

**2013 Virginia BCIA Southwest Bull Test
& BCIA-Influenced Virginia Premium Assured Plus Bred Heifer
Sale Report**

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The 34th Annual Southwest Virginia Performance Tested Bull Sale sponsored by the Virginia Beef Cattle Improvement Association was held Saturday, March 23, 2013 at Wytheville. The 134 bulls offered commanded an average price of \$2779 per head. Breed averages were as follows: 82 Angus averaged \$2705, 15 purebred Simmental averaged \$3000, 12 Simmental Hybrids \$3133, 6 Charolais \$3083, 5 Gelbvieh Balancers \$2680, 7 purebred Gelbvieh \$2443, and 7 Polled Hereford at \$2714. The BCIA-influenced Virginia Premium Assured plus Bred Heifer Sale held in conjunction with the bull sale sold 30 heifers for an average price of \$1562 per head.

The top selling Angus bull went to Anson Minton of Gate City, Virginia for \$6000. Angus Lot 133 is a January 2012 son of GAR New Design 5050 and was bred by J & M Windy Acres and Mike Connatser of Maryville, Tennessee. He had a test YW of 1229, ratio 102, along with +11 CED EPD, +0.6 BW EPD, +0.61 MB EPD, +1.01 RE EPD, ratio 109 RE, and a +\$35.26 \$W. The second-high selling Angus bull was Lot 132, and was also consigned by J & M Windy Acres and sold to S. Roger Meek of Marion, VA for \$5800. This bull another calving ease son of GAR New Design 5050 had CED EPD +10, YW EPD +103, in addition to ADG ratio of 108, test YW ratio of 107, and REA ratio 119.

The high-station indexing Angus bull, Lot 42, was bred by Freddie Mullins of Mullins Angus Farm in Clintwood, VA. This senior Angus bull is a December 2011 son of WAR Alliance 9126 6006 and posted an ADG of 4.24, ratio 118, test yearling weight of 1298, ratio 116, and an overall station index of 117, along with a YW EPD of +106 and sold to Mark Givens of Newport, VA for \$3500. The senior Angus high-sale order indexing bull was bred by Mt. Yoe and John Archer of Darlington, MD. Lot 28 is a December 2011 son of Weaverland Objective 0T26 909 and had an ADG of 4.69, ratio 131, test YW of 1214, ratio 109, along with +55 WW EPD, +101 YW EPD, and WW ratio of 112. This bull sold to Mark Hoke of Pickaway, WV for \$3600. The high-indexing junior Angus bull was Lot 107 bred by Baird Angus Farm and Bill Baird of Bluff City, TN and sold to J. W. Melton of Galax, VA for \$3000. This SAV Bismarck 5682 son posted an ADG of 4.20, ratio 114, test YW of 1399, ratio 116, WW ratio 120, along with +62 WW EPD, +104 YW EPD, and +\$34.33 \$W.

Demand was very strong for the Gelbvieh and Gelbvieh Balancer bulls, which included a sale favorite- Lot 615 consigned by Little Windy Hill Farms of Max Meadows, VA. This September 2011 ½ Gelbvieh homozygous black, homozygous polled son of KCF Bennett 208 S102 brought \$5000 and sold to Rolling Vale Farm of Accident, MD. He posted at test YW of 1186, ratio of 105, along with CE EPD of +12, BW EPD of -0.9, Milk EPD of +33, and a carcass ratio of 116 for %IMF. Little Windy Hill also had the second highest selling purebred Gelbvieh, Lot 606. This homozygous black, polled son of DCSF Post Rock Granite 200P2 which commanded \$3000 was sold to Bell Plain Farm of Orange, VA. This September 2011 bull had a WW ratio of 110, Milk EPD of +32 and a %IMF ratio of 160.

The high selling Polled Hereford bull was bred by Potts Creek Farm, Jasper and Alice Persinger of Covington, VA and commanded \$3300 from Sally Run of Wytheville, VA. This February 2012 son of RRH Mr Felt 3008 posted test ratios of 103 and 117 for YW and ADG, respectively, as well as EPDs of +4.3 CE, +54 WW, +97 YW, +0.38 MB and %IMF ratio of 115 and a BMI of +\$32 and

CHB of +\$35. Virginia Tech of Blacksburg, VA consigned the second highest selling Hereford, Lot 208 sired by TH 122 711 Victor 719T, and also sold to Sally Run of Wytheville, VA for \$3000. This calving ease bull posted EPDs of +5.0 CE, +66 WW, +92 YW +29 Milk, along with a 114 WW ratio and +\$31 CHB.

The strong Charolais sale was led by Lot 307, consigned by Virginia Tech in Blacksburg, VA. This February-born son of VPI Free Lunch 708T commanded \$4300 from Bamboo Road Farms of Marshallville, GA. He posted EPDs of +8.6 CE, -1.6 BW, +37 WW, +66 YW, and +0.38 RE, in addition to ratios of 108 WW and 104 RE. Muncy Charolais of Pipestem, VA consigned the second highest selling lot. Lot 308 commanded \$4100 and was sold to Louis White of Cedar Bluff, VA. This LT Southern Rio 3293 P son posted strong test ratios of 107 and 115 for YW and ADG, respectively, along with a carcass EPD of +0.36 for RE, and ratio of 110 for REA.

The Junior high-indexing purebred Simmental bull was consigned by Virginia Tech, Dr. Dan Eversole and Chad Joines, of Blacksburg, Virginia. Lot 410 was sold to KowPoke Cattle Company of North Tazewell, Virginia for \$5000. This high performing bull had a test YW of 1319, ratio 108 and a test ADG of 4.11, ratio of 125, in addition to EPD's of +72 WW, +112 YW and +10.8 CEM, in addition to API in the top 10% of the breed and a TI within the top 5% of the breed.

Buster Hounshell of Hounsell Farms in Wytheville, VA was recognized with the Senior Breeder Group Award for their group of fall-born Simmental Hybrids. Their high-indexing Senior SimAngus bull commanded \$4000 from Chip Ridge Farms of Abingdon, VA. This September 2011 son of PVF-J 4P14 HYB Rookie had test ratios of 111 and 109 for YW and ADG, respectively in addition to EPDs of +82 WW, +138 YW, +0.72 MB, +0.89 RE, along with API and TI of +135 and +92. Another strong Hounshell lot, Lot 433, commanded \$4200 from Warner Gibson Farms of Dailey, WV. This calving ease son of GAR New Design 505 posted EPDs of +15.5 CED, -0.9 BW, and +107 YW, +0.77 MB and +0.96 RE, along with +158 and +85 for API and TI, respectively.

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 447 led this consignment group, selling for \$4600 to Allen Chaney of Sunbright, TN. This son of PVF-J 4P14 HYB Rookie posted +74 WW EPD, +125 YW EPD, along with +72 TI. Lot 448 from J & M Windy Acres commanded \$3600 and was sold to Warner Gibson Farms of Dailey, WV.

The BCIA-Influenced Bred Heifer Sale consisted of 30 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 \$1562 per head. Hillwinds Farm of Dublin, VA consigned Lot 1 to top the sale at \$1800 selling to Terrill Smith of Abingdon, VA. This pair of SimmAngus heifers is due to calve in September and was bred to Edgewood EXT 9108. Lot 14 also from Hillwinds Farm sold for \$1750 and went to Mt. Vista L & L of Eggleston, VA. These heifers were also bred to Edgewood EXT 9108 and due to calve in 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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