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'Horse' Josh Thompson Leads Upstart Publisher MV2 To An Enviable Five-Year Anniversary



get them recorded, market them and then get paid can take years. Harrell, a Nashville session keyboardist (**Tim McGraw**,

When **Luke Bryan**'s "One Margarita" rose to the top of *Billboard*'s Country Airplay chart dated July 11, he was hardly alone in celebrating.

Universal Music Group Nashville, two producers and three

Universal Music Group Nashville, two producers and three songwriters had reason to break out with the champagne — or, more appropriately for this song, tequila — but so did

several music publishers, including upstart MV2 Entertainment, which practically crashed the party. "Margarita" was one of six songs that MV2 had on the chart as recently as June 27, a significant number for a publisher that's only 5 years old, and it's a title that fell into the company's lap through a strategic acquisition.







Dustin Lynch), had written songs but never worked in publishing. CEO **James Archer** is a highly successful Texas oilman and a hometown buddy of Harrell.

"Most of my friends thought I was absolutely crazy because we typically see these companies that start up and within three to five years, they fold up or

some other company absorbs them and they end up with a debt and no success," says Harrell.

It also lacked some other built-in advantages that are often part and parcel of a successful indie publisher. For example, Big Machine operates under the Big Machine Label Group umbrella. Sea Gayle, which developed its own label, was started by a well-connected artist, **Brad Paisley**. MV2 launched on May 1, 2015, with semi-naive confidence and a <u>pledge</u> that sounds nothing like the stereotypical views of either the music or energy industries: MV2 stands for "Mission, vision and values," and the word "integrity" is prominent in the company's description.

That resonated with Thompson.

"That's a word that isn't really thrown around in the music

Josh Thompson signed to MV2's roster when his contract with Big Machine Music ran out, and the company also purchased Thompson's publishing entity, Two Laine Collections. The deal, announced in March, was timely. He cowrote four of the MV2 titles that charted in June on the country list: "One Margarita," Thomas Rhett's "Be a Light," Jon Pardi's "Ain't Always the Cowboy" and Tyler Farr's "Only Truck in Town." Thompson ranked No. 1 on the Country Songwriters chart for five straight weeks through the July 25 list (see page 13), and his signing sent a message that MV2 was serious about being in the game.

"We are at a major turning point," says MV2 GM **Tony Harrell**. "I would call it chapter two of MV2."



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industry, so to speak," he says. "But it's a part of [Archer's] character and the companies that he builds."

Harrell likens MV2's construction to that of a professional sports franchise. In one extreme comparison, baseball's Arizona Diamondbacks started as an expansion team in 1998. It was mediocre, at best, that first year. But some internally developed talent, strong management and key free-agent signings brought the team a World Series title in its fourth year of existence.

MV2 similarly built upon a small initial staff, adding **Thomas Archer** (no relation to James Archer) in its second year and providing him time to develop. He now owns two of the company's curent-charting singles: **Luke Combs**' "Lovin' on You" and **Jason Aldean**'s "Got What I Got." Senior creative director **Mike Whelan**, a 35-year publishing veteran, and creative directors **Ben Strain** and **Nicole Sherill** provided established cred to the staff. And the company bought a publishing catalog from **Natalie Hemby** that included the awardwinning **Kacey Musgraves** song "Rainbow" and yielded a No. 1 single with Pardi's "Heartache Medication." A Hemby-penned **Kelly Clarkson** track, "I Dare You," also appeared on the Billboard Hot 100.

Whelan and Strain were being courted elsewhere when they left ole music for MV2, and they joined in part because they were impressed by James Archer's promise to give them what they needed. Whelan admits to a "freakout moment" in his early days at the company, though Archer lived up to his pledge the first time they signed a new staff writer.

"Part of the disconnect I had at major corporations is when deals came up, it would take sometimes six to eight months to get the deal done," recalls Whelan. "It became hard to make the deal work because you were in limbo world for so long. And the first writer we signed [at MV2], we did it in 30 days. What a breath of fresh air that was."

In April, MV2 established in-house label New Lost City with MV2 singersongwriter Nora Collins and Oklahoma act Blake Henderson, looking not to build a stand-alone imprint but to partner with existing companies. MV2 meanwhile signed developing writers Nick Donley, Houston Phillips and Forrest Finn, and added established David Frasier ("Most People Are Good," "Drinking Class") in another catalog pickup.

"It's like a big pie," says Whelan. "You need your organic growth, you need some catalog acquisition, you need some acquisitions with the go-forward deal with the writer to make up a successful publishing company."

Thompson, explains Whelan, is the "horse" that's pulling the MV2 wagon at the moment, much like **Randy Johnson** was the horse of the Series-winning Diamondbacks squad. Thompson relishes the role—he talks, as well, about the desire to "build a roster of people that are going to be tomorrow's hit writers"—but even as the team looks to the future, it can't resist pausing to celebrate its good fortune at the five-year mark.

"Trying to build a publishing company from the ground up is probably tougher than it's ever been," says Whelan. "It's always been incredibly, incredibly tough to build it from song one, but in today's climate, it is quite a feat." •



Creative Workshop marked 50 years as a studio in Nashville's Berry Hill neighborhood with a mural featuring some of the acts who have recorded there, including Kenny Rogers, Dottie West and Dolly Parton. From left at the unveiling: mural artist Scott Guion, Workshop founder Buzz Cason and Berry Hill Mayor Greg Mabey.



A July 13 giveaway at Soundcheck Nashville provided over 140 of the concert industry's gig-economy workers and their families enough food for 22,000 meals. Dega Catering chef Kris O'Connor (left) and Musically Fed founder Maria Brunner organized the food's distribution.



The Erv Woolsey Co. established a new label, Rollin' the Dice Records, and inked Stone Senate as the first act. Copperline Music Group will distribute the imprint. From left: Stone Senate members Clint Woolsey, James Edwards and Ted Hennington, and Woolsey Co. CEO/founder Erv Woolsey.





ON THE CHARTS JIM ASKER jim.asker@billboard.com

Gabby Barrett's 'I Hope' Is First Female Debut To Top Hot Country Songs Since 2006; Sam Hunt Scores Seventh Country Airplay No. 1



Gabby Barrett's debut hit, "I Hope" (Warner Music Nashville), rises 3-1 on *Billboard*'s streaming-, sales- and airplay-based Hot Country Songs chart (dated July 25).

The song, which Barrett wrote with **Zachary Kale** and **Jon Nite**, is the first career-opening No. 1 by a woman and one that was promoted to the format since **Carrie Underwood**. She topped the tally with her first proper country single,

"Jesus, Take the Wheel," which reigned for six weeks starting in January 2006. Both artists translated the spotlight of *American Idol* into chart triumphs: Underwood won the 2005 edition; Barrett finished third in 2018.

"What an amazing journey this song has taken me on," Barrett tells *Billboard*. "I feel so blessed and excited that fans are still loving and listening to 'I Hope.' I am so grateful."

"I Hope" crosses the Hot Country Songs finish line in its 64th week on the chart, completing the longest trip to No. 1 in the list's history. It passes **Dan + Shay**'s "Tequila," which took 54 frames to hit the top on Feb. 2, 2019.

As "I Hope" dethrones Maren Morris's "The Bones" (Columbia Nashville), which drops to No. 3 after a 19-week reign, the chart sports its first changing of the guard by two women in over nine years. On the list dated May 28, 2011, Miranda Lambert's "Heart Like Mine" unseated Sara Evans' "A Little Bit Stronger."

"I Hope" returns to the Country Streaming Songs pinnacle (3-1) for a 14th frame, having drawn 10. 8 million U.S. streams (up 7%) in the week ending July 16, according to Nielsen Music/MRC Data. On Country Digital Song Sales, which it led for a week in May, it rises 5-3 with 8,000 (up 13%).

The song ruled the Country Airplay ranking dated April 25. On the all-genre Radio Songs chart, it pushes 18-17, with 38.5 million audience impressions (up 6%) in the week ending July 19. It also crosses into the Adult Contemporary top 10, lifting 13-10, and rises 15-14 on Adult Pop Songs and 20-19 on Pop Songs. (A remix with **Charlie Puth** that was released April 17 has been elevating the song's profile.)

Barrett's debut LP, *Goldmine*, arrived at No. 4 on the Top Country Albums chart dated July 4.

SAM'S CLUB OF NO. 1s Sam Hunt notches his seventh Country Airplay leader as "Hard to Forget" (MCA Nashville) rises 2-1, up by 3% to 31.5 million in audience in the week ending July 19.

Hunt penned the song with Ashley Gorley, Luke Laird, Shane McAnally and Josh Osborne. It's Hunt's second straight leader on the chart, following "Kinfolks" in February. Both songs are from his second LP, Southside. He first topped Country Airplay with debut hit "Leave the Night On" for a week in November 2014 and added three more one-week No. 1s from debut set Montevallo: "Take Your Time" (May 2015), "House Party" (September 2015) and "Make You Miss Me" (September 2016). He then led with crossover smash "Body Like a Back Road" (also from Southside) for three weeks in May 2017. The track dominated Hot Country Songs for a then-record 34 weeks starting that February.

FIFTH GEAR Brett Eldredge achieves his fifth Top Country Albums top 10 as Sunday Drive (Warner Music Nashville/WMN) bounds in at No. 5 with 14,000 equivalent album units (10,000 in sales). The new album

follows his self-titled set that debuted at No. 1 in August 2017, becoming his second leader, after *Illinois* in October 2015. *Sunday Drive*'s lead single, "Gabrielle," rises 42-36 on Country Airplay (2.5 million, up 9%).

TOP 10 TWOSOMES LOCASH earns its first Hot Country Songs top 10 since 2016 as "One Big Country Song" (Wheelhouse) jumps 15-8 (up by 5% to 23.6 million impressions). It holds at No. 7 on Country Airplay, pulling 6.1 million streams and selling 1,000. LOCASH's third top 10 follows "I Know Somebody" (No. 4, October 2016) and "I Love This Life" (No. 5, February 2016). Meanwhile, fellow duo **Florida Georgia Line** nets its 17th Country Airplay top 10 as "I Love My Country" (Big Machine Label Group) rises 11-10 (20.2 million, up 1%).





"The Man Who Loves You The Most" 52 Stations Out Of The Box!

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| WEEK | WEEK | CHART | TITLE Imprint/Label | Artist | THIS WEEK | +/- | THIS WEEK | +/- | RANK |
| 0 | 2 | 21 | HARD TO FORGET MCA Nashville ★★ No. 1 (1 week) ★★ | Sam Hunt | 31.474 | +1.002 | 7676 | 144 | 1 |
| 2 | 1 | 17 | ONE MARGARITA Row Crop/Capitol Nashville | Luke Bryan | 31.308 | -2.546 | 7370 | -767 | 2 |
| 8 | 3 | 31 | BLUEBIRD Vanner/RCA Nashville ★★ Most Increased Audience ★★ | Miranda Lambert | 29.202 | +2.133 | 7247 | 359 | 3 |
| 4 | 4 | 34 | DONE Warner Music Nashville/WAR | Chris Janson | 27.590 | +1.504 | 6634 | 261 | 4 |
| 5 | 5 | 51 | CHASIN'YOU Big Loud | Morgan Wallen | 24.725 | -0.817 | 5325 | -249 | 7 |
| 6 | 8 | 50 | DIE FROM A BROKEN HEART Mercury | Maddie & Tae | 24.107 | +1.734 | 6156 | 439 | 5 |
| Ø | 7 | 62 | ONE BIG COUNTRY SONG Wheelhouse | LOCASH | 23.641 | +1.174 | 5959 | 293 | 6 |
| 8 | 9 | 42 | WHY WE DRINK Valory | Justin Moore | 21.329 | +0.146 | 5214 | 54 | 9 |
| 9 | 10 | 16 | BE A LIGHT Valory Thomas Rhett Featuring Reba McEntire, Hillary Scott, Chris | Tomlin & Keith Urban | 20.724 | +0.161 | 5292 | -42 | 8 |
| 0 | 11 | 17 | I LOVE MY COUNTRY BMLG FIG | orida Georgia Line | 20.172 | +0.259 | 5151 | -13 | 10 |
| 0 | 12 | 21 | GOD WHISPERED YOUR NAME Hit Red/Capitol Nashville | Keith Urban | 19.102 | +0.095 | 4961 | 133 | 11 |
| Ø | 13 | 13 | COOL AGAIN RCA Nashville | Kane Brown | 18.098 | +0.230 | 4353 | 55 | 12 |
| B | 14 | 11 | I CALLED MAMA McGraw/Big Machine | Tim McGraw | 14.350 | +0.488 | 3727 | 72 | 14 |
| 12 | 17 | 6 | LOVIN' ON YOU River House/Columbia Nashville | Luke Combs | 13.919 | +1.509 | 3265 | 388 | 16 |
| Œ | 15 | 36 | ONE NIGHT STANDARDS Atlantic/Warner Music Nashville/WAR | Ashley McBryde | 13.622 | +0.067 | 3860 | 65 | 13 |
| 10 | 16 | 35 | SOME GIRLS Combustion/River House/Columbia Nashville | Jameson Rodgers | 13.160 | +0.739 | 3597 | 84 | 15 |
| (1) | 18 | 15 | GOT WHAT I GOT Macon/Broken Bow | Jason Aldean | 11.719 | +0.745 | 3177 | 121 | 17 |
| B | 19 | 55 | LONELY IF YOU ARE Dack Janiels/Broken Bow | Chase Rice | 10.234 | +0.774 | 3127 | 111 | 18 |
| 19 | 21 | 15 | ONE OFTHEM GIRLS Curb ** Airpower ** | Lee Brice | 9.981 | +1.455 | 3110 | 396 | 19 |
| 20 | 20 | 32 | EVERYWHERE BUT ON RECORDS/Arista Nashville | Matt Stell | 9.060 | +0.160 | 2938 | 39 | 20 |
| 3 | 22 | 28 | PRETTY HEART MCA Nashville | Parker McCollum | 8.811 | +0.658 | 2517 | 182 | 22 |
| 22 | 24 | 45 | SHE'S MINE MCA Nashville | Kip Moore | 8.177 | +0.568 | 2644 | 101 | 21 |
| 23 | 23 | 14 | NO I IN BEER Arista Nashville | Brad Paisley | 8.095 | +0.208 | 2452 | 92 | 23 |
| 2 | 25 | 24 | ONE BEER Big Loud HARDY Featuring Lauren Alaina | a & Devin Dawson | 7.591 | +0.408 | 2368 | 10 | 24 |
| 25 | 26 | 18 | AIN'T ALWAYS THE COWBOY Capitol Nashville | Jon Pardi | 5.289 | -0.041 | 1877 | -9 | 25 |
| 26 | 27 | 26 | CHEATIN' SONGS Big Machine | Midland | 5.225 | -0.016 | 1825 | 11 | 26 |
| 3 | 28 | 13 | CHAMPAGNE NIGHT BMLG ★★ Most Added ★★ | Lady A | 5.144 | +0.334 | 1786 | 210 | 27 |
| 23 | 29 | 21 | SOME PEOPLE DO RCA Nashville | Old Dominion | 4.557 | +0.069 | 1497 | 59 | 29 |
| 29 | 30 | 20 | LOVE YOU LIKE I USED TO Triple Tigers | Russell Dickerson | 4.276 | +0.195 | 1563 | 87 | 28 |
| 30 | 31 | 8 | MORETHAN MY HOMETOWN Big Loud | Morgan Wallen | 4.252 | +0.533 | 1142 | 106 | 33 |
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COUNTRY AIRPLAY CHART LEGEND

RANKINGS

Country Airplay is ranked by total audience impressions for the week ending Sunday based on monitored airplay of 148 stations by Nielsen Music. Audience totals on the chart are derived, in part, using certain Nielsen Audiocopyrighted Persons 12+ audience estimates (under license © 2020, Nielsen Audio). The list of all Country Airplay chart reporters can be viewed on Nielsen Music's platforms.

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%.

TIES

On Country Airplay, if two songs are tied in total audience, the song with the larger increase in audience 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.

HOT SHOT DEBUT

Awarded to the highest-ranking new entry on Country Airplay.

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 Music) for stations that do not report adds

MOST INCREASED AUDIENCE

Most Increased Audience on Country Airplay lists the songs with the greatest week-to-week increases in total audience.

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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| WEEK | WEEK | CHART | TITLE Imprint/Label Artist | THIS WEEK | +/- | THIS WEEK | +/- | RANK |
| <u> </u> | 33 | 4 | STICKTHAT IN YOUR COUNTRY SONG EMI Nashville Eric Church | 3.480 | +0.145 | 1135 | 4 | 34 |
| <u> </u> | 35 | 34 | BIG, BIG PLANS Big Loud Chris Lane | 3.221 | +0.178 | 1208 | 53 | 32 |
| <u>33</u> | 38 | 5 | HOW THEY REMEMBER YOU Big Machine Rascal Flatts | 3.038 | +0.333 | 985 | 97 | 37 |
| 34 | 34 | 22 | MOMMA'S HOUSE Broken Bow Dustin Lynch | 3.032 | -0.088 | 1240 | 14 | 31 |
| 35 | 37 | 40 | GETTING GOOD 19/Mercury Lauren Alaina | 2.898 | -0.094 | 1343 | 81 | 30 |
| 339 | 42 | 14 | GABRIELLE Warner Music Nashville/WMN Brett Eldredge | 2.506 | +0.207 | 961 | 23 | 39 |
| 3 | 41 | 23 | SOMEBODY LIKETHAT 19th & Grand Tenille Arts | 2.474 | +0.139 | 1063 | 35 | 36 |
| 3 3 | 43 | 14 | GOOD TIME RCA Nashville Niko Moon | 2.321 | +0.120 | 698 | -5 | 43 |
| 39 | 40 | 32 | WHAT I SEE Arista Nashville LANCO | 2.305 | -0.040 | 1100 | -41 | 35 |
| 40 | 39 | 9 | ALL NIGHT EMI Nashville Brothers Osborne | 2.127 | -0.246 | 853 | -13 | 40 |
| 4 | 45 | 7 | HOLE INTHE BOTTLE Black River ★★ Breaker ★★ Kelsea Ballerini | 2.002 | +0.121 | 739 | 110 | 42 |
| 4 2 | 44 | 16 | TO HELL & BACK Columbia Nashville Maren Morris | 1.891 | -0.011 | 757 | 12 | 41 |
| 43 | 46 | 13 | NOBODY Curb Dylan Scott | 1.816 | -0.052 | 980 | -12 | 38 |
| 44 | 48 | 7 | ALMOST MAYBES MCA Nashville Jordan Davis | 1.723 | +0.031 | 644 | -3 | 46 |
| 45 | 47 | 12 | LADY BMLG Brett Young | 1.655 | -0.085 | 599 | -14 | 48 |
| 46 | 49 | 5 | THE MAN WHO LOVES YOU THE MOST Home Grown/19th & Grand Zac Brown Band | 1.559 | -0.064 | 455 | 49 | 52 |
| 49 | 53 | 5 | HARD DAYS Valory Brantley Gilbert | 1.445 | +0.132 | 616 | 47 | 47 |
| 48 | 51 | 9 | MADE FOR YOU Big Loud Jake Owen | 1.430 | +0.015 | 503 | 18 | 50 |
| 49 | 55 | 3 | WEWERE RICH Wheelhouse Runaway June | 1.415 | +0.166 | 536 | 85 | 49 |
| 50 | NE | EW | HAPPY DOES Blue Chair/Warner Music Nashville/WEA ★★ Hot Shot Debut ★★ Kenny Chesney | 1.347 | +0.812 | 303 | 169 | 56 |
| 51 | 52 | 6 | THE GOOD ONES Warner Music Nashville/WAR Gabby Barrett | 1.276 | -0.043 | 503 | -28 | 51 |
| 52 | 54 | 12 | THIS IS US RECORDS/Columbia/Stoney Creek Jimmie Allen & Noah Cyrus | 1.137 | -0.125 | 667 | -22 | 45 |
| 53 | 56 | 9 | JUSTTHEWAY Stoney Creek Parmalee x Blanco Brown | 1.064 | -0.057 | 673 | 12 | 44 |
| 54 | 57 | 4 | EVERY OTHER MEMORY RCA Nashville Ryan Hurd | 0.958 | -0.141 | 281 | -37 | 57 |
| 65 | 58 | 3 | SINGLE SATURDAY NIGHT Warner Music Nashville/WMN Cole Swindell | 0.898 | +0.123 | 333 | 23 | 54 |
| 56 | 59 | 3 | THE STRANGER Atlantic/Warner Music Nashville/WMN Ingrid Andress | 0.840 | +0.127 | 326 | 44 | 55 |
| 57 | 60 | 5 | WHATCHA DRINKIN 'BOUT Rebel Engine Stephanie Quayle | 0.646 | -0.063 | 239 | -11 | 59 |
| 5 3 | NE | EW | WHERE THAT BEER'S BEEN Mercury Travis Denning | 0.462 | +0.276 | 181 | 114 | - |
| 59 | NE | EW | WINE, BEER, WHISKEY Capitol Nashville Little Big Town | 0.456 | -0.016 | 266 | -3 | 58 |
| 60 | NE | EW | Y'ALLSOME Black River Pryor & Lee | 0.447 | +0.016 | 167 | 13 | - |
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GOING FOR ADDS

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ASHLEY BARRON Let Me Go

CHRISSY METZ Talking To God EMI Nashville

JADE NARAINE Back To My Dream

MADISON STATION Life Leaving It's Mark Yellow Hammer/Star Farm Nashville

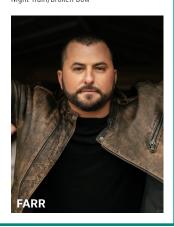
MITCHELL TENPENNY Broken Up Columbia Nashville

SAMMY SADLER In America

Workhorse

TYLER FARR Soundtrack To A Small Town Sundown

Night Train/Broken Bow



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| CHAMPAGNE NIGHT BMLG | Lady A | 10 |
| MORE THAN MY HOMETOWN Big Loud | Morgan Wallen | 10 |
| HAPPY DOES Blue Chair/Warner Music Nashville/WEA | Kenny Chesney | 10 |
| HOLE IN THE BOTTLE Black River | Kelsea Ballerini | 9 |
| WE WERE RICH Wheelhouse | Runaway June | 9 |
| WANT ME BACK Stoney Creek | Lindsay Ell | 9 |
| SINGLE SATURDAY NIGHT Warner Music Nashville/WMN | Cole Swindell | 7 |
| WHERE THAT BEER'S BEEN Mercury Nashville | Travis Denning | 6 |
| LOVIN' ON YOU River House/Columbia Nashville | Luke Combs | 5 |
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| TITLE Imprint/Label | Artist | (IN MILLIONS) | | | | | | | |
| BLUEBIRD Vanner/RCA Nashville | Miranda Lambert | +2.133 | | | | | | | |
| DIE FROM A BROKEN HEART Mercury | Maddie & Tae | +1.734 | | | | | | | |
| LOVIN' ON YOU River House/Columbia Nashville | Luke Combs | +1.509 | | | | | | | |
| DONE Warner Music Nashville/WAR | Chris Janson | +1.504 | | | | | | | |
| ONE OF THEM GIRLS Curb | Lee Brice | +1.455 | | | | | | | |
| ONE BIG COUNTRY SONG Wheelhouse | LOCASH | +1.174 | | | | | | | |
| HARD TO FORGET MCA Nashville | Sam Hunt | +1.002 | | | | | | | |
| HAPPY DOES Blue Chair/Warner Music Nashville/WEA | Kenny Chesney | +0.812 | | | | | | | |
| LONELY IF YOU ARE Dack Janiels/Broken Bow | Chase Rice | +0.774 | | | | | | | |
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| MOST INCREASED PLAYS | | | | | | | |
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| TITLE Imprint/Label | Artist | GAIN | | | | | |
| DIE FROM A BROKEN HEART Mercury | Maddie & Tae | +439 | | | | | |
| ONE OF THEM GIRLS Curb | Lee Brice | +396 | | | | | |
| LOVIN' ON YOU River House/Columbia Nashville | Luke Combs | +388 | | | | | |
| BLUEBIRD Vanner/RCA Nashville | Miranda Lambert | +359 | | | | | |
| ONE BIG COUNTRY SONG Wheelhouse | LOCASH | +293 | | | | | |
| DONE Warner Music Nashville/WAR | Chris Janson | +261 | | | | | |
| CHAMPAGNE NIGHT BMLG | Lady A | +210 | | | | | |
| PRETTY HEART MCA Nashville | Parker McCollum | +182 | | | | | |
| HAPPY DOES Blue Chair/Warner Music Nashville/WEA | Kenny Chesney | +169 | | | | | |
| HARD TO FORGET MCA Nashville | Sam Hunt | +144 | | | | | |

| NEW AND ACTIVE | | | | | | | | | | |
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| TITLE Imprint/Label Artist | TOTAL Audience | TOTAL STATIONS | ADDS | | | | | | | |
| ALL OF THE BOYS True To The Song/Mailboat/New Revolution Caroline Jones | 0.437 | 30 | 1 | | | | | | | |
| HEARTLESS Mad Decent/Columbia Diplo & Julia Michaels Feat. Morgan Wallen | 0.434 | 5 | 0 | | | | | | | |
| THESE DAYS Big Loud MacKenzie Porter | 0.426 | 21 | 0 | | | | | | | |
| NEVER HAVE I EVER BMLG Danielle Bradbery | 0.359 | 8 | 5 | | | | | | | |
| WANT ME BACK Stoney Creek Lindsay Ell | 0.313 | 14 | 9 | | | | | | | |
| COLDER THAN YOU Tree Vibez/Round Here/AWAL-Kobalt Canaan Smith | 0.263 | 14 | 0 | | | | | | | |

| | RECURRENTS | | | | | | | | | |
|--------------|--|-----------------------------|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|
| THIS WEEK | TITLE Imprint/Label Artist | TOTAL AUD. (IN MILLIONS) | | | | | | | | |
| 1 | NOBODY BUT YOU Warner Music Nashville/WMN Blake Shelton Duet With Gwen Stefani | 21.522 | | | | | | | | |
| 2 | I HOPE Warner Music Nashville/WAR Gabby Barrett | 17.172 | | | | | | | | |
| 3 | DOES TO ME River House/Columbia Nashville Luke Combs Featuring Eric Church | 16.708 | | | | | | | | |
| 4 | THE BONES Columbia Nashville Maren Morris | 14.925 | | | | | | | | |
| 5 | HERE AND NOW Blue Chair/Warner Music Nashville/WEA Kenny Chesney | 14.720 | | | | | | | | |
| 6 | AFTER A FEW Mercury Travis Denning | 14.299 | | | | | | | | |
| 7 | BEER CAN'T FIX Valory Thomas Rhett Featuring Jon Pardi | 14.162 | | | | | | | | |
| 8 | HOMEMADE Big Loud Jake Owen | 11.298 | | | | | | | | |
| 9 | ONE MAN BAND RCA Nashville Old Dominion | 10.509 | | | | | | | | |
| 10 | I HOPE YOU'RE HAPPY NOW Curb/Big Machine Carly Pearce & Lee Brice | 9.654 | | | | | | | | |





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WEEK ENDING JULY 19, 2020

| THIS Week | | WKS ON CHART | TITLE (Label) ARTIST | TW Spins | SPINS +/- | THIS WEEK | | WKS ON Chart | TITLE (Label) ARTIST | TW SPINS | SPINS +/- |
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| 0 | 2 | 22 | BURY MY BONES (Independent) ★★1 Week at 1 ★★ Whiskey Myers | 1826 | 115 | 0 | 11 | 15 | EVERYDAYERS (Independent) James Lann | 1382 | 55 |
| 0 | 4 | 13 | AS SOON AS YOU (Ten X Music Group) Bri Bagwell | 1825 | 193 | P | 17 | 10 | LITTLE BIT (Independent) Curtis Grimes | 1339 | 238 |
| 3 | 3 | 23 | FAMILY NAME (Independent) Cross Rags and Young | 1799 | 94 | 13 | 7 | 18 | RODEO CLOWN (Independent) Randy Rogers & Wade Bowen | 1248 | -279 |
| 4 | 5 | 18 | RADIO COWBOY (Independent) Jon Stork | 1757 | 147 | 14 | 15 | 27 | THROUGH THE JUKEBOX (Independent) Donice Morace | 1090 | -70 |
| 6 | 6 | 14 | NEON TOWN (Independent) David Adam Byrnes | 1658 | 108 | 1 | 20 | 7 | GHOST TOWN (Independent) Mike Ryan | 1049 | 90 |
| 6 | 9 | 9 | SPUR OF THE MOMENT (Independent) Kylie Frey | 1540 | 183 | 16 | 18 | 18 | NOT GIVE A DAMN (Independent) Sundance Head | 1028 | 29 |
| 0 | 8 | 15 | LET ME HOLD YOU TONIGHT (Little Red Truck) Deryl Dodd | 1515 | 71 | D | 21 | 20 | COUNTRY'S COMING BACK (Independent) Josh Grider | 990 | 35 |
| 8 | 10 | 18 | FEELS LIKE COUNTRY MUSIC (Independent) Jon Wolfe | 1459 | 122 | 13 | 24 | 9 | POOR (Independent) William Clark Green | 940 | 86 |
| 9 | 1 | 20 | YOU, ME AND A BOTTLE (Independent) Randy Rogers Band | 1456 | -424 | 19 | 13 | 27 | NO HANDLE (Independent) The Panhandlers | 937 | -257 |
| 0 | 14 | 10 | AIN'T A TRAIN (Independent) Cody Jinks | 1438 | 247 | 20 | 22 | 22 | ALWAYS AND FOREVER (Independent) Cory Morrow | 887 | -37 |

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Hats Off to the '80s & '90s, one of country's first socially distanced online concerts, received a Telly Award for social media live event. Back row, from left: Wade Hayes, Ronnie McDowell, T. Graham Brown and Tim Atwood. Front row, from left: David Frizzell, Tim Rushlow and Lulu Roman.

COVID-19 PROVIDES DIGITAL PUSH

Digital devices are now the dominant method of listening to music, and the coronavirus seems to be behind the latest growth wave.

For the first time since Edison Research began documenting audio consumption with its *Share of Ear* study in 2014, digital and on-demand platforms owned over half of consumers' time spent listening during the second quarter of 2020. Listeners accessed music through smartphones, computers, internet-connected TVs and smart speakers during 53% of their listening hours. The other 47% of listening came through more traditional means, such as AM/FM receivers, SiriusXM devices, CD players, turntables and standard TV.

In the previous study, traditional devices still maintained the advantage, amassing 55% of the daily time spent listening.

Digital's rise past the 50% mark was "almost inevitable," said Edison director of research **Laura Ivey** in a statement, noting that coronavirus-related "disruptions may have just accelerated the process."

COVID-19 was declared a national emergency in March, thus the secondquarter surveys measured a change in American lifestyles and media consumption. Of particular note, a widespread shift from office commutes to work-from-home labor significantly reduced in-car listening for many workers.

Continued study is necessary, however, to determine if the digital surge is an anomaly.

"We will have to wait to see if the numbers revert more closely to what they were before the disruptions," said Ivey.

RADIO & RECORDS®

Big Loud hired **Kenny Jay** as national director of radio marketing. The radio veteran was most recently **WUSN** Chicago PD ... Former BBR Music Group



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founder Benny Brown and CFO Paul Brown teamed with songwriter Jason Sellers ("Don't You Wanna Stay," "Sunny and 75") to form Quartz Hill Records. The label partnered with The Orchard for distribution ... Singersongwriter Joey Hendricks signed a recording deal with Sony Music Nashville. His first track in the agreement, "Yours or Mine," will be released July 24 ... CMT Radio digital and social producer Lauryn Sapp added on-air duties for two Premiere-distributed programs: CMT After MidNite With Cody Alan and CMT Radio Live With Cody Alan ... WOXO-FM Lewiston-Auburn, Maine, will return

to the air in the coming weeks following the Bennett Radio Group's purchase of a silent station cluster from Mountain Valley Broadcasting, *The Lewiston Sun Journal* reported. Mountain Valley was forced to shut down operations when COVID-19 exacerbated existing financial issues. Bennett president **Stan Bennett**, the former Binnie Media vp programming, hopes his new stations will go live by early August ... **WGH** Norfolk, Va., personality **Karen West** added music director stripes, according to InsideRadio.com ... **WUBE** Cincinnati PD

Grover Collins shifted his on-air duties from nights to middays, InsideRadio. com reported. The move follows the retirement of Duke Hamilton ... WCTK New Bedford, Mass.-Providence, R.I., promoted on-air personality Kevin Palana to PD, according to RadioInk.com. He also takes the PD reins at classic hits sister WNBH ... WCTY Norwich, Conn., parted company with host Josh Matty, Talkers.com reported ... Carson Blackley was promoted to WNCB Raleigh-Durham, N.C., PD from music director, according to Talkers. com ... WOKO Burlington, Vt., personality Amy McGovern died July 15 in a motorcycle accident in Georgia, Vt., WCAX-TV Burlington reported ... The Country Radio Hall of Fame dinner and awards have been postponed indefinitely amid coronavirus-related uncertainty. The event was originally scheduled for June 24, then bumped to Sept. 3.

'ROUND THE ROW

Sprockets, a music publishing company associated with Copperline Music Group, hired **Elizabeth Brahan** as director of publishing. She was previously Big Yellow Dog catalog manager. Reach her here ... Songwriter **Laura Veltz**

("The Bones," "Speechless") signed a long-term extension of her publishing contract with Big Machine Music ... Bluegrass label Pinecastle signed **Dale Ann Bradley** to a multialbum agreement. Bradley is a five-time winner of the International Bluegrass Music Association's female vocalist of the year award ... **Luke Combs** and **HARDY** are finalists for songwriter and artist-writer of the year in the fifth annual Association of Independent Music Publishers' Nashville awards. Four composers also landed a nomination in both the AIMP publisher's pick category and song of the year:



Maren Morris, Jessie Jo Dillon, Barry Dean and Laura Veltz. Voting occurs July 20-24. Go here for the full ballot ... ABC will telecast the American Music Awards on Nov. 22 ... Drummer Jamie Oldaker died July 16 at his home in Tulsa, Okla., The Tulsa World reported. He was a member of The Tractors, whose rough-cut sound generated a self-titled double-platinum album behind the 1994 single "Baby Likes to Rock It." Oldaker also worked with Leon Russell, Ronnie Dunn, Peter Frampton and Eric Clapton ... Services will be held Aug. 1 at the Spanish Valley Mortuary in Moab, Utah, for Patsy Craft, who died July 9. During her early-adult years, Craft worked as a background vocalist for Lefty Frizzell ... Former label executive Abbe DeMontbreun-Stroud died June 19. She worked as an executive assistant to producer-label chief Jimmy Bowen during his stints at the Nashville divisions of Warner Bros., MCA and Capitol. A celebration of life is being planned. ●



Chris Young discussed his new track, "If That Ain't God," during a virtual roundtable with key radio contacts. Clockwise from upper left: Westwood One writer-producer Tim Erickson, Premiere Radio Networks senior producer Rosemary Young, ABC Radio country producer-reporter Stephen Hubbard and Young.

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MUSIC NOTES

Nashville's heat index has peaked over 100 degrees for at least three straight days, making it a perfect time to think about Christmas. **Carrie Underwood** announced July 20 that her first yuletide album, *My Gift*, will arrive Sept. 25.



Atrack list is still to be revealed. Other newly announced album and EP dates include Orville Peck's rescheduled EP No Glory in the West, due Aug. 14; Shannon LaBrie's Building, Aug. 14; Tucker Beathard's King, Aug. 21; Ryan Griffin's EP Name on It, Aug. 28; Jamie O'Neal's Sometimes, Oct. 2; and Brent Cobb's Keep 'Em on They Toes, Oct. 2. Also in the mix is The Thread, a duo consisting of fiddler Caitlin Nicol-Thomas and drummer Tyler Boydstun, that is plotting an Aug. 28 release for House on Fire.

Dolly Parton fans will recall that her rambunctious 1989 single "Why'd You Come in Here Lookin' Like That" emerged from a **Ricky Skaggs**-produced album, *White Limozeen*,

named after a song penned by **Mac Davis**. White Limozeen is now a rooftop bar named in Parton's honor at the Graduate Nashville hotel. The flowery, ultrapink venue opened July 17 after being delayed by coronavirus-related issues. Photos of the pool and bar — and its checkerboard menu — are visible <u>here</u>.

What 13-year-old kid doesn't like a good fart joke? **Mason Ramsey** got to engage in an age-appropriate sendup of methane gases in a new Burger King commercial that celebrates an eco-friendly lemongrass food line intended to cut emissions by more than one-third. Combining cows, space aliens, yodels and a not-so-veiled trip through a bovine digestive system, the ad has received less-than-favorable reviews, despite its good intentions. The surreal effort is still worth a look <u>here</u>.

Chrissy Metz, who came to prominence on NBC's *This Is Us*, will make her Grand Ole Opry debut on July 25. It follows the release of her EMI Nashville single "Talking to God," which was issued to country radio via PlayMPE on July 6. The socially distanced performance will also feature gospel singer CeCe Wingns. ●

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ON THIS DATE IN COUNTRY MUSIC



July 21

- 2019 Jon Pardi and Lauren Alaina are members of Bobby Bones' team on an edition of ABC's Celebrity Family Feud, playing against a squad led by tennis player Andy Roddick. Bones and crew lose, but they still earn a charitable donation to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital.
- 2018 Kenny Chesney plays to over 44,500 people as he headlines the first-ever country concert at Busch Stadium in St. Louis. Thomas Rhett, Old Dominion and Brandon Lay are also on the bill. Un-

publicized guest **David Lee Murphy** joins Chesney for "Everything's Gonna Be Alright," "Dust on the Bottle" and "Party Crowd."

July 22

• 2015 — Miranda Lambert makes a surprise appearance during Ashley Monroe's concert at the Basement East in Nashville, joining Monroe on "Heart Like Mine" during the encore. Meghan Linsey and Little Big Town's Phillip Sweet are in the crowd for the show, which also features guests Vince Gill and Striking Matches.

July 23

• 2010 — Mercury releases **Sugarland**'s "Stuck Like Glue" to radio.

July 24

- 1985 The Country Music Foundation names **Kenny Rogers** the first winner of the Roy Acuff Humanitarian Award.
- 1970 An 11-year-old **Marty Stuart** meets **Connie Smith** for the first time at the Choctaw Indian Fair in Philadelphia, Miss. He predicts to his mother he will someday marry the Grand Ole Opry singer. They do, in fact, wed 27 years later.

July 25

- 2017 Midland's Cameron Duddy earns an MTV Video Music Award nomination for best direction on Bruno Mars' "24K Magic" video.
- 1950 **Lefty Frizzell** records "If You've Got the Money I've Got the Time."

July 26

- 2005 Broken Bow releases Jason Aldean's self-titled debut album.
- 1980 Merle Haggard & Clint Eastwood ride to No. 1 on the *Bill-board* country singles chart with "Bar Room Buddies," from the movie *Bronco Billy*.

July 27

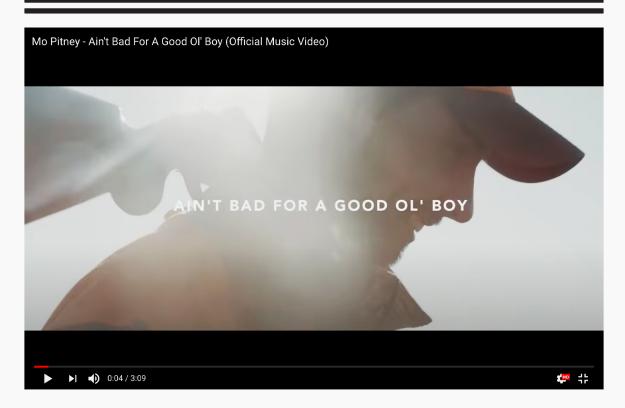
• 1995 — **Billy Ray Cyrus** performs "Some Gave All" at the dedication of the Korean War Veterans Memorial in Washington, D.C.

 $Source: \underline{Roland Note.com}, the \ Ultimate \ Country \ Music \ Database$



The Chicks guested on Apple Music's New Music Daily Radio with Zane Lowe on July 16. From left: group member Martie Maguire, Lowe and group members Emily Strayer and Natalie Maines.

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YOUR AUDIENCE IS TALKING...



Debbie Killmer 1 month ago

So happy that @CurbRecords finally started show casing Mo. He should be on ALL the radio stations already. You are knocking those hits right out of the ball field, keep 'em coming. Can't wait to see you again.



Ziba Bird 1 month ago

Wow wow! Thank you for sharing your fantastic music.



Louise Blanche 1 month ago

Love Mo Pitney great song keep them coming 😃 😎



Michael Crowe Mc 1 month ago

Great vocals... Beautifully arrangement..Top class production.. 29



Joey Paluga 4 days ago

Mo is Awesome!!!! Bringing the old school country BACK ♥



Kelsey McMahan 1 month ago

Made me smile 😊





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| 0 | 3 | 2 | 64 | I HOPE R.COPPERMAN,Z.KALE (Z.KALE,J.M.NITE,G.BARRETT) ★★ No. 1 (1 week)/ Airplay Gainer ★★ | Gabby Barrett WARNER MUSIC NASHVILLE/WAR | RC | 1 |
| 2 | 2 | 3 | 18 | ONE MARGARITA J.STEVENS,J.STEVENS (M.R.CARTER,M.DRAGSTREM,J.THOMPSON) | Luke Bryan ROW CROP/CAPITOL NASHVILLE | 2 | 2 |
| 3 | 1 | 1 | 72 | THE BONES G.KURSTIN (M.MORRIS, J.M.ROBBINS, L.J. VELTZ) | Maren Morris COLUMBIA NASHVILLE | RC | 1 |
| 4 | 4 | 4 | 23 | HARD TO FORGET Z.CROWELL, LAIRD (S.L.HUNT, A.GORLEY, LLAIRD, S.MCANALLY, J. OSBORNE, A. GRISHAM, M. J. SHURTZ, R. HULL) | Sam Hunt MCA NASHVILLE | 1 | 3 |
| 5 | 5 | 6 | 33 | BLUEBIRD J.JOYCE (M.LAMBERT,L.DICK,N.HEMBY) | Miranda Lambert VANNER/RCA NASHVILLE | 3 | 5 |
| 6 | 6 | 5 | 48 | CHASIN' YOU J.MOI (J.MOORE,M.WALLEN,C.WISEMAN) | Morgan Wallen BIG LOUD | 5 | 2 |
| Ð | 7 | 8 | 52 | DIE FROM A BROKEN HEART J.M.ROBBINS,D.WELLS (M.MARLOW,T.DYE,J.SINGLETON,D.RUTTAN) ★★ Digital Gainer ★★ | Maddie & Tae MERCURY | 6 | 7 |
| 8 | 15 | 16 | 31 | ONE BIG COUNTRY SONG 770 PRODUCTIONS (J.FRASURE,A.GORLEY,M.W.HARDY) | LOCASH WHEELHOUSE | 7 | 8 |
| 9 | 8 | 10 | 17 | I LOVE MY COUNTRY C.CROWDER,T.HUBBARD,B.KELLEY (K.BROWN,C.CROWDER,R.C.MCGILL,E.K.SMITH,CHARLIE HANDSOME,W.WEATHERLY) | Florida Georgia Line BMLG | 10 | 8 |
| 10 | 9 | 11 | 23 | GOT WHAT I GOT M.KNOX (M.TYLER,A.PALMER,T.ARCHER) | Jason Aldean MACON/BROKEN BOW | 17 | 9 |
| 0 | 12 | 15 | 21 | DONE C.JANSON,T.CECIL (C.JANSON,M.OGLESBY,J.PAULIN,M.ROY) | Chris Janson WARNER MUSIC NASHVILLE/WAR | 4 | 11 |
| Œ | 11 | 13 | 16 | BE A LIGHT D.HUFF (THOMAS RHETT,M.DRAGSTREM,J.MILLER,J.THOMPSON) Thomas Rhett Featuring Reba McEntire, Hillary Scott | , Chris Tomlin & Keith Urban VALORY | 9 | 11 |
| Œ | 14 | 14 | 20 | GOD WHISPERED YOUR NAME K.URBAN,D.MCCARROLL (C.AUGUST,M.CARTER,SHY CARTER,J.T.SLATER) | Keith Urban HIT RED/CAPITOL NASHVILLE | 11 | 13 |
| 1 | 17 | 17 | 24 | WHY WE DRINK J.S. STOVER, S. BORCHETTA (J. MOORE, C. BEATHARD, D. L. MURPHY, J. S. STOVER) | Justin Moore VALORY | 8 | 14 |
| Œ | 16 | 19 | 13 | COOL AGAIN D.HUFF (K.BROWN,J.HODGES,M.MCGINN,L.RIMES) | Kane Brown RCA NASHVILLE | 12 | 12 |
| 10 | 18 | 18 | 14 | ONE OF THEM GIRLS B.GLOVER,K.JACOBS,LBRICE (A.GORLEY,B.JOHNSON,D.DAVIDSON,LBRICE) | Lee Brice CURB | 19 | 16 |
| Ð | 19 | 20 | 13 | MORE THAN MY HOMETOWN J.MOI (M.W.HARDY,E.K.SMITH,CHARLIE HANDSOME,M.WALLEN) | Morgan Wallen BIG LOUD | 30 | 12 |
| 13 | 21 | 24 | 10 | LOVIN' ON YOU S.MOFFATT (L.COMBS,TARCHER,R.M.L.FULCHER,J.MCNAIR) | Luke Combs RIVER HOUSE/COLUMBIA NASHVILLE | 14 | 18 |
| 19 | 20 | 21 | 29 | ONE NIGHT STANDARDS JJOYCE (A.MCBRYDE,S.MCANALLY,N.HAYFORD) ATL | Ashley McBryde ANTIC/WARNER MUSIC NASHVILLE/WAR | 15 | 19 |
| 20 | 10 | 9 | 21 | HERE AND NOW B.CANNON,K.CHESNEY (C.WISEMAN,D.L.MURPHY,D.A.GARCIA) BLUE C | Kenny Chesney HAIR/WARNER MUSIC NASHVILLE/WEA | RC | 7 |
| 3 | 22 | 22 | 29 | ONE BEER J.MOI,D.WELLS (M.W.HARDY,H.LINDSEY,J.MITCHELL) | uren Alaina & Devin Dawson BIG LOUD | 24 | 21 |
| 22 | 23 | 25 | 11 | PRETTY HEART JON RANDALL (P.MCCOLLUM,R.MONTANA) | Parker McCollum MCA NASHVILLE | 21 | 22 |
| 23 | 25 | 27 | 11 | I CALLED MAMA T.MCGRAW,B.GALLIMORE (M.GREEN,L.MILLER,J.YEARY) | Tim McGraw MCGRAW/BIG MACHINE | 13 | 22 |
| 24 | RE-EI | NTRY | 31 | LONELY IF YOU ARE C. DESTEFANO, C.RICE (C.RICE, L.RIMES, H.PHELPS) | Chase Rice DACK JANIELS/BROKEN BOW | 18 | 23 |
| 25 | 26 | 28 | 17 | SOME GIRLS C.FARREN,M.J.CONES (M.W.HARDY,J.MITCHELL,C.J. SOLAR) COMBUSTI | Jameson Rodgers ON/RIVER HOUSE/COLUMBIA NASHVILLE | 16 | 25 |

1 #1 JOSH THOMPSON 2 HARDY 3 ASHLEY GORLEY 4 MATT DRAGSTREM 5 ZACH KALE 6 JON NITE 7 CRAIG WISEMAN 8 GABBY BARRETT 9 SHANE MCANALLY 10 MORGAN WALLEN



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| | 1 | #1 DANN HUFF | | | | |
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| | 3 | JOEY MOI | | | | |
| | 4 | GREG KURSTIN | | | | |
| | 5 | ROSS COPPERMAN | | | | |
| | 6 | ZACH CROWELL | | | | |
| | 7 | 770 PRODUCTIONS | | | | |
| | 8 | ZACH KALE | | | | |
| | 9 | DEREK WELLS | | | | |
| | 10 | MICHAEL KNOX | | | | |
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|--------------|--------------|---------------------|--|--|--|----------------------------|------------------|
| 23 | 28 | 29 | 16 | EVERYWHERE BUT ON A.BOWERS,M.STELL (M.STELL,P.SIKES,L.MILLER) | Matt Stell RECORDS/ARISTA NASHVILLE | 20 | 26 |
| 27 | 27 | 30 | 12 | AIN'T ALWAYS THE COWBOY B.BUTLER,R.GORE,J.PARDI (B.KINNEY,J.THOMPSON) | Jon Pardi CAPITOL NASHVILLE | 25 | 27 |
| 23 | 31 | 35 | 17 | LOVE YOU LIKE I USED TO D.HUFF,C.BROWN,R.DICKRESON (R.DICKERSON,C.BROWN,P.WELLING) | Russell Dickerson TRIPLE TIGERS | 29 | 28 |
| 29 | 29 | 33 | 18 | SHE'S MINE K.MOORE (K.MOORE, D.COUCH, S.STEPAKOFF) | | | 29 |
| 30 | 30 | 41 | 7 | GOOD TIME N.MOON,J.MURTY (N.MOON,J.MINTON,A.MOON,J.MURTY,M.TRUSSELL) | Niko Moon RCA NASHVILLE | 38 | 30 |
| 3 | | | Jimmie Allen & Nelly STONEY CREEK | - | 31 | | |
| 32 | | | Jimmie Allen & Noah Cyrus RECORDS/COLUMBIA/STONEY CREEK | 52 | 32 | | |
| 33 | 32 | 34 | 9 | ALMOST MAYBES P.DIGIOVANNI (J.DAVIS, J.FRASURE, H.LINDSEY) | Jordan Davis MCA NASHVILLE | 44 | 32 |
| 34 | 34 | 36 | 14 | CHAMPAGNE NIGHT S.M.CANALLY,A.DEROBERTS (D.HAYWOOD,C.KELLEY,H.SCOTT,P.CONROY,E.R.DEAN,A.DEROBERTS,T.A.GEMZA,S.M.CANALLY,M.R.MERLO,R.B.TEDE | DER,D.THOMSON) Lady A BMLG | 27 | 27 |
| 35 | 35 | 39 | 11 | LADY D.HUFF (B.YOUNG, R.COPPERMAN, J.M.NITE) | Brett Young BMLG | 45 | 22 |
| 33 | 41 | 42 | 17 | THE OTHER GIRL LCOPPERMAN,S.MCANALLY,K.BALLERINI (K.BALLERINI,S.MCANALLY,R.COPPERMAN,A.FRANGIPANE) Kelsea Ballerini x Halsey BLACK RIVER | | RC | 19 |
| 3 | RE-EI | NTRY | 5 | GABRIELLE D.TASHIAN,LFITCHUK (B.ELDREDGE,LFITCHUK,D.TASHIAN) | Brett Eldredge WARNER MUSIC NASHVILLE/WMN | 36 | 29 |
| 38 | 39 | 40 | 10 | NO I IN BEER LWOOTEN,D.HUFF (B.PAISLEY,K.LOVELACE) | Brad Paisley ARISTA NASHVILLE | 23 | 38 |
| 39 | 43 | 45 | 22 | JUST THE WAY D.FANNING (M.THOMAS,K.BARD,N.W.SIPE) | Parmalee x Blanco Brown STONEY CREEK | 53 | 31 |
| 40 | 36 | 38 | 23 | GETTING GOOD D.GARCIA (E.L.WEISBAND) | Lauren Alaina 19/MERCURY | 35 | 33 |
| 41 | 40 | 37 | 11 | SIX FEET APART C.MATTHEWS,LCOMBS (LCOMBS,B.COBB,R.SNYDER) | Luke Combs RIVER HOUSE/COLUMBIA NASHVILLE | RC | 10 |
| 42 | 37 | 23 | 4 | STICK THAT IN YOUR COUNTRY SONG JJOYCE (D.NAISH, JEFFREY STEELE) | Eric Church EMI NASHVILLE | 31 | 23 |
| 43 | 38 | 43 | 17 | SOME PEOPLE DO S.MCANALLY (M.RAMSEY,J.FRASURE,S.MCANALLY,THOMAS RHETT) | Old Dominion RCA NASHVILLE | 28 | 38 |
| 4 | 44 | 46 | 10 | MOMMA'S HOUSE Z.CROWELL (D.SCHNEIDER,M.LOTTEN,R.CLAWSON,J.T.WILSON) | Dustin Lynch Broken bow | 34 | 44 |
| 45 | NE | W | 1 | WE BELONG TO EACH OTHER G.BROOKS (S.DAVIS) | Garth Brooks PEARL | - | 45 |
| 46 | 33 | 47 | 5 | HOLE IN THE BOTTLE J.FRASURE,K.BALLERINI (K.BALLERINI,S.JONES,H.LINDSEY,J.FRASURE,A.GORLEY) | Kelsea Ballerini BLACK RIVER | 41 | 33 |
| 47 | 42 | 31 | 6 | WORLDWIDE BEAUTIFUL D.HUFF (K.BROWN,SHY CARTER,R.J.HURD,J.M.SCHMIDT) | Kane Brown RCA NASHVILLE | RC | 28 |
| 4 8 | 47 | 44 | 4 | THE GOOD ONES R.COPPERMAN,Z.KALE (G.BARRETT,E.LANDIS,J.MCCORMICK,Z.KALE) | Gabby Barrett WARNER MUSIC NASHVILLE/WAR | 51 | 34 |
| 49 | 46 | _ | 7 | CHEATIN' SONGS D.HUFF,S.MCANALLY,J.OSBORNE (J.CARSON,C.DUDDY,M.WYSTRACH,S.MCANALLY,J.OSBORNE) | Midland BIG MACHINE | 26 | 45 |
| 50 | 48 | _ | 4 | THE MAN WHO LOVES YOU THE MOST B.SIMONETTI,M.MANGANO,Z.BROWN (Z.BROWN,B.SIMONETTI,A.JAMES) | Zac Brown Band HOME GROWN/19TH & GRAND | 46 | 24 |
| | | | - | B.SIMUNETTI,M.MANGANU,Z.BRUWN (Z.BRUWN,B.SIMUNETTI,A.JAMES) | HOME GROWN/191H & GRAND | | |

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 | | | | | | | | |
|---------------------|-------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--|--|--|--|--|
| | ALBUM CONSUMPTION | AUDIO ON-DEMAND | VIDEO ON-DEMAND | | | | | |
| This Week | 1,233,000 | 1,342,143,000 | 130,106,000 | | | | | |
| Last Week | 1,282,000 | 1,399,220,000 | 136,508,000 | | | | | |
| Change | -3.8% | -4.1% | -4.7% | | | | | |
| This Week Last Year | 1,069,000 | 1,104,749,000 | 280,553,000 | | | | | |
| Change | 15.3% | 21.5% | -53.6% | | | | | |

| YEAR-TO-DATE | | | | | | | | | |
|----------------------|----------------|----------------|--------|--|--|--|--|--|--|
| | 2019 | 2020 | CHANGE | | | | | | |
| Album Consumption | 31,153,000 | 32,561,000 | 4.5% | | | | | | |
| Album Sales | 5,497,000 | 4,612,000 | -16.1% | | | | | | |
| Audio On-Demand | 28,830,739,000 | 35,013,668,000 | 21.4% | | | | | | |
| Video On-Demand | 7,465,792,000 | 3,918,087,000 | -47.5% | | | | | | |

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| AID | RUM CONSUMPTION | | | | | | |
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| '19 | 31.15 million | | | | | | |
| '20 | 32.56 million | | | | | | |
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| '19 | 36.29 billion | | | | | | |
| '20 | 38.93 billion | | | | | | |
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All data measures U.S. activity as of the week ending July 16, 2020. 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. Nelsen Music/MRC Data has reprocessed year-to-date figures to account for a change in methodology, resulting in a restatement in streaming data from a provider, which has resulted in a shift in some previously reported data, most notably for video streams.





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| THIS | LAST WEEK | 2 WEEKS AGO | WEEKS ON CHT | ARTIST TITLE | CERT. | PEAK POS. |
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| 1 | 1 | 1 | 36 | LUKE COMBS WHAT YOU SEE IS WHAT YOU GET RIVER HOUSE/COLUMBIA NASHVILLE 595687*/SMN | | 1 |
| 2 | 2 | 2 | 111 | MORGAN WALLEN IF I KNOW ME BIG LOUD 783* | • | 2 |
| 3 | 3 | 3 | 163 | LUKE COMBS THIS ONE'S FOR YOU RIVER HOUSE/COLUMBIA NASHVILLE 538883*/SMN | 3 | 1 |
| 4 | 4 | 4 | 15 | SAM HUNT SOUTHSIDE MCA NASHVILLE 031776*/UMGN | | 1 |
| 6 | NE | w | 1 | BRETT ELDREDGE SUNDAY DRIVE WARNER MUSIC NASHVILLE 643334/WMN | | 5 |
| 6 | 6 | 6 | 272 | CHRIS STAPLETON TRAVELLER MERCURY 019405*/UMGN | 4 | 1 |
| Ø | 9 | 5 | 4 | GABBY BARRETT GOLDMINE WARNER MUSIC NASHVILLE 629930/WMN () | | 4 |
| 8 | 8 | 8 | 71 | MAREN MORRIS COLUMBIA NASHVILLE 590186*/SMN | • | 1 |
| 9 | 11 | 9 | 7 | DIPLO PRESENTS THOMAS WESLEY MAD DECENT DIGITAL EX/COLUMBIA CHAPTER I: SNAKE OIL | | 6 |
| 10 | 7 | 10 | 258 | ZAC BROWN BAND GREATEST HITS SO FAR ROAR/SOUTHERN GROUND/ATLANTIC 546369/AG | | 3 |
| 11 | 10 | 7 | 31 | BLAKE SHELTON FULLY LOADED: GOD'S COUNTRY WARNER MUSIC NASHVILLE 607343/WMN | • | 1 |
| 12 | 15 | 11 | 108 | DAN + SHAY WARNER MUSIC NASHVILLE 570796/WMN | | 1 |
| 13 | 13 | 13 | 37 | MIRANDA LAMBERT VANNER/RCA NASHVILLE 597873*/SMN | | 1 |
| 14 | 16 | 16 | 34 | JASON ALDEAN 9 MACON/BROKEN BOW/BMG 32944*/BBMG | | 1 |
| 15 | 18 | 14 | 88 | KANE BROWN EXPERIMENT ZONE 4/RCA NASHVILLE /SMN | | 1 |
| 16 | 19 | 17 | 189 | KANE BROWN ZONE 4/RCA NASHVILLE 530947*/SMN | 2 | 1 |
| Ð | NE | w | 1 | MARGO PRICE THAT'S HOW RUMORS GET STARTED LOMA VISTA 01057*/CONCORD | | 17 |
| 18 | 20 | 19 | 53 | TYLER CHILDERS PURGATORY HICKMAN HOLLER 001*/THIRTY TIGERS | | 17 |
| 19 | 14 | 18 | 38 | OLD DOMINION RCA NASHVILLE 589183*/SMN | | 1 |
| 20 | 22 | 21 | 70 | ELVIS PRESLEY THE ESSENTIAL ELVIS PRESLEY RCA/SONY STRATEGIC MARKETING GROUP 89048*/LEGACY (25.98) | | 12 |
| 21 | 21 | _ | 219 | TIM MCGRAW NUMBER ONE HITS CURB 79205 (13.98) | | 6 |
| 2 | 29 | 30 | 13 | MADDIE & TAE THE WAY IT FEELS MERCURY 031826*/UMGN | | 7 |
| 23 | 23 | 22 | 220 | GEORGE STRAIT 50 NUMBER ONES MCA NASHVILLE 000459/UMGN (25.98) | 7 | 1 |
| 24 | 28 | 23 | 247 | BLAKE SHELTON RELOADED: 20 #1 HITS WARNER MUSIC NASHVILLE 551788/WMN | | 2 |
| 25 | 25 | 20 | 59 | THOMAS RHETT CENTER POINT ROAD VALORY TRO400A*/BMLG | • | 1 |

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| 1 | 2 | 2 | 218 | CHRIS STAPLETON TRAVELLER MERCURY NASHVILLE 019405*/UMGN | | 1 |
| 9 | NE | W | 1 | MARGO PRICE THAT'S HOW RUMORS GET STARTED LOMA VISTA 01057*/CONCORD | | 2 |
| 3 | 4 | 3 | 70 | TYLER CHILDERS PURGATORY HICKMAN HOLLER 001*/THIRTY TIGERS | | 3 |
| 4 | 8 | 6 | 264 | HOZIER RUBYWORKS 309996*/COLUMBIA | 2 | 1 |
| 5 | 6 | 7 | 120 | KACEY MUSGRAVES GOLDEN HOUR MCA NASHVILLE 027921*/UMGN | • | 1 |
| 6 | 3 | 1 | 4 | BOB DYLAN ROUGH AND ROWDY WAYS COLUMBIA 978098 | | 1 |
| 7 | 7 | 9 | 181 | SIMON & GARFUNKEL SIMON AND GARFUNKEL'S GREATEST HITS COLUMBIA 31350/LEGACY | | 3 |
| 8 | 1 | _ | 2 | WILLIE NELSON FIRST ROSE OF SPRING LEGACY 973669* (973670 & 973856 EX) | | 1 |
| 9 | 10 | 10 | 223 | THE LUMINEERS CLEOPATRA DUALTONE 1738* | | 1 |
| 10 | 9 | 8 | 175 | JACK JOHNSON IN BETWEEN DREAMS JACK JOHNSON/BRUSHFIRE / REPUBLIC (13.98) | 2 | 5 |

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| 0 | 3 | 38 | I HOPE Gabby Barrett | ı | 1 | 3 | 15 | ONE MARGARITA LUKE BRYAN |
| 0 | 2 | 15 | HARD TO FORGET SAM HUNT | I | 0 | NI | w | GOOD TIMES ROLL JIMMIE ALLEN & NELLY |
| 3 | 6 | 9 | ONE MARGARITA LUKE BRYAN | I | 8 | 5 | 46 | I HOPE GABBY BARRETT |
| 4 | 1 | 54 | THE BONES MAREN MORRIS | I | 4 | 4 | 12 | GOT WHAT I GOT JASON ALDEAN |
| 5 | 5 | 28 | CHASIN' YOU MORGAN WALLEN | I | 5 | 6 | 19 | HARD TO FORGET SAM HUNT |
| 6 | 7 | 48 | HEARTLESS DIPLO PRESENTS THOMAS WESLEY FEAT. MORGAN WALLEN | I | 6 | 8 | 18 | BLUEBIRD MIRANDA LAMBERT |
| 7 | 4 | 11 | BLUEBIRD MIRANDA LAMBERT | I | Ø | 10 | 24 | CHASIN' YOU MORGAN WALLEN |
| 8 | 8 | 6 | DIE FROM A BROKEN HEART MADDIE & TAE | I | 8 | 2 | 16 | THE DEVIL WENT DOWN TO GEORGIA THE CHARLIE DANIELS BAND |
| 9 | 9 | 171 | TENNESSEE WHISKEY CHRIS STAPLETON | I | 9 | 16 | 11 | ONE OF THEM GIRLS LEE BRICE |
| 10 | 10 | 74 | WHISKEY GLASSES MORGAN WALLEN | I | 0 | RE-E | NTRY | WINE, BEER, WHISKEY LITTLE BIG TOWN |
| 0 | 14 | 10 | MORE THAN MY HOMETOWN MORGAN WALLEN | I | 0 | 20 | 6 | DIE FROM A BROKEN HEART MADDIE & TAE |
| Ø | 13 | 7 | GOT WHAT I GOT JASON ALDEAN | I | 12 | 13 | 16 | BE A LIGHT Thomas Rhett F/R. McEntire, H. Scott, C. Tomlin & K. Urban |
| ß | 12 | 115 | BEAUTIFUL CRAZY LUKE COMBS | I | 13 | 11 | 4 | STICK THAT IN YOUR COUNTRY SONG ERIC CHURCH |
| 14 | 11 | 47 | ONE MAN BAND OLD DOMINION | I | 14 | 12 | 31 | NOBODY BUT YOU BLAKE SHELTON DUET WITH GWEN STEFANI |
| Ð | NI | EW. | ONE BIG COUNTRY SONG Locash | | 15 | 17 | 7 | MY TRUCK BRELAND |
| Œ | 15 | 5 | I LOVE MY COUNTRY FLORIDA GEORGIA LINE | | 16 | 18 | 48 | THE BONES MAREN MORRIS |
| 17 | 16 | 138 | MEANT TO BE BEBE REXHA & FLORIDA GEORGIA LINE | | Ð | 23 | 8 | WHY WE DRINK JUSTIN MOORE |
| | | | | | | | | |

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20 19 62 BEER NEVER BROKE MY HEART LUKE COMBS

21 18 23 I HOPE YOU'RE HAPPY NOW CARLY PEARCE & LEE BRICE

24 41 10,000 HOURS DAN+SHAY & JUSTIN BIEBER

23 20 5 MY TRUCK BRELAND

24 23 115 TEQUILA DAN+SHAY

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| 1 | 2 | 1 | 4 | YO-YO MA/STUART DUNCAN/EDGAR MEYER/CHRIS THILE NOT OUR FIRST GOAT RODEO SOUND POSTINGS/SONY CLASSICAL 973855*/SONY MASTERWORKS | | 1 |
| 2 | 3 | 2 | 42 | BILLY STRINGS HOME ROUNDER 610063*/CONCORD | | 1 |
| 3 | 1 | _ | 2 | MANDOLIN ORANGE AUSTIN CITY LIMITS LIVE AT THE MOODY THEATER: JANUARY 23, 2020 MANDOLIN ORANGE DIGITAL EX | | 1 |
| 4 | 9 | _ | 2 | GARY BREWER & THE KENTUCKY RAMBLERS 40TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION STRETCH GRASS 4050 | | 4 |
| 6 | 8 | 7 | 76 | MANDOLIN ORANGE TIDES OF A TEARDROP YEP ROC 2638* | | 1 |
| 6 | 5 | 6 | 23 | THE STEELDRIVERS BAD FOR YOU ROUNDER 610080*/CONCORD | | 1 |
| 7 | 6 | 4 | 13 | THE WHITE BUFFALO ON THE WIDOW'S WALK SNAKEFARM 862780* | | 1 |
| 8 | RE-EI | NTRY | 52 | STEVEN CURTIS CHAPMAN DEEPER ROOTS: WHERE THE BLUEGRASS GROWS SCSEE 0930* | | 1 |
| 9 | RE-EI | NTRY | 12 | DOYLE LAWSON & QUICKSILVER LIVE IN PRAGUE, CZECH REPUBLIC BILLY BLUE 1051 | | 3 |
| 10 | 7 | 5 | 40 | THE DEAD SOUTH SUGAR & JOY SIX SHOOTER 129* | | 1 |

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Travis Denning Applies Tipsy Guitar To The Twisty Hook Of 'Where That Beer's Been'

Most people, as they down a Corona on a bar stool, don't typically spend much time thinking about the journey of the beer from the bottling plant to their lips.

But thanks to **Travis Denning**, more folks might be contemplating that path as the coronavirus forces them to drink on the couch instead of at the local tavern. And Denning is more than happy to take credit for providing the reminder.

"During a pandemic, you probably need to know more than ever where a

beer has been before you drink it," he says with a laugh.

"Where That Beer's Been" was a title that Denning brought along during a four-day songwriting excursion on the Florida coast in April 2019. Songwriter Chris Stevens ("Everything's Gonna Be Alright") and songwriter-producer Jeremy Stover ("Why We Drink," "I Know Somebody") were along for the entire trip, while Rhett Akins ("Dirt on My Boots," "I Lived It") joined for the last two days. Timing counted.

Denning tossed out the idea of "I don't know where that beer's been," and Akins was there with an instant response: "But I know where it's goin'." The day's assignment was clear.

"Ilooked at Stover, Ilooked at Chris Stevens, I'm like, 'All right, let's run with this,' "recalls Denning. "We wrote it in probably an hour—seriously—'cause the whole song is just to get to that punch line."

Not that it was a slam-dunk.

"I knew the second that we came up with that idea, you had to kind of walk the line," says Akins. "It could get dumb real quick — which I'm good at."

Denning locked in on an old-school, staccato guitar riff—he compares it to a 1990s **Shenandoah** or **Alan Jackson** recording—and they developed a good-time concert atmosphere in a beach house with a view of the surf.

"I think we ordered a pizza, and we might've had a couple beers and were feeling pretty good," recalls Stevens. "He plugged into my little rig, and we pulled up this really cool guitar tone. And so he was able to just kind of play like he was onstage in the living room, which gave it that energy that we needed to write the song."

Akins also contributed the opening lines, "I don't know who bottled it up/ Or who put on that label," keying in on the brewery supply chain.

"The journey of the beer was my best shot at making it not be too silly," he says.

The beer boards a truck, spends time on a warehouse shelf, then ends up on ice at the local bar before the singer puts it on his tab. That leads directly to the chorus, where the bottle makes its way to the singer's lips. The lyrical hook is treated with an ultra-melodic, anthemic section, though three lines into the chorus, it takes a new tack with short, punchy summations of drinking approaches: "Gonna tip it. Sip it. Crush it. Kill it. Get my sideways showin'."

"It kind of saves that chorus from maybe being a little too familiar, like where someone hears it and they go, 'Oh, that is an old song' or 'That feels a little too rooted in a traditional melody,' " says Denning. "To me, it kind of made it interesting, and that breaks it up."

The second verse is a scant two lines, meaning the chorus quickly returns

— "There's something magic about trying to say as little as possible, but [still] get your message across," says Denning — and the first of those lines examines the beer's starting point: "Coulda been brewed in Colorado, Milwaukee or St. Louie." That vaudevillian approach to the last city (It sounds like Bugs Bunny's 1940s brush-off of Yosemite Sam: "So long, screwy, see you in St. Louie!") allowed it to rhyme with what the beer's "gonna do to me."

"I was like, 'What the hell are we going to rhyme with Louis?' " notes Denning. "I can't remember who said, 'Louie,' first, but that works way better."

The bones of the demo were captured there at the beach house, though Stevens finished up that version of the song once he got back to Nashville.

"It's a fun party song, and at the end of the day, it's not necessarily saying something riveting," he allows, "but it has its own character that gives you an opportunity to just have fun for three minutes."

Denning cut the master in the fall at Sound Stage as a sort of country power trio, joined on the studio floor only by drummer Miles McPherson and bassist Tony Lucido.

"He played all the guitars—I'm talking acoustics, electrics and so forth," says Stover. "We spent a lot of time working on those guitars, and he's very deserving of getting to play on those things 'cause he's a really, really great guitar player."

Denning finished the guitar parts at Blackbird Studio, intertwining the '90s-flavored intro riff with a tremolo

guitar and dropping in a solo section that sounds appropriately tipsy.

"I did the guitar solo the day we wrote it," he says. "To me, it sounded like a little lazy, drunk guitar-player thing. And it reminded me of a lot of **The Raconteurs** and **The Dead Weather** and all these side projects that **Jack White** has done. It's like he wants everything to be as chaotic as humanly possible, and yet when it all comes together, it's musical."

Denning's previous single, "After a Few," set a record by taking 60 weeks to rise to No. 1 on Country Airplay. "Where That Beer's Been" captures the same vocal scratch, cementing his identity, but the volume of guitar work gives him the ability to better introduce that aspect of his art to the audience.

"We're still in the beginning here, in my opinion, and obviously we've had some great successes," notes Stover. "But what we've talked about is 'Let's let the songs lead and get the conversation going, and then start growing the conversation around his guitar playing, around his live show, but letting the songs kind of lead us there.' That is our approach."

Mercury Nashville released "Where That Beer's Been" to country radio via PlayMPE on June 22. It debuts on the Country Airplay chart dated July 25 at No. 58.

"I was like, 'What song do I feel like moves not only my career forward, but moves my story forward as well, about this is who Travis Denning is?'" says Denning. "For me, this was that song. It feels country, it's got loud-ass guitars. I think it's fun, you know; it's got me playing on it. It was just that simple question, and for me, the answer was always 'Where That Beer's Been.'"



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TITLE Publishing-Licensing Org. (Songwriter) Chart Position

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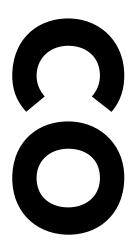
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25 Years Ago **Shania Twain Took Her** 'Man' To No. 1

In 1995, the superstar scored her first Hot Country Songs leader

On July 22, 1995, Shania Twain's "Any Man of Mine" notched its first of two weeks at No. 1 on Billboard's Hot Country Songs chart.

Co-written by Twain and thenhusband/producer Robert John "Mutt" Lange, the song became the first of four No. 1s on the chart from her breakthrough LP, The Woman in Me, which led Top Country Albums for 29 weeks beginning the same frame that "Man" topped the singles survey. The song also won single of the year at the 1995 Canadian Country Music Awards and garnered two Grammy Award nominations in 1996.

Twain, 54, was born Eilleen Regina Edwards in Windsor, Ontario. She boasts seven Hot Country Songs No. 1s among 16 top 10s and 34 total entries. Her most recent charted title, "Life's About to Get Good," hit No. 33 in July 2017, while parent set Now arrived as her fifth Top Country Albums leader that October.

One of Twain's most recent pubic endeavors was an acting role in the movie I Still Believe. The film (which premiered in March) is based on the life of Christian music star Jeremy Camp; Twain played his mother. -JIM ASKER



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