

2014 CULPEPER SENIOR BCIA BULL SALE RESULTS

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The Virginia Beef Cattle Improvement Association hosted the 57th Annual Culpeper Senior Bull Sale on Saturday, December 13, 2014 at Culpeper Agricultural Enterprises near Culpeper, Virginia. Sixty fall-born bulls representing the top end of the 97 bulls tested sold for an average price of \$4915. The sale included 54 Angus bulls which averaged \$4946, 5 SimAngus bulls at \$5080, and 1 Braunvieh Beef Builder at \$2400.

The high-selling bull was Angus Lot 8, consigned by Soldiers' Hill Angus of Warrenton, Virginia and sold to Quaker Hill Farms, LLC of Louisa, Virginia for \$12,000. This September 2013 son of Connealy Right Answer 746 had a test YW ratio of 116, along with +10 CED EPD, -0.6 BW EPD, +112 YW EPD. The high sale order index and high station index Angus bull, also consigned by Soldiers' Hill Angus, commanded \$10,000 from Frank Hoover, Jr. of Edinburg, Virginia. The SAV Final Answer 0035 son posted a test YW of 1315, ratio 123, and a test ADG of 4.24, ratio 122, giving him a station index of 123 and placing him at the top of the test. In addition, this September 2013 born bull had EPDs of +11 CED, +63 WW, and +110 YW.

The breeder group award was presented to Locust Hill Farm, LLC of Middleburg, Virginia. These September 2013 bulls posted an average ADG of 4.33, ratio of 125, average YW of 1164, ratio of 109, and average station index of 114. This set of bulls was led by Lot 97 and was sold to ICW Farms, LLC of Luray, Virginia for \$5000. This KCF Bennett Performer son posted a test YW ratio of 110 and test ADG ratio of 135, along with strong EPDs of +58 WW, +103 YW, and +0.68 RE. Lot 96 commanded \$5000 Patricia Brumback of New Market, Virginia. This SAV Net Worth 4200 son posted a test ADG of 4.82, ratio 139, making him the top ADG bull of the test. He also had a test YW ratio of 107 and a MB EPD of +0.66. The final lot of this group was a Whitestone Black Arrow Z101 son that sold to Phillip Bundy of Lebanon, Virginia for \$6,000. This September-born bull posted strong EPDs of +61 WW EPD, +102 YW EPD, along with test ratios of 113 and 112 for YW and ADG, respectively.

The strong Angus offering also included Lot 71, consigned by Legacy at Pine Hill Farm of Forest, VA, which sold to Palo Alto Farm of Mineral, Virginia for \$10,000. This high growth son of Sydgen CC&7 had a WW EPD of +58, and YW EPD +104, test YW ratio of 122 and test ADG ratio of 113, in addition to scanning a 13.4 RE, ratio 118. Lot 12, a GAR Prophet son bred by Monomoy Farm of Warrenton, VA sold to Mt. Rush Farm of Buckingham, VA for \$8250. This bull posted strong maternal EPDs of +13 CEM and +28 Milk, along with strong growth EPDs of +69 WW, +124 YW, and carcass values of +1.14 MB EPD, +111.71 \$B. Edgewood Angus of Williamsburg, Virginia bred Lots 64 and 65, which commanded \$7750 each from Mark Givens of Newport, VA and East Belmont, LLC of Keswick, VA, respectively. Lot 64 is a son of GAR Progress and had EPD ratios in the top 1% of the Angus breed for CED at +14 and MB at +1.31. Lot 65 is a Plattemere Weigh Up K360 son and posted strong maternal and growth EPDs of +13 CED, +64 WW, +118 YW, +14 CEM, +27 Milk, and +111.61 \$B.

The strong group of SimAngus bulls was led by Lots 405 and 406 consigned by Reasor Simmentals of Rural Retreat, Virginia. These two homozygous black GW Premium Beef 021 TS

sons sold for \$6500 each to Charles Wise of Bridgewater, VA. Lot 405 scanned a 120 ratio for RE at 14.93, in addition to a +14.4 CED EPD, -1.6 BW EPD, and a test YW ratio of 112. Lot 406 also scanned a 120 RE at 14.89, along with the highest SimAngus test YW ratios of 113, +17.1 CED EPD, +13.9 DOC EPD, +0.63 RE EPD, and a +82.9 TI index. Lot 404, consigned by Quaker Hill Farms, LLC of Louisa, VA. Lot 404, a homozygous black son of GAR Daybreak M5721 commanded \$4500. This September 2013 bull posted a test ADG ratio of 123, and EPDs of -1.9 BW, +103.9 YW. Lot 402, also consigned by Quaker Hill Farms, LLC sold for \$4200. This AAR Ten X 7008 SA son, had strong growth and carcass EPDs of +127.6 YW, +1.04 MB, and +0.86 RE, along with index values of 162.9 and 93.1 for API and TI, 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 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> .