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One More 'Thing' About Morgan Wallen's 2024: He Extends A Year-End Winning Streak

Morgan Wallen set yet another mark, and he's done it one year at a time.

He topped seven of *Billboard's* 32 country-related year-end lists, giving him more No. 1s in the genre's closing chart summation than anyone else for the fourth straight year. It's the longest run as the country year-end leader for any artist during this century.

Wallen's *One Thing at a Time* played a key role, repeating at the summit on Top Country Albums Titles after he owned the penthouse for two previous years with *Dangerous: The Double Album*. In addition to that list, he collected his fourth straight year-end victory on Top Country Artists, Top Country Artists — Male, Top Hot Country Songs Artists and Top Country Albums Artists. He also snagged Top Country Streaming Songs Artists for the fifth consecutive year and dominated Top Country Airplay Artists a third time in a row.

In conjunction with the year-end charts' release, he claimed four trophies during the Dec. 12 telecast of the *Billboard Music Awards* (BBMAs) on Fox.

Wallen's success played a major role in Big Loud taking the Top Hot Country Songs Labels crown for a fourth straight year and repeating as the victor on Top Country Airplay Labels.

Zach Bryan came in a close second with six year-end chart-

toppers. He piled up three wins as an artist, heading Top Country Tours and Top Americana/Folk Artists, and sharing honors on Top Country Streaming Songs with **Kacey Musgraves**, for "I Remember Everything." He also secured his second straight victory on Top Hot Country Songwriters, became the first artist to lead Top Hot Country Songs Producers and likewise posted the first win on Top Country Albums Imprints for an artist-owned label, Belting Bronco.

Shaboozey had a big impact, too, compiling "two to the three to the four" year-end chart-toppers behind "A Bar Song (Topsy)," currently enjoying 25 total weeks at No. 1 on Hot Country Songs. "Topsy," performed as the opening number on the BBMAs, led the field on the chart's year-end rankings and Top Country Digital Songs Titles. He also danced to victories among Top Country Artists — New and Top Country Digital Songs Artists.

The Warner corporate family pulled down a trio of honors, with Warner Chappell collecting Top Hot Country Songs Publishing Corporations while its BMI company, Warner-Tamerlane, earned Top Hot Country Songs Publishers for an eighth consecutive year. Warner Music Nashville ranked No. 1 on Country Airplay Imprints for the fifth time in a row.

Republic notched a pair of year-end country chart leaders: its second straight Top Hot Country Songs Imprints win and third



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consecutive Top Country Albums Labels victory. Universal won Top Country Albums Distributors an 18th straight year.

Billy Strings landed three projects among the top 10 on Top Bluegrass Albums Titles. *Live, Vol. 1* pocketed the No. 1 position, *Highway Prayers* finished at No. 2, and *Me / and / Dad* logged a No. 6 ranking. In addition to crowning that list, he spent his second straight year in the lead on Top Bluegrass Albums Artists.

Also of note: **Taylor Swift** walked off with Top Country Artists — Female for the second year in a row. It's her second consecutive win in the category, which she previously led for six straight years, ending in 2013. ●

Following are the No. 1 entries on each of the country year-end charts. A comprehensive account of *Billboard's* 2024 lists can be found [here](#).

- Top Country Artists Morgan Wallen
- Top Country Artists — Duo/Group **The Red Clay Strays**
- Top Country Artists — Female Taylor Swift
- Top Country Artists — Male Morgan Wallen
- Top Country Artists — New Shaboozey
- Top Country Labels Sony Music Nashville
- Top Hot Country Songs Artists Morgan Wallen
- Top Hot Country Songs "A Bar Song (Tipsy)," Shaboozey
- Top Hot Country Songs Imprints Republic
- Top Hot Country Songs Labels Big Loud
- Top Hot Country Songs Producers Zach Bryan
- Top Hot Country Songs Publishing Corporations Warner Chappell Music
- Top Hot Country Songs Publishers Warner-Tamerlane Publishing (BMI)
- Top Hot Country Songwriters Zach Bryan
- Top Country Airplay Artists Morgan Wallen
- Top Country Airplay Songs "World on Fire," **Nate Smith**
- Top Country Airplay Labels Big Loud
- Top Country Airplay Imprints Warner Music Nashville
- Top Country Digital Songs Artists Shaboozey
- Top Country Digital Songs Titles "A Bar Song (Tipsy)," Shaboozey
- Top Country Albums Titles *One Thing at a Time*, Morgan Wallen
- Top Country Albums Artists Morgan Wallen
- Top Country Albums Imprints Belting Bronco
- Top Country Albums Labels Republic
- Top Country Albums Distributors Universal
- Top Country Streaming Songs "I Remember Everything," Zach Bryan featuring Kacey Musgraves
- Top Country Streaming Songs Artists Morgan Wallen
- Top Americana/Folk Artists Zach Bryan
- Top Americana/Folk Albums *Stick Season*, **Noah Kahan**
- Top Bluegrass Albums Artists Billy Strings
- Top Bluegrass Albums Titles *Live, Vol. 1*, Billy Strings
- Top Country Tours Zach Bryan



Dan + Shay discussed their new release, *It's Officially Christmas: The Double Album*, with Kelleigh Bannen on the Dec. 9 edition of Apple Music Country's *The Kelleigh Bannen Show*. From left: Dan Smyers, Bannen and Shay Mooney.



Charlie Worsham (right) presented Porter's Call founder Al Andrews with the Country Music Association's CMA Foundation humanitarian award during a Dec. 4 CMA board reception in Nashville.



Brooks & Dunn and Kacey Musgraves received a platinum plaque from the RIAA for "Neon Moon" at the Country Music Association Awards on Nov. 20 in Nashville. From left: RIAA chairman/CEO Mitch Glazier, Kix Brooks, Musgraves and Ronnie Dunn.

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billboard 2024 Year-End Country Airplay Songs

RANK	TITLE Imprint/Label	Artist	AUDIENCE (IN MILLIONS)
1	WORLD ON FIRE RCA Nashville	Nate Smith	733.83
2	I HAD SOME HELP Mercury/Republic/Big Loud	Post Malone Featuring Morgan Wallen	638.98
3	PRETTY LITTLE POISON 717/Warner/WEA	Warren Zeiders	609.95
4	WHERE IT ENDS Elektra/Warner Music Nashville/WEA	Bailey Zimmerman	604.35
5	SAVE ME Bailee & Buddy/Broken Bow/BMG/Stoney Creek	Jelly Roll With Lainey Wilson	599.58
6	COWGIRLS Mercury/Republic/Big Loud	Morgan Wallen Featuring ERNEST	522.28
7	YOUNG LOVE & SATURDAY NIGHTS RCA Nashville	Chris Young	483.77
8	A BAR SONG (TIPSY) American Dogwood/EMPIRE/Magnolia Music	Shaboozey	469.46
9	OUTSKIRTS MCA Nashville	Sam Hunt	465.18
10	TUCSON TOO LATE MCA Nashville	Jordan Davis	458.88
11	CHEVROLET Broken Bow	Dustin Lynch Featuring Jelly Roll	445.41
12	TAKE HER HOME Blue Chair/Warner Music Nashville/WEA	Kenny Chesney	440.76
13	AIN'T NO LOVE IN OKLAHOMA Universal Studios/Atlantic/Seven Ridges/Columbia Nashville	Luke Combs	435.96
14	BACK THEN RIGHT NOW Hubbard House/EMI Nashville	Tyler Hubbard	423.91
15	TRUCK BED Big Loud	HARDY	422.56
16	LOVE YOU AGAIN Chase Matthew/Warner Music Nashville/WAR	Chase Matthew	421.8
17	BULLETPROOF RCA Nashville	Nate Smith	412.77
18	THINKIN' BOUT ME Mercury/Republic/Big Loud	Morgan Wallen	404.46
19	DIRT CHEAP CoJo/Warner Music Nashville/WMN	Cody Johnson	395.08
20	THE PAINTER CoJo/Warner Music Nashville/WMN	Cody Johnson	372.43
21	THIS IS MY DIRT Valory	Justin Moore	368.73
22	WE RIDE Average Joes	Bryan Martin	350.12
23	YOUR PLACE Back Blocks/Big Loud	Ashley Cooke	346.27
24	I CAN FEEL IT Zone 4/RCA Nashville	Kane Brown	344.42
25	23 19/BMG/Wheelhouse	Chayce Beckham	343.7

RANK	TITLE Imprint/Label	Artist	AUDIENCE (IN MILLIONS)
26	BURN IT DOWN MCA Nashville	Parker McCollum	342.19
27	HALFWAY TO HELL Bailee & Buddy/Broken Bow/BMG/Stoney Creek	Jelly Roll	340.87
28	WE DON'T FIGHT ANYMORE Big Machine	Carly Pearce Featuring Chris Stapleton	330.95
29	SHE'S SOMEBODY'S DAUGHTER (REIMAGINED) Patoka Sounds/Lyric Ridge	Drew Baldridge	327.34
30	LET YOUR BOYS BE COUNTRY Macon/Broken Bow	Jason Aldean	324.04
31	MAN MADE A BAR Mercury/Republic/Big Loud	Morgan Wallen Featuring Eric Church	322.91
32	DIFFERENT 'ROUND HERE BMLG	Riley Green Featuring Luke Combs	319.51
33	CAB IN A SOLO Triple Tigers	Scotty McCreery	311.73
34	LOVE YOU, MISS YOU, MEAN IT Row Crop/Capitol Nashville	Luke Bryan	304.39
35	WHITE HORSE Sound/Mercury Nashville	Chris Stapleton	302.47
36	FEARLESS (THE ECHO) Big Machine	Jackson Dean	297.44
37	SAVE ME THE TROUBLE Warner Music Nashville/WAR	Dan + Shay	281.64
38	WILDFLOWERS AND WILD HORSES Broken Bow	Lainey Wilson	281.29
39	WHERE THE WILD THINGS ARE River House/Columbia Nashville	Luke Combs	276.91
40	ONE BAD HABIT McGraw/Big Machine	Tim McGraw	263.01
41	MIND ON YOU RECORDS Nashville	George Birge	259.02
42	MAMAW'S HOUSE Valory	Thomas Rhett Featuring Morgan Wallen	256.4
43	ALL I NEED IS YOU BMLG	Chris Janson	255.72
44	GONNA LOVE YOU Stoney Creek	Parmalee	237.85
45	I'M NOT PRETTY Megan Moroney/Columbia/Columbia Nashville	Megan Moroney	236.68
46	AUSTIN VERSION III/Warner/WMN	Dasha	233.62
47	CREEK WILL RISE Valory	Conner Smith	222.77
48	MILES ON IT Joytime Collective/RCA Nashville	Marshmello & Kane Brown	218.34
49	POUR ME A DRINK Mercury/Republic/Big Loud	Post Malone Featuring Blake Shelton	217.1
50	I AM NOT OKAY Bailee & Buddy/BMG/Republic/Stoney Creek	Jelly Roll	214.2



SMITH: MATTHEW BERINATO. POST MALONE: ADAM DEGROSS. ZEIDERS: AUSTIN SCREWS.

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RANK	TITLE Imprint/Label	Artist	AUDIENCE (IN MILLIONS)
51	EVERYTHING I LOVE Mercury/Republic/Big Loud	Morgan Wallen	638.98
52	MESSED UP AS ME Hit Red/Capitol Nashville	Keith Urban	609.95
53	CAN'T HAVE MINE Curb	Dylan Scott	604.35
54	BEAUTIFUL AS YOU Fifty-One/Forty-Nine/Valory	Thomas Rhett	599.58
55	BIGGER HOUSES Warner Music Nashville/WAR	Dan + Shay	522.28
56	HANG TIGHT HONEY Broken Bow	Lainey Wilson	483.77
57	SOUNDS LIKE THE RADIO Leo33	Zach Top	469.46
58	BUT I GOT A BEER IN MY HAND Row Crop/Capitol Nashville	Luke Bryan	465.18
59	CAN'T BREAK UP NOW Columbia Nashville	Old Dominion & Megan Moroney	458.88
60	LIES LIES LIES Mercury/Republic/Big Loud	Morgan Wallen	445.41
61	OUT OF THAT TRUCK Capitol Nashville	Carrie Underwood	440.76
62	AMERICAN GIRL Tom Petty Legacy/Capitol Nashville/Valory	Dierks Bentley	435.96
63	COWBOY SONGS RECORDS Nashville	George Birge	423.91
64	STARS LIKE CONFETTI Broken Bow	Dustin Lynch	422.56
65	STANDING ROOM ONLY McGraw/Big Machine	Tim McGraw	421.8
66	DANCE WITH YOU Nashville Harbor	Brett Young	412.77
67	THINK I'M IN LOVE WITH YOU Sound/Mercury Nashville	Chris Stapleton	404.46
68	DAMN GOOD DAY TO LEAVE Nashville Harbor	Riley Green	395.08
69	BOYS BACK HOME PIA/Curb/Columbia Nashville	Dylan Marlowe & Dylan Scott	372.43
70	GLORY DAYS Warner Music Nashville/WAR	Gabby Barrett	368.73
71	GOD GAVE ME A GIRL Triple Tigers	Russell Dickerson	350.12
72	TRY THAT IN A SMALL TOWN Macon/Broken Bow	Jason Aldean	346.27
73	WE GOT HISTORY Riser House/Columbia Nashville	Mitchell Tenpenny	344.42
74	RODEO MAN Pearl/Big Machine	Garth Brooks & Ronnie Dunn	343.7
75	FIND ANOTHER BAR Voyager/Red Street	Chris Lane	342.19

RANK	TITLE Imprint/Label	Artist	AUDIENCE (IN MILLIONS)
76	WIND UP MISSIN' YOU Back Blocks/EMI Nashville	Tucker Wetmore	340.87
77	BREAKIN' IN BOOTS RECORDS/Columbia/RECORDS Nashville	Matt Stell	330.95
78	DRINKIN' PROBLEMS Riser House	Dillon Carmichael	327.34
79	I REMEMBER EVERYTHING InterScope/Belting Bronco/Warner/MCA Nashville/WAR	Zach Bryan Featuring Kacey Musgraves	324.04
80	NOBODY'S NOBODY EMI Nashville	Brothers Osborne	322.91
81	WHATCHA SEE IS WHATCHA GET Nashville Harbor	Chris Janson	319.51
82	COWBOYS AND PLOWBOYS Capitol Nashville	Jon Pardi & Luke Bryan	311.73
83	YOU LOOK LIKE YOU LOVE ME SAWGOD/Columbia/Nashville Harbor	Ella Langley Featuring Riley Green	304.39
84	CALLED CRAZY InterScope/MCA Nashville	Kassi Ashton	302.47
85	THIS TOWN'S BEEN TOO GOOD TO US Curb	Dylan Scott	297.44
86	TIE UP Home Grown/Warner Music Nashville/WAR	Zac Brown Band	281.64
87	FAST CAR River House/Columbia Nashville	Luke Combs	281.29
88	FRIENDS LIKE THAT Night Train/Broken Bow	John Morgan Featuring Jason Aldean	276.91
89	HIGH ROAD YellaBush/Columbia/RECORDS Nashville	Koe Wetzel & Jessie Murph	263.01
90	FOREVER TO ME Warner Music Nashville/WMN	Cole Swindell	259.02
91	I TRIED A RING ON Monument	Tigirlily Gold	256.4
92	WRANGLERS Vanner/Republic/Big Loud	Miranda Lambert	255.72
93	LIFE WITH YOU Curb	Kelsey Hart	237.85
94	SEE YOU NEXT SUMMER Nashville South/Big Machine	Brian Kelley	236.68
95	WATERMELON MOONSHINE Broken Bow	Lainey Wilson	233.62
96	GUY FOR THAT Mercury/Republic/Big Loud	Post Malone Featuring Luke Combs	222.77
97	IF YOU GO DOWN (I'M GOIN' DOWN TOO) Black River	Kelsea Ballerini	218.34
98	SPIRITS AND DEMONS Warner Music Nashville/WEA	Michael Ray Featuring Meghan Patrick	217.1
99	IN YOUR LOVE Hickman Holler/RCA	Tyler Childers	214.2
100	DRINKIN' BUDDIES Curb	Lee Brice, Nate Smith & Hailey Whitters	638.98



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TOP COUNTRY AIRPLAY ARTISTS

RANK	ARTIST Imprint/Label	RANK	ARTIST Imprint/Label
1	MORGAN WALLEN Mercury/Republic/Big Loud	26	THOMAS RHETT Valory
2	NATE SMITH RCA Nashville	27	RILEY GREEN BMLG
3	JELLY ROLL Bailee & Buddy/Broken Bow/BMG/Stoney Creek	28	CHAYCE BECKHAM 19/BMG/Wheelhouse
4	LUKE COMBS Universal Studios/Atlantic/Seven Ridges/Columbia Nashville	29	MEGAN MORONEY Megan Moroney/Columbia/Columbia Nashville
5	CODY JOHNSON CoJo/Warner Music Nashville/WMN	30	JUSTIN MOORE Valory
6	LAINIE WILSON Broken Bow	31	ASHLEY COOKE Back Blocks/Big Loud
7	POST MALONE Mercury/Republic/Big Loud	32	BRYAN MARTIN Average Joes
8	BAILEY ZIMMERMAN Elektra/Warner Music Nashville/WEA	33	CHRIS JANSON BMLG
9	WARREN ZEIDERS 717/Warner/WEA	34	PARKER MCCOLLUM MCA Nashville
10	CHRIS STAPLETON Sound/Mercury Nashville	35	SCOTTY MCCREERY Triple Tigers
11	LUKE BRYAN Row Crop/Capitol Nashville	36	DREW BALDRIDGE Patoka Sounds/Lyric Ridge
12	JASON ALDEAN Macon/Broken Bow	37	DYLAN SCOTT Curb
13	CHRIS YOUNG RCA Nashville	38	JACKSON DEAN Big Machine
14	DAN + SHAY Warner Music Nashville/WAR	39	PARMALEE Stoney Creek
15	KANE BROWN Zone 4/RCA Nashville	40	CARLY PEARCE Big Machine
16	JORDAN DAVIS MCA Nashville	41	CONNOR SMITH Valory
17	KENNY CHESNEY Blue Chair/Warner Music Nashville/WEA	42	DASHA VERSION III/Warner/WMN
18	SHABOOZEY American Dogwood/EMPIRE/Magnolia Music	43	KEITH URBAN Hit Red/Capitol Nashville
19	SAM HUNT MCA Nashville	44	ZACH TOP Leo33
20	DUSTIN LYNCH Broken Bow	45	CARRIE UNDERWOOD Capitol Nashville
21	GEORGE BIRGE RECORDS Nashville	46	ERNEST Mercury/Republic/Big Loud
22	HARDY Big Loud	47	DIERKS BENTLEY Tom Petty Legacy/Capitol Nashville/Valory
23	TIM MCGRAW McGraw/Big Machine	48	BRETT YOUNG Nashville Harbor
24	TYLER HUBBARD Hubbard House/EMI Nashville	49	MARSHMELLO Joytime Collective/RCA Nashville
25	CHASE MATTHEW Chase Matthew/Warner Music Nashville/WAR	50	RUSSELL DICKERSON Triple Tigers

TOP AIRPLAY LABELS

RANK	LABEL
1	BIG LOUD
2	RCA NASHVILLE
3	WEA
4	BROKEN BOW
5	MCA NASHVILLE
6	COLUMBIA NASHVILLE
7	STONEY CREEK
8	BIG MACHINE
9	VALORY
10	WARNER MUSIC NASHVILLE
11	WARNER ATLANTIC REPRISE
12	CAPITOL NASHVILLE
13	NASHVILLE HARBOR
14	EMI NASHVILLE
15	RECORDS NASHVILLE

TOP AIRPLAY IMPRINTS

RANK	IMPRINT
1	WARNER MUSIC NASHVILLE
2	RCA NASHVILLE
3	BROKEN BOW
4	REPUBLIC
5	MCA NASHVILLE
6	MERCURY
7	VALORY
8	BIG MACHINE
9	BMLG
10	BMG
11	ROW CROP
12	MACON
13	TRIPLE TIGERS
14	BACK BLOCKS
15	SOUND

AMERICANA/FOLK ALBUMS

RANK	TITLE/Artist/Imprint/Label
1	STICK SEASON/Noah Kahan/Mercury/Republic
2	ZACH BRYAN/Zach Bryan/Belting Bronco/Warner
3	AMERICAN HEARTBREAK/Zach Bryan/Belting Bronco/Warner
4	COWBOY CARTER/Beyonce/Parkwood/Columbia
5	THE GREAT AMERICAN BAR SCENE/Zach Bryan/Belting Bronco/Warner
6	HIGHER/Chris Stapleton/Sound/Mercury Nashville/UMGN
7	TRAVELLER/Chris Stapleton/Mercury Nashville/UMGN
8	HOZIER/Hozier/Rubyworks/Columbia/Legacy
9	WHERE I'VE BEEN, ISN'T WHERE I'M GOING/Shaboozey/American Dogwood/EMPIRE
10	STARTING OVER/Chris Stapleton/Mercury Nashville/UMGN
11	ELISABETH/Zach Bryan/Belting Bronco/Warner
12	SUMMERTIME BLUES/Zach Bryan/Belting Bronco/Warner
13	PURGATORY/Tyler Childers/Hickman Holler/Thirty Tigers
14	UNHEARD (EP)/Hozier/Rubyworks/Columbia
15	BOYS OF FAITH (EP)/Zach Bryan/Belting Bronco/Warner
16	DEANN/Zach Bryan/Belting Bronco/Warner
17	WASTELAND, BABY!/Hozier/Rubyworks/Columbia/Legacy
18	UNREAL UNEARTH/Hozier/Rubyworks/Columbia
19	CLEOPATRA/The Lumineers/Dualtone/MNRK
20	DEEPER WELL/Kacey Musgraves/MCA Nashville/Interscope/ICLG
21	MOMENT OF TRUTH/The Red Clay Strays/Red Clay Strays/Thirty Tigers
22	ANGEL FACE/Stephen Sanchez/Mercury/Republic
23	9 LIVES/Koe Wetzel/YellaBush/Columbia
24	AMERICAN ROMANCE/Michael Marcagi/Warner
25	THIS OLD DOG/Mac DeMarco/Captured Tracks

BLUEGRASS ALBUMS

RANK	TITLE/Artist/Imprint/Label
1	LIVE, VOL. 1/Billy Strings/Reprise/Warner
2	HIGHWAY PRAYERS/Billy Strings/Reprise/Warner
3	BLUEGRASS/Willie Nelson/Legacy
4	CITY OF GOLD/Molly Tuttle & Golden Highway/Nonesuch/Warner
5	CHAINS & STAKES/The Dead South/Six Shooter
6	ME / AND / DAD/Billy Strings/Rounder/Concord
7	IN THE AGE OF DOUBT/Bridge City Sinners/Flail
8	ALTITUDE/Marty Stuart And His Fabulous Superlatives/Superlatone/Snakefarm/Play It Again Sam
9	CELEBRANTS/Nickel Creek/Repair/Thirty Tigers
10	RHAPSODY IN BLUE/Bela Fleck/Bela Fleck/Thirty Tigers
11	SURVIVED/Lost Dog Street Band/Lost Dog Street Band/Thirty Tigers
12	SEVEN DEVILS/Kitchen Dwellers/No Coincidence
13	AS WE SPEAK/Bela Fleck / Zakir Hussain / Edgar Meyer Featuring Rakesh Chaurasia/Bela Fleck/Thirty Tigers
14	REMEMBRANCE/Chick Corea & Bela Fleck/Bela Fleck/Thirty Tigers
15	INDUSTRIAL STRENGTH BLUEGRASS: SOUTHWESTERN OHIO'S MUSICAL LEGACY/Various Artists/Smithsonian Folkways



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HOT COUNTRY SONGS

RANK	TITLE/Artist/Label
1	A BAR SONG (TIPSY) /Shaboozey/American Dogwood/EMPIRE/Magnolia Music
2	I HAD SOME HELP /Post Malone Featuring Morgan Wallen/Mercury/Republic/Big Loud
3	I REMEMBER EVERYTHING /Zach Bryan Featuring Kacey Musgraves/Interscope/Belting Bronco/Warner/MCA Nashville/WAR
4	AUSTIN /Dasha/VERSION III/Warner/WMN
5	LAST NIGHT /Morgan Wallen/Mercury/Republic/Big Loud
6	FAST CAR /Luke Combs/River House/Columbia Nashville
7	THINKIN' BOUT ME /Morgan Wallen/Mercury/Republic/Big Loud
8	COWGIRLS /Morgan Wallen Featuring ERNEST/Mercury/Republic/Big Loud
9	PINK SKIES /Zach Bryan/Belting Bronco/Warner/WAR
10	TEXAS HOLD 'EM /Beyoncé/Parkwood/Columbia/Columbia Nashville
11	MILES ON IT /Marshmello & Kane Brown/Joytime Collective/RCA Nashville
12	WILD ONES /Jessie Murph & Jelly Roll/Columbia
13	AIN'T NO LOVE IN OKLAHOMA /Luke Combs/Universal Studios/Atlantic/Seven Ridges/Columbia Nashville
14	WHERE THE WILD THINGS ARE /Luke Combs/River House/Columbia Nashville
15	LIES LIES LIES /Morgan Wallen/Mercury/Republic/Big Loud
16	PRETTY LITTLE POISON /Warren Zeiders/717/Warner/WEA
17	DIRT CHEAP /Cody Johnson/CoJo/Warner Music Nashville/WMN
18	THINK I'M IN LOVE WITH YOU /Chris Stapleton/Sound/Mercury Nashville
19	BULLETPROOF /Nate Smith/RCA Nashville
20	TRUCK BED /HARDY/Big Loud
21	I AM NOT OKAY /Jelly Roll/Bailee & Buddy/BMG/Republic/Stoney Creek
22	POUR ME A DRINK /Post Malone Featuring Blake Shelton/Mercury/Republic/Big Loud
23	WHITE HORSE /Chris Stapleton/Sound/Mercury Nashville
24	BURN IT DOWN /Parker McCollum/MCA Nashville
25	HIGH ROAD /Koe Wetzel & Jessie Murph/YellaBush/Columbia/RECORDS Nashville
26	NEED A FAVOR /Jelly Roll/Bailee & Buddy/Broken Bow/BMG/Stoney Creek
27	WE RIDE /Bryan Martin/Average Joes
28	WIND UP MISSIN' YOU /Tucker Wetmore/Back Blocks/EMI Nashville
29	THE PAINTER /Cody Johnson/CoJo/Warner Music Nashville/WMN
30	28 /Zach Bryan/Belting Bronco/Warner/WAR
31	WE DON'T FIGHT ANYMORE /Carly Pearce Featuring Chris Stapleton/Big Machine
32	WORLD ON FIRE /Nate Smith/RCA Nashville
33	SAVE ME /Jelly Roll With Lainey Wilson/Bailee & Buddy/Broken Bow/BMG/Stoney Creek
34	WHISKEY WHISKEY /Moneybagg Yo Featuring Morgan Wallen/CMG/N-Less/Interscope/ICLG
35	WILDFLOWERS AND WILD HORSES /Lainey Wilson/Broken Bow
36	YOU LOOK LIKE YOU LOVE ME /Ella Langley Featuring Riley Green/SAWDOG/Columbia/Nashville Harbor
37	HOLY SMOKES /Bailey Zimmerman/Elektra/Warner Music Nashville/WEA
38	WONDERING WHY /The Red Clay Strays/Red Clay Strays/Thirty Tigers
39	23 /Chayce Beckham/19/BMG/Wheelhouse
40	MAN MADE A BAR /Morgan Wallen Featuring Eric Church/Mercury/Republic/Big Loud
41	LOVE YOU AGAIN /Chase Matthew/Chase Matthew/Warner Music Nashville/WAR
42	SPIN YOU AROUND (1/24) /Morgan Wallen/Honeyhole/Mercury/Republic/Big Loud
43	I CAN FEEL IT /Kane Brown/Zone 4/RCA Nashville
44	CHEVROLET /Dustin Lynch Featuring Jelly Roll/Broken Bow
45	HALFWAY TO HELL /Jelly Roll/Bailee & Buddy/Broken Bow/BMG/Stoney Creek
46	BEAUTIFUL AS YOU /Thomas Rhett/Fifty-One/Forty-Nine/Valory
47	HEY DRIVER /Zach Bryan Featuring The War And Treaty/Belting Bronco/Warner
48	I'M NOT PRETTY /Megan Moroney/Megan Moroney/Columbia/Columbia Nashville
49	COAL /Dylan Gossett/Dylan Gossett/Big Loud Texas/Mercury/Republic/Big Loud
50	SWEET DREAMS /Koe Wetzel/YellaBush/Columbia



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TOP COUNTRY ALBUMS

RANK	TITLE/Artist/Label
1	ONE THING AT A TIME /Morgan Wallen/Big Loud/Mercury/Republic
2	ZACH BRYAN /Zach Bryan/Belting Bronco/Warner
3	DANGEROUS: THE DOUBLE ALBUM /Morgan Wallen/Big Loud/Republic
4	AMERICAN HEARTBREAK /Zach Bryan/Belting Bronco/Warner
5	COWBOY CARTER /Beyoncé/Parkwood/Columbia
6	SPEAK NOW (TAYLOR'S VERSION) /Taylor Swift/Republic
7	GETTIN' OLD /Luke Combs/River House/Columbia Nashville/SMN
8	RED (TAYLOR'S VERSION) /Taylor Swift/Republic
9	THIS ONE'S FOR YOU /Luke Combs/River House/Columbia Nashville/SMN
10	RELIGIOUSLY. THE ALBUM. /Bailey Zimmerman/Elektra/Warner Music Nashville/3EE/WMN
11	THE GREAT AMERICAN BAR SCENE /Zach Bryan/Belting Bronco/Warner
12	HIGHER /Chris Stapleton/Sound/Mercury Nashville/UMGN
13	IF I KNOW ME /Morgan Wallen/Big Loud
14	WHITSITT CHAPEL /Jelly Roll/Bailee & Buddy/Broken Bow/BMG/BBMG
15	F-1 TRILLION /Post Malone/Mercury/Republic
16	35 BIGGEST HITS /Toby Keith/Show Dog-Universal/UME
17	TRAVELLER /Chris Stapleton/Mercury Nashville/UMGN
18	FEARLESS (TAYLOR'S VERSION) /Taylor Swift/Republic
19	WHAT YOU SEE IS WHAT YOU GET /Luke Combs/River House/Columbia Nashville/SMN
20	WHERE I'VE BEEN, ISN'T WHERE I'M GOING /Shaboozey/American Dogwood/EMPIRE
21	20 NUMBER ONES /Thomas Rhett/Valory/BMLG
22	STARTING OVER /Chris Stapleton/Mercury Nashville/UMGN
23	THE MOCKINGBIRD & THE CROW /HARDY/Big Loud Rock/Big Loud
24	ELISABETH /Zach Bryan/Belting Bronco/Warner
25	50 NUMBER ONES /George Strait/MCA Nashville/UMGN
26	SUMMERTIME BLUES /Zach Bryan/Belting Bronco/Warner
27	BLUEBIRD DAYS /Jordan Davis/MCA Nashville/UMGN
28	BELL BOTTOM COUNTRY /Lainey Wilson/Broken Bow/BMG/BBMG
29	PURGATORY /Tyler Childers/Hickman Holler/Thirty Tigers
30	LEATHER /Cody Johnson/CoJo/Warner Music Nashville/WMN
31	ELVIS: 30 #1 HITS /Elvis Presley/RCA/Legacy
32	NUMBER ONE HITS /Tim McGraw/Curb
33	LUCKY /Megan Moroney/Megan Moroney/Arista Nashville/Columbia Nashville/Columbia
34	TWISTERS: THE ALBUM /Soundtrack/Universal Pictures/Atlantic/AG
35	GROWIN' UP /Luke Combs/River House/Columbia Nashville/SMN
36	CALIFORNIA SUNRISE /Jon Pardi/Capitol Nashville/UMGN
37	PRETTY LITTLE POISON /Warren Zeiders/717/Warner
38	THE GREATEST HITS COLLECTION /Brooks & Dunn/Arista Nashville/Legacy
39	BOYS OF FAITH (EP) /Zach Bryan/Belting Bronco/Warner
40	LIVIN' MY BEST LIFE /Dylan Scott/Curb
41	35 BIGGEST HITS /Hank Williams Jr./Curb
42	ROCKSTAR /Dolly Parton/Butterfly Records/Big Machine/BMLG
43	AM I OKAY? /Megan Moroney/Megan Moroney/Columbia Nashville/SMN/Columbia
44	WHAT HAPPENS NOW? /Dasha/VERSION III/Warner
45	FATHERS & SONS /Luke Combs/Seven Ridges/Columbia Nashville/SMN
46	DEEPER WELL /Kacey Musgraves/MCA Nashville/Interscope/ICLG
47	NATE SMITH /Nate Smith/RCA Nashville/SMN
48	GREATEST HITS SO FAR... /Zac Brown Band/Home Grown/BMG
49	ROCKIN' AROUND THE CHRISTMAS TREE: THE ZECCAS CHRISTMAS RECORDINGS /Brenda Lee/Decca/MCA Nashville/UME
50	RUDOLPH THE RED-NOSED REINDEER /Burl Ives/MCA Special Products/Geffen/UME



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COUNTRY STREAMING SONGS

RANK	TITLE/Artist/Label
1	I REMEMBER EVERYTHING /Zach Bryan Featuring Kacey Musgraves/Interscope/Belting Bronco/Warner/MCA Nashville/WAR
2	A BAR SONG (TIPSY) /Shaboozey/American Dogwood/EMPIRE/Magnolia Music
3	I HAD SOME HELP /Post Malone Featuring Morgan Wallen/Mercury/Republic/Big Loud
4	LAST NIGHT /Morgan Wallen/Mercury/Republic/Big Loud
5	SOMETHING IN THE ORANGE /Zach Bryan/Belting Bronco/Warner/WAR
6	THINKIN' BOUT ME /Morgan Wallen/Mercury/Republic/Big Loud
7	FAST CAR /Luke Combs/River House/Columbia Nashville
8	YOU PROOF /Morgan Wallen/Mercury/Republic/Big Loud
9	PINK SKIES /Zach Bryan/Belting Bronco/Warner/WAR
10	WASTED ON YOU /Morgan Wallen/Republic/Big Loud
11	TENNESSEE WHISKEY /Chris Stapleton/Mercury
12	WHERE THE WILD THINGS ARE /Luke Combs/River House/Columbia Nashville
13	COWGIRLS /Morgan Wallen Featuring ERNEST/Mercury/Republic/Big Loud
14	WILD ONES /Jessie Murph & Jelly Roll/Columbia
15	AUSTIN /Dasha/VERSION III/Warner
16	MILES ON IT /Marshmello & Kane Brown/Joytime Collective/RCA Nashville
17	TEXAS HOLD 'EM /Beyonce/Parkwood/Columbia/Columbia Nashville
18	AIN'T NO LOVE IN OKLAHOMA /Luke Combs/Universal Studios/Atlantic/Seven Ridges/Columbia Nashville
19	ROCKIN' AROUND THE CHRISTMAS TREE /Brenda Lee/Decca/MCA Nashville/UME
20	LIES LIES LIES /Morgan Wallen/Mercury/Republic/Big Loud
21	JINGLE BELL ROCK /Bobby Helms/Decca/MCA Nashville/Geffen/UME
22	HEY DRIVER /Zach Bryan Featuring The War And Treaty/Belting Bronco/Warner
23	HIGH ROAD /Koe Wetzel & Jessie Murph/YellaBush/Columbia/RECORDS Nashville
24	WHITE HORSE /Chris Stapleton/Sound/Mercury Nashville
25	TRUCK BED /HARDY/Big Loud
26	PRETTY LITTLE POISON /Warren Zeiders/717/Warner/WEA
27	28 /Zach Bryan/Belting Bronco/Warner
28	A HOLLY JOLLY CHRISTMAS /Burl Ives/Decca/MCA Special Products/Geffen/UME
29	OKLAHOMA SMOKE SHOW /Zach Bryan/Belting Bronco/Warner
30	WHISKEY WHISKEY /Moneybagg Yo Featuring Morgan Wallen/CMG/N-Less/Interscope/ICLG
31	POUR ME A DRINK /Post Malone Featuring Blake Shelton/Mercury/Republic
32	I AM NOT OKAY /Jelly Roll/Bailee & Buddy/BMG/Republic/Stoney Creek
33	RELIGIOUSLY /Bailey Zimmerman/Elektra/Warner Music Nashville/WEA
34	NEED A FAVOR /Jelly Roll/Bailee & Buddy/Broken Bow/BMG/Warner
35	YOU LOOK LIKE YOU LOVE ME /Ella Langley Featuring Riley Green/SAWGOD/Columbia
36	THOUGHT YOU SHOULD KNOW /Morgan Wallen/Mercury/Republic/Big Loud
37	SAVE ME /Jelly Roll With Lainey Wilson/Bailee & Buddy/Broken Bow/BMG/Stoney Creek
38	GUY FOR THAT /Post Malone Featuring Luke Combs/Mercury/Republic/Big Loud
39	BEAUTIFUL CRAZY /Luke Combs/River House/Columbia Nashville
40	BLUE CHRISTMAS /Elvis Presley/RCA Victor/RCA/Legacy
41	ROCK AND A HARD PLACE /Bailey Zimmerman/Elektra/Warner Music Nashville/WEA
42	SPIN YOU AROUND (1/24) /Morgan Wallen/Honeyhole/Mercury/Republic/Big Loud
43	BURN IT DOWN /Parker McCollum/MCA Nashville
44	HERE COMES SANTA CLAUS (RIGHT DOWN SANTA CLAUS LANE) /Gene Autry/Columbia/Legacy
45	THE PAINTER /Cody Johnson/CoJo/Warner Music Nashville/WMN
46	RUDOLPH THE RED-NOSED REINDEER /Gene Autry & The Pinafores/Columbia/Legacy
47	SWEET DREAMS /Koe Wetzel/YellaBush/Columbia
48	WIND UP MISSIN' YOU /Tucker Wetmore/Back Blocks/EMI Nashville
49	MAN MADE A BAR /Morgan Wallen Featuring Eric Church/Mercury/Republic/Big Loud
50	YOU SHOULD PROBABLY LEAVE /Chris Stapleton/Mercury Nashville

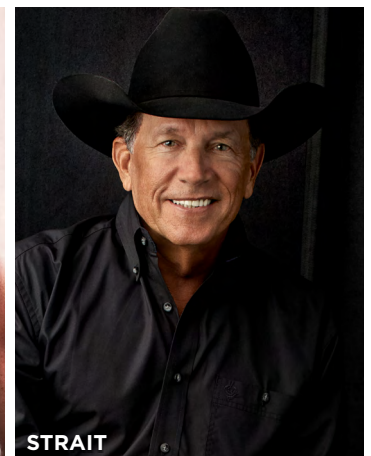
COUNTRY DIGITAL SONGS

RANK	TITLE/Artist/Label
1	A BAR SONG (TIPSY) /Shaboozey/American Dogwood/EMPIRE
2	I HAD SOME HELP /Post Malone Featuring Morgan Wallen/Mercury/Republic
3	TEXAS HOLD 'EM /Beyonce/Parkwood/Columbia
4	I AM NOT OKAY /Jelly Roll/Bailee & Buddy/Stoney Creek/BMG/Republic
5	AIN'T NO LOVE IN OKLAHOMA /Luke Combs/Universal Pictures/Atlantic/AG
6	SAVE ME /Jelly Roll With Lainey Wilson/Bailee & Buddy/Broken Bow/BMG/BBMG
7	I REMEMBER EVERYTHING /Zach Bryan Featuring Kacey Musgraves/Belting Bronco/Warner
8	NEED A FAVOR /Jelly Roll/Bailee & Buddy/Broken Bow/BMG/BBMG
9	AUSTIN /Dasha/VERSION III/Warner
10	MILES ON IT /Marshmello & Kane Brown/Joytime Collective/RCA Nashville/SMN
11	PINK SKIES /Zach Bryan/Belting Bronco/Warner
12	FAST CAR /Luke Combs/River House/Columbia Nashville/SMN
13	WHITE HORSE /Chris Stapleton/Sound/Mercury Nashville/UMGN
14	WHERE THE WILD THINGS ARE /Luke Combs/River House/Columbia Nashville/SMN
15	POUR ME A DRINK /Post Malone Featuring Blake Shelton/Mercury/Republic
16	YOU LOOK LIKE YOU LOVE ME /Ella Langley Featuring Riley Green/SAWGOD/Columbia
17	DON'T LET THE OLD MAN IN /Toby Keith/Show Dog Nashville/Thirty Tigers
18	LIVE LIKE YOU WERE DYING /Tim McGraw/Curb
19	LIES LIES LIES /Morgan Wallen/Big Loud/Mercury/Republic
20	THINKIN' BOUT ME /Morgan Wallen/Big Loud/Mercury/Republic
21	LONELY ROAD /mgk & Jelly Roll/EST19XX/Interscope/ICLG
22	COWGIRLS /Morgan Wallen Featuring ERNEST/Big Loud/Mercury/Republic
23	A LOT MORE FREE /Max McNown/Fugitive Recordings
24	TO BE A MAN /Dax & Darius Rucker/RECORDS/Columbia
25	WILDFLOWERS AND WILD HORSES /Lainey Wilson/Broken Bow/BMG/BBMG

2024 TOP 5 COUNTRY TOURS

	ACT	Total Gross	Total Attendance	No. of Shows
1	ZACH BRYAN	\$321.3M	1.6M	64
2	LUKE COMBS	\$173.6M	1.4M	39
3	KENNY CHESNEY	\$159.5M	1.3M	34
4	GEORGE STRAIT	\$125.2M	464K	11
5	CHRIS STAPLETON	\$81.9M	718K	40

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HOT COUNTRY SONGS LABELS	
RANK	LABEL
1	BIG LOUD
2	COLUMBIA NASHVILLE
3	WARNER ATLANTIC REPRISE
4	MAGNOLIA MUSIC
5	RCA NASHVILLE
6	WARNER MUSIC NASHVILLE
7	MCA NASHVILLE
8	STONEY CREEK
9	WEA
10	WARNER
11	BROKEN BOW
12	COLUMBIA
13	MERCURY NASHVILLE
14	VALORY
15	NASHVILLE HARBOR

HOT COUNTRY SONGS IMPRINTS	
RANK	IMPRINT
1	REPUBLIC
2	MERCURY
3	BELTING BRONCO
4	COLUMBIA
5	WARNER
6	WARNER MUSIC NASHVILLE
7	RIVER HOUSE
8	BROKEN BOW
9	AMERICAN DOGWOOD
10	INTERSCOPE
11	RCA NASHVILLE
12	EMPIRE
13	SOUND
14	BACK BLOCKS
15	PARKWOOD

TOP COUNTRY LABELS	
RANK	LABEL
1	SONY MUSIC NASHVILLE
2	REPUBLIC
3	BIG LOUD
4	WARNER
5	UNIVERSAL MUSIC GROUP NASHVILLE
6	WARNER MUSIC NASHVILLE
7	BROKEN BOW MUSIC GROUP
8	COLUMBIA
9	BIG MACHINE LABEL GROUP
10	MAGNOLIA MUSIC

HOT COUNTRY SONGS SONGWRITERS	
RANK	SONGWRITER
1	ZACH BRYAN
2	ASHLEY GORLEY
3	CHARLIE HANDSOME
4	TRACY CHAPMAN
5	KACEY MUSGRAVES
6	CHRIS STAPLETON
7	JELLY ROLL
8	ERNEST
9	TAYLOR PHILLIPS
10	JOSH PHILLIPS

HOT COUNTRY SONGS PRODUCERS	
RANK	PRODUCER
1	ZACH BRYAN
2	JOEY MOI
3	CHARLIE HANDSOME
4	LOUIS BELL
5	ZACH CROWELL
6	SEAN COOK (TIE)
6	NEVIN SASTRY (TIE)
8	TRENT WILLMON
9	DANN HUFF
10	ROSS COPPERMAN

TOP COUNTRY ARTISTS	
RANK	ARTIST/Imprint/Label
1	MORGAN WALLEN/Big Loud/Mercury/Republic
2	ZACH BRYAN/Belting Bronco/Warner
3	LUKE COMBS/River House/Columbia Nashville/SMN
4	POST MALONE/Mercury/Republic
5	CHRIS STAPLETON/Mercury Nashville/UMGN
6	TAYLOR SWIFT/Republic
7	SHABOOZEY/American Dogwood/EMPIRE
8	JELLY ROLL/Bailee & Buddy/Stoney Creek/BMG/Republic
9	BEYONCE/Parkwood/Columbia
10	BAILEY ZIMMERMAN/Elektra/Warner Music Nashville/3EE/WMN
11	CODY JOHNSON/CoJo/Warner Music Nashville/WMN
12	LAINIE WILSON/Broken Bow/BMG/BBMG
13	MEGAN MORONEY/Megan Moroney/Columbia Nashville/SMN/Columbia
14	NATE SMITH/Arista Nashville/SMN
15	DASHA/VERSION III/Warner
16	THOMAS RHETT/Valory/BMLG
17	HARDY/Big Loud Rock/Big Loud/Mercury/Republic
18	WARREN ZEIDERS/717/Warner
19	TOBY KEITH/Show Dog Nashville/Thirty Tigers
20	KACEY MUSGRAVES/MCA Nashville/Interscope/ICLG
21	TYLER CHILDERS/Hickman Holler/RCA
22	KANE BROWN/Zone 4/RCA Nashville/SMN
23	DYLAN SCOTT/Curb
24	JORDAN DAVIS/MCA Nashville/UMGN
25	KOE WETZEL/YellaBush/Columbia
26	TUCKER WETMORE/Back Blocks/EMI Nashville/UMGN
27	THE RED CLAY STRAYS/Red Clay Strays/HBYCO/Thirty Tigers/RCA
28	GEORGE STRAIT/MCA Nashville/UMGN
29	JESSIE MURPH/Columbia
30	PARKER MCCOLLUM/MCA Nashville/UMGN
31	TIM MCGRAW/McGraw/Big Machine/BMLG
32	JASON ALDEAN/Macon/Broken Bow/BMG/BBMG
33	RILEY GREEN/Nashville Harbor/BMLG
34	LUKE BRYAN/Capitol Nashville/UMGN
35	BRYAN MARTIN/Average Joes
36	JON PARDI/Capitol Nashville/UMGN
37	DYLAN GOSSETT/Dylan Gossett/Big Loud Texas/Big Loud/Mercury/Republic
38	BROOKS & DUNN/Arista Nashville/SMN
39	DOLLY PARTON/Butterfly Records/Big Machine/BMLG
40	CHASE MATTHEW/Chase Matthew/Warner Music Nashville/WMN

TOP PUBLISHERS	
RANK	PUBLISHER
1	WARNER-TAMERLANE PUBLISHING CORP.,BMI
2	ZACH LANE BRYAN PUBLISHING DESIGNEE,BMI
3	WC MUSIC CORP.,ASCAP
4	SONY CROSS KEYS PUBLISHING,ASCAP
5	SONGS OF UNIVERSAL, INC.,BMI
6	PURPLE RABBIT MUSIC,ASCAP
7	SONY SONGS LLC,BMI
8	BIG LOUD MOUNTAIN LLC,BMI
9	SONY TREE PUBLISHING,BMI
10	351 MUSIC,BMI

TOP PUBLISHING CORPORATIONS	
RANK	PUBLISHING CORPORATION
1	WARNER CHAPPELL MUSIC
2	SONY MUSIC PUBLISHING
3	UNIVERSAL MUSIC
4	KOBALT MUSIC GROUP
5	BIG MACHINE MUSIC

TOP NEW ARTISTS	
RANK	ARTIST/Imprint/Label
1	SHABOOZEY/American Dogwood/EMPIRE
2	DASHA/VERSION III/Warner
3	TUCKER WETMORE/Back Blocks/EMI Nashville/UMGN
4	THE RED CLAY STRAYS/Red Clay Strays/HBYCO/Thirty Tigers/RCA
5	JESSIE MURPH/Columbia

Rankings for 2024 chart recaps are based on cumulative performance on each respective ranking for the charts dated Oct. 28, 2023, through Oct. 19, 2024. Top Artists and Top New Artists were determined by a weighted formula incorporating chart activity on Hot Country Songs and Top Country Albums, as well as Billboard Boxscore grosses.

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#1 TOP COUNTRY LABEL

SONY MUSIC NASHVILLE



#1 COUNTRY AIRPLAY SONG

“WORLD ON FIRE” NATE SMITH

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George Birge Lassoos His First Country Airplay No. 1 With ‘Cowboy Songs’

George Birge notches his first leader on *Billboard*'s Country Airplay chart as “Cowboy Songs” (RECORDS Nashville) moseys two spots to No. 1 on the Dec. 21-dated survey. The song increased by 14% to 28.9 million audience impressions Dec. 6-12, according to Luminate.



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The hit is from Birge’s same-named album, released in April. He co-authored the single with Lalo Guzman, Matt McGinn and Michael Tyler. Guzman and McGinn produced the track, about a love interest who “only dances to cowboy songs.” (“That steel guitar’ll steal her heart,” Birge sings.)

“Having the No. 1 song on the *Billboard* Country Airplay chart is an absolute dream come true,” Birge says. “It’s wild to think that the song I wrote about chasing my wife across dusty dive bars in Austin, Texas, is now sitting at the top. I couldn’t think of a better way to end the year.”

His first Country Airplay leader follows his rookie entry, “Mind on You,” which hit No. 2 in January.

Before launching his solo career, Birge was half of the duo *Waterloo Revival*, with Cody Cooper. (The pair made two appearances on the lower reaches of Country Airplay in 2015.)

AT HOME IN THE TOP 10 Dan + Shay earn their 12th Country Airplay top 10 as “Bigger Houses” (Warner Music Nashville/WAR) rises 11-10 (17.3 million, up 2%).

The song, which the duo’s Dan Smyers co-wrote, is the title cut from the pair’s LP that entered at its No. 9 Top Country Albums high in September 2023, becoming the twosome’s fifth top 10.

The act — Smyers and Shay Mooney — logged its initial Country Airplay top 10, and first of eight No. 1s so far, with “Nothin’ Like You,” which dominated for one week in December 2015. The tandem most recently reigned with “Glad You Exist” for one week in August 2021. ●

MOST INCREASED AUDIENCE

TITLE Imprint/Label	Artist	GAIN (IN MILLIONS)
COWBOY SONGS RECORDS Nashville	George Birge	+3.501
HIGH ROAD YellaBush/Columbia/RECORDS Nashville	Koe Wetzel & Jessie Murph	+3.049
LOVE SOMEBODY Mercury/Republic/Big Loud	Morgan Wallen	+2.679
LIAR Bailee & Buddy/BMG/Republic/Stoney Creek	Jelly Roll	+2.508
I AIN'T SAYIN' MCA Nashville	Jordan Davis	+2.163
HOMETOWN HOME BMG/Galaxy Label Group	LOCASH	+2.069
BOYS BACK HOME PIA/Curb/Columbia Nashville	Dylan Marlowe & Dylan Scott	+1.771
I'M GONNA LOVE YOU CoJo/Warner Music Nashville/Capitol Nashville/WMN	Cody Johnson & Carrie Underwood	+1.500
TEXAS Ten Point/Wheelhouse	Blake Shelton	+1.445
THIS TOWN'S BEEN TOO GOOD TO US Curb	Dylan Scott	+1.442

MOST INCREASED PLAYS

TITLE Imprint/Label	Artist	GAIN
COWBOY SONGS RECORDS Nashville	George Birge	+864
LOVE SOMEBODY Mercury/Republic/Big Loud	Morgan Wallen	+849
LIAR Bailee & Buddy/BMG/Republic/Stoney Creek	Jelly Roll	+796
HIGH ROAD YellaBush/Columbia/RECORDS Nashville	Koe Wetzel & Jessie Murph	+751
I AIN'T SAYIN' MCA Nashville	Jordan Davis	+554
HOMETOWN HOME BMG/Galaxy Label Group	LOCASH	+509
BOYS BACK HOME PIA/Curb/Columbia Nashville	Dylan Marlowe & Dylan Scott	+505
GUY FOR THAT Mercury/Republic/Big Loud	Post Malone Featuring Luke Combs	+461
I'M GONNA LOVE YOU CoJo/Warner Music Nashville/Capitol Nashville/WMN	Cody Johnson & Carrie Underwood	+450
4X4XU Broken Bow	Lainey Wilson	+420

RECURRENTS

THIS WEEK	TITLE Imprint/Label	Artist	TOTAL AUD. (IN MILLIONS)
1	I HAD SOME HELP Mercury/Republic/Big Loud	Post Malone Featuring Morgan Wallen	19.722
2	GONNA LOVE YOU Stoney Creek	Parmalee	18.007
3	MILES ON IT Joytime Collective/RCA Nashville	Marshmello & Kane Brown	16.605
4	LIES LIES LIES Mercury/Republic/Big Loud	Morgan Wallen	16.023
5	COWGIRLS Mercury/Republic/Big Loud	Morgan Wallen Featuring ERNEST	13.980
6	CHEVROLET Broken Bow	Dustin Lynch Featuring Jelly Roll	12.343
7	AIN'T NO LOVE IN OKLAHOMA Universal Studios/Atlantic/Seven Ridges/Columbia Nashville	Luke Combs	11.395
8	WORLD ON FIRE RCA Nashville	Nate Smith	10.825
9	WHERE IT ENDS Elektra/Warner Music Nashville/WEA	Bailey Zimmerman	8.577
10	AUSTIN VERSION III/Warner/WMN	Dasha	8.546



TEXAS REGIONAL RADIO REPORT

WEEK ENDING DECEMBER 12, 2024

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 +/-
1	3	23	TWO WAY DRIVE (River House) ★★1 Week at 1★	Hudson Westbrook	1718	191	11	11	16	ONE MORE FOR THE RIDE (Independent)	Ryder Grimes	1054	1
2	2	20	PAIN AND SORROW (Independent)	Matt Castillo	1591	45	12	16	10	ARE YOU WITH ME (Independent)	Case Hardin	1014	102
3	4	18	FRONT PORCH IN THE RAIN (Independent)	Hayden Haddock	1409	-31	13	14	20	THIS COULD BE LOVE (Independent)	Kaitlyn Kohler feat. Jamie Richards	971	30
4	5	27	BEER'S BETTER ON A BOAT (Independent)	Clay Hollis & Jesse Raub, Jr.	1346	11	14	1	14	KEEPIN ME ALIVE (Independent)	Matt Daniel	954	-824
5	6	13	FRIDAY NIGHT (Independent)	Wade Bowen	1306	12	15	20	14	STAINED YOUR CROWN (Independent)	Bart Crow Band	951	116
6	7	22	ROPE THE WIND (Rockin R)	Amanda Kate Ferris	1243	11	16	17	15	HER WAY AIN'T THE HIGHWAY (Independent)	Jake Bush	946	37
7	8	23	RIDE OR DIE (Independent)	James Robert Webb	1207	-6	17	13	25	90SVILLE (Synapse)	Derryl Perry	884	-99
8	9	16	HILL COUNTRY HOME (Independent)	Kyle Park	1178	-10	18	19	10	GOOD AGAIN, AMEN (Independent)	Keller Cox	847	2
9	10	13	GET AWAY WITH ANYTHING (Independent)	Mike Ryan	1163	3	19	21	8	WHOSE TEQUILA ARE YOU DRINKIN' (Get Joe)	Billie Jo Jones	844	16
10	12	12	MORE AFRAID OF LIVING (Independent)	David Adam Byrnes	1085	43	20	18	20	DON'T ASK ME TO DANCE (Independent)	Chuck Wimer	820	-26

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THIS WEEK	LAST WEEK	WKS ON CHART	TITLE Imprint/Label	Artist	AUDIENCE (IN MILLIONS)		PLAYS		
					THIS WEEK	+/-	THIS WEEK	+/-	RANK
1	3	41	COWBOY SONGS RECORDS Nashville ★★ No. 1 (1 Week)/Most Increased Audience ★★	George Birge	28.860	+3.501	8016	864	1
2	4	22	HIGH ROAD YellaBush/Columbia/RECORDS Nashville	Koe Wetzel & Jessie Murph	28.099	+3.049	7651	751	2
3	2	27	I AM NOT OKAY Bailee & Buddy/BMG/Republic/Stoney Creek	Jelly Roll	25.038	-1.067	5900	-151	5
4	9	8	LOVE SOMEBODY Mercury/Republic/Big Loud	Morgan Wallen	22.750	+2.679	6194	849	4
5	8	49	BOYS BACK HOME PIA/Curb/Columbia Nashville	Dylan Marlowe & Dylan Scott	22.679	+1.771	6529	505	3
6	5	25	POUR ME A DRINK Mercury/Republic/Big Loud	Post Malone Featuring Blake Shelton	22.487	-1.496	5563	-305	6
7	7	33	A BAR SONG (TIPSY) American Dogwood/EMPIRE/Magnolia Music	Shaboozey	21.726	-0.342	5461	-36	7
8	1	21	YOU LOOK LIKE YOU LOVE ME SAWGOD/Columbia/Nashville Harbor	Ella Langley Featuring Riley Green	19.591	-6.877	5181	-2540	9
9	10	29	WIND UP MISSIN' YOU Back Blocks/EMI Nashville	Tucker Wetmore	18.602	+0.484	5318	259	8
10	11	45	BIGGER HOUSES Warner Music Nashville/WAR	Dan + Shay	17.348	+0.317	4987	63	10
11	13	21	GUY FORTHAT Mercury/Republic/Big Loud	Post Malone Featuring Luke Combs	14.583	+0.969	4233	461	11
12	14	15	4X4XU Broken Bow	Lainey Wilson	13.602	+0.799	4126	420	12
13	16	21	I AIN'T SAYIN' MCA Nashville	Jordan Davis	13.320	+2.163	4039	554	14
14	15	39	DAMN GOOD DAY TO LEAVE Nashville Harbor	Riley Green	12.807	+0.350	4055	132	13
15	17	43	THINK I'M IN LOVE WITH YOU Sound/Mercury Nashville	Chris Stapleton	11.719	+0.813	3732	273	15
16	18	40	THIS TOWN'S BEEN TOO GOOD TO US Curb	Dylan Scott	10.704	+1.442	3095	274	18
17	21	5	LIAR Bailee & Buddy/BMG/Republic/Stoney Creek ★★ Airpower ★★	Jelly Roll	10.701	+2.508	3114	796	17
18	24	28	HOMETOWN HOME BMG/Galaxy Label Group	LOCASH	9.473	+2.069	2910	509	21
19	19	35	FOREVER TO ME Warner Music Nashville/WMN	Cole Swindell	9.419	+0.354	2852	194	22
20	20	34	FRIENDS LIKE THAT Night Train/Broken Bow	John Morgan Featuring Jason Aldean	9.408	+0.359	3123	139	16
21	23	4	TEXAS Ten Point/Wheelhouse	Blake Shelton	8.971	+1.445	2437	413	23
22	25	11	I'M GONNA LOVE YOU CoJo/Warner Music Nashville/Capitol Nashville/WMN	Cody Johnson & Carrie Underwood	8.850	+1.500	2914	450	20
23	22	48	BREAKIN' IN BOOTS RECORDS/Columbia/RECORDS Nashville	Matt Stell	8.547	+0.504	2990	186	19
24	26	26	HOLY SMOKES Elektra/Warner Music Nashville/WEA	Bailey Zimmerman	6.980	+0.581	2307	196	24
25	28	9	I NEVER LIE Leo33	Zach Top	6.360	+1.085	1651	350	30
26	27	22	JUST TO SAY WE DID Blue Chair/Warner Music Nashville/WEA	Kenny Chesney	5.666	+0.219	2057	137	26
27	29	17	AM I OKAY? Megan Moroney/Columbia/Columbia Nashville	Megan Moroney	5.637	+0.607	1662	191	29
28	31	37	LIFE WITH YOU Curb	Kelsey Hart	5.169	+0.270	2134	93	25
29	30	20	WHISKEY DRINK Macon/Broken Bow	Jason Aldean	5.048	+0.139	1928	61	27
30	32	6	BACKSEAT DRIVER Zone 4/RCA Nashville	Kane Brown	4.460	+0.346	1258	136	36

COUNTRY AIRPLAY CHART LEGEND

RANKINGS

Country Airplay is ranked by total audience impressions for the week ending Sunday based on monitored airplay by Mediabase of 145 stations by Luminate. Audience totals on the chart are derived, in part, using certain Nielsen Audio-copyrighted Persons 12+ audience estimates (under license © 2024, Nielsen Audio). The list of all Country Airplay chart reporters can be viewed in Luminate's online platform.

TIES

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

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%.

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-bullethead) audience decline, regardless of total chart weeks. Plus, songs that ascend to a peak between Nos. 1 and 5 will remain on the chart for one additional week even if dropping below No. 10.

HOT SHOT DEBUT

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

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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THIS WEEK	LAST WEEK	WKS ON CHART	TITLE Imprint/Label	Artist	AUDIENCE (IN MILLIONS)		PLAYS		
					THIS WEEK	+/-	THIS WEEK	+/-	RANK
31	33	40	WHATCHA SEE IS WHATCHA GET Nashville Harbor	Chris Janson	4.261	+0.202	1739	-23	28
32	34	24	COMING HOME Three Up Three Down/Columbia Nashville	Old Dominion	3.894	+0.034	1505	58	33
33	36	25	COWBOYS CRYTOO Black River	Kelsea Ballerini & Noah Kahan	3.424	+0.270	1632	196	31
34	37	20	TRUCK ON FIRE Big Machine	Carly Pearce	3.328	+0.198	1345	-15	35
35	38	37	SINGLE AGAIN The Core/Universal Music Canada/Mercury Nashville	Josh Ross	3.291	+0.166	1521	125	32
36	39	27	FALL OF SUMMER Triple Tigers	Scotty McCreery	2.966	+0.056	1410	53	34
37	42	6	TOUGH PEOPLE Patoka Sounds/Lyric Ridge/Stoney Creek	Drew Baldridge	2.875	+0.581	1203	228	37
38	41	12	HEAVENS TO BETSY Big Machine	Jackson Dean	2.615	+0.292	1031	75	38
39	40	14	FRIDAY NIGHT HEARTBREAKER Capitol Nashville	Jon Pardi	2.395	+0.023	934	32	40
40	44	14	PARK Hubbard House/EMI Nashville	Tyler Hubbard	2.380	+0.254	913	70	42
41	43	17	COUNTRY HOUSE MCA Nashville	Sam Hunt	2.273	+0.105	1012	30	39
42	45	27	EVERYTHING I NEED 19/Wheelhouse	Chayce Beckham	1.978	+0.093	914	21	41
43	47	15	BONES Triple Tigers	Russell Dickerson	1.709	+0.048	796	20	43
44	46	7	RELAPSE 717/Warner/WEA	Warren Zeiders	1.670	-0.017	652	14	48
45	48	13	WHAT KINDA MAN MCA Nashville	Parker McCollum	1.602	-0.028	742	-1	44
46	50	25	THIS HEART Combustion Masters/RCA Nashville	Corey Kent	1.572	+0.148	613	13	51
47	53	4	COUNTRY SONG CAME ON Capitol Nashville	★★ Breaker ★★ Luke Bryan	1.513	+0.210	645	108	49
48	49	11	TRUCK STILL WORKS Loaded Goat/EMI Nashville	Brad Paisley	1.436	-0.079	626	-9	50
49	51	5	FIX WHAT YOU DIDN'T BREAK RCA Nashville	Nate Smith	1.327	-0.031	567	14	53
50	54	16	LOVE THE LEAVIN' Warner Music Nashville/WMN	Drew Parker	1.225	+0.002	484	-8	55
51	58	4	BETTER THAN YOU Quartz Hill/Stone Country	Joe Nichols / Annie Bosko	1.209	+0.309	687	102	45
52	52	18	OVER WHEN WE'RE SOBER Valory	Brantley Gilbert Featuring Ashley Cooke	1.202	-0.116	679	-4	46
53	55	20	DEVIL YOU KNOW Warner Music Nashville/WMN	Tyler Braden	1.196	+0.040	454	30	58
54	56	4	WOULD IF I COULD Mercury/Republic/Big Loud	ERNEST	0.995	-0.034	480	17	56
55	60	2	HIGHWAY American Dogwood/EMPIRE/Magnolia Music	Shaboozey	0.989	+0.192	578	60	52
56	59	2	DARLIN' Warner Music Nashville/WAR	Chase Matthew	0.942	+0.061	462	41	57
57	57	3	I COULD BETHAT RAIN Warner Music Nashville/WMN	Randall King	0.887	-0.036	519	-42	54
58	NEW		GOLDEN CHILD Riser House	★★ Hot Shot Debut ★★ Meghan Patrick	0.784	+0.195	654	86	47
59	NEW		WORST WAY Nashville Harbor	Riley Green	0.699	-0.068	91	-3	-
60	NEW		NOTTODAY Riser House/Columbia Nashville	Mitchell Tenpenny	0.626	+0.022	443	4	60



CHRIS HOLLO

Brenda Lee (center) received plaques for “Rockin’ Around the Christmas Tree” as the track joined the Spotify Billions Club and the RIAA certified it seven-times platinum. With her are RIAA senior vp of artist and industry relations Jackie Jones (left) and Universal Music Group Nashville chair/CEO Cindy Mabe.



JOSH BASTED

Brittney Spencer (left) and Ashley McBryde performed “Man With the Bag” during ABC’s Dec. 3 telecast of *CMA Country Christmas*.

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#3 DANGEROUS: THE DOUBLE ALBUM - MORGAN WALLEN

#13 IF I KNOW ME - MORGAN WALLEN

#15 F-1 TRILLION - POST MALONE

#23 THE MOCKINGBIRD & THE CROW - HARDY

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This holiday season, more than two dozen artists partnered with St. Jude Children's Research Hospital for the eighth annual This Shirt Saves Lives campaign. From left: participants Scotty McCreery, Lainey Wilson and Chris Janson.

IT'S ROSANNE CASH'S 'TIME'

When the Country Music Hall of Fame and Museum sent a truck to **Rosanne Cash's** home to haul away many of her belongings for an exhibit, she was surprisingly unfazed about placing most of those possessions in someone else's hands.

"The only thing I was worried about was the strap," she told *Billboard Country Update* at a Dec. 4 party celebrating the display, "Rosanne Cash: Time Is a Mirror."

The collection includes handwritten song lyrics and journal entries, classy fashion choices, a bundle of awards and the writing desk used by her deceased father, **Johnny Cash**.

But "the strap" is significant. The guitar accessory features the patch from her father's Air Force uniform with the family name, "CASH," in black block letters. It provides support for the instrument with which she does her work. But it also symbolizes the support of her father, whose fame complicated her artistic journey. After attempting to distance herself from her history, she ultimately came to embrace it.

When Rosanne dreamed that the strap was stolen while on the road, she told her tour manager she intended to keep it at home and made a replica to use onstage.

"Thank God," she remembers him saying. "I've been worried about it forever."

Rosanne released a 40-song overview of her artful career, *The Essential Collection*, on Dec. 6.

The strap and other insightful elements from her personal history will remain on display in "Time Is a Mirror" at the museum through March 2026.

RADIO & RECORDS®

Drew Baldrige, **Ashley Cooke**, **Dasha**, **Zach Top** and **Warren Zeiders** are set to perform at the annual New Faces of Country Music Show during the Country Radio Seminar in Nashville, Feb. 19-21, 2025 ... "Y'all Means All: Diversity Breakfast" returns to CRS on Feb. 19 with Equal Access/mtheory director **Tiffany Provenzano** moderating. The panel will feature **The War & Treaty**, **Brooke Eden**, **WLHK** Indianapolis PD **Sean Copeland** and BMI executive creative director **Shannon Sanders** ... A new iHeartRadio app will launch in December with features that blend the traditional auto dashboard with the digital experience ... **Chris Stapleton** performs Feb. 6 at New Orleans' The Fillmore in the run-up to the Super Bowl. The event will air on SiriusXM's Chris Stapleton Radio and Pandora ... **Corey Kent** serves as grand marshal for the **WXTU** Philadelphia Toy Truck Parade in Collingswood, N.J., on Dec. 14 ... **Andre Riley** starts Dec. 16 as Lotus/Seattle GM, RadioInk.com reported. The three-station group includes country **KPLZ** ... **Steve Honeycomb** will retire at the end of 2024 as iHeartMedia/Connecticut area president, according to RadioInk.com. Stations in the district include country **WVYZ** Hartford ... **WKLB** Boston promoted **Ben Beaulieu** to music director/afternoon host after he filled in the shift since May, RadioInsight.com reported ... Adult alternative **KAOI** Wailuku, Hawaii, transitioned to country **KIXK**, according to RadioInsight.com. It's one of six format changes enacted by Akamai Broadcasting after the acquisition of the cluster was finalized ... **WPLL** Jacksonville, Fla., morning talent **Heather**

Jennings, 57, was killed in a head-on collision on Dec. 3 when another vehicle veered across the median of a state route, *The Citrus County Chronicle* reported. She started at the station on Nov. 4, following a five-year run in mornings at **WXCZ** Cedar Key, Fla.

'ROUND THE ROW

Ben Kline joined the Red Light Management executive leadership team in Nashville, overseeing operations and developing new business opportunities. He previously spent 10 years with Warner Music Nashville, where he rose to co-chair/co-president ... River House Artists promoted **Kayla Adkins** to senior director of creative/A&R. Filling her vacated director position is **Lauren Lieu**, formerly Play It Again Music senior director of creative ... Little Extra Music hired **Victoria Goodvin** and **Tristan Scaife** in nontitled roles. Goodvin was previously Wide Open creative director; Scaife is the son of late Little Extra co-founder **Joe Scaife** ... **Lainey Wilson** renewed her songwriting contract with Sony Music Publishing Nashville ... Management/publishing firm daschennt expanded the roster with the signings of mixing engineers **Doug Weier**, **Matt Huber** and **Joseph J Chudyk** ... Artist-writer **Matt Gorman** signed a joint-venture publishing deal with Wide Open Music and **Jaron Boyer's** Open Door Apostolic Publishing ... Writer-producer **Ned Cameron** and Warner Chappell Nashville signed multigenre songwriter-producer **HALLIE** to a publishing agreement ... Artist-writer **Rachel Purcell** established a publishing deal with Centricity Music ... Wasserman Music signed country-folk artist **Sam Stoane** to a booking agreement ... PLA Media added singer-songwriter **Laura Sawosko** to its PR roster ... The Nashville chapter of the Association of Independent Music Publishers elected 17 members to its board, including **John Ozier** (Reservoir), **Shannan Hatch** (SESAC) and **Courtney Crist** (Eclipse). Go [here](#) for the full list ... The Country Music Association unveiled nominees for the 2024 CMA Touring Awards on Dec. 11. Twelve nominations went to concert pros linked specifically on the ballot to **Kenny Chesney**; **Luke Combs** and **HARDY** have 10 team members apiece listed as finalists. **Keith Urban** will host the ceremony on March 3 in Nashville. Go [here](#) for the full list of nominees ... The CMA handed out four awards during board meetings Dec. 4-5. Historian **Bill Malone** received the Joe Talbot award, Curb chairman and owner **Mike Curb** earned the Irving Waugh award of excellence, Porter's Call founder **Al Andrews** picked up the CMA Foundation humanitarian award, and **Clarence Spalding** was presented the J. William Denny award ... The late **E.E. "Si" Siman**, who produced *The Ozark Jubilee*, was named to the Missouri Broadcasters Hall of Fame ... The Tin Pan South Songwriters Festival is slated for March 25-29, 2025 ... **Kacey Musgraves** will headline the grand-opening concert on Feb. 27 at new Nashville venue The Pinnacle ... The second season of "Bob Kingsley Presents @ The Bluebird Café" launches Feb. 19 with audio from the late broadcaster's archives conveying stories about the performers' work ... The lineup for the CBS special *New Year's Eve Live: Nashville's Big Bash* expanded with **Luke Bryan**, **Eric Church**, **Luke Combs**, **Tyler Hubbard**, **Miranda Lambert**, **Shaboozey**, **Post Malone**, **Zach Top**, **Chris Stapleton**, **Brittney Spencer** and **Lainey Wilson** added to the bill ... **Blake Shelton**, **Dasha**, **ERNEST** and **HARDY** joined the performers for ABC's *Dick Clark's New Year's Rockin' Eve With Ryan Seacrest* ... **Blake Shelton's** Lucky Horseshoe Productions is producing a documentary on the late **Keith Whitley** with Anomaly Content. 📍



Artist-writer **McCoy Moore** signed a booking and artist development agreement with The Neal Agency. From left: **TRACK** mgmt founder **Troy "Tracker" Johnson**, **Moore** and Neal Agency Midwest/Northeast agent **Evan Kantor** and head of business development **Ryan Beuschel**.

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45 Years Ago

Conway Twitty Partied At No. 1 With 'Happy Birthday Darlin''

In 1979, the country icon banked his 28th of 40 Hot Country Songs chart-toppers

On Dec. 15, 1979, **Conway Twitty's** "Happy Birthday Darlin'" began a three-week command on *Billboard's* Hot Country Songs chart.

The song, penned by **Chuck Howard** and co-produced by Twitty and **David Barnes**, marked the 28th of Twitty's 40 Hot Country Songs No. 1s, tallied in 1968-86—the second-most in the chart's

history, after **George Strait's** 44.

Born **Harold Jenkins** in Friars Point, Miss., by age 12, Twitty was singing and playing guitar live on the radio. He was also a solid baseball player who was courted by the Philadelphia Phillies, but they lost out on his services to the U.S. Army. Following his military discharge, he launched his professional music career in pop and rock.

His 1958 classic "It's Only Make Believe" hit No. 1 on the *Billboard* Hot 100.

Twitty died in June 1993 at age 59 from an abdominal aortic aneurysm. He was inducted into the Country Music Hall of Fame in 1999. He last appeared on Hot Country Songs in 2004 with the virtual duet "(I Wanna Hear) A Cheatin' Song" with **Anita Cochran**. —JIM ASKER

Twitty, circa 1980.

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THE
COUNTRY
CHARTS

Wk	Pos	Title (Writer, Label & Number (Dist. Label) (Publisher, Licensee))
3	8	HAPPY BIRTHDAY DARLIN' — Conway Twitty (C. Howard), MCA 41135 (Butter, BMI)
9	5	COWARD OF THE COUNTY — Kenny Rogers (R. Bowling, B.E. Wheeler), United Artists 1327 (Roger Bowling, BMI/Sleepy Hollow, ASCAP)
5	7	MISSIN' YOU — Charley Pride (K. Fleming, D.W. Morgan), RCA 11751 (Pi-Gem, BMI)
6	9	MY WORLD BEGINS AND ENDS WITH YOU/WHY DID YOU HAVE TO BE SO GOOD — Dave & Sugar (S. Pippin, L. Keith)/(J. Foster, B. Rice), RCA 11749 (Tree/Windchimes, BMI)/(April, ASCAP)
7	10	I'VE GOT A PICTURE OF US ON MY MIND — Loretta Lynn (B. Harden), MCA 41129 (King Coal, ASCAP)
8	7	THEY'RE HAVING ANOTHER

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