

2018 Virginia BCIA Southwest Bull Test & BCIA-Influenced Virginia Premium Assured Heifer Sale Report

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The 39th Annual Southwest Virginia Performance Tested Bull Sale sponsored by the Virginia Beef Cattle Improvement Association was held Saturday, March 24, 2018 at Wytheville. The 134 bulls offered sold for an average price of \$2887 per head. Breed averages were as follows: 71 Angus averaged \$2787, 2 Charolais \$3350, 5 Purebred Gelbvieh \$2180, 1 Gelbvieh Balancer \$5000, 6 Hereford \$2250, 16 Purebred Simmental \$3200, and 23 SimAngus \$3207. The BCIA-influenced Virginia Premium Assured Heifer Sale held in conjunction with the bull sale sold 20 fall-calving bred heifers for an average price of \$1520 per head.

The sale was topped by the high-indexing Junior Simmental bull, Lot 418, bred by Deer Creek Farm of Roseland, VA and selling to Gibson-Warner Farms of Elkins, WV for \$6600. This March-born son of WS All-Around Z35 posted test YW and ADG ratios of 116 and 137, along with CED EPD +12.9, YW EPD +1117, API +138 and TI of +80. Deer Creek Farm also consigned Lot 417, a purebred Simmental sired by GW-WBF Substance 820Y which sold to Spring Hollow Farms of Java, VA for \$5100. He posted EPDs of +15.2 CED, +0.0 BW, +0.41 MB, +151 API and +83.

The demand was strong for the SimAngus bulls, led by Lot 430 bred by Reasor Simmental of Rural Retreat, VA and selling to Roger Wyatt of Draper, VA for \$5750. This calving ease, homozygous black son of GW Premium Beef 021TS posted test ratios of YW 121 and RE 140 along with CE EPD +17.6 and BW -1.3. The high-indexing Senior SimAngus was bred by Cassell Angus Farm of Independence, VA and sold to Douglas Belcher of Willis, VA for \$4500. This homozygous black, calving ease son of GW Marshall 756A posted CED EPD +15.3, BW -1.0, YW +113, along with test ADG ratio of 126.

J&M Windy Acres of Maryville, TN consigned the top indexing Senior Angus bull, Lot 17, which commanded \$6000 from David Mann of Gate City, VA. This high growth and high carcass value son of VAR Discovery 2240 posted EPDs of +153 YW, +0.70 MB, +1.01 RE, and +190 \$B along with test ratios of 115 and 120 for YW and ADG. Lot 31 Senior Angus, a calving ease son of RB Tour of Duty 177, was bred by Little Windy Hill Farm of Max Meadows, VA and sold to Bundy Farm of Lebanon, VA for \$5000. This bull had CED EPD +10, BW EPD +0.4 and growth ratios of 107 and 116. High selling Junior Angus bull was consigned by Black Creek Farm of Rural Retreat, VA and sold to Phillip Chaney of Sunbright, TN for \$4800. This calving ease bull sired by KCF Bennett Fortress posted EPDs of +11 CED, +71 WW, +0.73 MB and +80 \$W. Lucas Farms of Blacksburg, VA sold Lot 13, another calving ease, high growth KCF Bennett Fortress son to Bobby and Martha Jackson of Draper, VA for \$4750. Lot 30, sired by VAR Discovery 2240, was consigned by Green Valley Genetics in Lebanon, VA and sold to Tom Covey from Radford, VA for \$4600. Pratt Cattle Company of Atkins, VA was recognized with the Junior Breeder Group Award for their Junior Angus bulls. Lot 106 from this group brought \$4200 and also went to Bobby and Martha Jackson of Draper, VA. Baird Angus of Bluff City, TN received the Senior Breeder Group Award.

A Gelbvieh Balancer led the Gelbvieh sale. Lot 612, bred by Little Windy Hill Farms of Max Meadows, VA sold for \$5000 to Gale Rippey of Galax, VA. This homozygous black, homozygous polled son of LWHF Super Sport 475Y had YW EPD of +115 and CED +10.

The Charolais bulls were paced by Lot 304 from the Virginia Tech Beef Center and brought \$3500 from Bottomley Evergreens of Ennice, NC. Sired by LT Sundance 2251, this bull had WW and YW EPDs of +50 and +86, along with test ADG ratio 111.

Lot 205, bred by Fields Edge Herefords, of Floyd, VA led the Hereford sale and brought \$2600 selling to Bottomley Evergreens of Ennice, NC. This September-born son of EF BEEF TFL U208 Tested X651 posted CE EPD of +8.9, YW +100, MB +0.39, RE +0.70, and BMI Index \$31.

The BCIA-Influenced Heifer Sale consisted of 20 fall-calving commercial bred heifers. All heifers were designated as Virginia Premium Assured females. Prices were steady, as the fall calvers averaged \$1520 per head. Lot 7, a pair of Angus x Simmental heifers due in early October were consigned by Virginia Tech Beef Center and sold to Gillespie Cove Farm of Tazewell, VA for \$1650 each. Virginia Tech Beef Center also consigned Lot 1, a pair of SimAngus females due in September, which also sold to Gillespie Cove Farm for \$1600.

All bulls and heifers were consigned by members of the Virginia Beef Cattle Improvement Association. Bulls were developed at Mountain Spring Farm at Wytheville, VA owned and operated by Brian and Kayla Umberger. The sale was managed by Virginia BCIA and the Virginia Cattlemen's Association, and the auctioneer was Mike Jones.

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