

2022 CULPEPER SENIOR BCIA BULL SALE RESULTS

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The Virginia Beef Cattle Improvement Association hosted the 65th Annual Culpeper Senior Bull Sale on Saturday, December 10, 2022 at Culpeper Agricultural Enterprises near Culpeper, Virginia. Sixty-nine fall-born bulls representing the top end of the 136 bulls developed sold for an average price of \$3978. The sale included 43 Angus bulls which averaged \$3948, 1 Braunvieh Hybrid brought \$2500, 2 Charolais averaged \$3625, 2 purebred Gelbvieh averaged \$4875, 3 Gelbvieh Balancers averaged \$3833, 4 Herefords at \$4000, 1 Red Angus brought \$3000, 2 purebred Simmentals at \$3750, and 11 SimAngus bulls averaged \$4295.

The high-selling bull was Angus Lot 57, consigned by Little Windy Hill Farm, Max Meadows, Virginia which sold to Waddy Farms in Petersburg, West Virginia for \$6750. This September-born son of Deer Valley Growth Fund had test YW and RE ratios of 113 and 119, respectively, along with YW EPD +153 and RE EPD +0.70. Monomoy Farm from Warrenton, Virginia bred Lot 20, a calving-ease son of GAR Home Town which sold to Donald Utz, Jr. of Madison, Virginia for \$5750. This bull posted EPDs of +13 CED, -0.5 BW, +125 YW, +1.17 MB, +1.17 RE, along with \$B of +209 and \$C +332. Also bringing \$5750 was Lot 55 from Lucas Farm, Blacksburg, Virginia which sold to Thomas Arthur Megeath in Front Royal, Virginia. This son of SAV Supercharger 6813, posted test ADG ratio 116 and test YW ratio 107, complimented by CED EPD +11. A pair of Lucas Farm bulls sired by Musgrave 316 Exclusive, Lots 53 and 54, both commanded \$5500 and sold to Jay Greenstone from Jonesville, Virginia and Tom Mitchell of Union, West Virginia. Ancient Oak Angus Farm's Lot 23 also brought \$5500 and went to Phillip Bundy of Lebanon, Virginia. Other popular Angus bulls included Soldier's Hill Angus Farm's Lot 29 which sold to Melissa Saffelle, Front Royal, Virginia for \$5250 as well as Lucas Farm's Lot 51 which brought \$5000 and went to ADR Cattle Co. in Roanoke, Virginia.

The popular Hereford bulls were bred by Greeno Farms in Louisa, Virginia. Their top selling consignment was Lot 205, a polled son of KCF Bennett Homeward C776 and sold to Hans Wachtmeister from Broad Run, Virginia for \$5750. This bull had strong YW EPD of +100 along with high Milk EPD of +34 and high carcass value.

The strong Simmental sale was let by a pair of SimAngus bulls from Edgewood Angus in Williamsburg, Virginia with their Lot 429 selling for \$5250 to Cherry Grove Farm Enterprises Inc. of Mineral, Virginia. This homozygous black son of KHR High Road E283 had test ADG ratio 116 and EPDs of +18 CED, +132 YW, +169 API and +96 TI. His herd mate, Lot 422, also brought \$5230 and sold to Maple Springs Farm in Culpeper, Virginia. This bull was sired by CCR Cowboy Cut 5048Z and posted strong growth and carcass EPDs. Another Edgewood bull, Lot 427, sold to Shawn Rickman from Clarksville, Virginia for \$5000. For their strong consignment of SimAngus bulls, Edgewood Angus was recognized with the Breeder Group award.

The Gelbvieh sale was paced by Lot 601, consigned by C.H. Morris and Sons, Appomattox, Virginia selling for \$5500 to R.B. Chenault from Aylett, Virginia. This purebred, homozygous black and homozygous polled son of Carolina Fortune 2564J ET, had EPDs of +114 YW, +25 Milk, and +0.51 MB and +0.94 MB.

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 Riverview Farms Cattle, LLC, owned by Steve Hopkins and family of Louisa, Virginia. The sale was managed by Virginia BCIA, and the auctioneer was Mike Jones.

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