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ON THE CHARTS

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Expanded Country! Country! By **HĀRDY Makes Top Five Debut**



HARDY Country! Country! HARDY's 20-track Country! Country! debuts on Top Country Albums at No. 4, after a

five-song EP version spent one week on the chart (at No. 47) in May. The full project earned 24,000 equivalent album units in the week ending Oct. 2, according to Luminate. It's his third top 10 on the ranking.



MORGAN WALLEN featuring TATE McRAE

"What I Want" The collaboration becomes the 10th

at least 20 weeks at No. 1 on Hot Country Songs since the survey became the genre's singular songs chart in 1958. Wallen (right) is the first soloist with two such hits; his song "Last Night" ruled for 25 weeks in 2023.

title to run up



COLE SWINDELL

"Make Heaven Crowded" The track by **Swindell** (below) debuts at No. 1 on Country Digital Song Sales with 3,000 sold.

It's his second leader and first entry since "She Had Me at Heads Carolina," which led for one week in August 2022. The ballad's lyrics stem from Erika Kirk's speech memorializing her late husband, political activist Charlie Kirk.



BRANDON LAKE

"When a Cowboy Prays" Lake's new cut bows at No. 3 on Country Digital Song Sales (2,000 sold),

buoyed by four versions: the original, acoustic, demo and instrumental mixes. It's his second song to make the chart; "Hard Fought Hallelujah" spent five nonconsecutive weeks at No. 1 from its debut in May through the Oct. 4-dated list.



HARDY: RYAN SMITH, WALLEN: MAIN PRESS IMAGE, SWINDELL: ROBBY KLEIN, LAKE: SADIE SCHWANBERG



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THIS WEEK	LAST WEEK	TWO WEEKS AGO	WKS ON CHART	TITLE	Artist	COUNTRY AIRPLAY RANK	PEAK Position
1	1	1 1	20	PRODUCER (SONGWRITER) WHAT I WANT ** No. 1 (20 Weeks) ** JMOI,CHARLIE HANDSOME (M.C.WALLEN,T.MCRAE,J.BYRON,J.K.HINDLIN,CHARLIE HANDSOME,J.S.REEVES)	IMPRINT / PROMOTION LABEL Morgan Wallen Featuring Tate McRae MERCURY/REPUBLIC/BIG LOUD	nank -	1
2	2	2	20	J.MOLCHARLIE HANDSOME, IM.C. WALLEN, J. MCHAE, J. BTRON, J. K. HINDLIN, CHARLIE HANDSOME, J. S. REEVES) J.MOL (M.C. WALLEN, M.W. HARDY, C. MCGILL, B. PENDERGRASS, E.K. SMITH, CHARLIE HANDSOME, J. S. REEVES)	Morgan Wallen MERCURY/REPUBLIC/BIG LOUD	3	2
3	3	3	28	JUST IN CASE JUST IN CASE JUST KARDI, S. WALLEN, A.W. BAK, J. BYRON, J. K. HINDLIN, B. PENDERGRASS, J. THOMPSON, CHARLIE HANDSOME, E.K. SI JMOLCHARLIE HANDSOME (M.C. WALLEN, A.W. BAK, J. BYRON, J. K. HINDLIN, B. PENDERGRASS, J. THOMPSON, CHARLIE HANDSOME, E.K. SI	Morgan Wallen	RC	2
4	4	4	46	GOOD NEWS S.COOK,N.SASTRY (C.O. CHIBUEZE,N.SASTRYS, C.COOK,J.TORREY,M.R.POLLACK,ROMANS)	Shaboozey AMERICAN DOGWOOD/EMPIRE/MAGNOLIA MUSIC	6	3
5	5	5	35	I'M THE PROBLEM J.MOLCHARLIE HANDSOME (M.C. WALLEN, G.W. BLOCK, J. MCLAUGHLIN, E.K. SMITH, CHARLIE HANDSOME)	Morgan Wallen MERCURY/REPUBLIC/BIG LOUD	RC	1
6	6	8	17		otty McCreery & Hootie & The Blowfish	2	6
7	7	7	26		XthaPlug Featuring Bailey Zimmerman BIGXTHAPLUG/UNITEDMASTERS	-	1
8	11	10	10	BACK IN THE SADDLE ** Streaming Gainer ** CHIP MATTHEWS.J.D. SINGLETON, L. COMBS, D. ISBELL, J.D. SINGLETON)	Luke Combs SEVEN RIDGES/COLUMBIA NASHVILLE	8	8
9	8	6	32	HAPPEN TO ME J.KERR,R.DICKERSON,C.LACORTE (R.DICKERSON,C.LACORTE, J.J.DILLON,C.MCGILL,R.HAZARD)	Russell Dickerson TRIPLE TIGERS	5	6
0	9	9	24	BAR NONE P.DIGIOVANNI (B.J.JOHNSON,H.PHELPS,L.VAUGHAN)	Jordan Davis MCA NASHVILLE	4	8
11	10	11	8	HELL AT NIGHT CHARLIE HANDSOME,BANDPLAY,UV KILLIN EM (X.LANDUM,CHARLIE HANDSOME,K.O'BRIEN GAINES,Y.H.CHAIN,R.H.BLOCK,J.TAYLOR,E.LANG	BigXthaPlug Featuring Ella Langley LEY,R.HARRISON) BIGXTHAPLUG/UNITEDMASTERS	-	8
Œ	12	12	48	HOUSE AGAIN R.YOUNMANS,LUKAS SCOTT (H.WESTBROOK,N.A.MEDLEY,D.ALLEY)	Hudson Westbrook RIVER HOUSE/WARNER MUSIC NASHVILLE/WAR	15	12
ß	14	13	15	6 MONTHS LATER K.BUSH (M.MORONEY,B.WILLIAMS,D.MESCON,R.HATCH)	Megan Moroney MEGAN MORONEY/COLUMBIA/COLUMBIA NASHVILLE	19	9
12	15	16	14	HEART OF STONE Z.CROWELL (J.B.DEFORD,Z.CROWELL,B.PENDERGRASS,SHY CARTER)	Jelly Roll BAILEE & BUDDY/BMG/REPUBLIC/STONEY CREEK	1	14
Œ	13	14	17	SOMEWHERE OVER LAREDO J.JOYCE (L.WILSON,T.ANDERSON,D.WILSON,A.ALBERT,E.Y.HARBURG,H.ARLEN)	Lainey Wilson BROKEN BOW	12	13
10	16	19	27	BETTER ME FOR YOU (BROWN EYES) J.KENNEY (M.MCNOWN, J.KENNEY, A. A. SUPPELSA, T.K. DABBS)	Max McNown FUGITIVE RECORDINGS/MAGNOLIA MUSIC	27	13
Ð	21	20	26	DON'T MIND IF I DO D.HUFF (R.GREEN)	Riley Green Featuring Ella Langley NASHVILLE HARBOR	18	17
18	19	17	8	LAST ONE TO KNOW J.RODGERS (G.ADCOCK,J.RAUTON,ERIK DYLAN,LLAIRD)	Gavin Adcock THRIVIN HERE/WARNER MUSIC NASHVILLE/WMN	-	17
19	17	15	22	BACKUP PLAN A.R.SHAWN (T.BEATHARD,J.BELL,J.S.SHERWOOD)	Bailey Zimmerman & Luke Combs ATLANTIC/WARNER MUSIC NASHVILLE/WMN	RC	6
20	18	21	23	HARD FOUGHT HALLELUJAH M.NICHOLS (B.M.LAKE,S.FURTICK,B.W.HASTINGS,C.J.BROWN,J.B.DEFORD)	Brandon Lake X Jelly Roll Brandon Lake/essential/Lyric Ridge	37	12
3	24	25	20	DARLIN' A.MAXWELL,JAKE ANGEL (CHASE MATTHEW,A.MAXWELL,H.HUFF,C.WILKIE,JAKE ANGEL)	Chase Matthew CHASE MATTHEW/WARNER MUSIC NASHVILLE/WAR	7	21
22	23	22	20	20 CIGARETTES J.MOI (C.LACORTE,C.MCGILL,J.MILLER,B.PENDERGRASS)	Morgan Wallen MERCURY/REPUBLIC/BIG LOUD	-	8
23	29	30	12	THE FALL T.W.WILLMON (B.PINSON,R.FULCHER,J.S.STOVER)	Cody Johnson Cojo/Warner Music Nashville/WMN	35	23
24	26	29	17	WHAT KINDA MAN F.LIDDELL,E.MASSE (P.MCCOLLUM, J.N.SPILLMAN, N.HEMBY)	Parker McCollum MCA NASHVILLE	11	24
25	27	24	24	I AIN'T COMING BACK J.MOI (M.C.WALLEN, L.B. BELL, M.W. HARDY, A.R. POST, E.K. SMITH, CHARLIE HANDSOME)	Morgan Wallen Featuring Post Malone MERCURY/REPUBLIC/BIG LOUD	36	3

COUNTRY SONGWRITERSTM

1	# 1 33 WKS	CHARLIE HANDSOME
2	МО	RGAN WALLEN
3	BL	AKE PENDERGRASS
4	ERI	NEST
5	СН	ASE MCGILL
6	RIL	EY GREEN
7	JOI	E REEVES
8	JOI	HN BYRON
9	НА	RDY
10	JK	ASH



COUNTRY PRODUCERSTM

	1	# 1 162 WKS	JOEY MOI
	2	CH	ARLIE HANDSOME
	3	JA	/ JOYCE
	4	AU	STIN SHAWN
	5	FR	ANK ROGERS
	6	СН	RIS LACORTE
	7	PAI	UL DIGIOVANNI
	8	JA	RODGERS
	9	LUI	KE KLINGENSMITH
TIE	10	NE	VIN SASTRY
TIF	10	SE	AN COOK

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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THIS WEEK	LAST WEEK	TWO WEEKS AGO	WKS ON Chart	TITLE PRODUCER (SONGWRITER)	Artist IMPRINT / PROMOTION LABEL	COUNTRY AIRPLAY RANK	PEAK POSITION					
26	20	18	23	AMEN D.MAJIC,S.COOK,N.SASTRY (C.O.CHIBUEZE,J.B.DEFORD,S.C.COOK,J.H.FOOTE,S.W.ENNIS,J.GRAY,K.J.POWERS,N.SASTRY)	Shaboozey & Jelly Roll AMERICAN DOGWOOD/EMPIRE/MAGNOLIA MUSIC	55	16					
27	22	34	8	HOLY WATER MARSHMELLO, CHARLIE HANDSOME, D. MAJIC, DJ FRANK E (MARSHMELLO, CHARLIE HANDSOME, D. MAJIC, J. FRANKS, K. ALEXANDER, J. B. DEFORD)	Marshmello x Jelly Roll BIG LOUD/JOYTIME COLLECTIVE/MERCURY/REPUBLIC	-	22					
28	41	23	3	HOW FAR DOES A GOODBYE GO M.KNOX (K.M.ALLISON,J.EDWARDS,T.KENNEDY,J.MORGAN)	Jason Aldean MACON/BROKEN BOW	25	23					
29	36	42	11	FAVORITE COUNTRY SONG J.MOI (M.W.HARDY,Z.ABEND,B.BAILEY,C.BROWN,A.G.GORLEY,T.PHILLIPS,N.SMITH) HARDY MERCURY/REPUBLIC/BIG LOUD								
30	28	27	18	MIAMI Morgan V J.MOI, CHARLIE HANDSOME (M.C. WALLEN, H. COCHRAN, D. DILLON, M. W. HARDY, C. MCGILL, B. PENDERGRASS, R. PORTER, E.K. SMITH, CHARLIE HANDSOME, D. M. CARTEI	Vallen Featuring Lil Wayne & Rick Ross R, JR., W.L.ROBERTS II) MERCURY/REPUBLIC/BIG LOUD	-	5					
3	NE	w	1	BOTTOMLAND ZABEND (M.W.HARDY,ZABEND,S.AHNQUIST,J.J.DILLON,H.PHELPS) ** Hot Shot Debut **	HARDY MERCURY/BIG LOUD	-	31					
32	31	31	12	FRIDAY NIGHT HEARTBREAKER J.JOYCE (J.MILLER,C.TOMPKINS, J.J.DILLON,D.ROSS, R.J.HURD)	Jon Pardi CAPITOL NASHVILLE/MCA NASHVILLE	RC	30					
33	25	26	13	GOOD TIMES & TAN LINES C.CHAMBERLAIN (Z.TOP, C.CHAMBERLAIN, W.MCCUBBIN)	Zach Top LE033	16	19					
34	34	37	20	3,2,1 C.LACORTE (J.MILLER,S.OVERSTREET,J.REYNOLDS) TUCKER WETMORE/BACK BLOCKS/EMI NA	Tucker Wetmore ASHVILLE/MERCURY/REPUBLIC/MERCURY NASHVILLE	14	28					
35	33	35	6	KEEPS ME SANE B.MCCOLLOUGH (C.T.L.NANCE,D.NAPIER,B.MCCOLLOUGH)	Tyler Nance Tyler nance/santa anna	-	33					
36	38	44	5	HEAVENS TO BETSY LDICK (J.DEAN,B.DAVIS,D.WILLIAMS)	Jackson Dean BIG MACHINE	10	36					
37	32	32	7	A SONG TO SING D.COBB (M.LAMBERT,C.STAPLETON,J.FRASURE,J.FLEENOR)	Miranda Lambert & Chris Stapleton VANNER/REPUBLIC/BIG LOUD	33	30					
38	37	33	20	TN J.MOI, J.DURRETT (M.C. WALLEN, J. BYRON, A. G. GORLEY, C. MCGILL, T. PHILLIPS, CHARLIE HANDSOME, G. WARBURTON)	Morgan Wallen MERCURY/REPUBLIC/BIG LOUD	-	13					
39	39	41	8	SOBER R.YOUNMANS,LUKAS SCOTT (H.WESTBROOK,LUKAS SCOTT,N.A.MEDLEY,B.BAILEY)	Hudson Westbrook RIVER HOUSE/WARNER MUSIC NASHVILLE/WMN	-	32					
40	40	39	25	HANDS OF TIME J.JOYCE (E.CHURCH,SCOOTER CARUSOE)	Eric Church BIGEC/EMI NASHVILLE/MERCURY NASHVILLE	17	20					
4	45	43	8	SOUTH OF SANITY C.CHAMBERLAIN (Z.TOP,C.CHAMBERLAIN,M.NESLER)	Zach Top LE033	-	28					
②	46	48	34	ENDS OF THE EARTH B.HODD (T.MYERS)	Ty Myers RECORDS/COLUMBIA/RECORDS NASHVILLE	29	20					
43	43	38	19	BRUNETTE C.LACORTE (C.LACORTE,C.MCGILL,J.MILLER,B.PENDERGRASS) TUCKER WETMORE/BACK BLOCKS/MERC	Tucker Wetmore CURY/REPUBLIC/EMI NASHVILLE/MERCURY NASHVILLE	-	31					
44	42	40	10	NEED TO J.RODGERS (C.M.BEATHARD,T.BEATHARD,J.TAYLOR,A.GOODLOE)	Gavin Adcock THRIVIN HERE/WARNER MUSIC NASHVILLE/WMN	-	40					
45	47	47	8	ORDINARY (LIVE FROM LOLLAPALOOZA) A.YARON (A.WARREN,A.YARON,C. SHAPIRO,MAGS DUVAL)	Alex Warren & Luke Combs ATLANTIC	-	39					
46	NE	W	1	WHEN A COWBOY PRAYS J.SOOTER,H.BENTLEY (B.M.LAKE,J.SOOTER,H.BENTLEY,D.SOUTHERLAND)	Brandon Lake Brandon Lake/essential/plg	-	46					
49	NE	W	1	PAINTED YOU PRETTY LUKAS SCOTT (H.WESTBROOK,LUKAS SCOTT,B.BAILEY)	Hudson Westbrook RIVER HOUSE/WARNER MUSIC NASHVILLE/WAR	-	47					
48	RE-EN	NTRY	5	LOST A.R.SHAWN (R.CLAWSON,R.J.HURD,M.LOTTEN,C.K.J.HOWARD,W.T.WALSH,B.ZIMMERMAN,A.R.SHAWN)	Bailey Zimmerman & The Kid LAROI ATLANTIC/WARNER MUSIC NASHVILLE/WMN	-	24					
49	48	50	20	DARK TIL DAYLIGHT J.MOI (R.H.BLOCK, J.ROBBINS, C.TOMPKINS)	Morgan Wallen MERCURY/REPUBLIC/BIG LOUD	-	15					
50	NE	W	1	COWGIRL D.FANNING,J.D.LEWIS (J.D.LEWIS, D.FANNING, P.D. NEWMAN, R.JAY, T.F.R. HORSLEY, M. THOMAS, B. KNOX, J. MCSWAIN, S. THOMAS)	Parmalee STONEY CREEK	13	50					

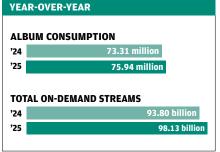
The week's most popular country songs, ranked by radio airplay audience impressions as measured by Luminate, sales data as compiled by Luminate and streaming activity data from online music sources tracked by Luminate. Descending titles below No. 25 are moved to recurrent after 20 weeks.

COUNTRY MARKET WATCH

A Weekly National Music Sales Report

WEEKLY UNIT	COUNT		
	ALBUM CONSUMPTION	AUDIO ON-DEMAND	VIDEO ON-DEMAND
This Week	1,834,000	2,276,989,000	105,043,000
Last Week	1,805,000	2,259,738,000	104,719,000
Change	1.6%	0.8%	0.3%
This Week Last Year	1,832,000	2,238,400,000	119,989,000
Change	0.1%	1.7%	-12.5%

YEAR-TO-DA	TE		
	2024	2025	CHANGE
Album Consumption	73,312,000	75,936,000	3.6%
Audio On-Demand	89,065,424,000	93,566,709,000	5.1%
Video On-Demand	4,734,014,000	4,562,451,000	-3.6%



All data measures U.S. activity as of the week ending October 2, 2025. 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 1250 paid and/or 3.750 ad-uponted audio on-demand stream (ADD) equal one consumption unit.



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Kashus Culpepper Explores The Shadows And Hints At Faith In The Mysterious 'Believe'



"Sometimes your enemies/Come in the form of a friend."

Much of the new Kashus Culpepper single — "Believe," which Big Loud released to radio on Sept. 3 via PlayMPE - is menacing. What the bad stuff is, isn't necessarily clear. A drug deal, a robbery, gang activity, a lie, a murder? Cases could be made for all of those scenarios — or none of them — it doesn't particularly matter. But "Believe" most certainly hints at betrayal, like **Townes** Van Zandt's "Pancho and Lefty," though instead of Mexico, it's cast in the

Southern United States, judging from its swampy musical tone and Culpepper's Alabama roots. It's steeped in mystery and probably best left that way.

"I wouldn't say it was a full, cohesive story," Culpepper explains. "It's a collection of thoughts, especially the verses. You know, just these random thoughts that I've got in my head.'

He had plenty of time to pull those thoughts together. Culpepper was booked for a co-write with writer-artist Foy Vance at **Anderson East**'s place in East Nashville in January 2024. It snowed, and snowed some more, eventually dumping more than 7 inches. Nashville isn't equipped to handle even a dusting, so as the streets got slicker, they had incentive to hang out awhile, especially when they clicked as writing partners.

"I like working with kids like him," Vance says. "He's still a young kid, but he's seen war, he's been away from home, he's

had hardship, he's slept rough, he's traveled. Not everyone at his age is that switched-on in a heart level. So I met with him and liked him immediately."

CULPEPPER

As they shared their stories, some of Culpepper's hard-knock experiences began to coalesce into a foreboding first verse about nightmares and phony people, closing with the reference to enemies presented "in the form of a friend."

'Growing up, a lot of times my pastor would say stuff like that," Culpepper recalls. "Sometimes the closest people around you will hurt you, or sometimes the enemies do come in the form of a friend. And it does sound like I'm kind of preaching."

Vance, as Culpepper remembers it, took a seat at the piano and began working through different sonic paths, though he may have begun on guitar. He eventually settled on a progression for that opening verse that started on a minor chord. It added to the sense of danger in the lyrics.

"That's the fun bit where you're kind of Jackson Pollock-ing the whole thing," Vance notes. "You just throw shit around the place and see what happens.'

At the chorus, Vance threw a major wrench in the proceedings. Or, to be specific, a major chord. It's the same base chord as the opening triad that launches "Believe," but the center note is a half-step higher. That one subtle alteration flips the rainy minor sound into a bright ray of positivity.

"That little change just uplifts it," Culpepper notes. "It's almost like, 'Oh, we're going to be better.'

Sure enough, angels "all come around" during that chorus, and the singer hangs on to the knowledge that with their help, he can face the darkness maybe even become a better soul.

"That's what I believe," he announces in the chorus' payoff line.

Verse two brings more danger, in the form of bloodshed, fear and hints of a chase. He needs those angels to come around again for the second chorus as he runs "out of rope" and "out of strength."

Once those two verses were completed, they played through the four stanzas they had, front to back, looking for clues about the song's finale.

"It sort of tells you, you know, does it want to go somewhere else?" Vance notes. "It clearly felt like it did."

So they wrote a bridge that takes on a desperate tone, mourning the loss of "my best friend" who's "still holding me from the edge." It seems to tie in with the "form of a friend" in the opening stanza and the sense of angels in the

> chorus, though even Vance isn't sure what to make of the song's story. Its mystery is actually one of its strengths.

> "Sometimes you can kind of say something that, if written down, it would look obscure," he says. "But there's a transcendent quality when you get all the composite parts. In the right order, it says something beyond itself. That's one of the wonders of song."

Vance played drums on the demo, attempting to inject some Bill Withers energy, and they got East to help out.

Culpepper cut the master version of "Believe" with producer Brian Elmquist of The Lone Bellow in Sheffield, Ala., at the Ivy Manor, a 1927 multistory brick-andstone mansion that has been renovated as a studio with a relaxed, homey vibe.

"You can go stay there and hunker down for as long as you want, which is my favorite thing to do," Elmquist says. "The good music is made when you get these people

really tired and really vulnerable. They start playing, knowing you can get the best out of them."

Elmquist heard "Believe" as a "soul Lone Ranger" work and was intent on capturing that with Southern elements and gospel thrown in.

"It's like a voice of one crying in the wilderness," Elmquist says, "like John the Baptist or something like that."

Electric guitarist Diego Urias applied Western tones and stabs of drama, and bassist Brian Dawley overdubbed staccato eighth notes on piano in the vein of Lauryn Hill's "Doo Wop (That Thing)" or Starship's "Jane," instilling extra tension. Elmquist and the crew also developed an instrumental break built around baritone guitar after the second chorus to set up the bridge.

"The bridge is my favorite thing I've ever done," Elmquist says. "It's just so insanely cool how it lifts [and] gives Kash a big plateau to sing off of."

Elmquist became a bit of a preacher when they cut the final lead part, encouraging Culpepper to think of the divine guidance that had led him to this juncture. They timed the "Believe" vocal so that the mansion physically simulated the shadowy nature of the lyrics.

"We had to do the song at nighttime because I had to really get into it," Culpepper says. "We had to dim the lights, and I had to really just put my mind in these places that I talk about in the verses and just really get into it."

Elmquist and Lone Bellow bandmate Kanene Pipkin built an elaborate gospel choir by singing into the same microphone two voices at a time, layering 18-20 total voices in three different frequencies.

Big Loud issued "Believe" to digital streaming partners on Aug. 12 and waited just three weeks to send it to radio, focused on Americana, adult alternative and country, where it bears some resemblance to a **Jelly Roll** single. Each way team just really believes in it and really wants it to be on the radio,"

Culpepper says.

The team, to rephrase it, believes in "Believe."

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THIS	LAST WEEK	2 WEEKS AGO	WEEKS ON CHT	ARTIST TITLE	CERT.	PEAK POS.
1	1	1	20	MORGAN WALLEN BIG LOUD/MERCURY 1000170961*/REPUBLIC		1
2	2	2	135	MORGAN WALLEN BIG LOUD/MERCURY 037570"/REPUBLIC ONE THING AT A TIME	7	1
3	3	3	247	MORGAN WALLEN BIG LOUD 033180*/REPUBLIC DANGEROUS: THE DOUBLE ALBUM	6	1
4	NE	w	1	HARDY COUNTRY! COUNTRY! BIG LOUD/MERCURY 602478662485*/REPUBLIC		4
5	4	4	70	SHABOOZEY WHERE I'VE BEEN, ISN'T WHERE I'M GOING AMERICAN DOGWOOD 1023*/EMPIRE		2
6	5 5 6 BIGXTHAPLUG BIGXTHAPLUG DIS*/UNITEDMASTERS			2		
Ø	6	6	176	ZACH BRYAN AMERICAN HEARTBREAK BELTING BRONCO 86979*/WARNER	3	1
8	8	8	59	POST MALONE F-1 TRILLION MERCURY 602465958249*/REPUBLIC		1
9	7	7	49	RILEY GREEN NASHVILLE HARBOR 843930116935/BMLG	•	6
0	10	10	110	ZACH BRYAN BELTING BRONCO 725898*/WARNER		1
11	9	11	435	LUKE COMBS THIS ONE'S FOR YOU RIVER HOUSE/COLUMBIA NASHVILLE 538883*/SMN	7	1
12	12	13	544	CHRIS STAPLETON TRAVELLER MERCURY NASHVILLE 019405*/MCA	7	1
Œ	15	15	66	ZACH BRYAN THE GREAT AMERICAN BAR SCENE BELTING BRONCO 093624839989*/WARNER		1
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Œ	18	24	203	TAYLOR SWIFT RED (TAYLOR'S VERSION) REPUBLIC 034504*		1
©	17	19	453	GEORGE STRAIT 50 NUMBER ONES MCA NASHVILLE 000459/MCA (25.98)	7	1
17	14	17	10	HUDSON WESTBROOK TEXAS FOREVER RIVER HOUSE/WARNER MUSIC NASHVILLE 093624831679/WMN		10
18	13	16	61	ELLA LANGLEY SAWGOD DIGITAL EX/COLUMBIA	•	11
®	20	21	63	ZACH TOP COLD BEER & COUNTRY MUSIC LE033 0001*	•	4
20	16	14	383	MORGAN WALLEN BIG LOUD 783* IF I KNOW ME	3	1
3	21	20	255	CHRIS STAPLETON STARTING OVER MERCURY NASHVILLE 032689*/MCA	2	1
22	19	12	8	BAILEY ZIMMERMAN DIFFERENT NIGHT SAME RODEO ATLANTIC/WARNER MUSIC NASHVILLE 093624842101*/AG/WMN		3
23	22	18	355	TOBY KEITH 35 BIGGEST HITS SHOW DOG-UNIVERSAL 010334/UME		1
24	24	23	23	TUCKER WETMORE TUCKER WETMORE/BACK BLOCKS/EMI NASHVILLE/MERCURY 602475886273*/MCA/REPUBLIC	•	4
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2	2	2	70	SHABOOZEY WHERE I'VE BEEN, ISN'T WHERE I'M GOING AMERICAN DOGWOOD 1023*/EMPIRE		1
3	3	3	176	ZACH BRYAN BELTING BRONCO 86979*/WARNER AMERICAN HEARTBREAK	3	1
4	4	4	536	HOZIER RUBYWORKS/COLUMBIA 309996*/LEGACY	5	1
6	5	5	110	ZACH BRYAN BELTING BRONCO 725898*/WARNER		1
6	6	6	490	CHRIS STAPLETON TRAVELLER MERCURY NASHVILLE 019405*/MCA	7	1
Ø	8	7	66	ZACH BRYAN THE GREAT AMERICAN BAR SCENE BELTING BRONCO 093624839989*/WARNER		1
8	9	8	255	CHRIS STAPLETON STARTING OVER MERCURY NASHVILLE 032689*/MCA	2	1
9	11	10	99	CHRIS STAPLETON HIGHER SOUND/MERCURY NASHVILLE 037345*/MCA	•	1
10	10	9	48	SAM BARBER RESTLESS MIND LOCKELAND SPRINGS/ATLANTIC DIGITAL EX/AG	•	6

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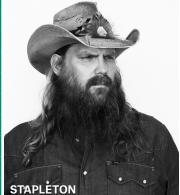
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8	9	178	SOMETHING IN THE ORANGE Zach Bryan	€)	9	4	I
9	8	26	ALL THE WAY BIGXTHAPLUG FEAT. BAILEY ZIMMERMAN	9)	8	20	1
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3	2	20	I GOT BETTER MORGAN WALLEN		2	1	23	HARD FOUGHT HALLELUJAH BRANDON LAKE X JELLY ROLL
3	3	28	JUST IN CASE MORGAN WALLEN		3	NE	w	WHEN A COWBOY PRAYS BRANDON LAKE
3	4	35	I'M THE PROBLEM MORGAN WALLEN		4	3	19	BOTTLE ROCKETS SCOTTY MCCREERY & HOOTIE & THE BLOWFISH
3	5	77	A BAR SONG (TIPSY) SHABOOZEY		6	6	46	GOOD NEWS Shaboozey
3	6	72	I HAD SOME HELP Post Malone Feat. Morgan Wallen		6	4	17	BETTER ME FOR YOU (BROWN EYES) MAX MCNOWN
7	7	8	HELL AT NIGHT BIGXTHAPLUG FEAT. ELLA LANGLEY	I	7	5	77	A BAR SONG (TIPSY) SHABOOZEY
3	9	178	SOMETHING IN THE ORANGE ZACH BRYAN	I	8	9	4	I GOT BETTER MORGAN WALLEN
9	8	26	ALL THE WAY BIGXTHAPLUG FEAT. BAILEY ZIMMERMAN	I	9	8	20	WHAT I WANT MORGAN WALLEN FEAT. TATE MCRAE
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5	15	5	LAST ONE TO KNOW GAVIN ADCOCK		15	13	21	AMEN SHABOOZEY & JELLY ROLL
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0	RE-Ef	NTRY	4	NITTY GRITTY DIRT BAND CERTIFIED HITS: NITTY GRITTY DIRT BAND CAPITOL/CAPITOL NASHVILLE 34451/UME		1
2	2	2	39	ALISON KRAUSS A HUNDRED MILES OR MORE: A COLLECTION ROUNDER/CRAFT 610555/CONCORD	•	1
3	1	3	61	SOUNDTRACK O BROTHER, WHERE ART THOU? LOST HIGHWAY/MERCURY 170069*/UME	8	1
4	3	4	107	THE STEELDRIVERS ROUNDER/CRAFT 610598*/CONCORD		2
6	4	7	4	THE CREEKERS RIVER RAT (EP) BROKE ASS/WARNER MUSIC NASHVILLE DIGITAL EX/WMN		4
6	6	6	88	THE STEELDRIVERS ROUNDER/CRAFT 610624*/CONCORD		2
7	5	5 5 53 BILLY STRINGS HIGHWAY PRAYERS REPRISE 7264665*/WARNER				
8	7	8	116	STURGILL SIMPSON CUTTIN' GRASS, VOL. 1: THE BUTCHER SHOPPE SESSIONS HIGH TOP MOUNTAIN 58784*/THIRTY TIGERS		1
9	8 9 116		116	BILLY STRINGS HOME ROUNDER 610063*/CONCORD		1
10	9	11	30	ALISON KRAUSS NOW THAT I'VE FOUND YOU: A COLLECTION ROUNDER/CRAFT 610325*/CONCORD	2	2

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