January has never been a favorite month of mine and the way it started this year all but confirms the fact that I really don't have much use for the month. There is the let down from all the holiday hoopla, tax day is just around the corner and the weather is just gloomy. Although rainy weather for this state (California) should have us all dancing a jig, I personally miss the sunshine. Not to mention doing chores and feeding cattle in mud up to your shins is a pain. Nope just not a big January fan at all with just one exception, and that is this year, I will be attending the Wagyu show at the National Western. I'm looking forward to seeing old friends and having the opportunity to meet new Wagyu supporters.

While we didn't have the "Mile High Sale" this year, I'm looking forward to 2017 when we can once again do it up right. I really like the excitement in the yards and the camaraderie that takes place between breeders that have brought cattle to the show. It's that solidarity that will set this breed apart from so many others, because without it, you only lose ground. We continue to have waves of phone calls to this office from folks who are interested in getting started in the breed and/or who questions about whom they can visit with to make purchases. We do our best in giving them the American Wagyu Association number as a good start to hit the ground running. It is this kind of interest that everyone needs to nurture in the most selfless manner possible.

Yes, I will get through January but only because I'm going to have one heck of a good time mid-month with some of the better folks on the planet. Since we are planning to make the trip to Houston this year to take in the Wagyu show, I'll still have something to look forward to as El Nino is promising us tons of spring mud. See many of you soon.

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