

2015 Virginia BCIA Southwest Bull Test & BCIA-Influenced Virginia Premium Assured Heifer Sale Report

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The 36th Annual Southwest Virginia Performance Tested Bull Sale sponsored by the Virginia Beef Cattle Improvement Association was held Saturday, March 28, 2015 at Wytheville. The 141 bulls offered commanded a record average price of \$4740 per head. Breed averages were as follows: 74 Angus averaged \$4758, 6 Charolais \$4667, 2 Purebred Gelbvieh \$4000, 6 Gelbvieh Balancers \$4592, 9 Hereford \$5250, 20 Purebred Simmental \$4225, and 24 SimAngus \$5042. The BCIA-influenced Virginia Premium Assured Heifer Sale held in conjunction with the bull sale sold 28 fall-calving bred heifers for an average price of \$2836 per head, along with 10 yearling open heifers which averaged \$1935.

The strong and steady sale was topped by Polled Hereford Lot 206, bred by Fields Edge Herefords, Terry and Roger Slusher of Floyd, VA and commanded \$9000 from Shrader Farms of Rosedale, VA. This September 2013 son of CRR About Time 743 posted CE EPD of +4.3, BMI Index \$24, CHB Index \$28, along with test ADG and IMF ratios of 124 and 123. Another Fields Edge Polled Hereford, Lot 207, also went to Shrader Farms for \$7750. This son of MSU TCF Revolution 4R posted EPDs of +4.9 CE, +57 WW, and RE +0.55 along with a BMI Index of \$23.

The Angus bulls were topped by the high sale index junior bull, Lot 86, bred by Lucas Farms, Joe Timmy Lucas of Blacksburg, Virginia and selling to Benny Snow of Dobson, NC for \$7750. This January 2014 son of GAR Prophet had test YW and test ADG ratios of 116 and 120, complimented by EPDs of +9 CE, +135 YW, and +1.04 MB. Chimney Top Angus of Gray, TN consigned the high selling Senior Angus bull, Lot 34 which sold to William Franklin of Duffield, VA for \$7500. This GAR Prophet son posted EPDs of +11 CE, +114 YW, +1.61 MB, \$63 \$W and +\$111 \$B along with test YW ratio 111 and IMF ratio of 198. Lucas Farms also bred the high indexing Senior Angus, Lot 19 sired by Rito 9M25 of Rita 5F56 Pred, which sold to Mike Cox of Allisionia, VA for \$7000. Another member of Lucas Farms Senior Breeder Group Award consignment, Lot 16- a calving ease GAR Prophet son, commanded \$7250 from Glenmary Farm of Rapidan, VA. Little Windy Hills Farms of Max Meadows, VA bred a Connealy Consensus 7229 son, Lot 5, which went to Glenmary Farm of Rapidan, VA for \$7250. Another calving ease son of GAR Prophet, Lot 8, was bred by J&M Windy Acres of Maryville, TN and sold to Beecher Allison of Brevard, NC for \$7250. Lot 24, a high growth son of EXAR Upshot 0562B from Legacy at Pine Hill Farm of Forest, VA sold to Stuart Pratt of Draper, VA also for \$7250. Brilee Angus Ranch from Timberville, VA was recognized with the Junior Breeder Group Award for their consignment of junior Angus bulls.

A solid set of Charolais bulls was paced by Lot 307 from the Virginia Tech Beef Center and brought \$5500 from Warner Gibson Farms of Dailey, WV. Sired by VPI Free Lunch 708T, this bull had WW and YW EPDs of +43 and +75, along with test YW ratio 110, ADG ratio 125 and REA ratio 108.

Demand was very strong for the SimAngus bulls, led by Lot 439 bred by Reasor Simmentals of Rural Retreat, VA and selling to John Waddy of Petersburg, WV for \$7250. This high calving ease, homozygous black son of SAV Bismark 5682 posted a CE EPD +14.7, BW EPD -0.9, and RE ratio 121. Reasor Simmentals' high sale index award bull, Lot 438, sold to Hill & Hill Farms of Duffield, VA for \$6750. This homozygous black son of Sitz Upward 307R had YW EPD +110, YW ratio 119, ADG ratio 109, and RE ratio 111. Virginia Tech Beef Center bred the high indexing junior

SimAngus bull, Lot416, which sold to Hillwinds Farm of Dublin, VA for \$6750. This MCM Top Grade 018X son had -1.3 BW EPD complimented by test YW ratio 112, ADG ratio 112, and RE ratio 108. Also selling for \$6750 was Lot 447 from Hounshell Farms, of Wytheville, Virginia and selling to J&V Land & Cattle of Jonesville, VA. This high performing bull had a test ADG ratio 120, YW EPD +131, and MB EPD +0.88.

The purebred Simmental bulls were led by Lot 401 from Reasor Simmentals and selling to John Waddy of Petersburg, WV for \$6500. This son of MR NLC Upgrade U8676 posted +110 YW EPD, +0.36 MB and +0.97 RE, along with +142 API. Another son of MR NLC Upgrade U8676, Lot 413, bred by Virginia Tech Beef Center sold to Dennis Simmons of Elon, NC for \$5500. The high sale order index Junior Simmental was Lot 422 consigned by Deer Creek Farm of Lowesville, VA and sold to BGB Farms of Radford, VA.

Demand was strong for the Gelbvieh and Gelbvieh Balancer bulls, which included a sale favorite-Lot 601 consigned by Little Windy Hill Farms of Max Meadows, VA. This September 2013 Gelbvieh Balancer sired by Xterminator 7X sold to Gale Rippey of Galax, VA for \$6000. This bull had CED EPD +16, Milk EPD +36 and test ADG ratio 117. Little Windy Hill also had the high selling purebred Gelbvieh, Lot 601, selling to Dusty Long of Galax, VA. This bull was also sired by Xterminator 7X. Compton Farm of Rocky Mount, VA purchased Lot 607 Gelbvieh Balancer bull for \$5000. This homozygous black Future Investment X037 son was consigned by Handfula Gelbviehs of Bland, VA.

The BCIA-Influenced Heifer Sale consisted of 28 fall-calving commercial bred heifers, and 10 yearling open heifers. All heifers were designated as Virginia Premium Assured females. Demand was strong and prices steady, as the bred heifers averaged \$2836 per head. Virginia Tech Beef Center consigned Lot 2 to top the sale at \$3100 selling to McConnell Angus Farm of Somerset, VA. This pair of heifers are sired by LT 598 Bando 5074, due to calve in September, and bred to VPI Foreman 1Y37. Hillwinds Farm of Dublin, VA consigned the open heifers which averaged \$1935. Topping the sale was Lot 15, a trio of GAR Prophet daughters which sold to W\$4 Farms of Max Meadows for \$2000 per head. A pair of MCR Horizon 081 daughters also sold to W4 Farms for \$2000 each.

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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