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ON THE CHARTS

Wallen Spends More 'Time' At No. 1 On Top Country Albums





SCOTTY McCREERY

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The 2011 American Idol winner returned to the show on April 28 to perform his

latest hit. The track surged by 270% to 2,000 sold and enters **Country Digital Song Sales** at No. 4, awarding McCreery his fifth top 10. On Country Airplay, it ranks at No. 10, with 17.7 million impressions, after reaching No. 2.





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MORGAN WALLEN One Thing at a Time "Cab in a Solo"

The set rebounds for a 46th week at No. 1 on the Top Country Albums chart, with 69,000 equivalent album units (up 8%)

April 26-May 2, according to Luminate. Released in March 2023, the 36-song collection has earned 7.1 million units to date. It has also generated seven Country Airplay top 10s, including five No. 1s.



LAINEY WILSON

"Wildflowers and Wild Horses" The single holds at its No. 8 best on the multimetric Hot Country Songs survey. It drew

6.1 million official U.S. streams (up 2%) and sold 2,000. On Country Airplay, it gallops 10-5 for a new high, up 25% to 24.4 million impressions. Wilson is set to perform at the 59th Academy of Country Music Awards on May 16.



CHARLEY CROCKETT \$10 Cowbov

The singer-songwriter from San Benito, Texas, makes his second appearance on

Top Country Albums as his latest project arrives at No. 30 with 9,000 first-week units, including 6,000 in album sales. The set also enters as his first No. 1 on Heatseekers Albums. It follows his 2022 LP, The Man From Waco





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3	2	36	I REMEMBER EVERYTHING ZLIBRYAN (ZLBRYAN,K.MUSGRAVES) INTERSO	Zach Bryan Featuring Kacey Musgraves OPE/BELTING BRONCO/WARNER/MCA NASHVILLE/WAR	RC	1
2	1	12	TEXAS HOLD 'EM B.KNOWLES CARTER,KILLAH B,N.FERRARO,RAPHAEL SAADIQ (B.G.KNOWLES CARTER,E.L.BOLAND,M.BULOW,B.V.BATES,N.FERRARO,RAPHAEL SAA	Beyonce DIQ) PARKWOOD/COLUMBIA/COLUMBIA NASHVILLE	RC	1
5	4	28	WHERE THE WILD THINGS ARE CHIP MATTHEWS, J.D. SINGLETON, L. COMBS (R. MONTANA, D. TURNBULL)	Luke Combs RIVER HOUSE/COLUMBIA NASHVILLE	RC	4
4	3	9	AUSTIN T.HEIDELMAN (A.D.NOVOTNY,K.T.HEIDELMAN,A.WENDLER,C.R.ARNSPIGER)	Dasha VERSION III/WARNER	36	3
6	7	25	WHERE IT ENDS A.R.SHAWN (B.ZIMMERMAN,G.AVERILL,J.SPARGUR)	Bailey Zimmerman ELEKTRA/WARNER MUSIC NASHVILLE/WEA	4	6
10	11	31	COWGIRLS J.MOI,J.DURRETT (R.H.BLOCK,A.G.GORLEY,J.MADDOCKS,E.K.SMITH,CHARLIE HANDSOME)	Morgan Wallen Featuring ERNEST MERCURY/REPUBLIC/BIG LOUD	22	7
8	10	24	WILDFLOWERS AND WILD HORSES ** Airplay Gainer ** J.JOYCE (LWILSON,T.ANDERSON,PSIKES) ***	Lainey Wilson BROKEN BOW	5	8
7	8	30	WILD ONES JEFF GITTY (J.MURPH,FFERRARO,J.GITELMAN,G.HEIN,J.B.DEFORD)	Jessie Murph & Jelly Roll COLUMBIA	-	7
9	12	17	BACK THEN RIGHT NOW J.M.SCHMIDT,T.HUBBARD (T.R.HUBBARD,J.J.DILLON,G.WARBURTON,D.A.GARCIA)	Tyler Hubbard HUBBARD HOUSE/EMI NASHVILLE	2	9
12	13	12	BULLETPROOF LRIMES (A.G. GORLEY, B. JOHNSON, H. PHELPS)	Nate Smith RCA NASHVILLE	15	11
11	15	5	WIND UP MISSIN' YOU C.LACORTE (T.ARCHER,T.P.WETMORE,C.LACORTE)	Tucker Wetmore BACK BLOCKS	-	11
16	18	17	HALFWAY TO HELL Z.CROWELLJ.FRASURE (J.B.DEFORD,J.FRASURE,M.JENKINS,J.J.DILLON)	Jelly Roll BAILEE & BUDDY/BROKEN BOW/BMG/STONEY CREEK	7	13
13	9	5	II MOST WANTED B.KNOWLES CARTER,S.EVERETT,M.POLLACK,M.CYRUS (B.G.KNOWLES CARTER,M.CYRUS,M.R.POLLACK,R.B.TEDDER)	Beyonce & Miley Cyrus PARKWOOD/COLUMBIA/COLUMBIA NASHVILLE	-	2
15	16	23	TUCSON TOO LATE P.DIGIOVANNI (J.DAVIS, J.DAVIS, J.JENKINS, M.JENKINS)	Jordan Davis MCA NASHVILLE	3	15
19	23	41	WE RIDE N.GIBBENS (B.MARTIN, V.D.BROWN JR.)	Bryan Martin AVERAGE JOES	13	16
21	22	26	DIRT CHEAP T.W.WILLMON (J.PHILLIPS)	Cody Johnson COJO/WARNER MUSIC NASHVILLE/WMN	18	17
17	17	10	WINE INTO WHISKEY J.EBACH (T.P.WETMORE, J.A.HACKWORTH, J.A.EBACH)	Tucker Wetmore BACK BLOCKS	57	16
18	20	14	SPIN YOU AROUND (1/24) J.MOI,M.WALLEN,B.SUTTON,P.TRUST (M.C.WALLEN,S.SANCHEZ AYON,P.TRUST)	Morgan Wallen HONEYHOLE/MERCURY/REPUBLIC/BIG LOUD	-	5
22	21	24	I THINK I'M IN LOVE WITH YOU C.STAPLETON,D.COBB (C.STAPLETON)	Chris Stapleton SOUND/MERCURY NASHVILLE	50	20
23	25	12	TAKE HER HOME B.CANNON,K.CHESNEY (H.PHELPS,M.W.HARDY,Z.ABEND)	Kenny Chesney BLUE CHAIR/WARNER MUSIC NASHVILLE/WEA	6	19
25	27	22	WONDERING WHY THE RED CLAY STRAYS (A.G.NIX,B.L.COLEMAN,D.COUCH)	The Red Clay Strays RED CLAY STRAYS/THIRTY TIGERS	-	18
24	29	37	WE DON'T FIGHT ANYMORE S.MCANALLY,J.OSBORNE,C.PEARCE (C.PEARCE,PGOOD,S.MCANALLY)	Carly Pearce Featuring Chris Stapleton BIG MACHINE	14	19
27	31	17	YOUR PLACE J.ROBBINS (A.COOKE,J.T.MINTON,M.TRUSSELL)	Ashley Cooke BACK BLOCKS/BIG LOUD	9	24
20	28	16	CAB IN A SOLO FROGERS,D.WELLS,A.ESHUIS (S.C.MCCREERY,B.ANDERSON,FROGERS)	Scotty McCreery TRIPLE TIGERS	10	20
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	2	KACEY MUSGRAVES
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	6	ASHLEY GORLEY
TIE	7	SHABOOZEY
TIE	7	JERRELL JONES
TIE	7	JOE KENT
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TIE	7	NEVIN SASTRY
TIE	7	SEAN COOK



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	1	23 WKS ZACH BRYAN
TIE	2	NEVIN SASTRY
TIE	2	SEAN COOK
	4	AUSTIN SHAWN
	5	TRAVIS HEIDELMAN
	6	BEYONCE
	7	JAY JOYCE
	8	JOEY MOI
	9	JEFF GITTY
	10	LINDSAY RIMES

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).

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26	29	34	16	LET YOUR BOYS BE COUNTRY M.KNOX (J.BOYER,A.VELTZ-CRUZ,M.WILSHIRE)	Jason Aldean MACON/BROKEN BOW	12	26		
27	28	30	8	SMOKE & A LIGHT Ole 60 J.ECKERD (J.T.YOUNG) GREY AREA/RED DOOR					
28	31	32	10	HOLY SMOKES A.R.SHAWN (A.R.SHAWN,B.ZIMMERMAN,B.M.STENNIS,L.HUNGATE,M.TYLER)	Bailey Zimmerman ELEKTRA/WARNER MUSIC NASHVILLE/WEA	-	13		
29	34	43	27	LOVE YOU AGAIN A.R.SHAWN,C.BROWN (C.BROWN,CHASE MATTHEW,T.PHILLIPS)	Chase Matthew CHASE MATTHEW/WARNER MUSIC NASHVILLE/WMN	17	29		
30	33	39	3	DEVIL YOU KNOW S.MARTINEZ (G.BARHAM,Z.DYER,J.HALL,S.MARTINEZ)	Tyler Braden WARNER MUSIC NASHVILLE/WMN	-	30		
31	35	37	20	FEARLESS (THE ECHO) LDICK (J.DEAN,C.LDICK,J.S.SHERWOOD)	Jackson Dean BIG MACHINE	11	31		
32	37	42	35	I'M NOT PRETTY K.BUSH (M.MORONEY,B.WILLIAMS,M.E.CARPENTER,M.CARPENTER)	Megan Moroney Megan Moroney/Columbia/Arista Nashville	19	32		
33	30	41	5	YOUNG LOVE & SATURDAY NIGHTS C.CROWDER,C. DESTEFANO,A.MCANALLY,C.YOUNG (DAVID BOWIE,J.FRASURE,A.G.GORLEY,J.THOMPSON)	Chris Young RCA NASHVILLE	16	30		
34	26	19	5	JOLENE B.KNOWLES CARTER, JACK R0 (D.PARTON)	Beyonce PARKWOOD/COLUMBIA/COLUMBIA NASHVILLE	-	3		
35	38	36	15	NO CALLER ID K.BUSH (M.MORONEY,J.LALEXANDER,C.R.HARRINGTON,J.J.DILLON)	Megan Moroney MEGAN MORONEY/COLUMBIA/COLUMBIA NASHVILLE	-	13		
36	41	49	8	CHEVROLET Z.CROWELL,B.PHILLIPS (C.MCGILL,J.LALEXANDER,H.PHELPS,M.WILLIAMS)	Dustin Lynch Featuring Jelly Roll BROKEN BOW	21	36		
37	42	46	3	HANGIN' ON J.MOI (E.K.SMITH,G.W.BLOCK,J.R.DURRETT,R.RUTHERFORD,R.TENPENNY)	ERNEST & Morgan Wallen BIG LOUD	-	37		
38	32	24	5	LEVII'S JEANS B.KNOWLES CARTER, TERIUS NASH (B.G.KNOWLES CARTER, A.R.POST, TERIUS NASH, N.G.RODGERS, JR., S.C. CARTER)	Beyonce & Post Malone PARKW00D/COLUMBIA/COLUMBIA NASHVILLE	-	5		
39	40	44	4	WHAT HE'LL NEVER HAVE J.A.FOX (D.SCOTT,LROBINSON,R.ROWTON,R.GATLIN)	Dylan Scott CURB	-	39		
40	49	50	8	NINE BALL Z.L.BRYAN (Z.L.BRYAN)	Zach Bryan BELTING BRONCO/WARNER	-	15		
41	44	47	39	IN YOUR LOVE T. CHILDERS,THE FOOD STAMPS (T.CHILDERS,G.A.SEALE, JR.)	Tyler Childers HICKMAN HOLLER/RCA	47	7		
42	47	-	18	BOYS BACK HOME J.A.FOX (D.MARLOWE,S.ENNIS, J.A.FOX)	Dylan Marlowe & Dylan Scott PIA/CURB/COLUMBIA NASHVILLE	40	36		
43	45	_	13	CAN'T BREAK UP NOW K.BUSH,R.COPPERMAN,OLD DOMINION (M.RAMSEY,T. ROSEN,T.BROWN,E.L.WEISBAND)	Old Dominion & Megan Moroney COLUMBIA NASHVILLE	20	42		
44	36	38	3	WORST WAY D.HUFF (R.GREEN)	Riley Green NASHVILLE HARBOR	-	36		
45	NE	w	1	I'M GONNA MISS HER ** Hot Shot Debut ** NOT LISTED (B.PAISLEY,AUSTIN OUTLAW)	Post Malone MERCURY/REPUBLIC	-	45		
46	43	45	4	LOVE YOU, MISS YOU, MEAN IT J.STEVENS,J.STEVENS (R.AKINS,B.HAYSLIP,J.T.MINTON,J.RICE)	Luke Bryan ROW CROP/CAPITOL NASHVILLE	32	40		
47	39	33	5	TYRANT D.HAMELIN, D.A. GOT THAT DOPE (B.G.KNOWLES CARTER, C.OCHS, TERIUS NASH, D.A. GOT THAT DOPE, D. REDENCZKI, E.C. CHIKWENDU)	Beyonce & Dolly Parton PARKWOOD/COLUMBIA/COLUMBIA NASHVILLE	-	12		
48	46	35	5	BLACKBIIRD B.KNOWLES CARTER,P.MCCARTNEY (PMCCARTNEY,J.W.LENNON) Beyonce, Tanner Adell, Brittney Sp	pencer, Tiera Kennedy & Reyna Roberts PARKWOOD/COLUMBIA/COLUMBIA NASHVILLE	-	6		
49	RE-EM	ITRY	3	HEARTBREAKER R.COPPERMAN,W.ZEIDERS (W.ZEIDERS, J.C. BUNETTA, MAGS DUVAL)	Warren Zeiders 717/WARNER/WEA	-	41		
50	RE-EM	ITRY	20	THIS TOWN'S BEEN TOO GOOD TO US J.DURRETT, CHARLIE HANDSOME (D.SCOTTA.G. GORLEY, CHARLIE HANDSOME, J.BYRON, T.PHILLIPS)	Dylan Scott CURB	43	36		

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



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Chayce Beckham's 'Everything I Need' Puts A Sunny Spin On Modern Life's Complications

Life in the 21st century is complex.

In addition to all the old stuff — keeping gas in the tank and air in the tires, picking up the kids on time, stressing out over an unreasonable boss — the digital age has piled on more issues: endless passcodes, inconvenient Windows updates, social media trolls and dead phone batteries.

The good news is a little attitude adjustment can reduce the stress, at least for three minutes, and **Chayce Beckham** aims to provide that relief. "Everything I Need" — the follow-up to "23," which hit No. 1 on the Country Airplay chart

dated April 6 — arrives with a brisk tempo, a bright production and a lyrical reminder to focus on the few things that really matter.

"You don't need all these bells and whistles and fancy stuff," Beckham says. "Just being alive on a sunny day is worth a million bucks."

Appropriate to that sentiment, Beckham didn't write "Everything I Need" in a typical Music Row office appointment. The song came into existence on the road during **Luke Bryan**'s 2023 Farm Tour, where concert sites were constructed on rural land. It launched Sept. 14 outside of Shelbyville, Ky., midway between Louisville and Lexington. Beckham brought along a pair of songwriters, **John Pierce** ("Sweet Annie," "Your Heart or Mine") and **Lindsay Rimes** ("World on Fire," "Cool Again"), for what proved to be a productive run. They knocked out the outlawflecked "Devil I've Been" and started in on another song on that first day.

"It's really great as a writer to watch an audience, watch the artist you're working with," says Pierce of writing on tour. "You can see what is kind of needed in a set. You can find the hole and fill it."

They talked specifically about crafting something

upbeat and encouraging — presumably to fill a need — and Rimes kicked into an easy progression on guitar. He attached a rolling train beat to it, and they headed forward without an actual title, focused on the glass-half-full version of daily life.

It wasn't hard to fit it into Beckham's personal experience. The weeds on the lawn, credit card debt and a broken-down motor — the latter spotted by Pierce on a previous co-write at Beckham's house — all used real-world issues to set up the story.

"John was on fire," Rimes recalls. "He was spitballing lyrics, you know: the broken radiator and all this. We just started laundry-listing things, really."

Pierce concocted a phrase — "Postcard maker" — to describe a sunny day at the end of the first verse, segueing into the chorus, where the tune brightened and the storyline turned fully away from problems to very basic positives: "I'm alive and I'm breathing."

"We knew the melody should shift up a little bit, just have a lot more power in the chorus," says Beckham. "We're just back there jamming on an acoustic guitar and kind of chipping away at this thing."

The chorus' plot morphed into an all-nighter, with the protagonist having fully adjusted his attitude amid classic — and easily missed — wordplay: "When the sun comes up, I'll let it dawn on me/I've got everything I need."

Even if the "dawn" quip doesn't completely register with the listener, the hook's premise lands with clarity.

"The line in front of the hook," Pierce says, "is the most important line of almost any song."

The three writers made verse two only half the length as the opening verse, noting that the bad times—like the verse itself—"won't stick around too long." Instead, the verse sped back into the chorus, following a Nashville song writer code.

"It's such a singalong thing, and it was like, 'Don't bore us, get to the chorus,' for

sure on that one," Pierce recites. "It's not [shorter] because we were lazy, I swear." A bridge wasn't required because that chorus pretty much said it all anyway.

"It's got everything it needs," Beckham says. "You don't need to do anything extra with it."

Rimes loaded some guitar parts over the drumbeat on the tour bus to form the bones of a demo that they played for Beckham's band the next day. He added bass and a couple of other instruments after getting back to Nashville, but not a lot. "Ikept it pretty simple," says Rimes. "Ididn't really put any bells and whistles

on. It was very country."

When producer **Bart Butler** (Jon Pardi, Warren **Zeiders**) heard "Everything I Need," he identified it as a sleeper, but he didn't have much time to work on it. Wheelhouse greenlit a full album, but it came under a tight deadline. When Butler was selected, he had to pull together a studio band in a short week. Some of the musicians he worked with regularly rearranged other gigs to perform on a master session, but when his usual cadre of acoustic guitarists were all booked, he asked electric guitarist **Rob McNelley** for a recommendation. Multi-instrumentalist **Gideon Klein** became a key piece of the team when they recorded at the Starstruck Studios.

The studio ensemble re-created the basics of Rimes' demo—"It was such a great, great road map," Butler says. "It sounded like a record."

But he also thought it needed a signature instrumental lick. McNelley and Klein worked together to create a perky, uplifting sound, delivered on electric in the opening and on banjo later in the track. Steel guitarist **Russ Pahl** weaved playful wrappings around that sig lick, and fiddler **Jenee Fleenor** enhanced it further in overdubs.

On the tracking date's last run-through, Butler encouraged the band to take off on a closing vamp, which tacked an additional 35 seconds onto "Everything I Need" before it faded.

Beckham did vocal overdubs for the *Bad for Me* album in the center of **Ronnie Milsap**'s former studio, now known as Ronnie's Place, while battling physical challenges.

"I got bronchitis or some horrible cold and never-ending, deep congestion and a cough that lasted for weeks," he says.

On at least one date, he struggled so badly that Butler sent him home, but Beckham was determined to work through it on the days his voice was available.

"This is my debut record," he says. "I have to sing the shit out of it." When they turned the album in, Wheelhouse felt there were too many in-

strumental parts on "Everything," which countered its message of simplicity. Butler readdressed the mix but never let go of the energy.

"There was more there on that track," he allows. "It's still busy, but it was way busier."

Ultimately, the sleeper became a single when Wheelhouse released "Everything I Need" to country radio via PlayMPE on April 12. Predictably, numerous stations asked for an edit over the next two weeks that would snip the instrumental vamp off the end. Butler wasn't surprised by the request, even if he hated to drop that section.

"I get it," he says. "It's all about getting it to three minutes and having radio time for everybody else."

The end version also provides three minutes of relief for listeners who may not have the time to address all the loose ends in their complicated lives.

"'Everything I Need' is a great way to segue into the summer," says Beckham, "and for everybody to take a break mentally and listen to something that makes them feel good."





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0	2	2	61	MORGAN WALLEN BIG LOUD/MERCURY 037570*/REPUBLIC	ONE THING AT A TIME	5	1
2	1	1	5	BEYONCE PARKWOOD 889963* & 889965*/COLUMBIA	COWBOY CARTER		1
3	3	3	173	MORGAN WALLEN DANGER BIG LOUD 033180*/REPUBLIC	OUS: THE DOUBLE ALBUM	6	1
4	4	4	36	ZACH BRYAN BELTING BRONCO 725898*/WARNER	ZACH BRYAN		1
5	5	5	102	ZACH BRYAN BELTING BRONCO 86979*/WARNER	AMERICAN HEARTBREAK		1
6	6	6	58	LUKE COMBS RIVER HOUSE/COLUMBIA NASHVILLE 877494*/S	GETTIN' OLD	•	2
0	7	7	361	LUKE COMBS RIVER HOUSE/COLUMBIA NASHVILLE 538883*/S	THIS ONE'S FOR YOU	6	1
8	8	9	51	BAILEY ZIMMERMAN ELEKTRA/WARNER MUSIC NASHVILLE 712554*/:	RELIGIOUSLY. THE ALBUM. BEE/WMN		3
9	12	12	309	MORGAN WALLEN BIG LOUD 783*	IF I KNOW ME	3	1
9	14	15	234	LUKE COMBS WHAT Y RIVER HOUSE/COLUMBIA NASHVILLE 595687*/S	YOU SEE IS WHAT YOU GET	4	1
11	13	11	48	JELLY ROLL BAILEE & BUDDY/BROKEN BOW/BMG 538907672	WHITSITT CHAPEL 2*/BBMG		2
Ð	16	14	281	TOBY KEITH SHOW DOG-UNIVERSAL 010334/UME	35 BIGGEST HITS		1
13	9	8	129	TAYLOR SWIFT REPUBLIC 034504*	RED (TAYLOR'S VERSION)		1
6	17	17	470	CHRIS STAPLETON MERCURY NASHVILLE 019405*/UMGN	TRAVELLER	6	1
15	15	13	25	CHRIS STAPLETON SOUND/MERCURY NASHVILLE 037345*/UMGN	HIGHER		1
16	11	10	43	TAYLOR SWIFT SPEAK REPUBLIC 455678*	NOW (TAYLOR'S VERSION)		1
17	19	19	79	LAINEY WILSON BROKEN BOW/BMG 538841512*/BBMG	BELL BOTTOM COUNTRY		9
18	21	18	31	THOMAS RHETT VALORY TR06001A*/BMLG	20 NUMBER ONES		7
19	22	22	379	GEORGE STRAIT MCA NASHVILLE 000459/UMGN (25.98)	50 NUMBER ONES	7	1
20	20	21	67	HARDY THE M BIG LOUD ROCK/BIG LOUD 26885*	OCKINGBIRD & THE CROW		1
2	23	20	181	CHRIS STAPLETON MERCURY NASHVILLE 032689*/UMGN	STARTING OVER		1
2	24	23	95	ZACH BRYAN BELTING BRONCO DIGITAL EX/WARNER	ELISABETH		17
23	18	16	160	TAYLOR SWIFT FEAF REPUBLIC 033578*	RLESS (TAYLOR'S VERSION)		1
24	26	24	63	JORDAN DAVIS MCA NASHVILLE 037040*/UMGN	BLUEBIRD DAYS	•	3
25	25	25	10	DYLAN SCOTT CURB 79521*	LIVIN' MY BEST LIFE		12

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THIS WEEK	LAST WEEK	2 WEEKS AGO	WEEKS ON CHT	ARTIST IMPRINT & NUMBER / DISTRIBUTING LABEL	TITLE	CERT.	PEAK POS.
1	1	1	5	BEYONCE PARKWOOD 889963* & 889965*/COLUMBIA	COWBOY CARTER		1
2	2	2	47	NOAH KAHAN MERCURY 036702*/REPUBLIC	STICK SEASON		1
3	3	3	36	ZACH BRYAN BELTING BRONCO 725898*/WARNER	ZACH BRYAN		1
4	4	5	102	ZACH BRYAN BELTING BRONCO 86979*/WARNER	AMERICAN HEARTBREAK		1
5	5	4	6	HOZIER RUBYWORKS DIGITAL EX/COLUMBIA	UNHEARD (EP)		3
6	7	9	462	HOZIER RUBYWORKS/COLUMBIA 309996*/LEGACY	HOZIER	3	1
7	8	8	416	CHRIS STAPLETON MERCURY NASHVILLE 019405*/UMGN	TRAVELLER	6	1
8	6	7	25	CHRIS STAPLETON SOUND/MERCURY NASHVILLE 037345*/UMGN	HIGHER		1
9	9	10	181	CHRIS STAPLETON MERCURY NASHVILLE 032689*/UMGN	STARTING OVER		1
10	11	11	126	ZACH BRYAN Belting Bronco Digital EX/WARNER	ELISABETH		6

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THIS WEEK	LAST WEEK	WKS ON CHART	TITLE	THIS WEEK	LAST WEEK	WKS ON CHART	
0	1	3	A BAR SONG (TIPSY) SHABOOZEY	0	1	3	A BAR SONG (TIPSY) SHABOOZEY
0	2	36	I REMEMBER EVERYTHING ZACH BRYAN FEAT. KACEY MUSGRAVES	2	3	12	TEXAS HOLD 'EM Beyonce
3	5	66	LAST NIGHT MORGAN WALLEN	3	4	8	AUSTIN DASHA
4	4	106	SOMETHING IN THE ORANGE Zach Bryan	4	NE	W	CAB IN A SOLO Scotty Mccreery
6	3	12	TEXAS HOLD 'EM Beyonce	6	10	24	WHERE THE WILD THINGS ARE LUKE COMBS
6	6	8	AUSTIN DASHA	6	6	49	SAVE ME Jelly Roll with Lainey Wilson
0	8	16	WHERE THE WILD THINGS ARE LUKE COMBS	7	5	22	LIVE LIKE YOU WERE DYING TIM MCGRAW
8	7	61	THINKIN' BOUT ME MORGAN WALLEN	8	9	68	NEED A FAVOR JELLY ROLL
9	9	58	FAST CAR LUKE COMBS	9	RE-EI	NTRY	II MOST WANTED BEYONCE & MILEY CYRUS
0	13	31	COWGIRLS MORGAN WALLEN FEAT. ERNEST	10	12	4	WINE INTO WHISKEY TUCKER WETMORE
0	10	30	WILD ONES Jessie Murph & Jelly Roll	0	RE-EI	NTRY	WONDERING WHY The red clay strays
Ø	11	102	YOU PROOF MORGAN WALLEN	12	8	14	WILDFLOWERS AND WILD HORSES LAINEY WILSON
ß	12	171	WASTED ON YOU MORGAN WALLEN	13	13	5	HALFWAY TO HELL Jelly Roll
0	14	3	WIND UP MISSIN' YOU Tucker wetmore	0	RE-EI	NTRY	SOMETHING IN THE ORANGE Zach Bryan
₿	15	363	TENNESSEE WHISKEY CHRIS STAPLETON	15	2	2	PIRATES & PARROTS ZAC BROWN BAND FEAT. MAC MCANALLY
6	16	10	WHERE IT ENDS BAILEY ZIMMERMAN				
Ð	17	35	TRUCK BED Hardy				
18	25	33	HEY DRIVER ZACH BRYAN FEAT. THE WAR AND TREATY				(Jet
19	19	26	PRETTY LITTLE POISON WARREN ZEIDERS				1 ASA
20	21	27	OKLAHOMA SMOKESHOW Zach Bryan			-	2. PK
2)	22	4	WINE INTO WHISKEY TUCKER WETMORE		1		
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2	RE-E	NTRY	6	BERENS & GREUEL BERENS & GREUEL 420*	DIVE BAR DINNER		2
3	RE-E	NTRY	50	NICKEL CREEK REPAIR 04015*/THIRTY TIGERS	CELEBRANTS		1
4	3	3	76	BILLY STRINGS ROUNDER 610179*/CONCORD	ME / AND / DAD		1
6	6	6	41	MOLLY TUTTLE & GOLDEN HIGHWAY NONESUCH 698603*/WARNER	CITY OF GOLD		1
6	5	5	12	THE DEAD SOUTH SIX SHOOTER 174*	CHAINS & STAKES		1
7	RE-E	NTRY	5	KITCHEN DWELLERS NO COINCIDENCE 023*	SEVEN DEVILS		1
8	7	4	11	BELA FLECK BELA FLECK 83939*/THIRTY TIGERS	RHAPSODY IN BLUE		1
9	8	8	33	WILLIE NELSON LEGACY 881657*	BLUEGRASS		1
10	9	_	7	MISSY RAINES COMPASS 4817	HIGHLANDER		5

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