

**2014 Virginia BCIA Southwest Bull Test
& BCIA-Influenced Virginia Premium Assured Plus Bred Heifer
Sale Report**

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The 35th Annual Southwest Virginia Performance Tested Bull Sale sponsored by the Virginia Beef Cattle Improvement Association was held Saturday, March 22, 2014 at Wytheville. The 138 bulls offered commanded a record average price of \$3859 per head. Breed averages were as follows: 85 Angus averaged \$3551, 15 purebred Simmental averaged \$3387, 19 Simmental Hybrids \$4279, 4 Charolais \$4413, 5 Gelbvieh Balancers \$4190, 2 purebred Gelbvieh \$15000, and 8 Polled Hereford at \$3763. The BCIA-influenced Virginia Premium Assured plus Bred Heifer Sale held in conjunction with the bull sale sold 26 heifers for an average price of \$2221 per head.

The top selling Angus bull went to Mike A. Johnson of Siloam, North Carolina for \$7000. Angus Lot 39 is a September 2012 son of GAR Prophet and was bred by Lucas Farms, Joe and Timmy Lucas of Blacksburg, Virginia. This bull was the high-sale order indexing Senior bull, as he had a test YW of 1284, ratio 118, test ADG of 4.38, ratio of 130, along with +74 WW EPD, +144 YW EPD, +31 Milk EPD, +0.92 MB EPD, and a +106 \$B. The second-high selling Angus bull was Lot 40, and was also consigned by Lucas Farms and sold to Bobby and Martha Jackson of Draper, VA for \$6250. This bull is another high growth son of GAR Prophet and had YW EPD +118, MB EPD +1.40, \$W +56, in addition to ADG ratio of 118, test YW ratio of 106. Lucas Farms was recognized with the 2014 SW Virginia Bull Test Breeder Group for their consignment of Senior Angus bulls. Another Lucas Senior bull, Lot 36, was another high-growth son out of KCF Bennett Upward W538, with WW EPD +62 and ADG ratio of 108. This bull commanded \$4500 from Shelby Lineberry of Galax, VA. Lot 37, another KCF Bennett Upward W538 son, sold to Clark Reece of Hillsville, VA for \$4300 and posted a test ADG ratio of 106 with a +62 WW EPD and +109 YW EPD.

The high-sale indexing Junior Angus bull, Lot 75, was bred by Grassy Valley Farm, Lee Duckworth of Afton, Tennessee. This junior Angus bull is a January 2013 son of AAR Tex X 7008 SA and posted an ADG of 4.20, ratio 130, test yearling weight of 1281, ratio 118, along with a \$B of +110, YW EPD of +128, MB EPD of +0.93, %IMF ratio of 110 and RE ratio of 106, and sold to Andrew Echols of Gap Mills, WV for \$5000.

Demand remained strong in the Angus bulls as Lot 45 commanded \$5500 from Matthew Anderson of Chilhowie, VA. This December 2012 Sitz Upward son, consigned by Mullins Angus Farm in Clintwood, VA, posted a test YW ratio of 110 and ADG ratio of 135, as well as EPDs of +115 YW, +12 CEM, +32 Milk, +95 \$B. Lot 77 junior bull from Lucas Farm, sold for \$5500 to Barry Vaughn of Austinville, VA. Lot 46 consigned by Amy Loyd of Harr Farms and Cattle Co. in Bluff City, TN demanded \$5000 from Tom Covey of Radford, VA. This calving ease son of GAR New Design 5050 displayed EPDs of +14 CED, -1.1 BW, +12 CEM, +32 Milk, and +0.84 RE.

Demand was very strong for the Gelbvieh and Gelbvieh Balancer bulls, which included a sale favorite- Lot 601 consigned by Little Windy Hill Farms of Max Meadows, VA. This December 2012 purebred Gelbvieh homozygous black, homozygous polled son of Black Impact 3960N brought \$25,000 and sold to C-Cross Cattle Company and Old South Farms of Asheboro, North Carolina. He posted EPDs of +1.1 CE, +0.0 BW, +34 Milk, and a ratio of 119 for %IMF. Little Windy Hill also had the second highest selling Gelbvieh Balancer, Lot 614. This homozygous black, homozygous

polled son of KCF Bennett Quality Focused, which commanded \$5750, was sold to Gale Rippey of Galax, VA. This March 2013 bull had a CE EPD of +15, BW EPD of -1.9, CED EPD of 11, as well as a test YW of 1224. Tommy Shrader of Rosedale, VA bought Lot 602 purebred Gelbvieh bull for \$5000. This homozygous black, homozygous polled Black Impulse 1296L son posted a test ADG of 109, YW EPD of +98 and was consigned by Handfula Gelbviehs of Bland, VA.

The high selling Polled Hereford bull was bred by Fields Edge Herefords, Terry and Roger Slusher of Floyd, VA and commanded \$7600 from Sally Run of Wytheville, VA. This September 2012 son of MSU TCF Revolution 4R posted test ratios of 104 and 113 for YW and ADG, respectively, as well as EPDs of +4.1 CE, +103 YW, %IMF ratio of 113, RE ratio of 107 as well as a BMI of +\$23 and CHB of +\$32. Lot 203 from Fields Edge Herefords commanded \$3700 from Tommy Shrader of Rosedale, VA. This CRR About Time 743 son posted strong carcass traits with a +0.28 MB EPD, %IMF ratio of 120, BMI value of +\$21 and CHB value of +\$28. Another MSU Revolution son, Lot 201, also sold to Tommy Shrader for \$3600. This September 2012 bull posted EPDs of +62 WW, +4.2 CEM, along with ratios of 112, 113, 107 for WW, %IMF, and RE, respectively. Virginia Tech of Blacksburg, VA consigned Lot 210 sired by CRR About Time 743, and sold to Jeff and Vilene Dean of Jonesville, VA for \$3600. This high growth bull posted EPDs of +96 YW, +34 Milk, +0.75 RE, along with a WW ratio of 110 and CHB value of +\$34.

The strong Charolais sale was led by Lot 304, consigned by Virginia Tech in Blacksburg, VA. This March-born son of M6 Fresh Air 8165 commanded \$5750 from Curtiss Nipp of Overbrook, OK. He posted EPDs of +6.4 CE, +89 YW, and +0.48 RE, in addition to ratios of 117 WW, 112 test YW, 110 MB, and 111 RE. Virginia Tech's consignment of Junior Charolais bulls held strong with Lot 303 selling to Perry Severt of Jefferson, NC for \$5000. This calving ease son of LT Bluegrass 4017 posted EPDs of +9 CED, -2.1 BW, +6.8 CEM and +0.18 MB, as well as a carcass ratio of 126 for IMF.

The senior high-indexing SimAngus bull was consigned by Hounshell Farms, Buster and Jason Hounshell of Wytheville, Virginia. Lot 437 was sold to Dusty Long of Galax, Virginia for \$6000. This high performing bull had a test YW of 1202, ratio 111 and a test ADG of 4.78, ratio of 127, in addition to EPD's of +124 YW, +1.03 RE and a ratio of 115 for RE. Also selling from \$6000 was Virginia Tech's Lot 451 which went to Jason Semones of Hillsville, VA. This homozygous black, homozygous polled son of AAR Ten X 7008 ranked in the top 1% for his TI index of +97, as well as posting a YW EPD of +124, MB EPD of +1.33, and ratio of 107 for test ADG.

J & M Windy Acres, Mike Connatser and family, of Maryville, TN was recognized with the Junior Breeder Group Award for their consignment of spring-born Simmental Hybrid bulls. Their Lot 444 sold for \$5200 to Gary Bare of West Jefferson, NC. This son of PVF-J 4P14 HYB Rookie posted +80 WW EPD, +32 Milk and +0.99 RE, along with +83 TI. J & M Windy Acres Lot 445 bull was the high-sale order indexing bull for the Simmental Hybrids and commanded \$3400 from Ted Holyfield of Elkin, NC. This WHS Limelight 64V son ranked in the top 1% for his WW and YW EPDs of +86 and +145, respectively. He also posted test ratios of 107 YW, and 110 ADG, along with a +175 API and +100 TI.

The junior high-indexing purebred Simmental was consigned by Trio Farms, Jerry Burner of Luray, VA. Lot 423 was a homozygous black son of Ellingson Dominator W905 and sold to Jack Byrd of Amelia, VA for \$5100. This February-born bull displayed a test YW of 1277, ratio 110, ADG ratio of 115, as well as carcass ratios of 112 and 115 for %IMF and RE, respectively.

Demand remained strong for the SimAngus bulls with Lot 436, another Dikemans Double Down 26W son consigned by Hounshell Farms which commanded \$5700 and sold to Glenmary Farm of

Rapidan, VA. This homozygous black fall-born bull displayed a +110 YW EPD, +80 TI, along with test ratios of 106 ADG and 118 RE. Lot 452 demanded \$5200 from Ben Fore of Glade Spring, VA. This Trio Farms 3/8 Simmental bull posted test ratios of 108 YW, 115 ADG, 159 %IMF, and 108 RE, along with a +183 API and +88 TI. Lots 438 and 447 sold to Robert Tate of Red Oak, VA for \$5000 each. Lot 438 is a HSF Combo P462 son consigned by Hounshell Farms and Lot 447, consigned by Jess-A-Marr Farms, Mike Walters of Wytheville, VA.

The BCIA-Influenced Bred Heifer Sale consisted of 26 fall-calving commercial bred heifers. All heifers were designated as Virginia Premium Assured Plus females. Demand was strong and prices steady, as the heifers averaged \$2221 per head. Virginia Tech of Blacksburg, VA consigned Lot 5 to top the sale at \$2600 selling to William Gillespie of Tazewell, VA. This pair of heifers is due to calve in October/November and was bred to VIP Foreman 1Y37. Lot 1 also from Virginia Tech sold for \$2300 and went to Roger Cockerham of Lowgap, NC. These August 2012 heifers were daughters of Sinclair Net Present Value and are due to calve in September. Hillwinds Farm of Dublin, VA consigned both Lots 2 and 6, which commanded \$2400. Lot 2 consisted of a pair of SimAngus heifers out of GAR Prophet and were bred to Laws Final Answer X136 due to calve in September. These heifers sold to L. Jordan Farms of West Jefferson, NC. Lot 6 went to William Gillespie of Tazewell, VA and was comprised of 3 SimAngus heifers out of GAR Progress due to calve late September.

All bulls and heifers were consigned by members of the Virginia Beef Cattle Improvement Association. Bulls were developed at Hillwinds Farm at Dublin, VA owned and operated by Tim Sutphin. The sale was managed by Virginia BCIA and the Virginia Cattlemen's Association, and the auctioneer was Mike Jones.

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