The Virginia Beef Cattle Improvement Association hosted the 50th Annual Culpeper Senior Bull Sale on Saturday, December 8, 2007 at Culpeper Agricultural Enterprises near Culpeper, Virginia. Sixty five fall-born bulls representing the top end of the 124 bulls tested sold for an average price of $1777. The sale included 62 Angus bulls which averaged $1771 and 3 Gelbvieh and Gelbvieh Balancer bulls at $1900.

The breeder group award was presented to Edgewood Angus of Williamsburg, Virginia. Lot 15 led the Edgewood consignment, selling to James Hilldrup of Spotsylvania, Virginia for $3500. This son of GAR Solution had test yearling weight and ADG ratios of 102 and 107, along with EPDs of +8 CE, +97 YW, +0.52 IMF, +0.46 URE, and +54 $B. Also selling for $3500 was Lot 42, bred by Virginia Tech and selling to B.L. Grady of Faison, North Carolina. This August 2006 son of SAV 8180 Traveler 004 had a test YW of 1428, ratio 114, and test ADG ratio 111 along with EPDs of +94 YW, +0.53 URE, and REA ratio of 126.

Lot 47, consigned by Echo Ridge Farm of Atkins, Virginia went to Elmer Oakes of Spotsylvania, Virginia for $3100. This high-growth son of GAR New Design 5050 posted strong ultrasound EPDs and an IMF ratio of 151. The high-indexing bull of the test was also an Echo Ridge consignment, Lot 59, which sold to Wendell Green of Spotsylvania at $3000 for two-thirds semen interest and full possession. This performance son of Rito 477 of 061 Rito 616 had test YW and ADG ratios of 117 and 119 respectively, and EPDs of +8 CE, +93 YW, and +0.64 URE.

Lot 12, another member of the Edgewood Angus consignment, commanded $3000 from Thomas Fulcher of Amherst, Virginia. This high marbling son of GAR Predestined had an IMF EPD of +0.62 along with $B and $QG EPDs of +52 and +28, respectively.

Hickory Hill Farm of Blacksburg, Virginia consigned the Gelbvieh bulls. Lot 602, a black, polled Balancer sired by Woodhill Commander 143L-132N sold for $2700 to Glenmary Farm of Rapidan, Virginia. This bull posted the highest test YW among all bulls tested at 1461 pounds, and had a test ADG of 4.60, YW EPD +75 and marbling EPD +0.08.

All bulls in the test and sale were consigned by members of the Virginia Beef Cattle Improvement Association. Bulls were tested at the Culpeper bull test station operated by Glenmary Farm, owned by Tom and Kim Nixon of Rapidan, Virginia. The sale was managed by Virginia BCIA and the Virginia Cattlemen’s Association, and the auctioneer was Mike Jones.