

2024 CULPEPER SENIOR BCIA BULL SALE RESULTS

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The Virginia Beef Cattle Improvement Association hosted the 67th Annual Culpeper Senior Bull Sale on Saturday, December 14, 2024 at Culpeper Agricultural Enterprises near Culpeper, Virginia. The sale featured 73 fall-born bulls representing the top end of the 158 bulls developed which sold for a BCIA-record average price of \$5825. The sale included 47 Angus bulls which averaged \$6181, 2 Charolais at \$3375, 2 Gelbvieh Balancer at \$5125, 5 Herefords at \$4350, 5 purebred Simmentals averaged \$4300, and 12 SimAngus bulls averaged \$6208.

The strong sale was topped by Lot 46, and Angus bull consigned by Lucas Farm, Blacksburg, Virginia which sold to the ADR Cattle Company of Moneta, Virginia for \$16,000. This September-born son of Virginia Tech Statesman had test YW and ADG ratios of 109 and 130, respectively, along with YW EPD +160, MB EPD +1.30, along with \$B +198 and \$C +324. Another Lucas Farm bull, Lot 44, brought \$9,000 and sold to Robert Graybeal, Christiansburg, Virginia. This calving ease son of BAR Dynamic test YW and ADG ratios of 113 and 117, along with CE EPD +15, YW EPD +152, and RE EPD +1.12. Also selling for \$9000 was Lot 77 bred by Dawson Farms, Alderson, West Virginia which sold to Glenmary Farm, Rapidan, Virginia. Sired by Williams Hollywood 700-380, this bull had IMF and RE ratios of 112 and 113, along with EPDs of +12 CE, +154 YW, +1.30 MB, and +1.15 RE. Edgewood Angus from West Point, Virginia bred Lot 94 which went to Anson Minton of Nickelsville, Virginia also for \$9000. Sired by EWA Elevate 1166, this bull had test ADG ratio of 109, along with YW EPD +156, Milk EPD +36, MB EPD +1.23 and RE EPD +1.19. The high-indexing Angus bull, Lot 27, was bred by Ancient Oak Angus Farm in Warrenton, Virginia and sold to Roy Boldridge of Rixeyville, Virginia for \$8000. Sired by EWA Teamwork 821, this bull posted the high ADG of the test ratioing 141, along with EPDs of CE +12, YW +157, DOC +24, RE +0.94 and \$W +80. Also bringing \$8000 was Lot 2 from Quaker Hill Farm, Louisa, Virginia selling to Julian Price, Luray, Virginia. This high growth son of Tehama Tahoe B767 had YW EPD +165 and test ADG ratio 115 along with \$W EPD +89. Tanner Angus Farm of Big Island, Virginia sold Lot 93 to Elton Farm LLC, Tappahannock, Virginia for \$8000. Sired by KG Justified 3023 he had test YW and ADG ratios of 107 and 112, along with BW EPD -0.4, YW EPD +135, \$ M EPD +84, and \$B EPD +171.

A strong set of SimAngus bulls was paced by a pair of bulls from Smith Reasor, Rural Retreat, Virginia with Lot 425 selling to Gene Warner of Lawrenceville, Virginia for \$9000. This homozygous black son of Chimney Top Relevance H16 had EPDs of +136 YW, +0.94 RE, along with test YW ratio 112. Lot 429 from Smith Reasor was out of GAR Ashland and sold to William Sanderson, Big Island, Virginia for \$8500. He posted WW EPD +104, DOC EPD +14 and MB EPD +0.61. The Breeder Group Award went to EWA from West Point, Virginia for their set of SimAngus bulls. Their Lot 435 brought \$8000 and went to Glenn Wheeler of Atkins, Virginia. Sired by CCR Cowboy Cut 5048Z, this homo black, homo polled bull had EPDs of +156 YW, +17 DOC, +0.56 MB, +0.92 RE and strong maternal and terminal indexes.

The high-selling purebred Simmental, Lot 411, was bred by Silverado Cattle Company, Orlean, Virginia and sold to Wesley Coppedge of Etlan, Virginia for \$5000. Sired by THSF Lover Boy B33, this bull posted test ADG ratios of 114, complimented by YW EPD +136, DOC EPD +18, and API EPD +155.

The solid set of Hereford bulls were all consigned by Greeno Farms, Louisa, Virginia. The top seller was Lot 206, bringing \$6250 from William Salmon Jr. of Madison, Virginia. This polled son fo SHF Houston D287 H086 was the high ADG Hereford bull, 118 ratio, complimented by EPDs of +119 YW, +36 Mik, +0.30 MB and +0.97 RE.

The Gelbvieh Balancer sale was paced by Lot 609, consigned by KG Farms, Wirtz, Virginia selling for \$6500 to IVB Farms LLC from Sherrills Ford, North Carolina. This homozygous black and homozygous polled son of BTBR Saguaro 8111F ET had EPDs of +88 WW, +14 DOC, +0.60 MB and +0.68 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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