

## 2018 CULPEPER SENIOR BCIA BULL SALE RESULTS

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The Virginia Beef Cattle Improvement Association hosted the 61<sup>st</sup> Annual Culpeper Senior Bull Sale on Saturday, December 8, 2018 at Culpeper Agricultural Enterprises near Culpeper, Virginia. Fifty-one fall-born bulls representing the top end of the 111 bulls developed sold for an average price of \$3161. The sale included 41 Angus bulls which averaged \$3188, 2 Gelbvieh Balancers at \$3050, and 8 SimAngus bulls averaged \$3050.

The high-selling bull was Angus Lot 67, consigned by Quaker Hill Farm of Louisa, Virginia which sold to The Semex Alliance, Madison, Wisconsin for \$5500. This September 2017 son of GAR Sure Fire had EPDs of +14 CED, -0.7 BW, +93 YW, +26 DOC, +1.04 MB, and +0.92 RE along with test ADG ratio of 107 and IMF ratio 132. Also selling to The Semex Alliance was Lot 5 Angus from Soldiers' Hill Angus Farm, Warrenton, VA for \$5100. This calving ease son of GAR Prophet posted EPDs of +14 CED, -0.4 BW, +103 YW, +1.06 MB, +0.74 RE, +60 \$W and a test ADG ratio 117 with IMF ratio 150.

The high indexing Angus bull of the test, Lot 31 from Pratt Cattle Company in Atkins, Virginia sold to Joe Henshaw of Madison, Virginia for \$4900. Sired by Deer Valley Old Hickory, this bull post Test YW and ADG ratios of 118 and 138, along with EPDs of +13 CED, -1.2 BW, +106 YW, +40 MM, and indexes of +82 \$W and +159 \$B. Lucas Farms from Blacksburg, Virginia consigned Lot 52 and sold to Joseph Vaughan of Bumpass, Virginia for \$4700. This October-born son of Barstow Bankroll B73 had a test YW ratio of 110 and test ADG ratio of 115, along with +12 CED EPD, +127 YW EPD, +0.63 RE EPD, and +72 \$W. Another Soldiers' Hill Angus Farm consignment, Lot 4, sold to Joe Saffer of Warrenton, Virginia for \$4400. This GAR Prophet son posted EPDs of +82 WW, +140 YW, +1.26 MB, +0.78 MB, +95 \$W, and +162 \$B along with test ratios of 115 and 104 for YW and ADG.

Silver Creek Angus of Danville, Virginia was recognized with the Breeder Group Award for their consignment of Angus bulls. The Semex Alliance also purchased Lot 87 Angus from Spring Hill Farm of Bridgeport, West Virginia for \$4100. Legacy at Pine Hill Farm from Forest, Virginia consigned lots 77 and 78, which sold for \$4000 and \$4300 respectively, and went to Bundy Farm of Lebanon, Virginia and Riverview Farms LLC of Louisa, Virginia. Rounding out of solid set of Angus bulls was Lot 76 from Panther Creek Farm of Pink Hill, North Carolina which sold to Woodbury Forest School in Woodbury Forest, Virginia for \$4100.

The strong SimAngus offering was paced by Lot 408, consigned by Quaker Hill Farm of Louisa, Virginia which sold to Palo Alto Farm of Mineral, Virginia for \$3600. This homozygous black son of Quaker Hill Rampage 0A36 had EPDs of +83 WW, +131 YW, +0.88 RE +140 API, along with test YW ratio 115 and ADG 112. Lot 410 SimAngus also bred by Quaker Hill went to James Eggborn of Rixeyville, Virginia for \$3600. This homozygous black, calving ease son of GAR 100X posted a +16 CED EPD, -2.5 BW EPD, +110 YW EPD, +17 DOC EPD and +140 API value.

The Gelbvieh Balancer bulls were consigned by Little Windy Hill Farms of Max Meadows, Virginia. Lot 601 commanded \$3100 from Beauregard Farms of Brandy Station, Virginia. A homozygous black son of Basin Payweight 1682, this bull had a test ADG ratio of 111, YW EPD +111, and MB EPD +0.46.

All bulls in the test and sale were consigned by members of the Virginia Beef Cattle Improvement Association. Bulls were developed 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 program can be found at <http://bcia.apsc.vt.edu>.