

2023 Virginia BCIA Southwest Bull Test Sale Report

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The 44th Annual Southwest Virginia Performance Tested Bull Sale sponsored by the Virginia Beef Cattle Improvement Association was held Saturday, March 25, 2023 at the APEX Center outside Wytheville, Virginia. The 124 bulls offered sold for an average price of \$3610 per head. Breed averages were as follows: 59 Angus averaged \$3660, 7 Hereford \$2679, 7 Charolais \$3607, 5 Purebred Gelbvieh \$2950, 4 Gelbvieh Balancer \$3500, 16 Purebred Simmental \$3234, 24 SimAngus \$4188, and 2 Red Angus \$3375.

The strong SimAngus sale was paced by Lot 436, a Senior fall-born bull bred by Lucas Farm in Blacksburg, VA and sold to Anson Minton in Nickelsville, VA for \$14,000. This homozygous black son of MR SR Highlife G1609 posted test YW ratio 105, RE ratio 112, along with CED EPD +15 and BW EPD -1.7. Joines Cattle Company of Blacksburg, VA bred Lot 435 another fall-born Senior, selling to Jared Brown of Lebanon, VA for \$6000. This September son of SFG Chairman F8315 was homozygous black and polled and had ADG ratio 113, YW ratio 112, with CE EPD +18.7, YW EPD +111, DOC EPD +14 and API +151. Another SimAngus bull, Lot 447, consigned by Edgewood Angus, sold to Teddy Dalton from Radford, VA for \$6000. Sired by WS Proclamation E202, he posted test ADG and YW ratios of 107 and 106, along with EPDs of +86 WW, +0.68 MB, +160 API, and +94 TI. Another Lucas bull, and half-blood son of MR SR Highlife G1609 sold for \$5500 to Terry Bennett of Sugar Grove, WV. Stephaven Farm of Church Road, VA bred the high indexing Senior SimAngus, Lot 450 which sold to Barry Vaughn of Austinville, VA for \$5250.

The Angus sale was topped by Lot 28, a September-born senior bull from Lucas Farm in Blacksburg, VA and sold to Ernest Haga of Independence, VA for \$6250. This lead member of Lucas' Senior Breeder Group Award consignment was sired by Musgrave 316 Exclusive, and ratioed 108 for test YW, 116 for test ADG and 116 for RE, and also posted EPDs of CED +10, WW +74, \$W +74, and \$C +265. Breezy Hill Angus Farm from Bristol, VA consignment Lot 46 which sold to Bundy Farm in Lebanon, VA for \$6000. This high growth son of GAR Home Town had YW and ADG ratios of 116 and 123, along with YW EPD +134, MB EPD +1.08 and RE EPD +0.98. Lot 33 Senior bull from Cove Creek Cattle in Wytheville, VA commanded \$5750 and sold to Powers Farm of Moneta, VA. This Deer Valley Growth Fund son had test ADG ratio 118, YW ratio 109, along with EPDs of +73 YW, +33 Milk and +81 \$M. DeHaven Farm of Hillsville, VA bred Junior Angus Lot 76 which sold for \$5750 to Alan Graybeal of Dublin, VA. Another son of Deer Valley Growth Fund, this bull had EPDs of CE +14, YW +149, MB +0.89, \$b +169, and \$C +276. His herd mate, Lot 77, went to Dean Pratt of Draper, VA for \$5250. This calving ease son of Deer Valley Growth Fund had CE EPD +12, YW EPD +129 and \$M +73. The Junior Breeder Group Award went to Lawson Family Farms of Ewing, VA and their consignment was led by Lot 88, which sold to Bar-C Farm of Lebanon, VA for \$5000. The high-indexing Senior Angus bull was lot 45 consigned by Five Oaks Farm of Church Road, VA and selling to Hillwinds Farm of Dublin, VA for \$5000. The high-indexing Junior Angus bull was bred by Mountain View Angus Farm of Bristol, VA and sold to Gene Hornet of Speedwell, VA for \$4000.

The Charolais sale was paced by Lot 305 bred by Virginia Tech Beef Center selling to Ty Lewis of Chillhowie, VA for \$4500. This high performing, WC Inferno 6561 son posted test YW ratio 120, CE EPD +10.9. YW EPD +128, RE EPD +0.79, and TSI +265.

Lot 619, a fall-born, homozygous black and polled Balancer bull bred by Cove Creek Cattle of Wytheville, VA, led the Gelbvieh sale. This son of Deer Valley Growth Fund, went to Jimmy

McConnell of Nickelsville, VA for \$4750. He was the high ADG bull of the test at 4.22 and posted YW EPD +169 and RE EPD +0.64.

All bulls 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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