

Guadalupe County Livestock Producers Organization

Cooperator



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Calf Sale 2007

By Max Tenorio

Many GCLPO members and a few non-members sold and shipped their calves on October 22, 2007 to Mr. Mike Wolf of Canutillo, Texas. Because of the drought and the late shipping date there were not as many calves shipped as we had last year. This year there were four hundred thirty-four calves sold. Although the calf weights were slightly lighter than last year, all the sellers were very happy with the money the calves brought. On the day of delivery the price we contracted for in July was about ten cents above the market price, not to mention the savings on fuel, time, commissions, shrinkage, and other unexpected expenses such as break-downs, etc. This has turned out to be a very good calf-marketing scheme for us.

While we are on this topic of shipping I would like to thank everyone involved, but especially those individuals who went beyond their call of duty to assure that everything went well the day of the sale. Bill Ortiz, as always, was leading the pack of volunteers: Thank you so much for all your help but especially for tailoring the computer program that made it possible for us to get paid and have all the information that pertained to our calves, shortly after they were weighed. Ms. Joan Ortiz and Ms. Yolanda Tenorio were there all day running the computer program and providing the data to Mr. Wolf. Mr. Rick Flores and Mr.

John Higgins and his grandchildren were seen pushing calves and helping the buyer at the corrals all day. Mr. Jerry Gallegos was there the whole day making sure things ran as scheduled. It is becoming an annual thing for Jerry. We would also like to extend a very special thanks to Mr. Gino Lujan, Mr. Kurt Kelling, and Ms. Leighann Mares for preparing outstanding hamburgers and arranging to give out prizes. The food was made possible by the Farm Bureau Members fund, and the prizes were donations by Mr. Don Sultemeier and Mr. Knox Cortese. On behalf of all the GCLPO members I would like to thank you all very much.



Pioneers of Guadalupe County: Julian López

In every newsletter we try to feature one of our old vaqueros. We feel that this legacy of ranching, for whatever it is worth, is owed to them. They are the ones who taught us how to survive and appreciate the good and the bad times in ranching. They are the pioneers of a challenging and sometimes harsh lifestyle: a lifestyle that helps feed the country and perhaps the world. In this newsletter we are featuring Mr. Julian López, as presented by his son Horacio López from Puerto de Luna.

Pablo López was born on January 13, 1844 in the Territory of New Mexico. He came to the territory with sixty-five other families and settled in Puerto de Luna, New Mexico in 1865.

Pablo moved to El Puerto Creek which is near Puerto de Luna and began ranching and raising a family.

Pablo's son, Andres López, was born on June 10, 1880 at El Puerto, Territory of New Mexico. He lived in his father's ranch and married Casiana Saiz on December 10, 1902.

Andres López acquired his own ranch and had three children. One of his sons, Julian López, was born on June 10, 1910 in the Territory of New Mexico. He took over his father's ranch and married Teofila Ocana in 1933. Teofila Ocana was a school teacher in Puerto de Luna, New Mexico.

Julian Lopez homesteaded at Puerto Creek and established a ranch. He moved his family to El Puerto Ranch in 1937. Julian and Teofila Lopez had twelve children, eight boys and four girls.

Julian and Teofila knew that it would be very hard for the ranch to support them and all of their offspring. The ranch was not big enough for a family of fourteen to make a living. They realized early on that their children would have to pursue an education. Julian and Teofila instilled the importance of an education very early on in their children's life. The education they would receive would enable them to be successful. Their dedication to their children's education was a noble endeavor which would bestow on all of them the blessings of a successful life.

To acknowledge the results of their hard work one need only point out the level of achievement of their children. The record shows them succeeding in many fields of professional employment, examples of which include a college president, a college professor, a superintendent of schools, several high government officials, several educators, and a real estate developer and general contractor.

Julian López's initial homestead and subsequent land acquisitions remain with one of the sons, who will someday pass this ranch to his offspring, thereby keeping the ranch in the López family since 1865.



Hay for Sale

There have been some members who do not need a semi load of hay and have requested if it is possible for GCLPO to purchase some hay as a group. We would like to order some hay for members at the best price possible. The hay would be pre-paid and delivered to the Guadalupe County Fair Grounds where it would be picked up on a specified date. We can have a semi load of hay delivered to Santa Rosa, and the price would be negotiated by GCLPO. The hay that we have learned about consists of 1400-lb square bales. There is some grass hay for \$130 per ton, some alfalfa/oat hay mix for \$135, or some straight oat hay for \$135. If you would like to buy some of the hay call Max Tenorio (799-8812) or Bill Ortiz (512-7020). Contact us as soon as possible, and we will let you know before we make any commitment. To make this possible we must purchase at least a semi load.



Questions You Might Have

- Is there a handy list of phone numbers for local services that I often need, like the feed stores, vets, livestock auctions, the extension office, and well services?
- I'd like some information on the 2007 Guadalupe County Fair livestock sale. Where can I find the details?
- Where can I find information on snakeweed control?
- How can I get a livestock bill of sale?
- I'd like to get free tax software. Where do I look?
- Is there a resource so that my son/daughter can find some ranch-related clipart to create a PowerPoint presentation for a school project?
- Where can I find information on various methods of mesquite control?
- I'd like to print out a blank vehicle bill of sale. What's the quickest way to do it?
- When is the vet clinic at the feed store?
- Where can I find a great cherry cobbler recipe?
- I'd like a handy weather watcher program for my computer, to check out forecasts and such. How can I get a good free one?
- Where can I find out some basic information regarding carbon credits?
- How can I order some windmill parts online?
- What are some considerations for prescribed burning?

The answers to all the above are **ON THE GCLPO WEB SITE!** Check it out if you haven't lately, at **www.gclpo.org**. And don't forget, if you haven't got access to a computer, the Extension Office has available computers for your use, and they will be happy to help you if you need assistance.

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The GCLPO staff is strictly a volunteer organization. None of the members charge for their time or services. The GCLPO would like to encourage all area producers to participate in special fund-raising events to help promote our area youth in agricultural endeavors.

If you would like to become an official member and be put on the quarterly newsletter mailing list, we would appreciate a \$20 annual donation. This would help with newsletter postage and printing, and would also finance the GCLPO web site to post newsletters, free classified ads, schedules of events, special promotions, etc. (The web site costs are minimal since we are maintaining the site ourselves.)

We would encourage all Guadalupe County Livestock Producers to become members. If you know of any producers that might like to become members, please have them contact us by phone, mail, or e-mail.

Please send your \$20 donation to GCLPO, P.O. Box 119, Santa Rosa, NM 88435.

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Keep the GCLPO Active by Paying 2008 Dues

It is that time of the year once again; time to pay our membership dues. Your renewed membership will be active until December 2008. We would encourage all of you to recruit at least one new member. Remember that there are many benefits if you are a member of GCLPO. You can sell your calves in the Fall at the contracted price with the rest of the members, advertise on the newsletter and website at no cost, and be kept abreast of any new developments that will affect you, the producer.