

# COUNTRY BREAKOUT CHART

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## NEWS

### Craig Shelburne Tapped As 'MusicRow' General Manager

*MusicRow* Publisher/Owner **Sherod Robertson** announced this week that longtime industry journalist **Craig Shelburne** has joined *MusicRow* as General Manager. In this newly created position, Shelburne will manage the daily operations for the Nashville music industry trade publication, as well as contribute to editorial content and oversight. He can be reached at [cselburne@musicrow.com](mailto:cselburne@musicrow.com). Read the full story [here](#).



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### Solo Project For Lady Antebellum's Charles Kelley

Lady A's **Charles Kelley** announced a solo EP is expected in the first quarter of 2016. His lead single, "The Driver," chronicles the life of a traveling musician. The track features special guests **Dierks Bentley** and **Eric Paslay**. The song is available at all digital and streaming partner. The single goes for adds at country radio on Oct. 19. Kelley will be releasing a video of the song in October. Kelley also stated that is not considered a break-up of **Lady Antebellum**. To read more, click [here](#).



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### Dierks Bentley Celebrates 10 Years As Grand Ole Opry Member

**Dierks Bentley** celebrated his 10th anniversary as a member of the Grand Ole Opry this week. During his set, Bentley performed hits including "What Was I Thinkin'," "Settle For A Slowdown," "Free And Easy (Down The Road I Go)," "Home," and "Riser." He was also joined by friends **Dailey and Vincent** for the bluegrass tune "Rovin' Gambler," and his dog Jake, who was also there during his Opry induction 10 years ago.



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## SPINZONE

**Top Ten**— **Luke Bryan** is the No. 1 song after 9 short weeks on the chart with "Strip It Down." **Old Dominion** moves "Break Up With Him" up two spots to No. 2. **Brett Eldredge** drops one spot to No. 3 with "Lose My Mind." **Cam's** "Burning House" steps up one spot to No. 4. **Carrie Underwood** jumps "Smoke Break" to No. 5 followed by **Brothers Osborne** at No. 6 with "Stay A Little Longer." **Blake Shelton's** "Gonna" is up three to No. 7 and **Dierks Bentley** cracks the Top 10 with "Riser" at No. 8 **Darius Rucker** falls one spot to No. 9 with "Southern Style." **Cole Swindell** also moves into the Top 10 with "Let Me See Ya Girl" at No. 10

**Greatest Spin Gainers**— **George Strait** was the top gainer this week with his new song "Cold Beer Conversation" gaining 429 spins this week. **Thomas Rhett's** "Die A Happy Man" brought in 412 new plays and **Sam Hunt's** "Break Up In A Small Town" up 365. **Brad Paisley** saw "Country Nation" up 364 plays and **Kelsea Ballerini** called "Dibs" on 281 additional spins.

**Debuts**— **Thomas Rhett** had the top debut with "Die A Happy Man" at No. 54. **George Strait** was close behind at No. 55 with "Cold Beer Conversation." **Zac Brown Band** debuts at No. 71 with "Beautiful Drug." **Joe Nichols'** "Freaks Like Me" shows up at No. 75. Also new to chart are **Josh Goodlett's** "Why You Gotta Be That Way" at No. 77 and **Granger Smith's** "Backroad Song" at No. 78.

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Homegrown Band visited with KKAJ/Ardmore, OK to drop off home-made jam and also "jam" to some new music including their new single "She Loves To Ride." Pictured (L-R): KKAJ's Jon K, the band's Megan Blair, Craig Brannon and Kevin Brannon



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## SINGLES CALENDAR

## WEEKLY CHART DATA

### October 5

**Eric Paslay**/High Class/EMI Nashville  
**Granger Smith**/Backroad Song/Wheelhouse Records  
**Tyler Dial**/Damn Good Time/Star Farm Nashville

### October 12

**Makenna & Brock**/Burnin' The Night Down/Soundbyte Records  
**Curtis Braly**/Sooner Or Later/Studio Gold Nashville

### October 19

**Dylan Scott**/Crazy Over Me/Curb  
**Lindsay Ell**/By The Way/Stoney Creek  
**Chris Janson**/Power Of Positive Drinkin'/Warner Bros.-WAR  
**Adrian Duffy & The Mayo Brothers**/Let Somebody Love You/SR Records  
**Charles Kelley**/The Driver/Capitol Nashville

## ALBUMS CALENDAR

### October 2

**Hailey Whitters**/Black Sheep/Carnival Music  
**Bart Crow**/The Parade/Thirty Tigers  
**Lauren Alaina**/Lauren Alaina [EP]/Mercury Nashville-19-Interscope Records

### October 9

**Toby Keith**/35 mph Town/Show Dog Nashville  
**Josh Thompson**/Change: The Lost Record, Volume One [EP]/ole Digital-The Orchard

### October 16

**Stoney LaRue**/Us Time/eOne Music

### October 23

**Carrie Underwood**/Storyteller/19 Recordings-Arista Nashville  
**Blake Shelton**/Reloaded: 20 #1 Hits/Warner Music Nashville  
**Colt Ford**/Answer To No One: The Colt Ford Classics/Average Joe's Entertainment

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WPGB/Pittsburgh PD JD Greene (L) & Chris Janson (R) hang backstage before Chris opened for Toby Keith.

### New On The Chart —Debuting This Week

*Artist/song/label—chart pos.*  
**Thomas Rhett**/Die A Happy Man/Valory— 54  
**George Strait**/Cold Beer Conversation/MCA Nashville— 55  
**Zac Brown Band**/Beautiful Drug/Southern Ground— 71  
**Joe Nichols**/Freaks Like Me/Red Bow— 75  
**Josh Goodlett**/Why You Gotta Be That Way/Good Entertainment— 77  
**Granger Smith**/Backroad Song/Wheelhouse— 78

### Greatest Spin Increase

*Artist/song/label—Spin Increase*  
**George Strait**/Cold Beer Conversation/MCA Nashville— 429  
**Thomas Rhett**/Die A Happy Man/Valory— 412  
**Sam Hunt**/Break Up In A Small Town/MCA Nashville— 365  
**Brad Paisley**/Country Nation/Arista Nashville— 364  
**Kelsea Ballerini**/Dibs/Black River Ent— 281

### Most Added

*Artist/song/label—No. of Adds*  
**George Strait**/Cold Beer Conversation/MCA Nashville—33  
**Thomas Rhett**/Die A Happy Man/Valory—26  
**Sam Hunt**/Break Up In A Small Town/MCA Nashville—25  
**LoCash**/I Love This Life/Reviver Records— 15  
**Brad Paisley**/Country Nation/Arista Nashville—13  
**Zac Brown Band**/Beautiful Drug/Southern Ground—11  
**Aaron Watson**/Getaway Truck/Big Label-Thirty Tigers— 11  
**Rachael Turner**/I Don't Love You/Rustic Records— 11  
**Craig Morgan**/When I'm Gone/Black River Ent— 9

### On Deck—Soon To Be Charting

*Artist/song/label—No. of Spins*  
**Pat Waters**/Like A Radio/Big Valley— 246  
**Cassadee Pope**/I Am Invincible— 244  
**Hoyt Hughes Band**/Stomp On/Blue Bolt— 237  
**Craig Morgan**/When I'm Gone/Black River— 224  
**Boone**/Summer Girls/American Supergroup-Nine North— 204

### Frozen Playlist— KXIA, WMKC

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## NO. 1 SONG

Was **Luke Bryan** just at the top of our *MusicRow* CountryBreakout Chart? Oh yeah, two months ago with "Kick The Dust Up." Well deserved for the Capitol Nashville superstar as he takes "Strip It Down" to this week's peak position with the help of not only his label team, but his co-writer team.



**Ross Copperman** and **Jon Nite** co-penned "Strip It Down" with Bryan. Nite's songwriting has previously visited the No. 1 spot with **A Thousand Horses'** "Smoke" while Copperman helped co-pen that BMLG single in addition to two other top titles this year, "John Cougar John Deere John 3:16" (**Keith Urban**) and "Don't It" (**Billy Currington**).

Of the single, Bryan says, "I've never really done like that slow dance, take your girl and have a big ol' night of romance and all that, and 'Strip...' kind of does that and I'm interested to see how the fans react. I don't think three years ago I could have delivered a song like 'Strip...' like I wanted to, but it felt right the way we wrote it...Ross and Jon came [to my house], and we knocked out."

"Strip It Down" is the second single from Bryan's full-length 2015 album, *Kill The Lights*, which has sold over 580,000 copies. This week's No. 1 single has moved nearly 350,000 units of its own.

Catch Bryan on Sunday, November 1, at the CMHoF discussing his career and performing a short acoustic set in support of his *Luke Bryan: Dirt Road Diary* exhibition. On the road, Bryan just kicked off his 7th annual *Farm Tour* in Fort Wayne, In., but was forced to postpone night two in Lexington, Ky., to October 6 due to weather. After he's done farmin', his *Kick The Dust Up Tour* will resume in 2016, when the country superstar heads to Mexico for his annual *Crash My Playa* event, co-hosted by **Cole Swindell**.

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## Artist Spotlight Eric Chesser

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### Current Single:

"Tailgate" - Tailgate promotes the annual tradition of Tailgating at high school, college, professional football games, along with other sporting events. It is available on both CDX (Vol. 623 Track #19) or Play MPE.

### Written By:

Eric Chesser

### Career Accomplishments:

As an advocate for education, Eric established his *Tailgate Nation Scholarship* Promotion. Tailgate Nation is offering a \$10,000 scholarship for the best Tailgate video submitted to [Eric's website](#) starting November 2, 2015 through January 29, 2016.

### Artist Facts:

Eric began writing music at a young age of 12. He played basketball, football, and baseball, including Division I College Basketball. He recently completed his final educational goal of graduating law school.

### Connect:



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Weeks On Chart	Last Wk Position	This Wk Position	Artist/Song/Label	Spins/Reports	% Spin Power	Spins +-	Last Wk # Spins
9	3	1	Luke Bryan/Strip It Down/Capitol	3403/99	7	236	3167
21	4	2	Old Dominion/Break Up With Him/RCA Nashville	3355/98	7	218	3137
23	2	3	Brett Eldredge/Lose My Mind/Warner Bros.	3293/84	0	4	3289
13	5	4	Cam/Burning House/Arista Nashville	3100/100	3	84	3016
6	7	5	Carrie Underwood/Smoke Break/Arista Nashville	3041/100	9	260	2781
27	6	6	Brothers Osborne/Stay A Little Longer/EMI Nashville	3011/98	2	59	2952
10	10	7	Blake Shelton/Gonna/Warner Bros.	2707/91	9	215	2492
15	11	8	Dierks Bentley/Riser/Capitol Nashville	2612/96	7	176	2436
22	8	9	Darius Rucker/Southern Style/Capitol Nashville	2580/93	-1	-27	2607
24	12	10	Cole Swindell/Let Me See Ya Girl/Warner Bros.	2486/74	3	74	2412
12	13	11	Kelsea Ballerini/Dibs/Black River Ent.	2438/96	13	281	2157
9	14	12	Tim McGraw/Top Of The World/Big Machine	2417/97	11	231	2186
9	16	13	Jason Aldean/Gonna Know We Were Here/Broken Bow	2291/90	13	256	2035
22	15	14	Erica Nicole/I'm Making Mine/GTR	2129/82	2	43	2086
17	17	15	Billy Currington/Drinking Town With A Football Problem/Mercury	2078/94	4	74	2004
13	18	16	A Thousand Horses/(This Ain't No) Drunk Dial/Republic Nashville	1911/86	9	156	1755
7	21	17	The Band Perry/Live Forever/Republic Nashville	1757/84	12	195	1562
11	20	18	Jerrod Niemann/Blue Bandana/Sea Gayle-Arista	1740/94	10	162	1578
5	29	19	Brad Paisley/Country Nation/Arista Nashville	1696/95	27	364	1332
14	19	20	Alan Jackson/Jim And Jack And Hank/EMI Records Nashville	1673/73	4	62	1611
18	24	21	Lee Brice/That Don't Sound Like You/Curb	1563/81	10	139	1424
20	23	22	Randy Houser/We Went/Stoney Creek	1556/79	9	123	1433
22	25	23	Dan + Shay/Nothin' Like You/Warner Bros.	1554/57	11	155	1399
19	1	24	Chris Young/I'm Comin' Over/RCA Nashville	1528/51	-54	-1787	3315
16	26	25	Jason Pritchett/Good Show/BDMG	1499/75	9	122	1377
14	27	26	Brian Collins/Shine A Little Love/Blue Light Entertainment	1478/78	7	98	1380
9	30	27	Tyler Farr/Better In Boots/Columbia Nashville	1435/78	11	142	1293
10	31	28	Easton Corbin/Yup/Mercury Nashville	1401/81	10	130	1271
15	33	29	Clare Dunn/Move On/MCA	1261/67	7	78	1183
6	35	30	Little Big Town/Pain Killer/Capitol Nashville	1226/74	8	94	1132
17	32	31	Olivia Lane/You Part 2/Big Spark Music Group	1220/60	0	4	1216
16	34	32	Rick Monroe/Great Minds Drink Alike/MRG	1165/58	2	20	1145
12	43	33	LoCash/I Love This Life/Reviver Records	1079/63	28	237	842
11	38	34	David Nail/Night's On Fire/MCA Nashville	1048/65	11	102	946
12	36	35	Bobby Wills/Crazy Enough/Willing Nashville	1040/62	6	58	982
5	42	36	Mo Pitney/Boy And A Girl Thing/Curb	1031/75	18	158	873

**Burn a Little Colder**

#52 and moving up!

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10	41	37	Ronnie Dunn/Ain't No Trucks in Texas/Nash Icon	975/57	8	70	905
15	40	38	The Cadillac Three/White Lightning/Big Machine	935/55	4	39	896
18	39	39	Joanna Mosca/Hand Out The Window/Dolce Diva	932/34	3	31	901
13	44	40	Denny Strickland/How Far You Wanna Go/Red Star Productions	843/45	3	27	816
13	45	41	Keith Walker/Honky Tonk Shake/Motion Entertainment	805/47	5	36	769
9	46	42	Kacey Musgraves/Dime Store Cowgirl/Mercury Nashville	805/45	4	31	774
13	48	43	Corey Smith/Feet Wet/Rounder/Sugarhill	775/37	6	46	729
2	62	44	Sam Hunt/Break Up in a Small Town/MCA Nashville	774/52	89	365	409
14	47	45	The Cains/Journey's End/GMV Nashville	774/46	6	42	732
11	50	46	Rainey Qualley/Me And Johnny Cash/Cingle	736/44	9	62	674
12	49	47	Two Way Crossing/Car Trouble/J.Marlowe Records	712/40	3	18	694
5	53	48	Brantley Gilbert/Stone Cold Sober/Valory Music	707/51	17	103	604
9	51	49	Brandon Holland/Blame It On The Whiskey/Brandon Holland Music	696/42	9	55	641
6	52	50	Canaan Smith/Hole In A Bottle/Mercury Nashville	684/51	9	59	625
15	54	51	Tyler Barham/Just Two Kids/YN Records	623/30	4	23	600
8	55	52	Kayla Adams/Burn A Little Colder/SSM	619/41	16	87	532
34	56	53	Big & Rich/Run Away With You/New Revolution	608/26	27	129	479
1	89	54	Thomas Rhett/Die a Happy Man/Valory	581/39	244	412	169
1	103	55	George Strait/Cold Beer Conversation/MCA Nashville	558/43	333	429	129
3	63	56	Rascal Flatts/I Like The Sound of That/Big Machine	530/35	37	142	388
2	68	57	Jon Pardi/Head Over Boots/Capitol Nashville	513/41	44	157	356
15	59	58	Jana Kramer/I Got The Boy/Warner Bros.	497/31	11	51	446
8	57	59	Mary Fletcher/The Idea Of You/Red & Black Entertainment	494/28	8	38	456
5	60	60	Scotty McCreery/Southern Belle/Mercury Nashville	489/38	15	64	425
10	58	61	Sugarcane Jane/The Game/Arena	460/24	3	14	446
5	65	62	James Robert Webb/Makin' Love Tonight/Bison Creek	423/30	13	48	375
14	61	63	Craig Campbell/Tomorrow Tonight/Red Bow	415/26	1	3	412
21	28	64	Branch & Dean/The Forgetter/SSM Nashville	405/23	-70	-964	1369
8	64	65	JB & The Moonshine Band/Shotgun, Rifle, and a .45/	392/26	4	15	377
6	67	66	Bucky Covington/I Feel Ya/Barefootin' Inc	389/31	6	23	366
6	72	67	Levi Riggs/Nothin' I Don't Love/Wind Ridge Records	363/25	15	46	317
8	66	68	Soul Circus Cowboys/Gotta Get Me One Of Them/DiamondDisc-Kismet	361/23	-3	-13	374
11	70	69	Zane Williams/Jayton And Jill/Be Music and Entertainment	346/18	8	26	320
7	69	70	Alexandra Demetree/Outta My Head/SSM Nashville	345/21	1	3	342
1	85	71	Zac Brown Band/Beautiful Drug/Southern Ground Artists	339/24	74	144	195
2	75	72	Michael Ray/Real Men Love Jesus/Warner Bros- WEA	337/26	31	80	257
9	71	73	Lucy Angel/Crazy Too/New Revolution-G Force Entertainment	330/20	3	10	320
3	73	74	Reba/Until They Don't Love You/NASH Icon	313/19	2	5	308
1	83	75	Joe Nichols/Freaks Like Me/Red Bow	290/22	32	70	220
4	76	76	Tim Hadler/1 + 1/Yocumtown Records	265/16	6	16	249
1	82	77	Josh Goodlett/Why You Gotta Be That Way/Good Entertainment	262/17	16	37	225
1	84	78	Granger Smith/Backroad Song/Pioneer Music	258/20	22	47	211
3	79	79	Blair Mathews/Ride/StoneyHill Records	256/21	10	24	232
3	80	80	Kayla Calabrese/Give/SMG Records Nashville	246/15	5	11	235

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