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## **Country Artists As Emotionally Torn** By Impeachment As Their Fan Base



Lee Greenwood might need to rewrite "God Bless the U.S.A." Nearly three years into a divisive presidency, the 53rd annual Country Music Association Awards coincided with the start of impeachment hearings on Nov. 13. Judging from the reaction of the genre's artists, the opening line in Greenwood's chorus-

"I'm proud to be an American"-is still a prominent belief. But "I'm frustrated to be an American" is hard on its heels as a replacement.

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An unscientific red-carpet poll of the creative com-

munity about the hearings found a wide range of awareness, from Rosanne Cash, who said she was "passionate" about watching them, to a slew of artists who barely knew they were happening. But the biggest bloc of acts - including Michael Ray, Kathy Mattea and LOCASH - are worn-down, abused patriots who want to stay abreast of the country's future but are challenged emotionally by the flood of falsehoods and the competing narratives that emanate from the capital.

"It's the weirdest, weirdest emotion," said Ingrid Andress. "This country is – phoof. Help us."

Country music, more than any other genre, is closely associated with the heartland, and one of the basic tenets in the format is the bond between artist and fan, often cemented because performers frequently reflect the lifestyle and core values of the audience. Thus, those artists' viewpoints seem relevant in the current climate, and it's particularly discouraging that they have a difficult time even settling on reality.

"It's he said/she said," said LOCASH's Chris Lucas. "I don't know who to believe or what to believe. There's two sides, and the two sides have figured out how to work [the media].'



as an adult.

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Cash's father, Johnny Cash, was an outspoken supporter of inclusive values, challenging the ruling class in his 1970 single

"What Is Truth." Just two years later, Rosanne campaigned as a teenager for Democrat George McGovern in his bid to unseat Richard Nixon in the White House, and she has consistently stood up for progressive policies and politicians

"I've always been interested [in politics]," she said. "My dad was the first radio operator to tell the brass that [Russian dictator Joseph | Stalin was dead. I mean, it's just kind of hardwired in my family that we really care about these things."

Crystal Gayle, by contrast, played rallies for George H.W. Bush during the 1988 election, and though she acknowledged wide dissatisfaction with President Donald Trump, she took issue with the impeachment track.

"I just wish they'd leave everything alone and start doing the business we put them in there to do," she said. "To me, vote him out in a year. Why go through all this?'



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But messiness is part of democracy, and America seems to need a good impeachment-level clash about every 20 years. Sen. **Joe McCarthy** — whose attorney, **Roy Cohn**, would go on to advise Trump — whipped up fears that Russian-bred Communists had infiltrated the intelligence community in the 1950s before he was censured and died in disgrace. Nixon resigned in 1974 after a failed robbery by Republican operatives at the Watergate Hotel led to a coverup and likely impeachment. **Bill Clinton** survived a 1998 impeachment that followed lies about a sexual relationship. The current mess has seen Trump — viewed by 65% of Americans as dishonest, according to a Quinnipiac poll — repeatedly engage or encourage foreign powers to influence U.S. elections on his behalf.

Media and marketing strategies have matured over time, and the rise of Fox News and other conservative media have created a rift in America's beliefs.

"I remember watching the Watergate hearings when I'd come home from school in the afternoons," says Mattea, "but it seems so much more amped up now. I have to pick and choose when and how and what to watch and listen to. I want to get the information, but I don't want to stew in it like a tea bag. I don't think it's good for me. I have to wait till I'm feeling resilient."

Some younger artists — such as **Morgan Wallen**, **HARDY** and **Russell Dickerson**, who does not even have a cable subscription — adamantly avoided the hearings. **Jimmie Allen** saw more value in being a father than tuning in to a process he can't control.

"I'm not a judge, I'm not a jury in this case, so my input or my thoughts on what's happening right there does not affect the outcome," he said. "Do I watch this? Or do I go hang with my son?"

Songwriter **Shane McAnally** ("One Man Band," "Get Along") is similarly encouraged by his kids to turn off the news, though he has become addicted to the drama.

"What they've done so well — and to the dismay of probably the rest of us — is they've made it so sensational that it feels like you're watching fiction," said McAnally.

But the truth is that two polarized tracks have pulled well-intentioned Americans in the heartland into separate corners where they have a difficult time understanding — or trusting — each other.

"We [should] look at each other as brother and sister and just respect other views," said Ray. "You don't have to agree with me, and I don't have to agree with you, but we can still go have a beer together and hang out and that thing. That's what we need to get back to."

Whether or not "I'm proud to be an American" ever rings as true again as it has before, the issues of the current moment are certain to affect the nation's future.

"We're in a critical crisis in this nation's history," said Rosanne Cash. "How could you not pay attention? When your grandkids ask you what you were doing during this time, you want to at least say, 'I paid attention.'"

No matter how much attention we pay now, the era is likely to reverberate for decades.

"It's like a mystery novel — 'What happened today?' " said Maren Morris. "I can't wait to see the movie."





Blanco Brown performed his single "The Git Up" when he made his Grand Ole Opry debut at Nashville's Ryman Auditorium on Nov. 19. From left: BMG Nashville executive vp recorded music Jon Loba, Opry vp/ executive producer Dan Rogers, Brown and Opry Entertainment Group director of artist relations and programming strategy Jordan Pettit.



Luke Combs (center) performed at the iHeart Theater in New York on Nov. 20. He's flanked by iHeartMedia executive vp country programming Rod Phillips (left) and president of entertainment enterprises John Sykes.



Gabby Barrett performed at WKDF Nashville's Rhythm and Boots show on Nov. 19. From left: NASH PD John Shomby, Barrett, assistant PD/midday host Tyler Reese and Warner Music Nashville regional manager for WAR radio and streaming Tom Starr.

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## Lady Antebellum Sails Onto Top Country Albums; Keith Urban, Dan + Shay And Justin **Bieber Add Top 10s**



Lady Antebellum's Ocean debuts at No. 2 on Billboard's Top Country Albums chart (dated Nov. 30) with 29,000 equivalent album units earned, including 21,000 in album sales, during its first week, ending Nov. 21, according to Nielsen Music.

URBAN RENEWAL Keith Urban earns his 39th Hot Country Songs top 10 as "We Were" (Hit Red/Capitol Nashville) lifts 12-10, marking his first top 10 since "Blue Ain't Your Color" led the tally for 12 weeks, becoming his 16th

Released Nov. 15 and produced by Dann Huff, Ocean is the trio's first album for BMLG Records, which is part of Big Machine Label Group.

Ocean is Lady A's 10th top 10 on Top Country Albums, with all 10 having debuted in the tier. The act boasts five No. 1s on the tally, with Ocean following the group's Heart Break, which debuted at No. 1 in July 2017 (53,000 equivalent albums; 47,000 sold).

Lady A, comprising Charles Kelley, Hillary Scott and Dave Haywood, first crowned Top Country Albums with its debut self-titled set, which opened at the apex with 43,000 copies sold in May 2008. Need You Now followed in 2010 with 481,000 sold in its first frame, marking Lady A's biggest sales week to date. The set ruled Top Country Albums for 31 weeks, the 10th-longest command in the chart's history and second-best among groups after the Dixie Chicks' Fly, which dominated for 36 frames starting in 1999.

Lady A led Top Country Albums again with Own the Night (2011) and Golden (2013). The holidaythemed On This Winter's Night peaked at No. 2 in 2012 and 2014's 747 took off at its No. 2 high.

Meanwhile, Ocean's lead single, "What If I Never Get Over You," pushes 8-6 on Country Airplay, up 6% to 25.7 million audience impressions in the week ending Nov. 24. On the airplay-, streaming- and sales-

based Hot Country Songs chart, the track holds at its No. 7 high, also totaling 5.5 million U.S. streams (up 30%) and 7,000 sold.

The group performed the song with pop singer-songwriter **Halsey** at the Country Music Association (CMA) Awards on Nov. 13 in a medley with the latter's current single, "Graveyard."

and longest-leading No. 1, starting in November 2016. (In between the two

tracks, he charted five entries that peaked between Nos. 11 and 38.)

"We" reaches the region with 4 million streams (up 32%) in the week ending Nov. 21 after Urban performed it at the CMA Awards (Nov. 13); it also rises 5-4 on Country Airplay, up 2% to 28.2 million in radio reach.

Urban rattled off 38 consecutive top 10s on Hot Country Songs through "Blue" (counting titles in lead roles officially promoted to country radio, excluding holiday fare), a streak that started with his second entry and first top 10, "Your Everything," which peaked at No. 4 in 2000.

TOP 10(000) Dan + Shay and Justin Bieber's "10,000 Hours" (Warner Music Nashville/WAR) enters the Country Airplay top 10 (12-10), gaining by 12% to 21.5 million impressions.

The collaboration is Dan + Shay's seventh Country Airplay top 10, a total that includes six No. 1s, starting with "Nothin' Like You," which led the list for a week in December 2015. The pair's most recent leader, "All to Myself," topped the Aug. 24 chart.

Pop superstar Bieber collects his first Country Airplay top 10 in his first visit. (The ballad also bullets at No. 12 on Adult Pop Songs, No. 15 on Pop Songs

and No. 16 on Adult Contemporary.)

The track tops Hot Country Songs for a seventh week, as it likewise controls Country Streaming Songs for a seventh frame (15.8 million U.S. streams) and places at No. 2 on Country Digital Song Sales (10,000 sold), which it led for two weeks.

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on the two-week #1 single, "Even Though I'm Leaving"

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THIS	LAST	WKS ON		AUDIENCE (I			PLAYS	
WEEK	WEEK	CHART	TITLE Imprint/Label Artist EVENTHOUGH I'M LEAVING River House/Columbia Nashville ** No. 1 (2 weeks) ** Luke Combs	THIS WEEK	+/-	THIS WEEK	+/-	RANK
0	1	16		41.793	+0.331	8329	175	1
0	2	24	ONE MAN BAND RCA Nashville Old Dominion	38.792	+1.104	8002	368	2
8	3	21	REMEMBER YOU YOUNG Valory Thomas Rhett	32.301	+1.040	6684	391	3
4	5	28	WE WERE Hit Red/Capitol Nashville Keith Urban	28.204	+0.535	6022	208	4
5	4	39	GOOD VIBES Warner Music Nashville/WAR Chris Janson	26.148	-1.929	4831	-320	9
6	8	28	WHAT IF I NEVER GET OVER YOU BMLG Lady Antebellum	25.735	+1.537	5540	513	7
0	7	26	HEARTACHE MEDICATION Capitol Nashville Jon Pardi	25.693	+1.146	5631	354	5
8	10	35	RIDIN' ROADS Broken Bow ** Most Increased Audience ** Dustin Lynch	25.396	+2.858	5623	591	6
9	9	20	TIP OF MYTONGUE Blue Chair/Warner Music Nashville/WEA Kenny Chesney	23.391	-0.305	5246	139	8
0	12	8	10,000 HOURS Warner Music Nashville/WAR Dan + Shay & Justin Bieber	21.518	+2.332	4345	531	11
0	13	7	KINFOLKS MCA Nashville Sam Hunt	21.090	+1.907	4359	385	10
Ø	15	11	WE BACK Macon/Broken Bow Jason Aldean	16.687	+1.060	3747	133	12
₿	16	44	MAKE ME WANT TO Stoney Creek Jimmie Allen	16.236	+1.083	3660	193	13
0	18	16	HOMESICK Zone 4/RCA Nashville ** Airpower ** Kane Brown	14.261	+1.085	3294	422	15
G	17	23	DIVE BAR Pearl Garth Brooks & Blake Shelton	14.195	+0.381	3345	164	14
16	19	5	WHAT SHE WANTS TONIGHT         Capitol Nashville <b>* * Airpower * *</b> Luke Bryan	13.621	+1.153	2954	400	19
Ð	22	14	THE BONES         Columbia Nashville         ★★ Most Added ★★         Maren Morris	13.378	+2.478	2699	586	21
18	20	15	HELL RIGHT         Warner Music Nashville/WMN         Blake Shelton Featuring Trace Adkins	12.821	+1.102	3188	227	16
ً₿	21	22	MORE HEARTSTHAN MINE Atlantic/Warner Music Nashville/WEA ** Airpower ** Ingrid Andress	11.642	+0.595	3030	152	17
20	23	31	SLOW DANCE IN A PARKING LOT MCA Nashville <b>** Airpower **</b> Jordan Davis	11.635	+1.039	3026	152	18
2	24	26	CATCH BMLG Brett Young	10.750	+1.140	2457	291	22
2	25	12	HOMECOMING QUEEN? Black River Kelsea Ballerini	9.757	+0.435	2822	192	20
23	26	40	TOAT RCA Nashville Ryan Hurd	9.060	-0.261	2206	-8	24
24	14	19	IT ALL COMES OUT IN THE WASH Vanner/RCA Nashville Miranda Lambert	8.723	-7.081	1916	-1837	26
25	27	25	HOMEMADE Big Loud Jake Owen	8.601	+1.369	2034	384	25
26	28	16	I WISH GRANDPAS NEVER DIED BMLG Riley Green	6.958	+0.570	2238	272	23
2	29	37	AFTER A FEW Mercury Travis Denning	5.615	+0.931	1682	157	28
28	30	33	IN BETWEEN Triple Tigers Scotty McCreery	5.553	+0.928	1548	155	29
29	31	25	EVERY GIRL IN THIS TOWN Gwendolyn/Pearl Trisha Yearwood	4.735	+0.120	1766	49	27
30	35	13	I HOPE Warner Music Nashville/WAR <b>** Breaker **</b> Gabby Barrett	4.434	+0.744	1075	170	35

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THIS	LAST	WKS ON			AUDIENCE (I		PLAYS			
THIS WEEK	WEEK	CHART	TITLE Imprint/Label	Artist	THIS WEEK	+/-	THIS WEEK	+/-	RANK	
6	33	32	ONE BIG COUNTRY SONG Wheelhouse	LOCASH	4.318	+0.433	1317	129	31	
<b>3</b>	34	23	HER WORLD OR MINE Warner Music Nashville/WEA	Michael Ray	3.950	+0.248	1186	70	34	
3	37	12	MONSTERS EMI Nashville	Eric Church	3.811	+0.421	1275	154	32	
34	36	27	FAMILYTREE Capitol Nashville	Caylee Hammack	3.584	+0.023	1458	8	30	
35	38	7	I HOPE YOU'RE HAPPY NOW Curb/Big Machine	Carly Pearce & Lee Brice	3.383	+0.535	1217	132	33	
36	39	19	WHAT COULD'VE BEEN Triple Tigers	Gone West	3.338	+0.561	897	26	38	
37	41	17	CHASIN'YOU Big Loud	Morgan Wallen	3.040	+0.514	882	92	39	
38	40	9	BLESSINGS BMLG	Florida Georgia Line	2.668	-0.016	918	85	37	
39	46	16	DETAILS Mercury	Billy Currington	2.438	+0.276	579	30	48	
40	45	3	DRINKING ALONE Capitol Nashville	Carrie Underwood	2.438	+0.241	693	145	41	
<b>4</b>	42	6	HOLD ON Capitol Nashville	Hootie & The Blowfish	2.412	-0.049	593	8	47	
Ð	43	9	DROWNING RCA Nashville	Chris Young	2.410	-0.019	673	73	43	
<b>4</b> 3	44	21	LONELY IF YOU ARE Dack Janiels/Broken Bow	Chase Rice	2.283	+0.008	921	23	36	
•	48	17	DIE FROM A BROKEN HEART Mercury	Maddie & Tae	1.863	-0.048	781	20	40	
45	47	12	FRONT SEAT Studio2bee/Legend Entertainment	Rayne Johnson	1.843	-0.118	330	6	-	
46	49	8	WHY WE DRINK Valory	Justin Moore	1.753	-0.113	618	-2	44	
Ð	50	8	BREAK IT IN Valory	Eli Young Band	1.559	+0.123	517	54	51	
<b>4</b> 8	52	11	THANK GOD FOR YOU Curb	Rodney Atkins	1.385	+0.065	606	43	45	
<b>4</b> 9	60	2	ONE NIGHT STANDARDS Atlantic/Warner Music Nashville/WAR	Ashley McBryde	1.353	+0.454	358	67	60	
50	53	7	NOW YOU KNOW 32 Bridge/EMI Nashville	Jon Langston	1.333	+0.095	595	19	46	
61	55	11	SHE'S MINE MCA Nashville	Kip Moore	1.271	+0.164	532	56	49	
52	54	8	I DO FOR YOU Riser House	Dillon Carmichael	1.248	+0.114	530	20	50	
53	51	7	THE WEIGHT OF THE BADGE MCA Nashville	George Strait	1.218	-0.112	228	-4	-	
54	59	15	CHASIN' ME True To The Song/Mailboat/New Revolution	Caroline Jones	1.103	+0.203	689	115	42	
65	56	6	GETTING GOOD 19/Mercury	Lauren Alaina	1.023	-0.023	459	21	52	
50	RE-EI	NTRY	WHAT I SEE Arista Nashville	LANCO	1.016	+0.160	381	84	56	
5	57	2	BIG, BIG PLANS Big Loud	Chris Lane	0.923	-0.017	366	78	57	
63	N	≡W	REALLY SHOULDN'T DRINK AROUND YOU Monument/Arista Nashville	Hot Shot Debut <b>**</b> Teddy Robb	0.891	+0.091	365	-5	58	
69	NE	EW	HEAD OVER HEELS Wheelhouse	Runaway June	0.869	+0.092	417	66	54	
60	N	EW	MASTERPIECE T2 Records/DavMo/Reviver	Thompson Square	0.823	-0.017	365	-16	59	



ASHLEY McBRYDE One Night Standards

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The track, co-penned by **McBryde**, increases by 51% to 1.4 million audience impressions and jumps 60-49 in its second week on Country Airplay. The song is the launch single from her upcoming sophomore album.

### **GOING FOR ADDS**

12/2 BRANTLEY GILBERT

Fire't Up Valory

GRACE ASBURY Pour Me Grace Asbury/Star Farm Nashville

MATT STELL Everywhere But On RECORDS/Arista Nashville

### 12/9

JACKSON MICHELSON Stay Over Curb

LINDSAY ELL I Don't Love You Stoney Creek MIRANDA LAMBERT Bluebird Vanner/RCA Nashville

MORGAN EVANS Diamonds Warner Music Nahsville/WEA



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### **MOST ADDED®**

TITLE Imprint/Label	Artist	ADDS
THE BONES Columbia Nashville	Maren Morris	14
DRINKING ALONE Capitol Nashville	Carrie Underwood	13
I WISH GRANDPAS NEVER DIED BMLG	Riley Green	12
MONSTERS EMI Nashville	Eric Church	12
I HOPE Warner Music Nashville/WAR	Gabby Barrett	10
HOMEMADE Big Loud	Jake Owen	9
I HOPE YOU'RE HAPPY NOW Curb/Big Machine	Carly Pearce & Lee Brice	7
CATCH BMLG	Brett Young	6
DROWNING RCA Nashville	Chris Young	6
WHAT I SEE Arista Nashville	LANCO	6

### **MOST INCREASED AUDIENCE**

TITLE Imprint/Label	Artist	GAIN (IN MIILIONS)
RIDIN' ROADS Broken Bow	Dustin Lynch	+2.858
THE BONES Columbia Nashville	Maren Morris	+2.478
10,000 HOURS Warner Music Nashville/WAR	Dan + Shay & Justin Bieber	+2.332
KINFOLKS MCA Nashville	Sam Hunt	+1.907
WHAT IF I NEVER GET OVER YOU BMLG	Lady Antebellum	+1.530
HOMEMADE Big Loud	Jake Owen	+1.369
WHAT SHE WANTS TONIGHT Capitol Nashville	E Luke Bryan	+1.153
HEARTACHE MEDICATION Capitol Nashville	Jon Pardi	+1.146
CATCH BMLG	Brett Young	+1.139
ONE MAN BAND RCA Nashville	Old Dominion	+1.104

### **MOST INCREASED PLAYS**

TITLE Imprint/Label	Artist	GAIN
RIDIN' ROADS Broken Bow	Dustin Lynch	+591
THE BONES Columbia Nashville	Maren Morris	+586
10,000 HOURS Warner Music Nashville/WAR	Dan + Shay & Justin Bieber	+531
WHAT IF I NEVER GET OVER YOU BMLG	Lady Antebellum	+509
HOMESICK Zone 4/RCA Nashville	Kane Brown	+422
WHAT SHE WANTS TONIGHT Capitol Nashvil	le Luke Bryan	+400
REMEMBER YOU YOUNG Valory	Thomas Rhett	+391
KINFOLKS MCA Nashville	Sam Hunt	+385
HOMEMADE Big Loud	Jake Owen	+384
ONE MAN BAND RCA Nashville	Old Dominion	+368

### **NEW AND ACTIVE**

TITLE Imprint/Label	Artist	total Audience	TOTAL Stations	ADDS
OVER DRINKING Capitol Nashville	Little Big Town	0.785	38	2
I'LL BE THE ONE Big Machine	Noah Schnacky	0.651	25	2
THAT'S WHY I LOVE DIRT ROADS Whe	elhouse Granger Smith	0.495	6	6
1, 2 MANY River House/Columbia Nashville Lu	ke Combs & Brooks & Dunn	0.448	3	1
GLASSES Not Listed	Alissa Griffith	0.434	12	0
ANYTHING SHE SAYS Columbia Nashville Mite	chell Tenpenny Feat. Seaforth	0.423	8	5

## RECURRENTS

THIS WEEK	TITLE Imprint/Label Artist	TOTAL AUD. (IN MILLIONS)
1	PRAYED FOR YOU Wide Open/RECORDS/Good Company/Arista Nashville Matt Stell	28.797
2	EVERY LITTLE THING Triple Tigers Russell Dickerson	22.840
3	WHISKEY GLASSES Big Loud Morgan Wallen	20.260
4	LIVING Capitol Nashville Dierks Bentley	17.742
5	I DON'T KNOW ABOUT YOU Big Loud Chris Lane	17.430
6	THE ONES THAT DIDN'T MAKE IT BACK HOME Valory Justin Moore	16.954
7	WHAT HAPPENS IN A SMALL TOWN Stoney Creek/Valory Brantley Gilbert + Lindsay Ell	14.370
8	BEAUTIFUL CRAZY River House/Columbia Nashville Luke Combs	12.278
9	BEER NEVER BROKE MY HEART River House/Columbia Nashville Luke Combs	12.249
10	LOVE YOU TOO LATE Warner Music Nashville/WMN Cole Swindell	12.245

### **BILLBOARD COUNTRY BOXSCORE**

Gross	Artist	Attendance	Promoter(s)
Ticket Price(s)	Venue/Date(s)	Capacity	
<b>1,704,327</b>	FLORIDA GEORGIA LINE	<b>17,728</b>	CAESARS ENTERTAINMENT,
\$317, \$31	Zappos Theater at Planet Hollywood, Las Vegas/Nov. 6-12	17,728	LIVE NATION
<b>623,945</b>	LUKE COMBS	<b>11,340</b>	AEG PRESENTS
\$60, \$25	Greek Theatre, Los Angeles/Oct. 22-23	11,340	
<b>575,922</b>	LUKE COMBS	<b>13,721</b>	AEG PRESENTS
\$50, \$25	Xcel Energy Center, St. Paul, Minn./Sept. 28	13,721	
<b>542,531</b>	LUKE COMBS	<b>13,220</b>	AEG PRESENTS
\$50, \$25	Wells Fargo Arena, Des Moines, Iowa/Oct. 5	13,220	
<b>524,713</b>	LUKE COMBS	<b>12,887</b>	AEG PRESENTS
\$50, \$25	Sprint Center, Kansas City, Mo./Oct. 4	12,887	
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## **TEXAS REGIONAL RADIO REPORT**

WEEK ENDING NOVEMBER 24, 2019

THIS WEEK	LAST WEEK	WKS ON Chart	TITLE (Label) ARTIST	TW Spins	SPINS +/-	THIS WEEK	LAST WEEK	WKS ON Chart	TITLE (Label) ARTIST	TW Spins	SPINS +/-
0	2	20	ROLLING STONE (Independent) ★★1 Weeks at 1★ Whiskey Myers	1983	172	0	14	9	PRETTY HEART (Independent) Parker McCollum	1398	152
0	3	13	A BITTER END (Little Red Truck) Deryl Dodd w/ Randy Rogers	1780	114	12	8	16	FLATLAND HILLBILLIES (RC1) Rodney Crowell (f/ Randy Rogers & Lee Ann Womack)	1357	-69
8	6	15	LIFE BEHIND BARS (King Hall Music) Chad Cooke Band	1718	157	ß	11	26	LIFE OF MY LOVE (S.O.T.) Jody Booth	1355	4
4	1	22	THIS BAR NEEDS A TOWN (Independent) Mark Powell	1712	-434	Ø	15	6	SAME KIND OF CRAZY AS ME (Rounder Rec) Cody Jinks	1335	96
6	5	27	DEVIL YOU KNOW (Independent) Drew Fish Band	1650	64	Ð	17	13	EVERY DAY KIND OF LOVE (Independent) Kyle Park	1273	80
6	12	13	COUNTRY RADIO (BIG Label ) Aaron Watson	1520	188	16	4	19	BETTER WITH BEER (Independent) Kevin Fowler	1214	-425
Ø	9	19	NOTHIN' ON YOU (Independent) Cody Johnson	1519	94	17	16	16	GOOD TIMES (Independent) Jesse Raub Jr.	1210	-4
8	7	26	BETWEEN THE STONES AND JONES (Independent) Dustin Sonnier	1491	33	ß	19	10	FACTS AND LIES (Independent) Jon Stork	1177	111
9	10	14	LET'S TAKE THIS OUTSIDE (Independent) Cory Morrow	1448	44	19	18	9	STRAIT TO JONES (Independent) Clay Hollis	1133	50
0	13	14	WATERED DOWN WHISKEY (Ari-Tex) James Lann	1424	115	⑳	21	6	ASPHALT AND CONCRETE (Independent) Bri Bagwell	1045	121

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> CONGRATULATIONS GARTH BROOKS ON YOUR UNPRECEDENTED SEVENTH



**ENTERTAINER OF THE YEAR HONOR** 

#### NASHVILLE & NATIONAL TOM ROLAND



Dale Morris & Associates owner Dale Morris received the Country Music Association's Irving Waugh Award of Excellence during a Country Music Association board reception on Nov. 19. From left: Old Dominion's Matthew Ramsey, Morris, CMA CEO Sarah Trahern and BMI Nashville vp creative Jody Williams.

#### **'OLD TOWN' GETS NEW KUDOS**

"Old Town Road" continues to bring the horsepower on the awards circuit. After the Lil Nas X-Billy Ray Cyrus collaboration took the musical event honor at the Country Music Association Awards on Nov. 13, the duo racked up three Grammy Award nominations on Nov. 20 — including record of the year — and claimed an American Music Award on Nov. 24.

The attention underscores how perceived walls between musical styles continue to erode. Controversial from the outset, "Old Town Road" snagged its CMA Award as a country project, but received the AMA trophy in the rap/hiphop category. Its three Grammy nominations are in pop and all-genre fields.

It was hardly the only connector between the competing awards shows. **Dan + Shay** pocketed two victories at the AMAs — favorite country duo or group and favorite country song for "Speechless" — then snagged Grammy nominations in parallel categories for the same song. Likewise, former country act **Taylor Swift** picked up artist of the decade and five additional trophies for her work in the last year at the AMAs, while she made the Grammy ballot in three pop categories.

The Lil Nas X/Cyrus combo, which pairs a rookie with a veteran who won his first awards 27 years ago, laid out a cross-generational theme that was apparent on both lists, too.

At the AMAs, **Kane Brown**'s trophy for favorite country male represented a win for younger acts, while **Carrie Underwood**'s double victory — favorite country female and favorite country album for *Cry Pretty* — was a nod to stability. It gave her 15 career wins at the AMAs, including seven as a country female and six in the country-album arena.

That played out even more dramatically at the Grammys. The CMA's new artist of the year, **Ashley McBryde**, claimed two nominations, alongside nods for new-generation talents **Tyler Childers** and **Luke Combs**. On the opposite end, **Tanya Tucker** — who snared her first hit in 1972 — tallied four nominations on a list that also featured Country Music Hall of Fame members **Willie Nelson**, **Brooks & Dunn**, **Dolly Parton**, **Vince Gill** and **Reba McEntire**.

Go <u>here</u> for a complete list of AMA winners. Go <u>here</u> for the full list of Grammy nominees.

#### **RADIO & RECORDS**

Warner Music Nashville chairman/CEO John Esposito signed a contract extension... Sony Music Nashville promoted three staff members: Courtney Beebe rose to associate director media from manager, and Jaime Marconette and Jessica Valiyi were bumped up to director of digital marketing from associate director. Reach Beebe <u>here</u>, Marconette <u>here</u> and Valiyi <u>here</u>...

Black River signed MaRynn Taylor to recording and publishing deals ... Rascal Flatts' Jay DeMarcus added Reagan Strange and Cade Thompson to his Christian label Red Street... Radio and label veteran Lori Lewis established the social media company Lori Lewis Media. She most recently was print group vp of social media at Modern Luxury following a three-year stint in the same role at Cumulus/Westwood One. Reach her here ... Starved Rock Media purchased three LaSalle, Ill., stations from LaSalle County Broadcasting, The LaSalle News Tribune reported. The outlets include country WLWF ... Townsquare/Killeen-Temple, Texas, hired Nick Cash as operations manager, according to InsideRadio.com. The five-station cluster includes country KUSJ. Cash previously was brand manager for iHeartMedia/Fresno, Calif., where his oversight included country KHGE ... Vanessa Wojtusiak took the vp of marketing post at iHeartMedia/Hartford-New Haven, Conn., InsideRadio.com reported. Relevant properties include country WWYZ Hartford. She had served as director of audience development/executive digital producer at WTNH-TV New Haven ... Westwood One added Nick Fox as country PD for its 24/7 formats, according to Talkers.com. He most recently was PD/midday host at WXBM Pensacola, Fla.

#### **'ROUND THE ROW**

Anthem Music Publishing Nashville hired Noah Dewey as senior director of creative. He previously was senior creative director at BMG Music... Opry Entertainment Group promoted Dolly Chandler to senior talent buyer within its artists relations and programming team. Her previous position, talent buyer, is occupied by new hire Mallorie McRea. McRrea arrives from Outback Presents, where she was a show coordinator. Reach Chandler here and McRea here ... Songwriter Joe Fox signed a publishing deal with Liz Rose Music and Warner Chappell Nashville. A John Lennon Songwriting Contest winner, Fox has played guitar on Maren Morris' Hero album and on tour with Matt Stell ... Ian Munsick signed a management deal with the Erv Woolsey Co. in partnership with Not A Public Figure Management... Music Health Alliance raised over \$400,000 through its Heal the Music Day on Oct. 18... The Nashville Entrepreneur Center honored 14 winners at its NEXT Awards and inducted three members into its Hall of Fame, including Dolly Parton. Go here for the complete winners list... Randy Owen received the CMA Foundation's humanitarian award among a bundle of industry honors at a Country Music Association board reception on Nov. 19. Go here for the full list ... The CMA also announced that Conway Entertainment Group/Ontourage Management founder/owner Tony Conway will receive a CMA touring lifetime achievement award at the CMA Touring Awards ceremony hosted by Jon Pardi at Nashville's Marathon Music Works on Jan. 21.



APA Nashville senior vp Bonnie Sugarman received the Colonel Tom Parker Award at the Nashville Association of Talent Directors Honors Gala on Nov. 19. Sugarman (center) is joined by Jenn-Rod Artist Directions co-owner/GM Rod Harris (left) and Conway Entertainment Group president/CEO Tony Conway.

#### NASHVILLE & NATIONAL TOM ROLAND

### **MUSIC NOTES**

With the focus on albums receding, it's not surprising that this year's holiday songs are mostly individual tracks and EPs, with a bundle of covers in the mix. **Thomas Rhett** offers a new title, "Christmas in the Country," alongside a remake of "The Christmas Song." J.T. Hodges, who will appear in the Lifetime movie *Christmas Stars* on Dec. 13, assembled the six-song EP All Through the Night: A Christmas Collection. Chase Bryant, fresh from a role in Lifetime's *Christmas as Graceland: Home for the Holidays* (Nov. 23), served up "We Wish You a Merry Christmas" and



the Elvis Presley title "Blue Christmas." Temecula Road reimagines Alabama's "Christmas in Dixie," and two Universal Music Group acts freshened up a couple of pop chestnuts: Adam Hambrick takes a blue-eyed-soul turn on Stevie Wonder's "What Christmas Means to Me," and Clare Dunn gives an energetic read of Elton John's "Step Into Christmas."

**Garth Brooks** has friends in mobile places: He has partnered with Zynga for a two-week promotion that connects the *Words With Friends* virtual game with a sweepstakes surrounding his new vinyl/CD box set, *Legacy*. Through Dec. 8, the competition is a gateway for daily giveaways, while the game's onscreen tiles embed the individual letters on game pieces that feature a faux platinum album and Brooks' "g" logo. Brooks takes on a larger game board — an NFL gridiron — on Feb. 22 when he plays Detroit's Ford Field, where he sold a reported 70,000 tickets in 90 minutes.

Asleep at the Wheel co-founder Ray Benson provided a key voice when the PBS series *Country Music: A Film by Ken Burns* explored **Bob Wills** and western swing. Benson's entourage celebrates its 50th anniversary in 2020, and the group is planning a series of shows with members from the original lineup: vocalist Chris O'Connell, drummer Leroy Preston, steel guitarist Lucky Oceans and pianist Floyd Domino. The performances will be filmed for a forthcoming documentary, and a reunion album with the original cast is due in the fall, produced by Americana figure Buddy Miller.

Singer-songwriter Austin Jenckes will host a benefit for mental health organization John's Toast at Nashville's City Winery on Dec. 2. The guest list includes The Cadillac Three frontman Jaren Johnston; new artists Lauren Jenkins, Alex Hall and Sarah Allison Turner; and songwriters Jonathan Singleton ("Beer Never Broke My Heart"), Tammi Kidd Hutton ("Probably Wouldn't Be This Way") and Lynn Hutton ("Cold One").



Jason Aldean Keeps It Old School On New Album 9: <u>"I Want It To Be Worth The Wait For Fans"</u>

<u>Congress Introduces AM-FM Act To Get Artists And</u> <u>Labels Paid For Radio Play</u>

Taylor Swift Vs. Scooter Braun And The Imminent Rerecording War

The 100 Greatest Albums Of The 2010s: Staff Picks

#### ON THIS DATE IN COUNTRY MUSIC

#### Nov. 26

- 2009 Billy Currington sings "People Are Crazy" while atop a train float in the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade in New York. Also in the NBC lineup: Andrea Bocelli, Jimmy Fallon, Carly Simon and Gloria Gaynor, singing "I Will Survive."
- 2002 **Brooks & Dunn** record "You Can't Take the Honky Tonk Out of the Girl" in Nashville.



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#### Nov. 27

• 1999 – **Faith Hill'**s *Breathe* rises to No. 1 on the *Billboard* country albums chart.

#### Nov. 28

- 1984 **Randy Travis** performs at the Nashville Palace, showcasing for Warner Bros. talent executive **Martha Sharp**. Two months later, he begins recording for the label.
- 1925 *The WSM Barn Dance* begins broadcasting in Nashville, with a one-hour performance by **Uncle Jimmy Thompson**. It's later renamed the Grand Ole Opry. Thompson's first-night songs include "When You and I Were Young Maggie."

#### Nov. 29

• 1959–"The Battle of New Orleans" wins song of the year for composer **Jimmy Driftwood** and best country and western performance for **Johnny Horton** during the second Grammy Awards.

#### Nov. 30

• 2017 – Luke Combs earns his first gold album from the RIAA for *This One's for You*.

#### Dec. 1

- 2014 Capitol releases Little Big Town's "Girl Crush" to radio.
- 1979 Charlie Daniels leads the Nashville Christmas Parade.

#### Dec. 2

- 2018 **Reba McEntire** is awarded a Kennedy Center Honor in Washington, D.C., alongside **Cher**, classical composer **Philip Glass** and jazz saxophonist **Wayne Shorter**.
- 2016 RCA releases Kane Brown's self-titled debut album.

Source: <u>RolandNote.com</u>, the Ultimate Country Music Database



The Country Music Hall of Fame and Museum held a donation event on Nov. 19, as the Gibson J-200 guitar owned by late Hall of Fame member Jack Clement joined the museum's collection. Among the participants at the event were (from left) John Prine, Charley Pride, Crystal Gayle and museum CEO Kyle Young.

# **billboard** Hot Country Songs

SALES, AIRPLAY & STREAMING DATA COMPILED BY nielsen MUSIC

THIS WEEK	LAST WEEK	TWO WEEKS Ago	WKS ON Chart	TITLE PRODUCER (SONGWRITER)	Artist IMPRINT / PROMOTION LABEL	COUNTRY Airplay Rank	PEAK Position
0	1	1	8	10,000 HOURS D.SMYERS (D.SMYERS,S.MOONEY,J.J.DILLON,J.REYNOLDS,J.D.BIEBER,J.BOYD)	Dan + Shay & Justin Bieber WARNER MUSIC NASHVILLE/WAR	10	1
0	3	2	34	ONE MAN BAND S.MCANALLY (M.RAMSEY,T. ROSEN,B.F.TURSI,J.OSBORNE)	Old Dominion RCA NASHVILLE	2	2
3	2	3	24	EVEN THOUGH I'M LEAVING S.MOFFATT (LCOMBS,W.B.DURRETTE,R.FULCHER)	Luke Combs RIVER HOUSE/COLUMBIA NASHVILLE	1	2
4	4	4	20	ONE THING RIGHT MARSHMELLO (MARSHMELLO,K BROWN,J.FRASURE,J.HOGE,M.J.MCGINN)	Marshmello & Kane Brown JOYTIME COLLECTIVE/RCA NASHVILLE	-	1
6	7	17	27	WHAT IF I NEVER GET OVER YOU         ** Streaming & Sales Gainer **           D.HUFF (S.ELLIS, J.GREEN, R.J. HURD, L.VELTZ)         *** Streaming & Sales Gainer **	Lady Antebellum BMLG	6	5
6	5	8	38	THE BONES G.KURSTIN (M.MORRIS,J.ROBBINS,L.VELTZ)	Maren Morris COLUMBIA NASHVILLE	17	5
Ø	6	11	19	REMEMBER YOU YOUNG D.HUFF,J.FRASURE,THOMAS RHETT, J.FRASURE,A.GORLEY)	Thomas Rhett VALORY	3	6
8	8	5	45	PRAYED FOR YOU A.BOWERS,M.STELL (M.STELL,A.BOWERS,A.CRUZ) WIDE	Matt Stell OPEN/RECORDS/GOOD COMPANY/ARISTA NASHVILLE	RC	2
9	11	14	7	KINFOLKS Z.CROWELL (S.L.HUNT,Z.CROWELL,J.FLOWERS,J.OSBORNE)	Sam Hunt MCA NASHVILLE	11	9
0	12	13	28	WE WERE D.HUFF,K.URBAN (E.CHURCH,J.HYDE,R.TYNDELL)	Keith Urban HIT RED/CAPITOL NASHVILLE	4	10
0	13	16	24	HEARTACHE MEDICATION J.PARDI,B.BUTLER,R.GORE (J.PARDI,BARY DEAN,N.HEMBY)	Jon Pardi CAPITOL NASHVILLE	7	11
Ð	16	18	37	RIDIN' ROADS z.crowell (D.lynch,a.gorley,z.crowell)	Dustin Lynch BROKEN BOW	8	12
13	15	15	20	TIP OF MY TONGUE R.COPPERMAN,K.CHESNEY (K.CHESNEY,R.COPPERMAN,E.C.SHEERAN)	Kenny Chesney BLUE CHAIR/WARNER MUSIC NASHVILLE/WEA	9	13
1	19	23	11	HOMECOMING QUEEN? J.ROBBINS (K.BALLERINI, J.ROBBINS, N.GALYON)	Kelsea Ballerini BLACK RIVER	22	14
15	17	10	25	THE GIT UP BLANCO BROWN (B.A.III) TRAILERTRAPMUSIC/BBN	Blanco Brown MG/BMG/WHEELHOUSE/STONEY CREEK/BROKEN BOW	RC	1
16	20	20	14	HEARTLESS Diplo Presents The DIPLO,KING HENRY,CHARLIE HANDSOME,J.MOI (T.W.PENTZ,H.A.ALLEN,M.WALLEN,E.K.SMITH,R.J.HURD,CHARLIE HANDSOME)	mas Wesley Featuring Morgan Wallen MAD DECENT/COLUMBIA	-	15
Ð	21	21	11	WE BACK M.KNOX (B.D.WARREN, B. WARREN, T. HUBBARD, J.M. SCHMIDT)	Jason Aldean MACON/BROKEN BOW	12	17
18	23	25	35	HOMESICK D.HUFF (K.BROWN,B.BERRYHILL,M.J.MCGINN,T.PHILLIPS)	Kane Brown ZONE 4/RCA NASHVILLE	14	18
₽	22	22	14	HELL RIGHT S.HENDRICKS (D.A.GARCIA,B.TYLER,M.W.HARDY)	Blake Shelton Featuring Trace Adkins WARNER MUSIC NASHVILLE/WMN	18	19
20	25	24	5	WHAT SHE WANTS TONIGHT J.STEVENS,J.STEVENS (LBRYAN,R.COPPERMAN,H.LINDSEY,J.M.NITE)	Luke Bryan CAPITOL NASHVILLE	16	17
2	26	27	30	I HOPE R.COPPERMAN (Z.KALE,J.M.NITE,G.BARRETT)	Gabby Barrett WARNER MUSIC NASHVILLE/WAR	30	21
22	18	12	19	IT ALL COMES OUT IN THE WASH J.JOYCE (M.LAMBERT,H.LINDSEY,L.MCKENNA,L.ROSE)	Miranda Lambert VANNER/RCA NASHVILLE	24	12
23	28	29	25	MAKE ME WANT TO A.BOWERS,E.TORRES (J.ALLEN,P.SIKES,J.DENMARK)	Jimmie Allen Stoney Creek	13	23
24	27	26	20	MORE HEARTS THAN MINE S.ELLIS, J.ANDRESS (I.ANDRESS, S.ELLIS, D.SOUTHERLAND)	Ingrid Andress ATLANTIC/WARNER MUSIC NASHVILLE/WEA	19	24
25	29	28	21	DIVE BAR G.BROOKS (M.ROSSELL,B.KENNEDY,T.G.BROOKS)	Garth Brooks & Blake Shelton PEARL	15	25

### COUNTRY SONGWRITERS<sup>TM</sup>

#**1 LUKE COMBS** 2 **RAY FULCHER** 3 LAURA VELTZ 4 **ASHLEY GORLEY** 5 **JOSH OSBORNE** 6 **BLANCO BROWN** JIMMY ROBBINS 7 8 WYATT DURRETTE 9 JESSE FRASURE 10 **ROSS COPPERMAN** 



### **COUNTRY PRODUCERS**<sup>TM</sup>

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- 4 SHANE MCANALLY
- 5 ZACH CROWELL
- 6 MARSHMELLO
- 7 GREG KURSTIN
- 8 ROSS COPPERMAN
- 9 SCOTT HENDRICKS
- 10 JIMMY ROBBINS

The weekly Country Songwriters and Country Producers charts are based on total points accrued by a songwriter and producer, respectively, for each attributed song that appears on the Hot Country Songs chart. As with Billboard's yearly recaps, multiple writers or producers split points for each song equally (and the dividing of points will lead to occasional ties on rankings).

# **billboard** Hot Country Songs

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THIS WEEK	LAST WEEK	TWO WEEKS Ago	WKS ON Chart	TITLE PRODUCER (SONGWRITER)	Artist	COUNTRY Airplay Rank	PEAK Position
20	34	30	18	SLOW DANCE IN A PARKING LOT PDIGIOVANNI (J.DAVIS,LL:FOWLER)	Jordan Davis MCA NASHVILLE	20	26
27	14	-	2	BETTER TOGETHER S.MOFFATT (LCOMBS,D.ISBELL,R.MONTANA)	Luke Combs RIVER HOUSE/COLUMBIA NASHVILLE	-	14
23	35	31	16	I WISH GRANDPAS NEVER DIED D.HUFF (R.GREEN,LBONDS,B.GREEN)	Riley Green BMLG	26	28
29	37	32	41	TO A T D.HUFF,A.ESHUIS (R.J.HURD,N.SPICER,L VELTZ)	Ryan Hurd RCA NASHVILLE	23	29
30	40	33	21	CATCH D.HUFF (B.YOUNG,R.COPPERMAN,A.GORLEY)	Brett Young BMLG	21	30
3)	44	36	10	HOMEMADE J.MOI,D.COHEN (B.GOLDSMITH,J.MULLINS,D.PARKER,B.PINSON)	Jake Owen BIG LOUD	25	31
32	46	35	14	CHASIN' YOU J.Mol (J.Moore,M.Wallen,C.WISEMAN)	Morgan Wallen BIG LOUD	37	32
33	24	-	7	1, 2 MANY S.MOFFATT (LCOMBS,D.ISBELL,T.KING,D.PARKER)	Luke Combs & Brooks & Dunn RIVER HOUSE/COLUMBIA NASHVILLE	-	20
34	50	42	6	I HOPE YOU'RE HAPPY NOW BUSBEE (C.PEARCE,L.COMBS,R.MONTANA,J.SINGLETON)	Carly Pearce & Lee Brice CURB/BIG MACHINE	35	34
35	30	-	4	WHAT YOU SEE IS WHAT YOU GET S.MOFFATT (LCOMBS,BARY DEAN,J.SINGLETON)	Luke Combs RIVER HOUSE/COLUMBIA NASHVILLE	-	30
36	RE-E	NTRY	2	DRINKING ALONE D.GARCIA,C.UNDERWOOD (C.UNDERWOOD,D.A.GARCIA,BRETT JAMES)	Carrie Underwood CAPITOL NASHVILLE	40	36
37	31	-	9	REFRIGERATOR DOOR S.MOFFATT (LCOMBS,J.BROOKER)	Luke Combs RIVER HOUSE/COLUMBIA NASHVILLE	-	20
38	39	-	2	REASONS S.MOFFATT (LCOMBS,R.FULCHER,J.MCNAIR)	Luke Combs RIVER HOUSE/COLUMBIA NASHVILLE	-	38
39	38	_	2	ALL OVER AGAIN S.MOFFATT (LCOMBS,C.CROWDER,R.FULCHER)	Luke Combs RIVER HOUSE/COLUMBIA NASHVILLE	-	38
40	RE-E	NTRY	6	AFTER A FEW J.S.STOVER (T.DENNING,K.ARCHER,J.WEAVER)	Travis Denning MERCURY	27	40
41	32	-	2	DOES TO ME S.MOFFATT (LCOMBS,R.FULCHER,T.REEVE)	Luke Combs Featuring Eric Church RIVER HOUSE/COLUMBIA NASHVILLE	-	32
❹	RE-E	NTRY	19	DIE FROM A BROKEN HEART J.ROBBINS,D.WELLS (M.MARLOW,T.DYE,J.SINGLETON,D.RUTTAN)	Maddie & Tae MERCURY	44	39
43	RE-E	NTRY	4	HER WORLD OR MINE S.HENDRICKS (J.PAULIN, T.DENNING, B. BEAVERS)	Michael Ray WARNER MUSIC NASHVILLE/WEA	32	38
4	RE-Ef	NTRY	9	DROWNING C.CROWDER,C.YOUNG (C.A.YOUNG,C.CROWDER,J.HOGE)	Chris Young RCA NASHVILLE	42	18
45	48	19	3	FOR MY DAUGHTER D.HUFF (K.BROWN,T.DOUGLAS,C.MCGILL)	Kane Brown RCA NASHVILLE	-	19
46	36	-	6	MOON OVER MEXICO S.MOFFATT (LCOMBS,R.FULCHER,D.ISBELL,J.SINGLETON)	Luke Combs RIVER HOUSE/COLUMBIA NASHVILLE	-	21
47	41	-	2	NOTHING LIKE YOU S.MOFFATT (LCOMBS,D.PARKER,R.WILLIFORD)	Luke Combs RIVER HOUSE/COLUMBIA NASHVILLE	-	41
48	33	-	5	LOVIN' ON YOU S.MOFFATT (LCOMBS,TARCHER,R.FULCHER,J.MCNAIR)	Luke Combs RIVER HOUSE/COLUMBIA NASHVILLE	-	19
49	RE-EP	NTRY	11	FAMILY TREE M.REAVES,C.HAMMACK (C.HAMMACK,T.VERGES,G.SAMPSON)	Caylee Hammack CAPITOL NASHVILLE	34	40
50	NE	w	1	MONSTERS ** Hot Shot Debut ** J.JOYCE (E.CHURCH,J.HYDE)	Eric Church Emi Nashville	33	50

The week's most popular country songs, ranked by radio airplay audience impressions as measured by Nielsen Music, sales data as compiled by Nielsen Music and streaming activity data from online music sources tracked by Nielsen Music. Descending titles below No. 25 are moved to recurrent after 20 weeks.

## **COUNTRY MARKET WATCH**

A Weekly National Music Sales Report

WEEKLY UNIT	COUNT			YEAR-TO-DA	TE			YEAR-OVER-YEAR
	ALBUM CONSUMPTION	AUDIO ON-DEMAND	VIDEO ON-DEMAND		2018	2019	CHANGE	ALBUM CONSUMPTION
This Week	1,058,000	1,057,563,000	282,372,000	Album Consumption	44,480,000	48,364,000	8.7%	'18 44.48 million
Last Week	1,160,000	1,074,174,000	282,334,000	Album Sales	12,252,000	9,165,000	-25.2%	' <b>19</b> 48.36 million
Change	-8.8%	-1.5%	0.0%					TOTAL ON-DEMAND STREAMS
This Week Last Year	928,000	770,846,000	201,961,000	Audio On-Demand	37,732,620,000	48,073,553,000	27.4%	'18 47.29 billion
Change	14 <b>.0</b> %	37.2%	39.8%	Video On-Demand	9,558,912,000	12,476,030,000	30.5%	'19 60.54 billion

All data measures U.S. activity as of the week ending November 21, 2019. All units counts are rounded to the nearest thousand. Album consumption units — also known as albums plus TEA plus SEA — consists of album sales; track-equivalent album (TEA) sales whereby 10 tracks equal one consumption unit; and stream equivalent albums (SEA) whereby 1,250 paid and/or 3,750 ad-supported audio on-demand streams (OAD) equal one consumption unit;

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h				TO TOP COUNTRY ALBUMS	MÜ	
THIS	LAST WEEK	2 WEEKS AGO	WEEKS ON CHT	ARTIST TITLE	CERT.	PEAK
1	1	_	2	LUKE COMBS WHAT YOU SEE IS WHAT YOU GET RIVER HOUSE/COLUMBIA NASHVILLE 595687*/SMN		1
0	NE	w	1	LADY ANTEBELLUM OCEAN BMLG LA0100A*		2
3	2	2	129	LUKE COMBS THIS ONE'S FOR YOU RIVER HOUSE/COLUMBIA NASHVILLE 538883*/SMN	2	1
4	4	4	4	OLD DOMINION RCA NASHVILLE 589183*/SMN		1
5	5	5	74	DAN + SHAY DAN + SHAY WARNER MUSIC NASHVILLE 570796/WMN	•	1
6	3	1	3	MIRANDA LAMBERT WILDCARD		1
Ø	6	7	77	MORGAN WALLEN IF I KNOW ME BIG LOUD DIGITAL EX	•	3
8	8	6	54	KANE BROWN EXPERIMENT ZONE 4/RCA NASHVILLE /SMN	•	1
9	7	10	37	MAREN MORRIS GIRL COLUMBIA NASHVILLE 590186*/SMN		1
0	9	9	238	CHRIS STAPLETON TRAVELLER MERCURY 019405*/UMGN	4	1
0	11	14	81	KACEY MUSGRAVES GOLDEN HOUR	•	1
Ð	10	13	25	THOMAS RHETT CENTER POINT ROAD VALORY TR0400A*/BMLG		1
13	12	12	155	KANE BROWN ZONE 4/RCA NASHVILLE 530947*/SMN		1
14	13	11	7	BRANTLEY GILBERT FIRE & BRIMSTONE VALORY BG0400A*/BMLG		1
15	14	15	84	JASON ALDEAN REARVIEW TOWN MACON/BROKEN BOW/BMG 538375642*/BBMG (538375730)	•	1
6	22	-	16	BURL IVES RUDOLPH THE RED-NOSED REINDEER MCA SPECIAL PRODUCTS/GEFFEN 322177/UME (8.98)	•	3
Ð	31	-	15	GENE AUTRY RUDOLPH THE RED NOSED REINDEER AND OTHER CHRISTMAS CLASSICS Columbia 63598/LEGACY (6.98)		1
18	15	-	36	ELVIS PRESLEY THE ESSENTIAL ELVIS PRESLEY RCA/SONY STRATEGIC MARKETING GROUP /LEGACY (25.98)		14
₽	25	37	62	CARRIE UNDERWOOD CRY PRETTY CAPITOL NASHVILLE 028557*/UMGN	•	1
₿	32	-	15	ELVIS PRESLEY IT'S CHRISTMAS TIME RCA SPECIAL PRODUCTS/SONY COMMERCIAL MUSIC GROUP / LEGACY (8.98)	4	2
21	17	16	226	ZAC BROWN BAND GREATEST HITS SO FAR ROAR/SOUTHERN GROUND/ATLANTIC 546369/AG		3
8	18	24	213	BLAKE SHELTON RELOADED: 20 #1 HITS WARNER MUSIC NASHVILLE 551788/WMN		2
23	19	22	40	FLORIDA GEORGIA LINE CAN'T SAY I AIN'T COUNTRY BMLG FGL0400*	•	1
8	23	23	179	JON PARDI CALIFORNIA SUNRISE		1
25	21	20	145	BRETT YOUNG BRETT YOUNG BMLG BY0100A*		2

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THIS WEEK	LAST WEEK	2 WEEKS AGO	WEEKS ON CHT	ARTIST TITLE	CERT.	PEAK POS.
0	1	2	184	CHRIS STAPLETON TRAVELLER MERCURY NASHVILLE 019405*/UMGN	4	1
2	3	4	86	KACEY MUSGRAVES GOLDEN HOUR MCA NASHVILLE 027921*/UMGN	•	1
3	4	5	230	HOZIER HOZIER RUBYWORKS 309996*/COLUMBIA	2	1
4	5	7	147	SIMON & GARFUNKEL SIMON AND GARFUNKEL'S GREATEST HITS COLUMBIA 31350/LEGACY		3
5	7	9	36	TYLER CHILDERS PURGATORY HICKMAN HOLLER 001*/THIRTY TIGERS		4
6	6	6	10	THE LUMINEERS III DUALTONE 5127*		1
7	8	10	189	THE LUMINEERS CLEOPATRA DUALTONE 1738*		1
8	9	13	38	HOZIER WASTELAND, BABY! RUBYWORKS 591795*/COLUMBIA		1
9	10	11	146	JOHN MAYER CONTINUUM AWARE/COLUMBIA 27976*/LEGACY (18.98)	4	6
10	11	15	141	JACK JOHNSON IN BETWEEN DREAMS	2	6

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THIS WEEK	LAST WEEK	WKS ON CHART	TITLE ARTIST		THIS WEEK	LAST WEEK	WKS ON CHART	TITLE ARTIST
1	1	7	10,000 HOURS Dan + Shay & Justin Bieber		1	1	23	ONE MAN BAND OLD DOMINION
0	3	13	3 ONE MAN BAND OLD DOMINION		2	2	7	10,000 HOURS Dan + Shay & Justin Bieber
3	2	12	EVEN THOUGH I'M LEAVING Luke combs		3	25	19	EVEN THOUGH I'M LEAVING Luke combs
4	12	39	ROCKIN' AROUND THE CHRISTMAS TREE Brenda Lee		4	6	20	ONE THING RIGHT MARSHMELLO & KANE BROWN
6	4	20	ONE THING RIGHT MARSHMELLO & KANE BROWN		5	5	34	GOD'S COUNTRY Blake Shelton
6	7	81	BEAUTIFUL CRAZY LUKE COMBS		6	4	20	WHAT IF I NEVER GET OVER YOU LADY ANTEBELLUM
0	9	14	HEARTLESS DIPLO PRESENTS THOMAS WESLEY FEAT. MORGAN WALLEN		0	NE	w	OUTLAWS & OUTSIDERS Cory Marks Feat. Travis Tritt, Ivan Moody & Mick Mars
8	5	28	BEER NEVER BROKE MY HEART LUKE COMBS		8	12	4	HOMECOMING QUEEN? Kelsea Ballerini
9	6	24	THE GIT UP Blanco Brown		9	7	73	SPEECHLESS DAN + SHAY
8	11	20	THE BONES MAREN MORRIS		1 RE-E		NTRY	BEER NEVER BROKE MY HEART Luke combs
0	16	32	A HOLLY JOLLY CHRISTMAS Burlives			9	11	REMEMBER YOU YOUNG Thomas Rhett
Ð	13	70	SPEECHLESS DAN + SHAY		12	8	74	BEAUTIFUL CRAZY LUKE COMBS
ß	10	137	TENNESSEE WHISKEY CHRIS STAPLETON		13	10	14	THE BONES MAREN MORRIS
0	14	40	WHISKEY GLASSES MORGAN WALLEN		Ø	18	3	DRINKING ALONE CARRIE UNDERWOOD
Ð	RE-EI	NTRY	JINGLE BELL ROCK Bobby Helms		15	14	25	THE GIT UP Blanco brown
ø	15	104	MEANT TO BE BEBE REXHA & FLORIDA GEORGIA LINE		16	16	14	HELL RIGHT BLAKE SHELTON FEAT. TRACE ADKINS
Ð	21	33	GOD'S COUNTRY Blake Shelton		17	19	16	I WISH GRANDPAS NEVER DIED RILEY GREEN
ß	17	4	I HOPE GABBY BARRETT		B	NE	w	BE PATIENT WITH MY LOVE LADY ANTEBELLUM
Ð	18	6	KINFOLKS Sam Hunt		Ð	NE	w	CHRISTMAS IN THE COUNTRY Thomas Rhett
20	25	6	HOMECOMING QUEEN? Kelsea Ballerini		20	RE-EI	NTRY	KINFOLKS Sam Hunt
4	22	107	HEAVEN Kane Brown		21	17	20	RAINBOW Kacey Musgraves
❷	20	91	TEQUILA DAN + SHAY		22	22	9	MORE HEARTS THAN MINE INGRID ANDRESS
ℬ	NE	w	WHAT IF I NEVER GET OVER YOU LADY ANTEBELLUM		23	15	30	GIRL Maren Morris
2	RE-EI	NTRY	RUDOLPH THE RED-NOSED REINDEER Gene Autry		24	3	2	BETTER TOGETHER LUKE COMBS
25	8	2	BETTER TOGETHER LUKE COMBS		25	20	8	WE WERE KEITH URBAN

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**GENE AUTRY** 

Rudolph the

Red Nosed

Reindeer

The classic dashes back to Country Streaming Songs at No. 24, up 34% to 5.6 million U.S. streams. The chart's first holiday entry of the season, first released in 1949, led the list for a week in 2014.

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## Mitchell Tenpenny Enlists Duo Seaforth For A Quirky Collaboration

#### Christmas comes but once a year.

Except, of course, for two-time Canadian Country Music Association female artist of the year **Meghan Patrick**, whose boyfriend, **Mitchell Tenpenny**, is willing to celebrate the holiday twice a year — or even three times in three minutes. That idea, "Christmas in July," is something he promises in the chorus of "Anything She Says," a blue-eyed-soul single that became the name of

a 14-date fall tour with Australian duo **Seaforth** that wraps at Webster Hall in New York on Dec. 15. "Christmas in July" might seem unattainable, but it's worth trying to create for the right woman.

"It's just a line, a funny, quirky line," says Tenpenny. "You know, give her something that's impossible. Anything she says."

Released to terrestrial radio by River House/ Columbia Nashville through PlayMPE on Oct. 28, "Anything She Says" is loaded with random stuff an infatuated man might do for the woman he loves: get her waffles at 2 a.m., cancel his plans or take her to the beach and get a sunburn while she tans. Oddly enough, if the couple hit the beach in Seaforth's Aussie homeland during December, they could get that burn in what would feel like Christmas in July, since the holiday comes in the midst of Australia's summer.

"It's the polar opposite thing," says Seaforth's **Tom Jordan**. "You see Christmas movies and stuff, and it all seems like winter — Christmas bells and sleigh bells and everything. It seems in my head, from a movie standpoint, it should be in winter but we get up and go to the beach."

Seaforth is just as invested as Tenpenny in "Anything She Says," since Jordan and bandmate **Mitch Thompson** co-wrote it, and they trade vocals with Tenpenny on the single, which was originally — at least in Tenpenny's mind — intended as a Seaforth song. Tenpenny regularly writes several times a

month with Andy Albert ("Good Girl," "She's Got a Way With Words") and Jordan M. Schmidt ("God's Country," "We Back"), and in February they hosted Seaforth at Schmidt's Tree Vibez office in Nashville's Hillsboro Village.

Jordan ran about 40 minutes late after scheduling a haircut at the same time, and when he arrived, the other four had already mapped out a portion of the chorus and were refocused on the opening verse.

"It started as, 'My girl, she likes to dance, she loves to make friends' — that's when Tom came in, and we all started brainstorming more," recalls Thompson.

In the process, they discovered that the "anything she says" phrase at the end of the chorus dovetailed nicely if they changed the "my girl" opening phrase to "she says," and it became a repeating theme that tied a bow on the whole thing.

The verses used syncopated phrases and rhythms, smoothing into a straightahead production in the chorus to create some variation as the song progresses.

"After that chorus, when it drops right back into that other groove, it gives your brain a little time to rest," says Tenpenny. "That's something we always love doing."

The finishing touch came with the bridge, where the singer has a chat with his girlfriend's father. Albert slipped in the line "put a diamond on her hand," jumping up and simulating that engagement moment as they briefly changed a light-hearted song into one with just a tinge of seriousness.

"That's what you would want your girlfriend to hear, that it's not just get-

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ting drunk and getting waffles," says Thompson. "There's a different side." Schmidt oversaw a demo with Jordan playing a few guitar parts while Sea-

forth traded the vocal leads — Jordan handling verse one and the bridge, Thompson taking the chorus and verse two. Then came a gentleman's game of chicken. Tenpenny assumed Seaforth would record "Anything She Says," since that's who they wrote it for, but the duo kept thinking Tenpenny should do it.

> "We kind of texted each other back and forth for weeks," says Thompson. "Like, 'Hey, man, you going to cut the song?' And he'd reply, 'You guys cut it, you guys cut it.'"

> Tenpenny's manager, 11/10 Management owner Kristen Ashley, broke the stalemate, convincing Tenpenny to take it on. He wedged in a visit to the Southern Ground recording studio during a one-day stay back in Nashville in the midst of a packed summer tour schedule. Even though they had discussed it, Schmidt didn't know they were recording "Anything She Says" until Tenpenny texted him just before the session that they should cut that song first.

> "I do remember thinking, 'I don't know how the hell we're going to make this digestible to a country listener,' because the demo is pretty poppy and not what you would expect from a typical country song," says Schmidt. "But once we got the band on there, once we were in the studio and hearing it with real drums, all that stuff kind of came together."

> Also assisting the sound was a trick from Florida Georgia Line road guitarist Tyler "Taco" Chiarelli, who employed a wah pedal that gave it a squeezed, aural component.

> "That guitar part to me is so signature and standout," says Jordan. "Every time I hear it, it kind of just makes me feel good."

> Schmidt took the whole holiday idea further, overdubbing two shakes of jingle bells behind the words "Christmas in July" each time the phrase

appears.

"That could get corny, but I made sure in the mix that it's almost like you don't know if you just heard what you heard," says Schmidt. " 'Did I just hear jingle bells with "Christmas"? Yes, you did, but not too overtly."

Once the label heard Tenpenny's version, Columbia suggested a collaboration with Seaforth, and Schmidt made Tenpenny the primary voice, with Thompson on verse two and Jordan singing the bridge.

When the Anything She Says Tour started in Nashville, Seaforth emerged during Tenpenny's set to perform the song live for the first time, with a blowup doll — affectionately named Judy — in hand. The crowd was already familiar with the song through streaming, and fans sang the words with a ferocity Seaforth had not previously experienced before with a new song. Before the show ended, they signed the blow-up doll and gave her away, though they would repeat that ritual every successive night on the tour.

"I think there's a case of Judys," Thompson says with a laugh.

"Anything She Says" has already piled up 13 million streams, hit No. 1 in the countdown on SiriusXM's The Highway and garnered exposure at such key stations as **WUSN** Chicago, **WIL** St. Louis and **WDAF** Kansas City, Mo.

"It's so refreshing with people singing that song back again," says Tenpenny. "I didn't think it was going to be a song for me, and it's a big song for us now, especially in our live set. It has been incredible."

It's the Christmas gift that keeps on giving.

# **billboard** Country Indicator

THIS	LAST	WKS ON			PL/	NYS .	AUDIENCE (IN MILLIONS)
WEEK	WEEK	CHART	TITLE Imprint/Label	Artist	THIS WEEK	+/-	THIS WEEK
0	2	13	EVENTHOUGH I'M LEAVING River House/Columbia Nashville ** No. 1 (1 week) **	Luke Combs	5299	+30	8.570
2	1	24	ONE MAN BAND RCA Nashville	Old Dominion	5270	-121	8.673
3	3	20	REMEMBER YOU YOUNG Valory	Thomas Rhett	5157	+219	7.898
4	4	28	WEWERE Hit Red/Capitol Nashville	Keith Urban	4847	+108	7.220
6	6	26	HEARTACHE MEDICATION Capitol Nashville	Jon Pardi	4678	+414	6.975
6	5	28	WHAT IF I NEVER GET OVER YOU BMLG	Lady Antebellum	4539	+271	6.542
Ø	7	20	TIP OF MY TONGUE Blue Chair/Warner Music Nashville/WEA	Kenny Chesney	4220	+120	6.230
8	9	34	RIDIN' ROADS Broken Bow         ★★ Most Increased Plays ★★	Dustin Lynch	3668	+433	5.769
9	8	11	WE BACK Macon/Broken Bow	Jason Aldean	3354	+90	4.871
1	11	7	KINFOLKS MCA Nashville	Sam Hunt	3302	+348	4.929
0	13	8	10,000 HOURS Warner Music Nashville/WAR	Dan + Shay & Justin Bieber	3035	+321	4.459
Ð	12	15	HELL RIGHT Warner Music Nashville/WMN Blake	e Shelton Feat. Trace Adkins	2868	+130	4.021
B	14	23	DIVE BAR Pearl Garth	Brooks Feat. Blake Shelton	2729	+166	4.008
1	17	15	I WISH GRANDPAS NEVER DIED BMLG	Riley Green	2552	+281	3.447
Ð	15	12	HOMECOMING QUEEN? Black River	Kelsea Ballerini	2552	+100	3.517
ſ	18	5	WHAT SHE WANTS TONIGHT Capitol Nashville	Luke Bryan	2513	+396	3.588
Ð	16	30	SLOW DANCE IN A PARKING LOT MCA Nashville	Jordan Davis	2430	+115	3.123
B	19	17	HOMESICK Zone 4/RCA Nashville	Kane Brown	2328	+214	3.410
ੰ₿	21	34	MAKE ME WANT TO Stoney Creek	Jimmie Allen	2202	+179	3.124
20	20	14	MORE HEARTS THAN MINE Atlantic/Warner Music Nashville/WEA	Ingrid Andress	2200	+133	3.055
2	22	25	CATCH BMLG	Brett Young	1940	+242	2.381
8	24	13	THE BONES Columbia Nashville     ** Most Added **	Maren Morris	1633	+375	2.279
23	23	12	MONSTERS EMI Nashville	Eric Church	1484	+144	1.828
29	26	25	HOMEMADE Big Loud	Jake Owen	1377	+210	1.679
Ð	25	40	AFTER A FEW Mercury	Travis Denning	1305	+119	1.447
26	27	19	TO A T RCA Nashville	Ryan Hurd	1217	+68	1.516
Ð	28	27	FAMILY TREE Capitol Nashville	Caylee Hammack	1112	+62	1.291
28	29	18	NOTHIN' ON YOU CoJo/Warner Music Nashville/WMN	Cody Johnson	1021	+48	1.224
29	31	3	DRINKING ALONE Capitol Nashville	Carrie Underwood	1012	+152	1.423
30	32	7	I HOPE YOU'RE HAPPY NOW Curb/Big Machine	Carly Pearce & Lee Brice	930	+88	1.112

#### **BILLBOARD COUNTRY INDICATOR PANEL – 109 STATIONS**

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THIS	LAST	WKS ON				PLAYS		
WEEK	WEEK	CHART	TITLE Imprint/Label	Artist	THIS WEEK	+/-	THIS WEEK	
31	30	10	BLESSINGS BMLG	Florida Georgia Line	920	+36	1.034	
32	33	23	DIE FROM A BROKEN HEART Mercury	Maddie & Tae	767	+45	0.750	
33	34	8	WHY WE DRINK Valory	Justin Moore	726	+44	1.028	
34	36	29	IN BETWEEN Triple Tigers	Scotty McCreery	687	+84	0.812	
35	35	16	6 DETAILS Mercury Billy Currington		654	+3	0.667	
36	39	10	COUNTRY RADIO BIG Label	Aaron Watson	606	+41	0.770	
37	38	6	HOLD ON Capitol Nashville	Hootie & The Blowfish	580	+5	0.599	
38	37	17	CHASIN' YOU Big Loud	Morgan Wallen	571	-23	0.739	
39	40	16	MADE IN AMERICA Lawrence	Tracy Lawrence	517	-2	0.453	
40	42	10	OVER DRINKING Capitol Nashville	Little Big Town	505	+16	0.522	
<b>(</b>	43	11	BACK AGAIN Mac Powell/Thirty Tigers	Mac Powell & The Family Reunion	489	+38	0.485	
42	41	12	ONE BIG COUNTRY SONG Wheelhouse LOCASH		485	-11	0.433	
43	46	11	HER WORLD OR MINE Warner Music Nashville/WEA         Michael Ray		422	+30	0.357	
•	45	11	ANOTHER LOVE SONG Fleur de Magnolia	James Dupre	422	+14	0.465	
<b>4</b> 5	47	6	HOSTAGE Tiffany Woys	Tiffany Woys	384	+22	0.389	
46	48	7	THE WEIGHT OF THE BADGE MCA Nashville George Strait		351	+3	0.454	
Ð	49	7	CHILL Free Flow/Tatum Town	Dave McElroy	347	+22	0.420	
48	56	2	COMING MY WAY Sea Gayle	CJ Solar	334	+63	0.336	
<b>4</b> 9	51	7	NOW YOU KNOW 32 Bridge/EMI Nashville	Jon Langston	334	+11	0.325	
50	53	4	WHATEVER THIS IS Redneck	Jessie G	333	+31	0.402	
61	50	9	SHE'S MINE MCA Nashville	Kip Moore	332	+8	0.397	
62	52	5	I'LL NEVER GET OVER YOU Tommy Jackson/Thirty Tigers	Randy Rogers Band	323	+16	0.393	
63	60	3	ONE NIGHT STANDARDS Atlantic/Warner Music Nashville/WAR	Ashley McBryde	304	+70	0.242	
64	55	7	LONELY IF YOU ARE Dack Janiels/Broken Bow	Chase Rice	301	+14	0.218	
65	54	4	GETTING GOOD 19/Mercury	Lauren Alaina	298	+4	0.326	
56	59	4	DROWNING RCA Nashville         Chris Young		279	+32	0.254	
5	58	3	BIG, BIG PLANS Big Loud	Chris Lane	273	+14	0.243	
58	57	10	WHAT COULD'VE BEEN Triple Tigers	Gone West	265	-3	0.258	
59	44	12	APRIL MAY Bison Creek	James Robert Webb	248	-178	0.274	
60	RE-E	NTRY	BREAK IT IN Valory	Eli Young Band	235	+7	0.351	

### **CHARTS LEGEND**

#### RANKINGS

Country Airplay is ranked by total audience impressions for the week ending Sunday based on monitored airplay of 149 stations by Nielsen BDS. Audience totals on the chart are derived, in part, using certain Arbitron Inc. copyrighted Persons 12+ audience estimates (under license © 2019, Arbitron Inc.) Country Indicator is tabulated using reported playlists and Nielsen BDS-monitored airplay at 109 stations, ranked by total plays.

#### **BULLETS**

• Awarded on Country Airplay to titles gaining audience or remaining flat from the previous week. A song will also receive a bullet if its percentage loss in audience does not exceed the percentage of monitored station downtime for the format. Titles that decline in audience but increase in detections will also receive a bullet if the total audience erosion for the week does not exceed 3%. Bullets are awarded on Country Indicator to titles gaining plays or remaining flat from the previous week.

#### TIES

On Country Airplay, if two songs are tied in total audience, the song with the larger increase in audience is placed first. On Country Indicator, if two songs are tied in total plays, the song with the larger increase in plays is placed first.

#### RECURRENTS

On Country Airplay, descending titles below No. 10 in either audience or detections are moved to recurrent after 20 weeks, provided that they are not still gaining enough audience points to bullet or if they rank below No. 10 and post a third consecutive week of (non-bulleted) audience decline, regardless of total chart weeks. On Country Indicator, descending, non-bulleted titles below No. 10 are moved to recurrent after 20 weeks or if they post a third consecutive week of decline in plays after 10 weeks.

#### **HOT SHOT DEBUT**

Awarded to the highest-ranking new entry on Country Airplay and Country Indicator, respectively.

#### MOST ADDED

The total number of new adds officially reported to Billboard by each reporting station, or by an automatic-add threshold (seven plays for the first time in a chart tracking week, according to Nielsen BDS) for stations that do not report adds.

#### MOST INCREASED AUDIENCE/ PLAYS

Most Increased Audience on Country Airplay and Most Increased Plays on Country Indicator list the songs with the greatest week-to-week increases in total audience or plays, respectively.

#### AIRPOWER

Awarded on Country Airplay to titles ranking inside top 20 in plays and audience rankings for the first time, with increases in both plays and audience.

#### BREAKER

Awarded on Country Airplay to titles achieving airplay (at least one detection) at 60% of reporting stations for the first time.

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TITLE Publishing-Licensing Org. (Songwriter) Chart Position

10,000 HOURS Beats And Banios, AS(AP/Shay Mooney Music, BMI/Warner-Tamerlane Publishing Corp., BMI/Big Ass Pile Of Dimes Music, BMI/Big Music Machine, BMI/Big Cayed, AS(AP)/revmmusic, AS(AP/W, Music Corp., AS(AP)/Bieber Time Publishing Inc., AS(AP/Universal Music Corp., AS(AP)Poo BZ Publishing Inc., AS(AP/ BMG Gold Songs, AS(AP (DSmyers, S.Mooney, J.J.Dillon, J.Reynolds, J.D.Bieber, JBoyd) 10

AFTER A FEW I'm About To Go RED On Ya Music, BMI/Iravis Denning Music, BMI/Ole, BMI/Crack The Glass Songs, BMI/Stars And Stripes And Maple Leat Music, BMI/Downtown DMP Songs, BMI/Sound Wagon Songs, AS(AP)WC Music Corp. ASCAP/Music Of The Corn, ASCAP (TDenning, KArcher, JWeaver) 21

BIG, BIG PLANS Magic Mustang Music Inc., BMI/ Warner-Tamerlane Publishing Corp., BMI/Big Loud Mountain. BMI/Songs Of Universal. Inc., BMI/Tree Vibez Music, LLC, BMI/Ern Dog Music, BMI (J.Durrett, C.Lane, E.K.Smith) 51

BLESSINGS Big Loud Mountain, BMI/T Hubb Publishing, BMI/Pranch Ringle Music, BMI/Round Hill Works, BMI/Sonv/ATV Tree Publishing, BMI/Sonv/ATV Countryside, BMI/Sonvolatsmusic, BMI/Warnerlamerlane Publishing Corp., BMI/Telemitry Rhythm House Music, BMI/Songo Of Roc Nation Music, BMI/ WC Music Corp., ASCAP/Fershy Music, ASCAP/We-Volve Music, ASCAP/Em Dog Music, BMI/Songs Of Universal, Inc., BMI/Tnee Vibez Music, LLC BMI (Tubbard, B Kelley, I.Douglas, J.Fasure, J.M.Schmidt, E.K.Smith) 38

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#### Connie Smith's 'Once' Was No. 1 The 1964 hit stood as the longest-leading No. 1 by a woman until 2012 On Nov. 25, 1964, Connie Smith's ruled for eight weeks, standing as the together. Stuart actually met Smith debut song, "Once a Day," began an longest-leading hit by a solo woman when he was just 12 - 17 years her eight-week reign on Billboard's Hot until 2012, when Taylor Swift's "We junior - promptly predicting to his Are Never Ever Getting Back Together" Country Songs chart. mother that he would someday marry Bill Anderson wrote the song, dominated for 12. her. Smith's lone No. 1 among her 20 Born in Elkhart, Ind., in 1941, Smith Stuart produced Smith's latest studio top 10s and 47 Hot Country Songs joined the Grand Ole Opry in 1965 album, 2011s' Long Line of Heartaches. entries logged between 1964 and 1985. and quickly became a fan favorite. In Now 78, Smith was inducted into the Despite remaining Smith's only 1997, she married acclaimed country Country Music Hall of Fame in 2012. No. 1, "Once" was a big one, as it artist Marty Stuart and they remain -JIM ASKER Smith circa 1965. REWINDING THE COUNTRY **CHARTS** This Last Week TITLE, Artist, Label & Weeks on Chart ONCE A DAY Connie Smith, RCA Victor 8416 . . 10 2 I DON'T CARE 1 Buck Owens, Capitol 5240 . 14 3 THE RACE IS ON. George Jones, United Artists 751 .... 10 CHUG-A-LUG Roger Miller, Smash 1926 11 5 DON'T BE ANGRY Stonewall Jackson, Columbia 43076 .15