

2016 CULPEPER SENIOR BCIA BULL SALE RESULTS

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The Virginia Beef Cattle Improvement Association hosted the 59th Annual Culpeper Senior Bull Sale on Saturday, December 10, 2016 at Culpeper Agricultural Enterprises near Culpeper, Virginia. Thirty six fall-born bulls representing the top end of the 85 bulls developed sold for an average price of \$3099. The sale included 32 Angus bulls which averaged \$3048, and 4 Simmental and SimAngus bulls at \$3500.

The high-sale index bull, Angus Lot 26, consigned by Edgewood Angus of Williamsburg, Virginia, commanded \$5300 from Highway Corporation of Mt. Sidney, Virginia. This September 2015 son of Plattermere Weigh Up K360 had test YW ADG ratios of 113 and 120, along with posting EPDs of +12, +65, +123, +0.82 and +0.84 for CED, WW, YW, MB and RE, respectively. Also selling for \$5300 was Lot 2 bred by Monomoy Farm of Warrenton, Virginia and selling to Bundy Farm, Inc. of Lebanon, Virginia. This calving ease son of GAR Prophet posted a CED EPD of +13 along with YW EPD + 120 and MB EPD +1.06. Gundzik Angus from Manchester, Maryland consigned Lot 63 which brought \$5100 and sold to Robert Wilbanks from Orange, VA. This Connealy Consensus 7229 son was the high ADG bull on test at 4.69, ratio 128, and also had MB EPD +1.02 and test YW ratio 111.

Lucas Farm of Blacksburg, Virginia was recognized as the Breeder Group award winner for their consignment of Angus bulls. Their lead bull, Lot 30, went to Palo-Alto Farm of Mineral, Virginia for \$4800. This high growth son of Deer Valley All In posted a test ADG ratio of 111, along with WW and YW EPDs of +67 and +120.

A strong set of Simmental and SimAngus bulls was paced by Lot 409, consigned by Reasor Simmental, Smith Reasor of Rural Retreat, Virginia and sold to Riverview Farms Cattle of Louisa, Virginia for \$4700. This homozygous black, SimAngus son of GW Premium Beef 021TS had a test YW ratio of 110 and test ADG ratio of 119, along with +17.6 CED EPD, -1.8 BW EPD, +93 YW EPD, +0.57 MB EPD. Lot 408, another SimAngus consigned by Reasor Simmental, commanded \$4000 from Doug Jones of Christiansburg, VA. This homozygous black SAV Final Answer 0035 son posted EPDs of +14.4 and +109 for CED and YW, respectively.

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