

## 2013 CULPEPER SENIOR BCIA BULL SALE RESULTS

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The Virginia Beef Cattle Improvement Association hosted the 56<sup>th</sup> Annual Culpeper Senior Bull Sale on Saturday, December 14, 2013 at Culpeper Agricultural Enterprises near Culpeper, Virginia. Forty-five fall-born bulls representing the top end of the 87 bulls tested sold for an average price of \$2807. The sale included 41 Angus bulls which averaged \$2802 and 4 SimAngus bulls at \$2850.

The high-selling bull was Angus Lot 3, consigned by Soldiers' Hill Angus of Warrenton, Virginia and sold to Martin Farrier and Mark Givens of Newport, Virginia for \$5,400. This September 2012 son of Connealy Right Answer 746 had a test YW ratio of 123, along with +11 CED EPD, -0.3 BW EPD, +114 YW EPD, +32 Milk EPD and +13 CEM EPD, placing him in the top 10<sup>th</sup> percentile of the breed. Another son of Connealy Right Answer 746 consigned by Soldier's Hill, Lot 6, commanded \$4600 from Elton Farm, LLC of Tappahannock, Virginia. This bull posted EPDs of +11 CED, -0.1 BW, +54 WW, +102 YW, +12 CEM, and +31 MM.

The high sale order index and high station index Angus bull was Lot 62 consigned Edgewood Angus of Williamsburg, Virginia and was sold to Nelson Tucker of Gordonsville, Virginia for \$3600. This October 2012 son of GAR New Design 5050 had a yearling weight ratio 122 and an ADG ratio of 113, along with +10 CED EPD, +101 YW EPD, +0.63 MB EPD, RE EPD +0.91, and \$B +87.83. Lot 61 from Edgewood Angus commanded \$4600 from Riverview Farms Cattle LLC of Louisa, Virginia. This September 2012 son of GAR Progress had the highest scanned test ratio for %IMF of 146 and 112 for RE test ratio. This lot also ranked in the top 10<sup>th</sup> percentile for Milk EPD (+31), MB EPD (+1.13), RE EPD (+0.75), and \$B of +91.71.

The breeder group award was presented to Legacy at Pine Hill from Forest, Virginia. These September 2012 bulls posted an average ADG ratio of 105, average YW ratio or 112, and average station index of 109. This set of bulls was led by Lot 66 and was sold to Martin Farrier and Mark Givens of Newport, Virginia for \$4500. This Werner War Party 2417 son posted a test YW ratio of 119 and test ADG ratio of 112, along with strong EPDs of +10 CED, +118 YW, and +37.44 \$W. Lot 67 commanded \$3100 from Reamford Farms, LLC of Amelia, Virginia. This SAV Final Answer 0035 son posted a +0.3 BW EPD, +107 YW EPD, +0.60 MB EPD and +33.86 \$W, along with test ratios of 115 and 107 for YW and ADG, respectively.

The strong Angus offering also included Lot 19, consigned by Monomoy Farm of Warrenton, VA, which sold to Garland Tyree of Somerset, Virginia for \$4000. This calving ease, high growth son of TC Aberdeen 759 had a CED EPD of +15, -0.6 BW EPD, and YW EPD +103, in addition to +0.78 RE EPD and +92 \$B. Lot 41, a SS Fast Track M719 son bred by Quaker Hill Farms of Louisa, VA sold to Autumn Grove Farm of Princeton, WV for \$4000. This bull posted strong maternal EPDs of +10 CEM and +29 Milk, along with +31.78 \$W and a test ratio of 124 for ADG. Silver Creek Angus from Danville, Virginia bred Lot 69, a son of BC Eagle Eye 110-7 which sold to Nelson Tucker of Gordonsville, Virginia. This bull was the high test YW bull of the sale (ratio 126) and posted EPDs of +105 for YW and +34 for \$W along with RE ratio of 107.

The strong group of SimAngus bulls were all consigned by Quaker Hill Farms of Louisa, VA. Lot 404, a homozygous black, homozygous polled son of Kappes L Man U291 commanded \$3200 from Reamford Farms, LLC of Amelia, VA. This September 2012 bull posted a test YW ratio of 109, ADG ratio of 128, and scanned a 110 ratio for RE, in addition to a +105 YW EPD, +0.55 MB EPD, and +0.69 RE EPD. Lot 407 sold to Robert Bradford of Barboursville, VA for \$3100. Another Kappes L Man U291 son, this lot performed with an ADG ratio of 117, scanned a RE ratio of 107, as well as posted a +66 WW EPD, +0.50 MB EPD, and +73.6 TI.

In addition to the strong offering of bulls, Glenmary Farm featured 33 commercial spring-calving bred heifers which sold following the bulls. Demand was strong and prices steady, as they averaged \$1956 per head. These heifers were bred to EXAR Currency A0067 and are due to calve in the February and March 2014.

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> .