

## Social/Economic Services and **Demography** of **Rangelands and Pastoralists** in **North America Barry Irving** Retired, University of Alberta Agricultural Research Station Manager

## Marketing Beef

- Beef in North America is not supply managed, it is market managed.
- Cost of production is critical
- Integration with other agriculture is the rule
- Niche marketing is attractive, but has its challenges

## Demographic Risk and Reward

 Risk – high capital costs, meagre profit margins, attractive alternatives and more.
Reward – lifestyle, land appreciation

Mitigating Risk – off ranch income, economy of scale, niche marketing
Reward Enhancement – multi generation, leverage

## Conclusion

Ranchers (pastoralists) will always be challenged, but.....
Hope and opportunity springs eternal

