

2015 CULPEPER SENIOR BCIA BULL SALE RESULTS

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The Virginia Beef Cattle Improvement Association hosted the 58th Annual Culpeper Senior Bull Sale on Saturday, December 12, 2015 at Culpeper Agricultural Enterprises near Culpeper, Virginia. Fifty-one fall-born bulls representing the top end of the 86 bulls developed sold for an average price of \$3671. The sale included 42 Angus bulls which averaged \$3481, 6 Simmental and SimAngus bulls at \$4908, and 3 Gelbvieh and Gelbvieh Balancers at \$3850.

The high-selling bull was SimAngus Lot 405, consigned by Reasor Simmental, Smith Reasor of Rural Retreat, Virginia and sold to Courtfield Farm of Amelia, Virginia for \$7,750. This homozygous black, polled September 2014 son of S A V Bismarck 5682 had a test YW ratio of 110 and test ADG ratio of 119, along with +17.7 CED EPD, -1.9 BW EPD, +74.5 WW EPD, +113.6 YW EPD, +0.89 RE EPD. Lot 401, a purebred Simmental also consigned by Reasor Simmental, commanded a strong \$5700 from Dennis Vass of Hillsville, VA. This homozygous black MR NLC Upgrade U8676 son scanned an adjusted REA of 15.2, along with a test ADG of 4.42 and EPDs of +11.0 and +112 for CED and YW, respectively. Another Reasor SimAngus, Lot 403 commanded \$5100 from Tabor Farms, Inc. of Dublin, VA. This homozygous black September 2014, S A V Final Answer 0035 son posted API and TI indexes of +158 and +83 respectively, along with a CED EPD of +15.5, BW EPD of -0.7 and YW EPD of +117.

The high selling Angus bull was lot 19, consigned by Edgewood Angus of Williamsburg, Virginia. This September 2014 son of Sitz Upside 547W commanded \$5900 from Joe Henshaw of Madison, Virginia. This bull posted ratios of 110, 108 and 114 for WW, test YW, and RE respectively. He also ranked in the top 1% for his YW EPD of +132.

The high station index Angus bull was consigned by Legacy at Pine Hill of Forest, Virginia. This Benfield Substance 8506 son sold for \$5200 to Hollow Hill Farm of Doe Hill, Virginia. This September 2014 bull had a test YW of 1425, ratio 116 and test ADG of 5.80, ratio of 138, as well as YW EPD of +105, Milk EPD of +30 and \$W of +61.

The high-sale index bull, lot 16, consigned by Silver Creek Angus of Danville, Virginia, commanded \$5000 from Knight Cattle Corporation of Montpelier Station, Virginia. This Coneally Capitalist 028 son had the highest test YW ratio at 122, along with a test ADG ratio of 121. This October 2014 bull also posted EPDs of +62, +109 and +0.88 for WW, YW, and RE, respectively. Silver Creek Angus was also recognized as the Angus Breeder Group award winner for their consignment of six Angus bulls.

The strong Angus offering also included Lot 53, consigned by John Gundzik of Manchester, Maryland, which sold to J. L. Smith Farm of Charlottesville, Virginia for \$5,000. This calving ease son of KCF Bennett Consensus Y99 had a CED EPD of +11, BW EPD of -1.4 and CEM EPD of +13. This Angus bull also posted a test IMF ratio of 165, along with a \$B EPD value of +169. Another Angus bull, lot 27 was consigned by Monomoy Farm of Warrenton, VA and sold to Holly Hill Farm of Mt. Sidney, VA for \$5000. This Deer Valley All In son posted a +16 CED EPD, -1.0 BW EPD, +64 WW EPD, +117 YW EPD, +32 Milk EPD and a \$W value of +84. Lot

21, consigned by Goforth Angus of East Bend, NC commanded \$4750 from Daniel Flora of Grottoes, VA. This Koupals B&B Identity son posted a YW EPD of +116, DOC EPD of +19 and ratios of 111 and 110 for WW and test YW, respectively.

The strong group of Gelbvieh and Gelbvieh Balancer bulls was led by Lots 601 and 602 consigned by Little Windy Hill Farms of Max Meadows, Virginia. Lot 601 was a homozygous black, homozygous polled purebred Gelbvieh bull out of JKGF Future Investment X037 and sold to Belle Plaine Farm of Orange, VA for \$4250. This bull posted a test ADG of 4.15, ratio 100 and scanned an adjusted REA of 14.6. Lot 602 was a September 2014 son of HYEK Black Impact and commanded \$4000 from David Danner of Max Meadows, VA. This homozygous black, homozygous polled Gelbvieh Balancer bull posted a test YW ratio of 107, test ADG ratio of 106 and IMF scanned ratio of 111.

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. Additional details on the Virginia BCIA Bull program can be found at <http://bcia.apsc.vt.edu> .