

2019 CULPEPER SENIOR BCIA BULL SALE RESULTS

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The Virginia Beef Cattle Improvement Association hosted the 62nd Annual Culpeper Senior Bull Sale on Saturday, December 14, 2019 at Culpeper Agricultural Enterprises near Culpeper, Virginia. Forty-nine fall-born bulls representing the top end of the 92 bulls developed sold for an average price of \$3252. The sale included 44 Angus bulls which averaged \$3250, 2 Gelbvieh Balancers at \$3550, 2 SimAngus bulls averaged \$4000, and one purebred Simmental at \$2500.

The high-selling bull was Angus Lot 24, consigned by Little Windy Hill Farm of Max Meadows, Virginia which sold to Asbury Angus in Elkton, Virginia for \$5500. This September 2018 son of DL Dually was the high-indexing Angus bull of the test, posting test YW and ADG ratios of 118 and 122, along with EPDs of +8 CED, -0.4 BW, +132 YW, +26 DOC, +0.90 MB, and +0.79 RE along with \$W +72 and \$B +199.

Lot 40 led the popular Angus consignment offered by Lucas Farm, Blacksburg, Virginia, selling to Cowpoke Cattle Company from North Tazewell, Virginia for \$5200. This calving ease son of GAR Ashland posted EPDs of +12 CED, +129 YW, +1.06 MB, +92 \$W, +165 \$B and a test YW ratio 109 and ADG ratio 110. Another GAR Ashland son from Lucas Farms, Lot 39, sold to Glenburnie Farm of Spotsylvania, Virginia for \$5000. This bull had EPDs of +128 YW, +29 Milk, +1.05 MB, and +0.67 MB along with strong test performance.

Legacy at Pine Hill Farm in Forest, Virginia sold to Lot 51 Angus bull to Woodlawn Farm, Orange, Virginia for \$4750. Sired by Ellingson Homestead 6030, this bull posted test YW and ADG ratios of 114 and 127, along with EPDs of +142 YW, +31 MM, and +0.67 RE with +75 \$W.

Lot 601, a Gelbvieh Balancer bull consigned by Little Windy Hill Farms of Max Meadows, Virginia commanded \$4700 from Big Oak Farm of Stanley, Virginia. A homozygous black and polled son of DL Dually, this bull had test YW and ADG ratios of 112 and 115, YW EPD +143, and MB EPD +0.54.

Spring Grove Ranch of Lynchburg, Virginia was recognized with the Breeder Group Award winner for their consignment of Angus bulls. Brodie Farm LLC of Spotsylvania, Virginia purchased their lead bull Lot 66 for \$4100. This August 2018 son of VAR Legend 5019 posted test ADG ratio of 119, along with +115 YW EPD, and index values +71 \$M, +75 \$W and +150 \$B.

There was strong demand for the SimAngus offering with Lot 406, consigned by Reasor Simmentals of Rural Retreat, Virginia selling to Thomas Graves of Orange, Virginia for \$4000. This homozygous black son of GW Premium Beef 021TS had EPDs of +74 WW, +119 YW, +77 TI, +139 API, along with test YW of 1382 lb. and 16.2 RE. Lot 405 SimAngus bred by Edgewood Angus from Williamsburg, Virginia also brought \$4000 and went to Thomas Black of Glasgow, Virginia. This homozygous black, homozygous polled son of SDS Alumni 115X

posted a +13 DOC EPD, +0.72 MB EPD, +0.96 RE EPD, +139 API value, and scanned with a 17.1 RE.

All bulls in the test and sale were consigned by members of the Virginia Beef Cattle Improvement Association. Bulls were developed 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 auctioneer was Mike Jones. Additional details on the Virginia BCIA program can be found at <http://bcia.apsc.vt.edu> .