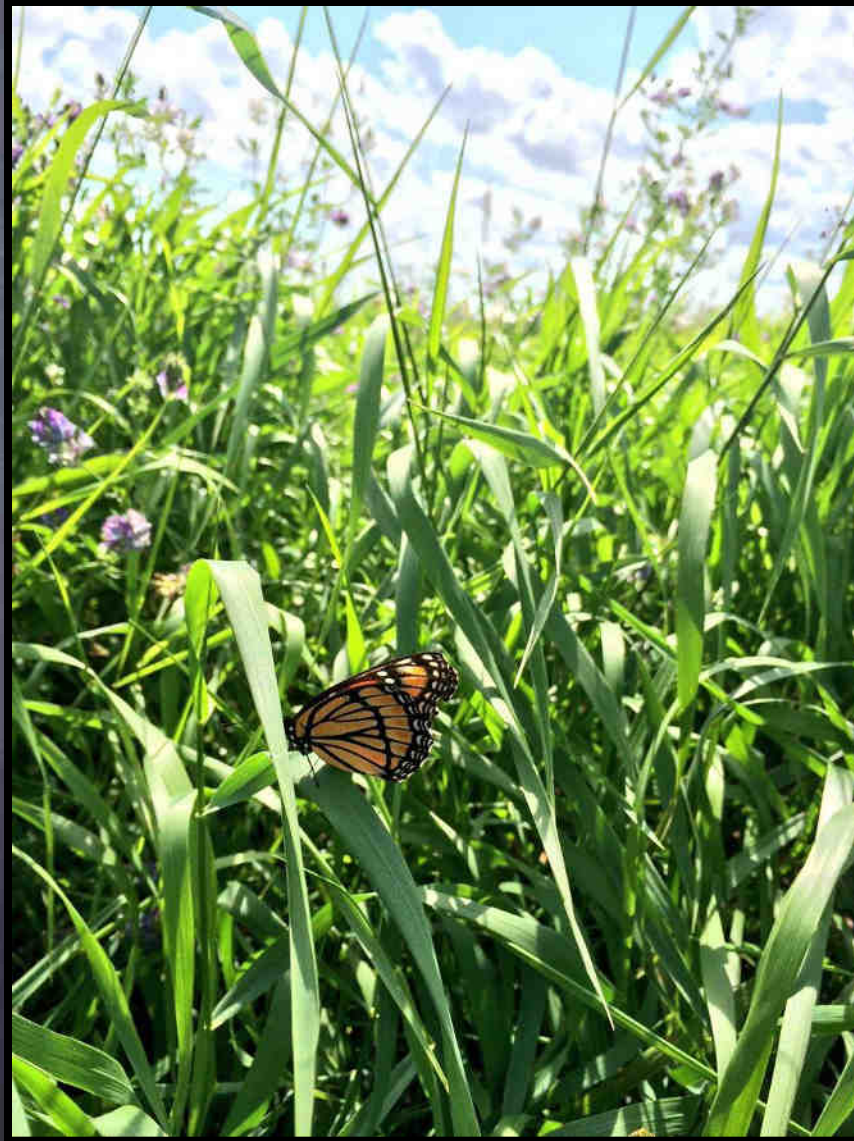


Almost done our 1st over graze-good thing there is  
so much material, helps them float on our flat  
saturated Gumbo





Found this Monarch butterfly hiding from the 50km  
wind gusts in our Alfalfa/grass pasture!

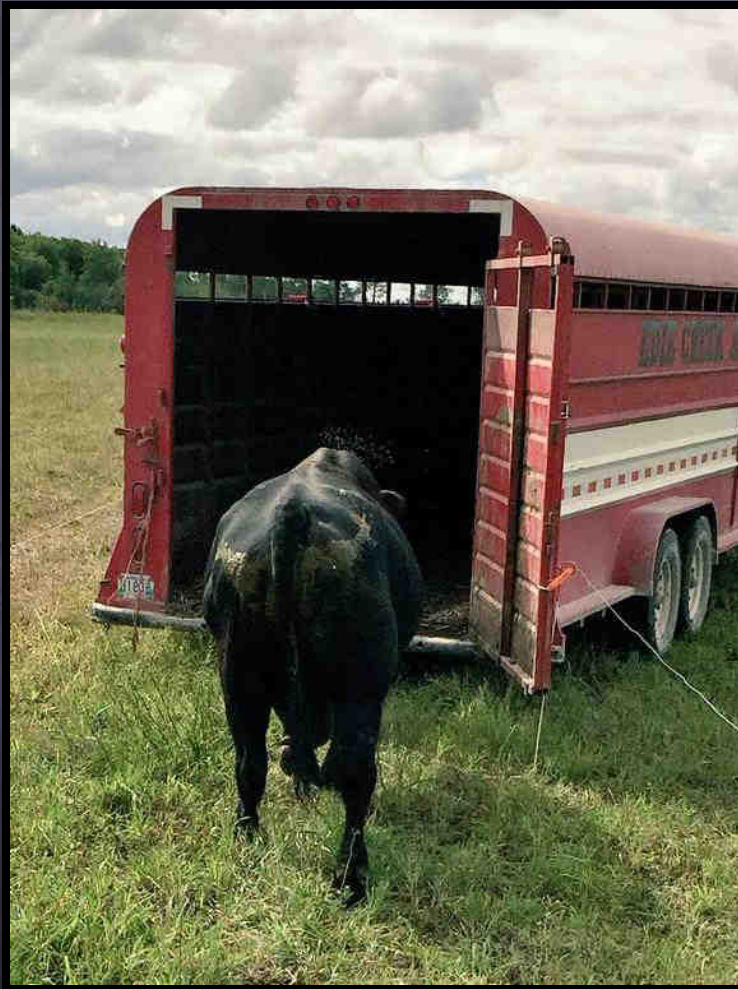


Can't wait to do DNA and find out who sired this  
beauty heifer!  
#MultiSireBreeding #Angus





3rd cycle on the Purebred cows goes to the Fleckvieh bull. Increase the fertility of the herd by only keeping purebred replacements from first 42 days





Bit of a purple haze coming up through our organic wheat. Hairy vetch, alsike & sweet clover companion crops.





There is a CRAZY amount of grass growing here where we bale grazed last winter. If u haven't tried it yet, DO IT!!





Fall 2016 Road Trip to ranches in:  
North Dakota – Montana – Wyoming - Nebraska





2017 Sale Bulls finished their 1<sup>st</sup> pass of grazing on Oct. 10<sup>th</sup>. Healthy soil and moisture kept it green!



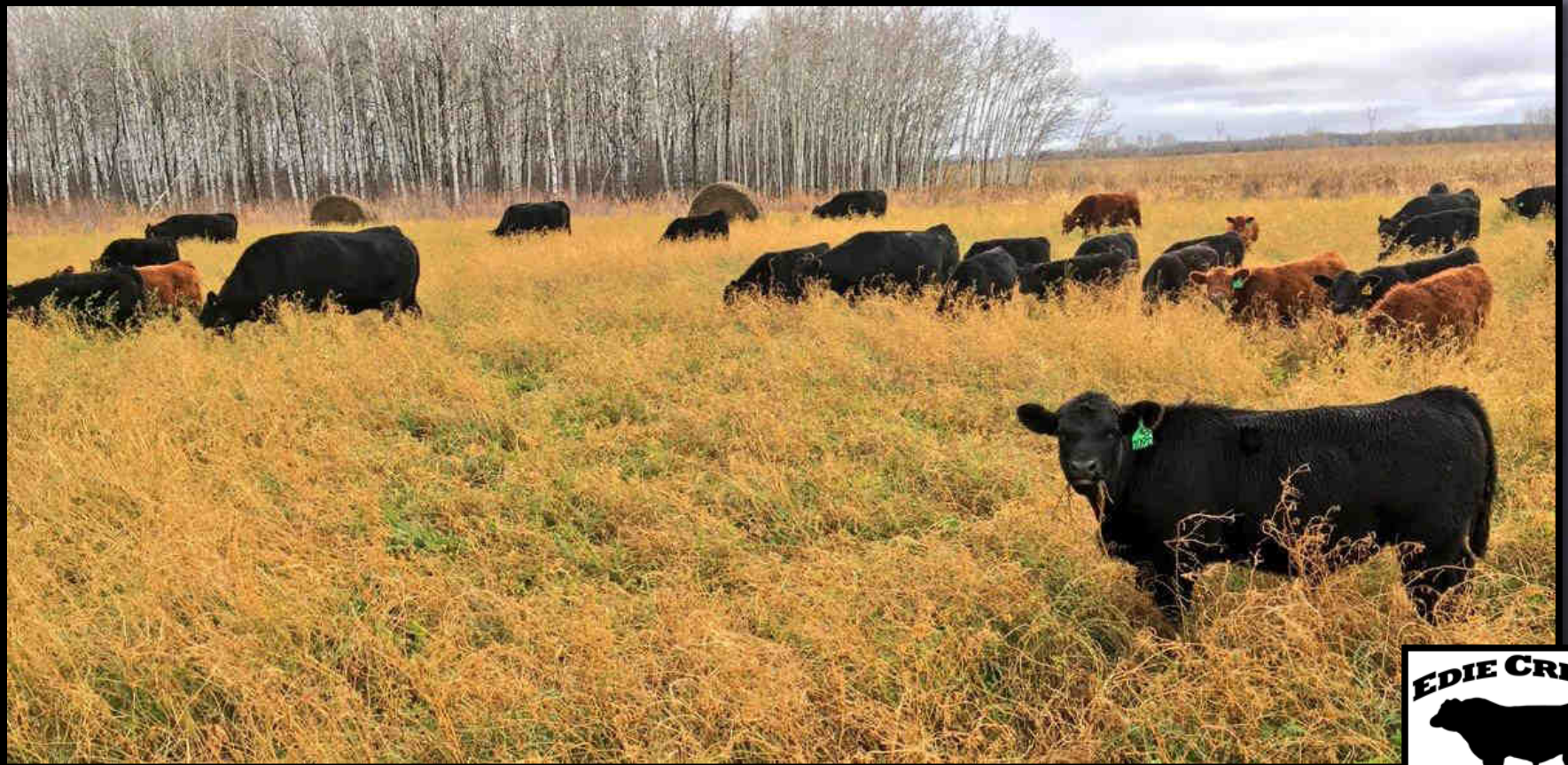


Electric fencing: a favourite job on our ranch--  
means more grazing, less haying in the future!  
#forages #Angus





November 1<sup>st</sup>: "progressive bale grazing"--First time trying this: 1st cut bales left where they drop, second cut re-grows around the bales & let the cows and calves do the work!



Another great benefit of spring calving- calves stay  
on the cows through the tough fall weather.  
#NatureKnowsBest





Mid December cows start bale grazing. No tractors start for them. They bed and feed them selves, while spreading manure every day. Seriously improving the land.



String comes off best before it freezes on, but you can always use your snowmobile!





9YR OLD WALKING HERDSIRE

**MH TITAN 752**

OCC GREATPLAINS X OCC HOMER



**BLACK & RED ANGUS**

**RUGGED 2YR OLD BULLS**

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**March 12<sup>th</sup>, 2017**  
**10<sup>th</sup> Annual Edie**  
**Creek Angus Bull**  
**Sale**



2016 High Seller, sold to VeeTee Angus, Lloydminster, AB



Middle of April: Time to start the yearly cycle again.  
Calving is a great way to kick it off!

