

## 2023 CULPEPER SENIOR BCIA BULL SALE RESULTS

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The Virginia Beef Cattle Improvement Association hosted the 66<sup>th</sup> Annual Culpeper Senior Bull Sale on Saturday, December 9, 2023 at Culpeper Agricultural Enterprises near Culpeper, Virginia. The sale featured 78 fall-born bulls representing the top end of the 163 bulls developed sold for an average price of \$4492. The sale included 51 Angus bulls which averaged \$4421, 1 Charolais at \$4000, 1 purebred Gelbvieh at \$4000, 1 Gelbvieh Balancer at \$4500, 3 Herefords at \$2733, 6 purebred Simmentals averaged \$3500, and 15 SimAngus bulls averaged \$5550.

The high-selling bull was the top-indexing Angus, Lot 87, consigned by Dalewood Farm, Daleville, Virginia which sold to the Powhatan Syndicate for \$15,000. This September-born son of Poss Deadwood had test YW and RE ratios of 106 and 130, respectively, along with CE EPD +13, YW EPD +161, MB EPD +1.91 and RE EPD +1.00, along with \$B +262 and \$C +383. Brickyard Bulls from Scottsville, Virginia consigned Lot 33, a calving-ease son of BJ Surpass which sold to Glenburnie Farm of Spotsylvania, Virginia for \$7500. This bull posted EPDs of +13 CED, +0.0 BW, +147 YW, and +89 \$M. Lot 81 from Lucas Farm, Blacksburg, Virginia sold for \$7000 to Glenmary Farm in Rapidan, Virginia. This son of VAR Index 3282, posted test ADG ratio 120 and test YW ratio 117, complimented by EPDs of +138 YW, +31 DOC and test RE ratio 118. Lawson Family Farms from Ewing, Virginia bred Lot 61 which also went to Glenburnie Farm for \$6750. Sired by Sitz Stellar 715G, this calving ease bull had test YW and ADG ratios of 111 and 113. The Breeder Group Award went to Soldiers' Hill Angus Farm of Warrenton, Virginia and their lead bull, Lot 11, sold to Twelve Springs Farm of Madison, Virginia for \$6500. This son of Deer Valley Growth Fund had EPDs ranking in the top 5% of the breed for WW, YW and \$W. Also commanding \$6500 was Little Windy Hill Farm's Lot 57, which sold to Glenmary Farm. This high performing son of Mill Brae Identified 4031 had a test YW of 1415 pounds and YW EPD +142. Additional popular Angus bulls included Old Mill Farm's Lot 43 which sold to Cox Farms, Mineral, Virginia for \$6250, and another Soldier's Hill Angus Farm bull, Lot 17, which sold to Green Hill Farm, Churchville, Virginia for \$6000.

A strong set of SimAngus bulls was led by a trio of bulls from Smith Reasor, Rural Retreat, Virginia and all sired by Chimney Top Treasure E34. Dalton Farms from Radford, Virginia purchased Lots 438 and 440 for \$7750 and \$7250, respectively. Lot 438 was the high YW bull of the sale at 1422 pounds and had a YW EPD of +168, and Lot 440 posted strong test performance along with CE EPD + 17 and YW EPD +142. Reasor's Lot 439 brought \$7000 and went to Easter Design Inc., Jetesville, Virginia. Another homozygous black bull, he posted the largest RE of the test at 17.1. Also bringing \$7000 was Train Wreck Cattle Company's Lot 425 which sold to Walnut Hill Farm in Bumpass, Virginia. Sired by EWA Teamwork 821, this bull post high CE, YW, MB, API and TI EPDs. Stephaven Farm's Lot 421 was the high-indexing SimAngus bull and sold to Dennis Brown from Stevensburg, Virginia for \$6250. A pair of KBHR Honor H060 sons from EWA, Williamsburg, VA both brought \$6000 with Lot 431 selling to Dan Davis, Big Island, Virginia and Lot 432 purchased by Dundee Farm of Ruckersville, Virginia.

The high-selling purebred Simmental was bred by Deer Creek Farm, Roseland, Virginia and sold to Randall Lawson of Standardsville, Virginia for \$4250. As the high-indexing Simmental, this bull posted test YW and ADG ratios of 119 and 123, complimented by CE EPD +13, DOC EPD +14, and API EPD +166.

The Gelbvieh sale was paced by Lot 605, a Balancer consigned by C.H. Morris and Sons, Appomattox, Virginia selling for \$4500 to Neil Jones from Rawlings, Virginia. This homozygous black and homozygous polled son of Deer Valley Growth Fund was the high ADG bull of the test at 5.02 and had EPDs of +143 YW, +14 DOC, and +0.70 RE.

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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