

2026 Virginia BCIA Southwest Bull Test Sale Report

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The 47th Annual Southwest Virginia Performance Tested Bull Sale sponsored by the Virginia Beef Cattle Improvement Association was held Saturday, March 28, 2026 at the APEX Center near Wytheville, Virginia. The 148 bulls offered sold for a sale record average price of \$7207 per head. Breed averages were as follows: 69 Angus averaged \$6688, 7 Hereford \$6607, 10 Charolais \$9450, 6 Purebred Gelbvieh \$8667, 4 Gelbvieh Balancer \$8563, 15 Purebred Simmental \$6693, and 37 SimAngus \$7507. The Virginia Premium Assured Heifer Sale held in conjunction with the bull sale sold 14 fall-calving bred heifers for an average price of \$4379 per head.

Demand was solid across all breeds, with an exceptional Charolais sale highlighting the day. High-seller was Lot 302 consigned by the Virginia Tech Beef Center and selling to Myers Circle Farm, Elkton, Kentucky for \$13,000. This homozygous polled son of LT Countdown 9712 posted EPDs of +15 CE, -3.9 BW, +143 YW +0.49 MB, +1.17 RE and +306 TSI along with test YW and ADG ratios of 107 and 112. Another Virginia Tech Charolais, Lot 310, commanded \$11,500 and sold to Glenmary Farm, Rapidan, Virginia. A son of SVY Historic 241K, he had Test YW ratio 116, ADG ratio 113, IMF ratio 128 and RE ratio 114 along with breed-leading growth and RE EPDs. Lot 311, sired by WC Encompass 0507 and also bred by Virginia Tech went to Nipp Charolais in Wilson, Oklahoma for \$11,000. This bull ranked in the top 10% of the breed for WW, YW, MB, RE and TSI and top quartile for BW EPD.

The Angus sale was paced by Lot 63 from Little Windy Hill Farms, Max Meadows, Virginia and selling to Waddy Farms, Petersburg, West Virginia for \$11,000. This son of Ellingson Prolific had the high YW of the test at 1413, ratio 122, along with EPDs of +155 YW, +86 \$W and +309 \$C. Lot 37 from Edgewood Angus, West Point, Virginia sold to Jason Hughes from Norton, Virginia for \$10,000. This fall-born calving ease bull sired by EWA Elevate 116 had CE EPD +15, BW EPD -1.6 and strong growth, maternal, and carcass genetics. Another Senior, fall born bull, Lot 2 from DMB Angus in Chuckey, Tennessee also sold for \$10,000 and went to Jason Bush in Castlewood, Virginia. Sired by Basin Jameson 1076, this bull has EPDs of +11 CE, +105 WW, +1.17 BM, +1.08 RE, and +326 \$C. Lot 95, another Basin Jameson 1076 son, also sold for \$10,000 and was purchased by Nancy Osborne of Lebanon, Virginia. This Junior bull had impressive calving ease, growth and carcass EPDs and was the high \$W EPD and high \$C EPD bull of the Angus offering. Edgewood Angus was recognized with the high indexing Senior Angus bull, Lot 38, which sold to Tim Sutphin, Dublin, Virginia for \$9000. The lead bull from Lucas Farms in Blacksburg, Virginia- Lot 16, also brought \$9000 and sold to Jerry Eller of Draper, Virginia.

A exceptional Gelbvieh and Gelbvieh Balancer sale was led by the high indexing Senior Purebred Gelbvieh Lot 608 from Flowing Spring Gelbvieh, Atkins, Virginia and selling to Randy Oliver, Newport, Virginia for \$11,000. This fall born, homo black son of KCF Bennett K207 had test YW and ADG ratios of 107 and 126, along with IMF and RE ratios 116 and 109. Lot 604 from KG Farms of Wirtz, Virginia sold for \$9500 and went to R.B Chenault, Aylett, Virginia. Sired by VRT Lazy TV Sam U451 this bull had the high test YW of the purebred Gelblvihs along with CE EPD +15.5, MB EPD +0.54 and MPI +132. Cove Creek Cattle from Wytheville, Virginia consigned the high selling Gelbvieh Balancer bull, Lot 617, which went to Timmy McConnell from Nickelsville, Virginia for \$9750. This was the top YW and ADG bull of the test group, along with a RE ratio 112 and high growth and carcass EPDs. Another Cove Creek Balancer bull, Lot 619, brought \$9000 and went to Derek Jackson from Laurel Fork, Virginia.

The strong SimAngus sale paced by a pair of fall-born Senior bulls from Reasor Simmental in Rural Retreat, VA. Lot 440, a homozygous black and polled son of Lawsons Top Shelf J888 brought \$12,000 and sold to Jessee McGee Farms of Mill Creek, West Virginia. He had YW and ADG ratios of 109 and 131, RE ratio 110, along with EPDs of YW +151, and TI +95. Lot 439 commanded \$11,000 from Jason Bush, Castlewood, Virginia. This homozygous black son of Chimney Top Relevance H16 had high test ADG and strong growth and ribeye genetics. Joines Cattle Company, Blacksburg, Virginia consigned Lot 443 which commanded \$9,500 and sold to Jonathan Kidd, Pearisburg, VA. This homozygous black and polled son of WCC/RRF Troubadour 0130H posted test ADG ratio 113 and IMF ratio 132.

An equally strong set of purebred Simmental bulls was led by Lot 424, the high indexing Junior bull bred by Hunnigan Simmental, Blountville, TN and selling to Trey Ford, Blountville, TN for \$10,400. Sired by Gibbs 9114G Essential, this January-born yearling posted impressive EPDs of +16.5 CE, +152 YW, +19 DOC, +182 API and +100 TI. Lot 409, a fall-born Senior bull from Gingerich Family Farm in Jonesville, Virginia sold to Joe Graham, Rhoadesville, Virginia for \$10,000. This homozygous black and polled son of LCDR Reserve 210J had the highest WW and YW EPDs of the Sim Angus offering, along with the highest TI. Another Hunnigan Simmental bull, Lot 412, also sold for \$10,000 and went to Stamper Farms in Lebanon, Virginia. This bull has test ADG ratio 109, IMF ratio 113, and excelled for growth and carcass merit EPDs.

The Hereford offering was led by at pair of bulls each bringing \$8000. Lot 207, bred by Hereford Hollow Farm, Wytheville, VA and selling to Jerry Edwards from Ennice, North Carolina. Sired by JDG Victor 719T 33Z, had test ADG ratio 109, YW EPD +113, and high BMI and CHB indexes. Lot 209 from Ward Farms, Galax, Virginia sold to Williams Evans, Rural Retreat, Virginia. He was at the high ADG of the test group along with having YW EPD +120, RE EPD +1.30 and high BMI and CHB values.

The BCIA-Influenced Heifer Sale consisted of 14 fall-calving commercial bred heifers. All heifers were designated as Virginia Premium Assured females. Prices were steady, as the heifers ranged from \$4200 to \$4600 per head. High selling lot was Lot 4, a pair of Angus x Simmental heifers due in October which were consigned by the Virginia Tech Beef Center and sold for \$4600 each.

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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