



Ranch Management Field Day

McCurry Angus Ranch, Reno County

Thursday, August 13, 2026



McCurry Angus Ranch is a fifth-generation, family-owned cow-calf operation situated in the sandhills near Hutchinson. The McCurry family focuses on raising and developing bulls for the commercial rancher by producing cattle with a blend of maternal and terminal traits. A primarily fall-calving herd means the McCurrys offer older bulls, allowing the ranch to use genetics they think are right, not just to get to an attractive sale weight. The ranch uses extensive artificial insemination and embryo transfer, data collection, and careful selection for curve-bender cattle—like selecting for weight, but not extra frame. McCurry Ranch females possess a balanced lineup of traits like heifer pregnancy, udder quality, foot scores, milk and calving ease, married with phenotypic qualities like structure, femininity and breed character.

»CattleFax Update

What is the situation and outlook for the cattle markets and what are the most important factors to watch? What will the U.S. cattle industry look like five, 10 and 20 years in the future? How will the global beef production trends effect our future in the U.S. cattle industry? CattleFax Vice President of Industry Relations and Analysis Kevin Good will provide producers with these insights during the CattleFax update session.

»Woody Encroachment Panel

Dusty Tacha, Natural Resources Conservation Service state prescribed burn specialist, will lead a panel discussion featuring local producers and their perspectives on woody encroachment. The panel will discuss challenges area producers are facing when dealing with invasive plant species and woody encroachment, as well as their experiences in combating these plant types. Participants will have the opportunity to ask questions and gain knowledge on different practices that could be implemented on their operations.

»No Wire, No Problem: How McCurry Angus Ranch Is Grazing Smarter

Connor Chesky from Halter and John McCurry will walk participants through Halter's virtual fencing system in action on a working seedstock operation. Chesky and McCurry will discuss how the ranch is using Halter's GPS-enabled collars to manage grazing rotations and cut down on labor—all from a phone—along with the practical realities of adopting the technology on a large-scale, multi-generational operation.

Location

11007 E. Illinois Ave, Hutchinson, KS 67501

Directional signs will be posted.

From Hutchinson: - Head east on US Hwy 50 and travel approximately 7 miles. Turn south (right) onto S Haven Rd and travel approximately 1 mile. Turn east (left) onto E Illinois Ave. Travel approximately 3/4 mile to the destination.

Schedule

3:30 p.m. CT Registration

4:00 p.m. CT Welcome & Introductions

4:15 p.m. CT Educational Sessions

7:00 p.m. CT Dinner

From Burrton: Head west on US Hwy 50 and travel approximately 5 miles. Turn south (left) onto S Haven Rd and travel approximately 1 mile. Turn east (left) onto E Illinois Ave. Travel approximately 3/4 mile to the destination.

Questions about the field day?

Contact KLA at (785) 273-5115 or email taylor@kla.org.

