

1 Q. Can you remember what years were "the good
2 years"?

3 A. Okay.

4 Q. And just so I understand, that's tied to
5 rainfall, if I'm not mistaken.

6 A. That is correct, yes. 1995 was the end
7 of -- it was the beginning of the drought. 1991 was
8 dry, but just one year was dray. Otherwise, it was
9 what we called good; I mean, normal. It did what we
10 expected.

11 Q. What about the '80s?

12 A. The '80s were -- they were fine.

13 Q. Okay. So when you started working with
14 your dad in the middle '80s, your ranch was running
15 about 500 cows and 500 yearlings?

16 A. Correct.

17 Q. And that's for the entire ranch, over the
18 140 sections?

19 A. Correct.

20 Q. Can you tell me how the cow operation --
21 can you walk me through basically how a cow
22 operation works in a given year?

23 A. Well, we would calf March, April, May. We
24 would ship November, wean the calves and ship them.

25 Q. So all the calves that were born in March,