The 50th Annual Virginia Beef Cattle Improvement Association Culpeper Junior Bull Sale was held Friday, April 4, 2008 at Culpeper Agricultural Enterprises in Culpeper, Virginia. A total of thirty eight Angus bulls sold for an average price of $1703, which included thirty seven Angus at $1716 and one Gelbvieh at $1200. Members of the Central Virginia Cattlemen’s Association sold 34 fall-calving Virginia Premium Assured bred heifers immediately following the bulls for an average of $1196 per head.

The top indexing Angus bull led the sale- Lot 125, consigned by John Gundzik of Manchester, Maryland and selling to Ralph Lankford of Pocomoke, MD for $2600. This January 2007 son of Mytty In Focus had EPDs of +8 CED, +0.6 BW, +91 YW, +30 $W, and +43 $B along with test YW and ADG ratios of 111 and 117, respectively. Also selling for $2600 was Lot 161 bred by Mountain Edge Farm of Ashburn, Virginia to Gene Forrester of Lancaster, Virginia. This son of B/R New Frontier 095 posted test YW and ADG ratios of 106 and 121, along with +90 YW EPD and ultrasound IMF and REA ratios of 111 and 113.

Another John Gundzik consignment, Lot 126, went to Edward Hanes of Dillwyn, Virginia for $2450. Sired by SS Objective T510 0T26, this bull had an EPD profile of +9 CED, +58 WW, +100 YW, +0.32 IMF, and +49 $B.

The Breeder Group Award was presented to Echo Ridge Farm of Atkins, Virginia. Their lead bull, Lot 176, sold to Roger Gough of Rapidan, Virginia for $2400. This calving ease son of GAR Simplicity was the high performing bull of the test with YW and ADG ratios of 115 and 140, along with EPDs of +11 CED, +0.5 BW, +75 YW and +0.34 IMF. Another Pratt bull, Lot 170, also sold for $2400 going to Elm Cottage Farm in Amelia, Virginia. Sired by GAR New Design 5050, he posted EPDs of +2.1 BW, +90 YW, +0.32 IMF, +0.43 REA, +46 $B, and strong test performance and ultrasound scan data.

The female sale consisted of commercial crossbred heifers consigned by producer members of the Central Virginia Cattlemen’s Association. Heifers were bred to calve in September and October to AI service sire LCC Dillon G689L, or to calving ease sons of N Bar Prime Time D806 by natural service. Heifers were sold in lots of 2-4 head each, and prices ranged from $1150 to $1250 per heifer. All females met the qualifications for the Virginia Premium Assured Heifer Program.

All bulls in the test and sale were consigned by members of the Virginia Beef Cattle Improvement Association. Bulls were tested and heifers developed by Tom and Kim Nixon and staff at Glenmary Farm near Rapidan, Virginia. The sale was managed by Virginia BCIA and the Virginia Cattlemen’s Association, and the auctioneer was Dale Stith.

Virginia BCIA and Culpeper Jr Bull and Heifer Sale consignors would like to thank the following buyers for their support:
Charles Payne, Stevensburg, VA
Charles W. Woolfrey, Mine Run, VA
Dan Sumker, Marvon, PA
E. P. Binns III, Providence Forge, VA
Edward Hanes, Dillwyn, VA
Elm Cottage Farm, Amelia, VA
Gene A. Forrester, Lancaster, VA
Gough Feedlot, Rapidan, VA
Hancock Brothers, LaPlata, MD
Holyoke Farm Inc., Lancaster, VA
James D. Wright, Carrsville, VA
Jason Dale Harvey, Afton, VA
John Henry Grotenhuis, Locust Dale, VA
John M. Clark, Washington, VA
Larry Overton Hopkins, Louisa, VA
North End Farm, Berryville, VA
North Point Farm, Waynesboro, VA
R & A Angus, Mebane, NC
Ralph P. Lankford, Pocomoke, MD
Robert C. Gillions & Son, Hague, VA
Robert L. Burruss, Orange, VA
Robyn D. Whittington, Amelia, VA
Saddle Creek Farm, Spotsylvania, VA
Thomas E. Vaughan, Ashland, VA
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TK Exports, Ronceverte, WV
Tom Underwood, Reva, VA
Vincent Carey Headley, Warsaw, VA
William A. Spillman, Brandy Station, VA
William S. Henshaw, Reva, VA
Windy Springs Farm, Amelia, VA