

2020 Virginia BCIA Southwest Bull Test & BCIA-Influenced Virginia Premium Assured Heifer Sale Report

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The 41st Annual Southwest Virginia Performance Tested Bull Sale sponsored by the Virginia Beef Cattle Improvement Association was held Saturday, March 28, 2020 through an alternative sale format that provided a live auction over the internet with bidding available online as well as at remote sites in Southwest Virginia, and over the phone via teleauction. The 115 bulls offered sold for an average price of \$3230 per head. Breed averages were as follows: 54 Angus averaged \$3096, 6 Charolais \$3375, 2 Purebred Gelbvieh \$2000, 2 Gelbvieh Balancer \$3775, 6 Hereford \$3000, 10 Purebred Simmental \$3225, and 35 SimAngus \$3491. The BCIA-influenced Virginia Premium Assured Heifer Sale held in conjunction with the bull sale sold 7 fall-calving bred heifers for an average price of \$1500 per head.

The sale was topped by the high-indexing Junior Simmental bull, Lot 408, bred by Virginia Tech Beef Center of Blacksburg, VA and selling to Winticomack Farm of Amelia, VA for \$6500. This homozygous black, homozygous polled purebred son of SFG Cowboy Logic D627 posted test YW ratio 116, ADG ratio 116, along with CED EPD +14, YW EPD +144, MB +0.31, API +159 and TI of +94. Virginia Tech Beef Center consigned another SFG Cowboy Logic D627 son, Lot 409 purebred Simmental, which sold to Mitchell Bottomley of Ennice, NC for \$4250. This bull posted test YW and ADG ratios of 110 and 111, IMF ratio 143, along with EPDs of +13.5 CED, +132 YW, +0.44 MB, +162 API and TI +92.

A strong SimAngus bull sale was paced by Lot 430, who was bred by Reasor Simmental of Rural Retreat, VA and sold to Sunny Heights Simmental of Salem, VA for \$5500. This homozygous black, polled son of Sitz Investment 660Z posted ADG ratio of 114, RE ratio 109, and YW EPD +119. Also commanding \$5500 was Lot 471 consigned by Teter Farms of Beverly, WV and sold to Mitchell Bottomley of Ennice, NC. This black white-faced son of KS Heavy Hitter B719 posted RE ratio 106 and YW EPD +114, with RE EPD +1.04. Stephaven Farm of Church Road, VA bred Lot 448, a $\frac{3}{4}$ Simmental x $\frac{1}{4}$ Angus bull which also sold to Mitchell Bottomley for \$5250. This high growth son of CNS Dream On L186 had test YW ratio 111 and strong growth EPDs. Another Reasor Simmental consignment, Lot 432, sold for \$5000 to Jerry Wayne Edwards of Ennice, NC for \$5000. Cooper Joines of Blacksburg, VA consigned Lot 426, a homozygous black, homozygous polled son of CDI Innovator 325D which went to Mitchell Bottomley for \$5000. Bottomley also purchased another baldie SimAngus consigned by Teeter Farms, Lot 469, for \$5000.

The solid Angus sale was topped by Lot 36, a fall-born senior bull from Baird Angus in Bluff City, TN which sold to Ethan Hash of Independence, VA for \$4250. This calving ease son of Barstow Bankroll B73 had test YW ratio 111, along with EPDs of +12 CED, -0.2 BW, +146 YW and +62 \$M. Lucas Farms of Blacksburg, VA had the high indexing Senior Angus, Lot 15, which sold to Hollow Hill Farm of Doe Hill, VA for \$4200. This high performing son of 3F Epic 4631 led the entire test with ADG ratio of 129, and BW EPD -0.3, YW EPD +138, MB EPD +0.76, and \$W +78. Lot 2, bred by DMB Angus or Chuckney, TN brought \$4000 from Mitchell Bottomley of Ennice, NC. Sired by Deer Valley Balance 6169, this high growth bull had WW and YW EPDs of +71 and +121. The high indexing Junior Angus bull, Lot 58, was bred by DeHaven Farm of Hillsville, VA and sold to Glenmary Farm LLC of Rapidan, VA for \$3750. Another high performer out of Barstow Bankroll B73, this bull has test ADG ratio 119 and RE ratio 116, along with BW EPD -0.1, YW EPD +134, and MB EPD +0.93.

A pair of half sib polled sons of WR Foreman D602, and bred by Virginia Tech Beef Center, led the Charolais sale with both selling to Lovers Lane Farms of Moorefield, WV for \$3750 each. Lot 304 was the high indexing bull and had a test ADG ratio of 125, RE ratio 107, and YW EPD +75. Lot 306 had WW and YW EPDs of +43 and +82, along with test YW ratio 105.

A solid Hereford sale featured Lot 206, the high indexing Senior Hereford bull bred by Fields Edge Herefords, of Floyd, VA brought \$3750 selling to Sally Run of Wytheville, VA. This September 2018 homozygous polled son of Mohican THM Excede Z426 posted EPDs CED +9.8, YW +96, Milk EPD +29, and strong carcass values. Another Mohican THM Excede Z426 son from Fields Edge Herefords, Lot 205, also brought \$3750 and went to Daniel Grim of Floyd, VA. This bull had IMF ratio 118, Milk EPD +31, and MB EPD +0.30.

A Gelbvieh Balancer led the Gelbvieh sale. Lot 610, bred by Little Windy Hill Farms of Max Meadows, VA, sold for \$5250 to Derek Hutchison of Traphill, NC. This homozygous black, homozygous polled son of LWHF Black Crown 626A had test YW and ADG ratios of 105 and 113, along with CED EPD +17, YW EPD of +104 and high carcass value.

The BCIA-Influenced Heifer Sale consisted of 7 fall-calving commercial bred heifers. All heifers were designated as Virginia Premium Assured females. Prices were steady, as the heifers averaged \$1500 per head. High selling lot was Lot 11, a pair of Angus x Simmental heifers due in early October were consigned by Virginia Tech Beef Center and sold to Tommy Edmonds of Dobson, NC for \$1600 each.

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 auctioneer was Mike Jones.

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