

2021 Virginia BCIA Southwest Bull Test & BCIA-Influenced Virginia Premium Assured Heifer Sale Report

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The 42nd Annual Southwest Virginia Performance Tested Bull Sale sponsored by the Virginia Beef Cattle Improvement Association was held Saturday, March 27, 2021 at the Bottomley Sale Facility outside Wytheville, Virginia. The 127 bulls offered sold for an average price of \$3674 per head. Breed averages were as follows: 51 Angus averaged \$4048, 6 Hereford \$3458, 9 Charolais \$3694, 2 Purebred Gelbvieh \$2800, 5 Gelbvieh Balancer \$2470, 18 Purebred Simmental \$2908, and 36 SimAngus \$3774. The BCIA-influenced Virginia Premium Assured Heifer Sale held in conjunction with the bull sale sold 27 fall-calving bred heifers for an average price of \$1911 per head.

The strong Angus sale was topped by Lot 59, a spring-born junior bull from Mossy Spring Farm in Blacksburg, VA which sold to Bobby and Martha Jackson of Draper, VA for \$6500. This calving ease son of QHF Black Onyx 5Q11 had test YW ratio 109, RE ratio 113, along with EPDs of +17 CED, -1.8 BW, +134 YW and +91 \$W. The Virginia Tech Beef Center of Blacksburg, VA had the high indexing Senior Angus, Lot 6, which sold to Kenneth Blackwell of Floyd, VA for \$6400. This high performing son of Deer Valley Growth Fund led the entire test with ADG ratio of 150 and YW ratio 126, along with YW EPD +165, MB EPD +0.71, \$W +97, and \$B +166. Lot 23, bred by Lucas Farm Blacksburg, VA brought \$6250 from Julian Price of Luray, VA. Sired by SS Niagra Z29, he posted EPDs of CE +10, YW +124, MB +0.99 and RE +0.77 along with strong test performance. Legacy at Pine Hill Farm from Forest, VA consigned Lot 33 which went to Philip Bundy in Lebanon, VA for \$6000. This bull was sired by Werner Flat Top 4136 and had test YW, ADG, and RE ratios of 123, 136, and 127 along with balanced calving ease and growth EPDs. Also commanding \$6000 was lot 77, bred by Williams Angus of Gray, TN which went to Mike Cox of Kingsport, TN. Sired by Jindra Acclaim, this bull excelled in \$W and \$C EPDs. The high indexing Junior Angus bull, Lot 69, was bred by DeHaven Farm of Hillsville, VA and sold to Jason Semones of Hillsville, VA for \$5500. Another high performer out of Deer Valley Growth Fund, this bull has test ADG ratio 136 and IMF ratio 119, along with WW EPD +104, YW EPD +184, and MB EPD +0.83.

A solid SimAngus sale was paced by Lot 454, who was bred by Virginia Tech Beef Center and sold to Billy Watson from Fairlawn, VA for \$6500. This homozygous polled son of Musgrave Sky High 1535 posted ADG ratio of 116, RE ratio 114, and YW EPD +135. Selling for \$5500 was Lot 478 consigned by Teter Farms of Beverly, WV and sold to Matthew Lang of Jackson, MO. This black white-faced son of W/C Bank Note 6152F posted ADG ratio 124 and YW EPD +131, with RE EPD +0.87. Smith Reasor of Rural Retreat, VA bred Lot 425, a homozygous black son of Lawsons Rulebook D22 which sold to Jerry Edwards of Ennice, NC for \$4800. This bull led the test with a 16.8 RE. The high indexing Junior SimAngus was Lot 465, consigned by Trio Farms of Luray, VA and sold for \$4750 to Paul McGhee of Marion, VA. This homozygous black, homozygous polled son of Deer Valley Growth Fund posed test YW and ADG ratios of 112 and 135, along with YW EPD +175, DOC EPD +17, and TI EPD +96.

The purebred Simmental bulls were led by Lot 401, bred by Joines Cattle Company of Blacksburg, VA and selling to William Dalton of Pilot Mountain, NC for \$4500. This fall-born son of TNC Top Grade B23 posted test YW ratio 115, ADG ratio 112, RE ratio 110 along with YW EPD +140, , API +138 and TI of +89. Virginia Tech Beef Center consigned the high indexing Junior Simmental, Lot 406, a SFG Cowboy Logic D627 son, which sold to David Smith of Amelia Court House, VA for

\$4000. This bull posted test YW and ADG ratios of 109 and 113, IMF ratio 138, along with EPDs of +155 YW, +162 API and TI +98.

Demand for the Charolais bulls was solid, with Lot 307 bred by Virginia Tech Beef Center selling to Dave Gerrard of Riner, VA for \$6250. This LT Affinity 6221 son posted ADG ratio 108, BW EPD - 1.6 and MB EPD +0.29. Lot 310, also from Virginia Tech brought \$5750 and went to Chris Wilkins of New Market, VA. Sired by WC Milestone 5223, this high growth EPD bull posed test ratios of 108 and 111 for test YW and ADG.

A steady Hereford sale featured Lot 209, bred by Grandview Hereford Farm of Beaver, WV and selling to Ronald Dillman of Marion, VA for \$4250. This low birth weight, polled son of KCF Bennett 22S A258 posted EPDs BW +0.7, YW +86, and Milk +30.

A purebred led the Gelbvieh sale. Lot 601, bred by Little Windy Hill Farms of Max Meadows, VA, sold for \$3400 to Gerald Fanning of Bland, VA. This homozygous black, homozygous polled son of DLW New Frontier 33A had YW EPD +112, DOC EPD +10, and MB EPD +0.44.

The BCIA-Influenced Heifer Sale consisted of 27 fall-calving commercial bred heifers. All heifers were designated as Virginia Premium Assured females. Prices were steady, as the heifers averaged \$1911 per head. High selling lot was Lot 11, a trio of Angus x Simmental heifers due in mid-September were consigned by Virginia Tech Beef Center and sold to Bull Creek Farms of Nathalie, VA for \$2100 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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