

## **2022 Virginia BCIA Southwest Bull Test & BCIA-Influenced Virginia Premium Assured Heifer Sale Report**

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The 43<sup>rd</sup> Annual Southwest Virginia Performance Tested Bull Sale sponsored by the Virginia Beef Cattle Improvement Association was held Saturday, March 26, 2022 at the Bottomley Sale Facility outside Wytheville, Virginia. The 138 bulls offered sold for an average price of \$3445 per head. Breed averages were as follows: 65 Angus averaged \$3334, 10 Hereford \$2975, 7 Charolais \$4071, 4 Purebred Gelbvieh \$3188, 6 Gelbvieh Balancer \$4042, 20 Purebred Simmental \$3663, 36 SimAngus \$3476, and 1 Red Angus \$3250. The BCIA-influenced Virginia Premium Assured Heifer Sale held in conjunction with the bull sale sold 13 fall-calving bred heifers for an average price of \$2169 per head.

The strong Simmental sale was paced by Lot 423, the high-indexing Junior purebred bull bred by Trio Farms of Luray, VA and selling to Billy Joe Watson of Fairlawn, VA for \$6250. This homozygous black and homozygous black son of Hook's Eagle 6E posted test YW ratio 111, ADG ratio 125, IMF ratio 161 along with YW EPD +150, MB +0.33, RE +1.06, API +147 and TI of +96. Joines Cattle Company of Blacksburg, VA bred Lot 441 which led the SimAngus offering, selling to J.B. Gregory of Java, VA for \$6000. This October son of PFV Blacklist 7077 was homozygous black and polled and had ADG ratio 109 with CE EPD +11, YW EPD +122, DOC EPD +14 and API +144. Another purebred bull, Lot 412, consigned by Virginia Tech Beef Center, sold to Ben Winslow from Halifax, NC for \$6000. He posted test ADG and YW ratios of 113 and 112, along with EPDs of +147 YW, +0.46 MB, +154 API, and +98 TI.

The Angus sale was topped by Lot 14, a November-born senior bull from Lucas Farm in Blacksburg, VA and sold to Hillcrest Angus in Gate City, VA for \$6000. Sired by Deer Valley Wall Street, this bull ratioed 112 for test YW and 121 for IMF, and posted EPDs of YW +145, \$M +87, \$B +160, and \$C +295. Another Lucas Farm senior bull, Lot 16, commanded \$5250 and sold to Rockapart Farm of Sparta, NC. This calving ease son of Connealy Blackhawk 6198 had test ADG ratio 117, along with EPDs of +10 CED, +129 YW, +35 Milk and +86 \$W. The high indexing Senior Angus, Lot 35, was consigned by Broadway Cattle Farm of Monroe, NC and sold to Chris Powers of Boston, VA for \$5250. This high performing son of Byergo/Double GG Blackstone led the entire test with ADG of 5.25, along with EPDs of CED +10, YW +147, RE +0.83, \$M +81, and \$B +177. Broadway Cattle Farm was also recognized with the Senior Breeder Group Award for their group of Angus bulls. The Junior Breeder Group Award went to DeHaven Farm of Hillsville, VA and their consignment was led by Lot 88, which sold to Virginia Tech Beef Center for \$5000. This calving ease son of Deer Valley Growth Fund had test ratios of 126 ADG, 112 YW and 123 IMF, and read with EPDs of CE +102, YW +160, \$W +91 and \$C +271.

Demand for Charolais bulls was very strong, with Lot 301 bred by Harmon Charolais of Galax, VA selling to Bottomley Farms of Ennice, NC for \$4250. This fall-born, M6 Full Throttle 2138 son posted test ADG and YW ratios of 112 and 106, YW EPD +100 and MB EPD +0.24. Another senior Charolais, Lot 302, consigned by Faraway Cattle of Alexandria, VA also brought \$4250 and went Lane Reece of Peterstown, WV. Sired by MCF Kratos E600, this bull posted EPDs of +36 Milk and +0.93 MB.

The Hereford sale featured a pair of bulls at \$4750, Lots 201 and 202, both bred by Terry Boggess of Frankliin, WV and selling to Crystal Bolt of Ennice, NC and Bottomley Farms of Ennice, NC. Lot 201 was a low birth weight, polled son of Mohican THM Excede Z426 with a BW EPD +1.5 and test

ADG ratio 110. His herdmate was a high growth son of Innsfail WHR X651/723 4013 ET, and had impressive test performance ratios of 115 YW, 121 YW, and 110 REA, along with EPDs of +108 YW, +31 Milk, and +0.42 MB.

A pair of Balancer bulls bred by Little Windy Hill Farms of Max Meadows, VA, led the Gelbvieh sale. Lot 612, an October-born son of DCSF Post Rock Granite, went to Gale Rippey of Galax, VA for \$5250. Another DCSF Post Rock Granite son, Lot 611 went to William Henderson of Pearisburg, VA for \$5000. Both of these powerful fall-born bulls were ½ Gelbvieh x ½ Herford.

The Red Angus bull was consigned by Wind Ridge Farm of Meadows of Dan, VA and sold to Bruce Stephens of Wytheville, VA for \$3250. This calving ease, high growth son of Collier Finished Product posted strong EPDs of +18 CED, -4.6 BW, +0.55 MB and a test ADG of 4.49.

The BCIA-Influenced Heifer Sale consisted of 13 fall-calving commercial bred heifers. All heifers were designated as Virginia Premium Assured females. Prices were steady, as the heifers averaged \$2169 per head. High selling lots were Lots 5 and Lot 6, both featuring a pair of Angus x Simmental heifers due in September-October which were consigned by Virginia Tech Beef Center and sold to Luke Gingerich of Jonesville, VA for \$2400 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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