

2018 LIVESTOCK SKILL-A-THON SENIOR

A Mountain West Cattle Rancher is looking to expand his cow herd by an additional 100 head of mothers cows. However, the herd he is looking to purchase has calving dates that are not aligned with his current calving time. This would make his hired hands have to night check for an extended period of time.

He had heard that using drones can be an effective way to check cows and could make it so they could handle the extended calving time frame with the same amount of hired help. Share the pros and cons of utilizing drones in this type of agricultural setting. Would you recommend purchasing the drones or hire additional calving help.