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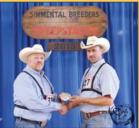
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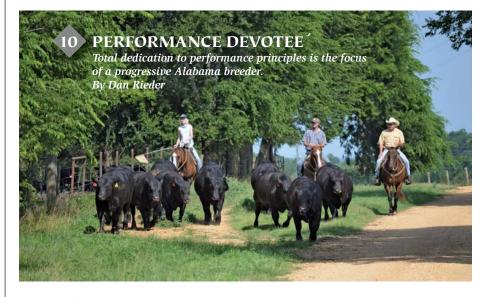
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### VIEWPOINT



#### By Trustee Brian DeFreese, West Point, IN



It is April 9, as I write this column and we woke up to 25 degrees and a dusting of snow. It makes one wonder, "WHAT LIES AHEAD FOR 2016"? We are blessed with plenty of moisture in Indiana, but many sections of the country are not as fortunate, which makes you wonder what lies ahead.

Your ASA Trustees are busy working on what lies ahead for the ASA. Over the next two weeks each committee is preparing, via conference calls and e-meetings, what to bring to the full board so that when we meet in Bozeman, April 20-23, the full board had time to discuss the resolu-

tions and directives that come out of committee and then the next day we vote on them. All committees are listed on the ASA website.

"What lies ahead" is something we all wish we knew because we could always make the right decisions. But we don't so we have to make decisions based on projections and what we think lies ahead. I can assure you that this group of Trustees has already made, and is going to have to make more decisions that will affect the ASA membership for years to come. We do not take our duty to those of you that elected us lightly! What you need from the ASA may be different depending on which region of the country you are in. That being said, there is one thing that we can all agree on and that is, OUR YOUTH ARE THE FUTURE OF THIS BREED AND THE BEEF CATTLE INDUSTRY!

The Activities and Events committee is working with the AJSA on a long-range plan that will provide a roadmap to educate and train AJSA members to become the leaders of the future and hopefully, lifelong members of the ASA. Some members don't like change! I heard a quote that I think is very wise, "If you don't like change, you will like irrelevance even less." One thing we don't want to become is, IRRELEVANT. Our youth want change. They want to be the best they can be and be proud of their organization so as adult members, let's not be too critical of the new roadmap. If something doesn't work out we can go back and change it.

Another big change that your Breed Improvement Committee has been working on is what lies ahead in incorporating DNA into genetic evaluation. Actually the staff has done all the "work" but the Board voted to make a sizeable investment in software that will help ASA have the best genetic evaluation in the world. One of the questions going forward is if ASA should buy an interest in that software company or just purchase software updates as needed. Knowing what the future holds in store would make that decision easy. But again, we don't. One thing again is certain, EPDs will change on individual animals and we must not overreact to those changes. Good cattle will still be good cattle and that definition of what good cattle are depends upon our members' market. Some of our members need state of the art EPDs, some do not. That is fine, but it is imperative that we respect each other's needs and that ASA allocate resources to serve the needs of our diverse membership.

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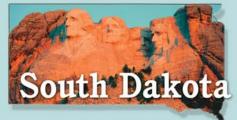




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That brings me to another point. I would like to thank our membership for the resources they provide to the ASA. In a recent Finance Committee meeting, I was struck by the total dollars that registrations, transfers and THE enrollment provide. Because of your investment, the ASA has the working capital to finance programs, genetic evaluations, a state of the art headquarters, develop youth, keep the herd book and everything that we need going forward to help keep The American Simmental Association "RELEVANT".

In summary, as you can probably tell, I personally am excited about, "WHAT LIES AHEAD". We have good cattle and good members that fit all segments of the Industry. Our bulls produce females that make good cows and feeders that grow well and produce choice carcasses, the youth showing cattle voted Simmental the hottest breed and our National Champion bull with an \$API over 150 was purchased by a semen company that specializes in club-calf genetics. Now how is that for meeting the needs of all segments of the Industry? Let us all work together in 2016 to remain "RELEVANT" long into the future. Get involved with your State and National Associations, help young people get started, recruit new members, make the best cattle that you can for your market and let your Trustees know how the ASA can help you increase market share and add value to your cattle. •



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# **Performance Devotee**

Chuck and Katie Madaris with their grandchildren, from the left: Ellis Ann; Shelby and Shep. (as this article was written, the birth of a fourth grandchild was imminent.)

#### An Alabama cattleman makes no apologies for his relentless adherence to performance principles.

#### By Dan Rieder

"I try to be a true performance breeder," states Chuck Madaris who owns and operates CK Cattle, located at Hope Hull, Alabama. "We push ourselves to record our weights on a timely basis and collect all data in a very accurate way."

CK Cattle maintains a 650-head cowherd built on a combination of Angus, Chianina and Simmental genetics. Based on his longtime history with the breed, about half of the herd consists of registered Angus. The balance is comprised of Chiangus and SimAngus<sup>™</sup>, with SimAngus steadily gaining in both stature and numbers. His interest in SimAngus dates back to the early 1990s when he had used some Simmental genetics in a commercial setting, but had pretty much concentrated on his Angus and Chiangus cattle. he recalls.

"When I found out that the American Simmental Association (ASA) had adopted THE, it was right up my alley, because it allowed me to put all my cattle into a single data base, he recalls."

He promptly became deeply involved with ASA. "Now, I don't have to use across-breed EPD charts to compare my multiple breeds. I am so pleased to have all my cattle records in a central data base," he elaborated. "It has worked out perfectly for me, because ASA had already been recording the Chiangus cattle through its International Genetics Solutions program (IGS). My Angus records are submitted through IGS and also to the American Angus Association — and even though my Angus cattle are sold with an Angus registration certificate, they are also evaluated through IGS." CK's Chiangus bulls have gained increased credibility because of the authenticity and reputation of the IGS program. "That's due to the huge volume of data from all the cattle breeds and organizations which submit their records to the Simmental Association," he declared. "Alabama has several prominent Simmental breeders who have based their programs on performance cattle and being allowed to become a part of their program was a huge asset to CK Cattle.

"The American Simmental Association has been very important to us in building our program," he said. "It is almost unbelievable what they have done with Total Herd Enrollment and their multi-breed evaluation program. They have certainly done it the right way, focusing on taking in data, analyzing it and making results available, regardless of breed makeup."

He is actively involved in his state Beef Cattle Improvement Association (BCIA) and the Beef Improvement Federation (BIF), two organizations founded on strong performance emphasis. A couple of years ago, CK cattle was named Alabama Seedstock Producer of the Year by the BCIA. "We were very honored by that award," he said. "Our affiliation with them has been very beneficial from the standpoint of personal education while developing and building our operation."

He's also made a point of going to the annual BIF Conference whenever possible, having attended those meetings when they were held in Biloxi, Mississippi; in Columbia, Missouri; and at Fort Collins, Colorado. "I'd like to attend them all, because you learn so much at those meetings."

Composite bulls are a staple of Madaris' breeding philosophy. "I have a very strong belief in crossbreeding, and I think that heterosis is as important in the bulls as it is in the females," he commented. "In this hot and humid environment, the bulls may have a more difficult job than the cows. Many of my bulls are used on ear-crossed cattle and our goal is to breed cattle that will work on these cattle to produce a calf that will hit the top of the market. Heterosis tends to be a real asset in coping with this climate."

Bulls are selected and culled on a rigid criteria. "Hair type is a big issue — we want slick hair because it helps withstand the heat. We also place extra-heavy emphasis on disposition and sound feet," he observed.

Sale bulls are grown out in pastures of 20 to 30 acres, with grass supplemented by silage. "We don't push them too hard, but take good care of them. The calf stays on the cow until they're eight months old," he points out. "About half of the bulls we sell are two-years-old with the other half in the 16-to-18 month range, which is what our buyers want and need. This past October for the first time, we held our own sale and sold 92 bulls. Altogether, we will sell about 200 bulls this year along with close to 100 bred replacement heifers through various outlets including consignment sales and private treaty."

Artificial insemination is of major significance in the CK breeding program. About 80% of the mature cowherd and 100% of the replacement heifers are bred artificially. "We have built a good market for our Chiangus bulls locally, but bringing in SimAngus along with our Angus has helped us expand our marketing area. There are a tremendous number of choices available regarding proven Simmental AI sires, which is very helpful." he added.

Although they do not consider themselves 'farmers' they do produce their own silage, and that ground is put right back into winter grazing. Pastures have been cross-fenced and a total of 55 different paddocks are utilized to effectively facilitate rotational grazing.

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CK females on Black Belt grass.

# Home of the

EPDs as of 4.13.16



 W/C BF Innocent Man 174A

 EPDs: CE
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 Milk
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ASA# 2785174 Innocent Man is siring exciting type



\$29,000 daughter at Head of the Class Sale.



 Ruby SWC Battle Cry 431B

 EPDs:
 CE
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 ASA#
 2871257

Battle Cry was a 2015 "The One" featured bull entry and when Lance saw him at the bull stud in the spring, he was impressed with the overall completeness and balance of the bull. Homozygous black and homozygous polled. Broker x Upgrade x Lucky Dice pedigree!



#### FBF1 Absolute A103

EPDs: CE BW WW YW ADG MCE Milk MWW \$API \$TI 6 2.8 54 80 .16 9 17 44 91 57

ASA# 2841159

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**SS/PRS Gunslinger 824X** 

EPDs: CE BW WW YW ADG MCE Milk MWW \$API \$TI 9 .4 51 71 .11 6 17 44 120 63

ASA# 2571741 Calving ease with outstanding profile!



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CARD Uproar 49Y

 EPDs:
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ASA# 2623651 First progeny are winners!



Supreme Champion Female World Beef Expo



 TLLC One Eyed Jack 15Z

 EPDs: CE
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 STI

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ASA# 2668223 One Eyed Jack's first calves are awesomely balanced with pizazz!



One Eyed Jack



Long's Shear Pleasure W6

EPDs: CE BW WW YW ADG MCE Milk MWW \$API \$TI 7 2.5 73 107 .21 4 25 62 101 68

ASA# 2496326 Has been a great calving-ease, baldy maker for breeders

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W/C No Remorse 763Y

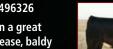
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ASA# 2614801

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#### FHEN Halftime A127

EPDs: CE BW WW YW ADG MCE Milk MWW \$API \$TI 15 -.5 60 97 .23 8 22 51 146 73 ASA# 2884737

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ASA# 2537824 Awesome Calving Ease and profile!



Halfblood progeny are cool lookin'!



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EPDs: CE BW WW YW ADG MCE Milk MWW \$API \$TI 7 3.7 53 89 .22 4 15 42 99 56

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#### WC Lockdown 206Z

EPDs: CE BW WW YW ADG MCE Milk MWW \$API \$TI 19-2.5 77 138.38 8 16 54 168 87

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Although he was born in Alabama, Madaris spent his much of his youth living in various USA Air Bases around the world, since his father was a career Air Force officer. Yet the support and encouragement of his father instilled the character to pursue his passion — cattle. The Horned Hereford outfit his maternal grandfather ran was always homebase and offered him a compelling exposure to livestock production.

He worked summers on his grandfather's place and went to Auburn University where he earned an Animal Science degree in 1976, while building a small cowherd on rented land. "I needed a job close to home and was fortunate to get to work for Ned Ellis, who was getting out of the dairy business and was trying to establish a Chiangus program," he says. I also met Katie there and Mr. 'Ned' also became my father-in-law a few years later. "Then in 1989, my wife, Katie and I purchased 300 acres of land in Hope Hull and formed CK (for Charles and Katie) Cattle," he explained.

"Hope Hull is very small, nothing but a post office," he laughed. "We're located due south of Montgomery at the edge of the famed Black Belt, which refers to its heavy black soil deposits. It doesn't grow trees very well, so it is ideal for foragedbased cattle production."

From that humble beginning, CK Cattle grew slowly until the past 10 years, when the scope of their operation increased dramatically. Their multiple-breed cowherd runs on more than 3,000 acres of owned and leased contiguous land. "Katie and I have worked very hard and kept our noses to the grindstone to build this operation and now both of our children have come back to join us," he said. "Charlie and Kathleen were 9 and 7 when we moved to Hope Hull, so they and their families have a big part of making CK Cattle what it is today."

Charlie followed his father to Auburn and returned to the CK operation right after graduation. Charlie is married to Carrie and they're the parents of Shelby, 1, with another child on the way.

Daughter Kathleen Evans, nicknamed "Kat" teaches and coaches at the local high school. Her husband, Bradfield, joined the cattle operation six years ago and is now an integral part of the decision-making team. They're the parents of Ellis Ann, 6; and Shep, 3.

"We hire one other man in addition to family," Madaris reports. "Katie does our accounting and financial records and I handle data collection and cattle paperwork."

With three generations living and working on the operation today, the future of CK Cattle is intact. Our focus is on profitability and sustainability, and raising cattle that do the same for our customers," he said. "As I have grown older and start to look back, a great reward of being in the seedstock business is the friendships I have had the opportunity to make throughout the years."

"We are thankful for the sound work ethic atmosphere required in which we raise our family and the constant reality of our Creator here at CK Cattle," he concluded.

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# Increasing Success in an Embryo Transfer Program



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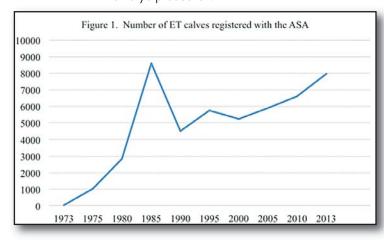
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Within the past 45 years, embryo transfer (ET) has become an important tool for genetic improvement in modern seedstock operations. The genetic impact of a specific cow can be increased far beyond what might be expected in her natural productive lifespan. Furthermore, the ability to freeze and ship embryos provides a convenient method for dispersing high-quality genetics across the country or outside of our borders. The first live calf produced from embryo transfer (ET) was born in 1951; however, it was not until the 1970s that embryo transfer began to gain traction on a commercial level in beef cattle operations. At this time the continental breeds of cattle that were being imported were still relatively scarce, and embryo transfer allowed for a more efficient way to propagate such genetics.

The Simmental breed has recorded progeny of embryo transfer since the early 1970s, and saw a strong upward trend in the number of Simmental calves registered from ET until 1985. While total registrations remained strong from 1985 to 1990, a sharp decrease in the registration of ET calves occurred during this time period, but was followed by a steady rise in ET registries that has continued to present day. Figure 1 illustrates the number of calves registered with the American Simmental Association from 1973 to 2013.

**Figure 1.** The number of ET calves registered with the American Simmental Association (ASA) from 1973 to 2013. The Y-axis denotes the number of calves registered with the ASA, whereas the X-axis denotes calendar year. Multiple ovulation embryo transfer or in-vitro embryo production:



In 2013, 7,959 calves resulting from embryo transfer (ET) were registered with the American Simmental Association. A percentage of these calves were the result of traditional multiple ovulation ET (MOET), often referred to as superovulation and embryo flushing and transfer. In such cases, the selected donor is administered follicle stimulating hormone (FSH; stimulates ovarian follicular growth) to allow for the selection of greater than one follicle for ovulation and subsequent fertilization of the oocyte (egg). In this case, fertilization as well as the proceeding seven days of embryonic growth to the morula/blastocyst stage of development take place "in vivo", or in the cow. Alternatively, another subset of the ET calves recorded resulted from "in vitro" (Latin for "in glass") fertilization procedures. Here one utilizes ovum pick up (OPU) to collect immature oocytes from a donor cow. Oocytes are placed into Petri dishes to be matured for 20-24 hours, fertilized, and allowed to develop for seven days before being evaluated and transferred or frozen. In vitro fertilization (IVF) is being used more extensively in beef cattle operations, as it allows for certain advantages over the traditional MOET approach. For example, OPU allows oocytes to be collected from females more frequently and at times not practical in a superovulation scenario. Cattle can be collected every other week, and oocytes can also be collected in cows from 40-100 days into pregnancy. In addition, IVF provides more opportunities for the use of gender selected semen.

The American Embryo Transfer Association records the number of embryo transfers performed in the USA each year. During the 2014 calendar year, 31,246 beef donor cows were super-ovulated and embryos were collected (MOET), whereas 19,226 individuals received OPU for the collection of oocytes for IVF techniques. Figure 2 illustrates the number of beef donor females collected by either MOET or OPU each year for the past decade. The production of embryos by IVF has increased significantly in the past decade; whereas, the number of embryo collections by MOET has decreased from a peak in 2006. Regardless of embryo origin, proper donor and recipient female selection and management is essential to the success of an embryo transfer program.

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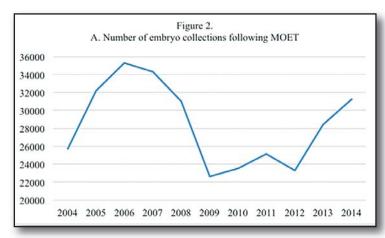


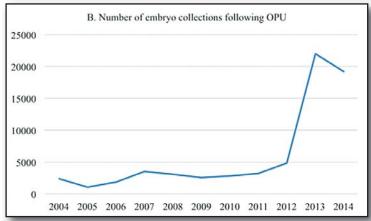
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**Figure 2:** Number of beef females in North America that underwent multiple ovulation and embryo transfer (MOET) (panel A) or OPU and IVF embryo production (panel B) from 2004 to 2014 according to the American Embryo Transfer Association. The Y-axis denotes the number of embryo collections, whereas the X-axis denotes calendar year.

#### Donor Selection and Management Strategies:

#### Donor Selection and Management:

Seedstock producers place higher emphasis on certain traits based on the needs of their customers. Regardless of the criteria individual operations use for selecting a donor female, there are multiple factors that affect the success of a superovulation and embryo collection. Ideal donor candidates should be in good health, have experienced regular estrous cycles post calving (MOET, OPU) or be within 40-100 days of pregnancy (OPU.) A donor's nutritional status has an impact on her superovulation performance, so potential donors should be managed on a positive plane of nutrition leading up to embryo transfer and should have a body condition score (BCS) of at least 5 while avoiding levels of obesity associated with animals of BCS > 7 (BCS score; 1 = emaciated, 9 = obese). Furthermore, access to a complete mineral program has been shown to enhance donor performance. A donor's genetic origin (i.e., Bos indicus vs. *Bos taurus*) may also play a role in her response to a superovulation program, as genetically different individuals respond differently to FSH treatment.

#### Timing of FSH Injections:

During the estrous cycle, cattle have a series of 2-3 follicular waves in which they recruit a number of small follicles to begin growth. Then, one of the recruited follicles is selected to continue growing and become dominant in both size and influence over the other follicles. The dominant follicle will starve its subordinates of FSH, causing them to regress and die. Therefore, only the dominant follicle continues growth to ovulatory size. In mid-cycle follicular waves, the dominant follicle is not exposed to a gonadotrophin surge and will regress to allow for the recruitment of the next follicular wave. As a new follicular wave begins, another group of small follicles is recruited to begin growth, and a new dominate follicle emerges to starve its contemporaries of FSH and continue its own growth to ovulatory size. Providing this follicular wave is the ovulatory wave, the cow expresses estrus and experiences a pre-ovulatory gonadotrophin surge which culminates in the ovulation of the dominant follicle. With the dominant follicle's ovulation, it loses its control over other follicles and allows for the recruitment of yet another group of small follicles to begin growth.

To enhance the likelihood of a donor producing a greater number of embryos from superovulation, donor cows can be managed through estrous synchronization to allow the start of FSH injections to coincide with the start of a new follicular wave. In this case, many small follicles are being recruited and selected for continued growth. This allows for a larger number of follicles to utilize the injected FSH to continue growth to ovulatory size than if FSH was administered in the middle of a follicular wave after a follicle had established dominance.

#### Recipient Selection and Management Strategies:

#### **Recipient Selection:**

An ideal recipient cow is young (from 3 to 8 years of age), in good health, up to date on vaccinations, and has a record of high reproductive success. Recipients should also have a BCS of at least 5, as it has been shown that cattle with a BCS lower than 5 experience delayed return to estrus postpartum and decreased pregnancy rates both



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when exposed to breeding and when utilized as recipients. Recipient animals should have returned to estrus post calving, as anestrus females also experience lowered rates of pregnancy. Age can be an important factor in selecting recipient animals. Young cows with a good reproductive history tend to be the "gold standard" for recipient selection.

When two-year-old females are to be used as recipients, special attention should be given to ensure that such animals are in an acceptable BCS and have overcome postpartum anestrus, since adequate BCS and a return to cyclicity prior to the breeding season are common hurdles when rebreeding first calf heifers. As cows reach eight to ten years of age, fertility and calf performance usually begin to decline. One should consider these factors when selecting older recipients.

Heifers can be used as recipients, with similar pregnancy rates to that of cows. However, heifers must be well developed and pubertal before the time of embryo transfer. Heifers should also receive proper nutrition for continued growth to calving (attain 85% of mature weight at 24 months), and considerations should be given to the ET calf's sire and dam's EPDs for calving ease.

#### *Recipient — Embryo Synchrony:*

Once recipient females are selected, it is important that synchrony between the recipient's uterus and implanted embryo's stage of development is achieved. On the day of embryo transfer, the stage of the estrous cycle of the recipient should be within 24 hours of the day of the estrous cycle when the embryo was collected. Therefore, the recipient should be on day 7 of her estrous cycle (between day 6 and day 8) on the date of ET. When detecting estrus in recipients, it is imperative that accurate records be kept and adequate time and effort is given to the heat detection process to identify cows expressing estrus each day.



#### Fixed Time Embryo Transfer:

The use of estrous synchronization protocols are a great aid in producing viable recipient cattle for both in vivo and in vitro derived embryo transfers. As is the case with fixed-time artificial insemination, such protocols synchronize a follicular wave, and GnRH is administered to ensure ovulation occurs within the recipient animals. Cows may or may not show estrus by the time of GnRH-induced ovulation; however, expression of estrus increases the probability that pregnancy will be established. Protocols that synchronize ovulation allow large numbers of recipient animals to ovulate over a fairly short time period. Furthermore, injection with GnRH (at the time that AI would occur in fixed time AI) leads to ovulation in females which did not exhibit signs of estrus. The use of fixed-time embryo transfer creates a larger population of prospective recipients which have been treated for proper synchrony with the embryo to be transferred. In a survey conducted among members of the American Embryo Transfer Association, 72% of respondents indicated that they prefer to use fixed-time embryo transfer rather than transferring embryos after a detected estrus.

#### Human chorionic gonadotropin (hCG):

After ovulation, the cells which made up the ovulatory follicle transform into a corpus luteum (CL) to secrete progesterone, which is necessary for pregnancy establishment and maintenance. The rise in progesterone secreted from the CL suppresses ovulation and estrus for the duration of the CL's lifespan on the ovary. If a cow is not pregnant, her uterus will secrete prostaglandin F2 alpha (PGF) around day 16 to 18 of her cycle which will lyse (or kill) the CL, decrease progesterone, and allow her to return to estrus. In pregnant animals, the embryo secretes interferon tau, a hormone which signals that an embryo is present and suppresses secretion of PGF. It is known that increased circulating concentrations of progesterone during early pregnancy lead to enhanced embryo growth and reduced early embryonic loss. Injection of recipient animals with hCG on the day of embryo transfer leads to ovulation. This newly ovulated follicle is then transformed into a second CL, in addition to the primary CL formed from her previous estrus. The accessory CL serves as an additional source of progesterone and therefore increases the concentrations of progesterone in treated cows. Studies have demonstrated that recipients treated with hCG on the day of ET have greater pregnancy rates compared to non-treated individuals.

#### **Conclusion:**

Regardless of the method of embryo collection and processing, optimal donor and recipient animal selection and management contributes highly to the degree of success of an ET program. To increase embryo production and ET pregnancy rates, one should implement the strategies described above and summarized in Table 1 below.

#### Table 1. Strategies to Increase Embryo Production and Pregnancy Rates to Embryo Transfer

#### Characteristics of the Ideal Donor:

- Regular estrus cycles post calving (MOET, OPU)
- Day 40-100 of pregnancy (OPU)
- BCS 5-7

#### Management Strategies for the Donor:

- Provide an adequate plane of nutrition
- Provide access to a balanced mineral
- Consider estrous synchronization to synchronize timing of FSH injections with the start of a follicular wave

#### Characteristics of the Ideal Recipient:

- 3-8 years of age
- BCS >5
- Returned to cycling post-calving
- History of reproductive success

#### **Recipient-Embryo Synchrony:**

- Recipient should be on day 6-8 of her estrous cycle (day 7 +/- 24 hours)
- Consider estrous synchronization protocols for the use of FTET

#### Management Strategies for the Recipient:

- Provide an adequate plane of nutrition
- Provide access to a balanced mineral
- Administer appropriate pre-breeding vaccinations
- If recipients must be transported, do so before ET or after day 42 of pregnancy
- Consider the administration of hCG at the time of transfer



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- Tour the new ASA building throughout the day
- Evening BBQ at the new ASA Headquarters

#### Saturday, August 20 — Education Session

#### **Our Speakers:**

- **Patrick Hatfield**, Chair of the Department of Animal and Range Sciences, Montana State University
- **Dorian Garrick,** Jay Lush endowed Chair in Animal Breeding & Genetics, Iowa State University
- Bruce Golden, CEO and President, Theta Solutions, LLC
- Jared Decker, Assistant Professor, University of Missouri
- Mahdi Saatchi, Lead Genomicist, International Genetic Solutions
- Wade Shafer, EVP, American Simmental Association
- Lauren Hyde, Lead Geneticist, International Genetic Solutions,
- Jackie Atkins, Director of Science and Education, American Simmental Association

Evening Dinner and Social, at the Courtyard of the Holiday Inn

#### Sunday, August 21

- Interactive Committee Meetings and staff presentations Join the ASA Trustees to discuss critical issues in each of the five Standing Committees and hear staff reports in various areas.
- Lunch is provided
- Dinner on your own

#### Monday, August 22

- Board Meeting Continues all are invited to stay
- Lunch is provided
- Dinner on your own

#### Tuesday, August 23 – adjourn by 10:00 am

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- Board Meeting voting on resolutions
- Adjourn by 10:00 am

### Hotel Information:

#### Holiday Inn (Headquarters)

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### **Travel Information:**

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### Area Information:

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Questions about the Fall Focus, contact Nancy Chesterfield at 406-587-2778.

### **DIRECTOR'S DIALOGUE**





By Chip Kemp, Director Member and Industry Relations

Losing your boot in the mud, busting your knuckles on a mower blade, mending a water gap, and paying taxes are all part of the price of spring. Tolerating those aggravations is the cost of admission. And we all eagerly pay the toll.

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Why? Because spring reignites what we all know and have heard countless times,

that agriculturists are the eternal optimists. While the masses appreciate the longer days and greater leisure time outside, we see that and so much more. We, too, enjoy more activities with family and friends. We, too, recognize the added time in the evening. However, as the stewards of the land and her cattle we also see the resurgence of our business and the receipt of our new inventory. We look back on the hours of study and dozens of phone calls that went into finding the precise breeding piece needed for the operation. And you finally found him in a spring bull sale. Still some are reading this while making some final AI decisions. If you are a junior maybe you've labored for hours teaching that heifer to lead with her head up. What a special time. This isn't just spring. It's Simmental Spring!

"Optimist: day dreamer more elegantly spelled" — Mark Twain.

And maybe so . . . Who of us hasn't seen that strapping young bull calf and allowed ourselves just a moment to think "what if"? We all hope that our kids dream and weave grand plans. They spend their youth cultivating and honing the tools to bring those dreams to fruition. Optimism is what brought most of us to this business. Dreaming is the primer of the innovator. It ignites change. It keeps us relevant. When coupled with goals, work ethic, humility, and principles a dream can be an unstoppable force.

In numerous recent visits with Simmental and Simbrah producers, commercial bull buyers, industry insiders, and AJSA youth, it is very clear that indeed the Simmental Dream is alive this spring. Despite the obvious challenges and realities associated with volatile calf prices, tension in economic markets, and an unnerving political season the pivotal and crucial role that SimGenetics play in our industry is on display. We see it from all corners: bull sale reports, unique collaborative efforts coming our way, the continued elevation of ASA breeders to positions of industry leadership. And if you need any confirmation just ask the kids — they know who the hot breed is.

But why? You likely have your own suggestions as to why, but may I suggest a major reason for the ascen-

dancy of SimGenetics can be boiled down to one word "Courage". The courage to envision something other than the norm, the courage to hold ourselves accountable, the courage to collaborate, the courage to set aside our own self-interest as we pour our efforts into working on behalf of our commercial customers and their bottom line. Courage. It comes in many forms.

I see it when I visit with our AJSA trustees. They recognize the need to keep an industry view as they develop themselves and AJSA programs. At the Youth Beef Industry Congress I watched our AJSA trustees embrace their role as current leaders, while still hungry to grow into formidable influencers of tomorrow's industry. The courage to push one's self.

We recognize the courage it takes for a cattleman to take the step to add SimGenetics that first time or the courage for a savvy commercial producer to undertake the commitments of enrolling in the THE Commercial Option. While the decision is made with much research and confidence we all know the level of boldness required to undertake a new path. The courage to change.

Our breed association partners in International Genetic Solutions (IGS) display servant leadership as we all work together to strengthen what is already the largest and most robust beef genetic evaluation on the planet. — That humble approach led to a joint IGS effort at NCBA and an exciting event that is in the works for BIF in June. — The courage to collaborate.

I've had many folks tell me that ASA has never been stronger. And of course, it is hard to argue with that point. Almost any manner of measurement will bear that out. But, it takes wise and measured leadership to get to this point. And it takes foresight and vision for what comes next. Your ASA trustees and your ASA staff consistently take steps to help in positioning ASA and SimGenetics for the long term. The courage of leadership.

All of you who are the backbone of ASA — the breeders of Simmental and Simbrah influenced cattle — you work and strive every year to generate a more appealing product than the year before. Your tireless efforts have resulted in profit focused cattle that excel in all facets of our industry. It would be normal to rest easy on your successes or wring your hands given the challenges to come. But that isn't you. That isn't Simmental. Your business succeeds when your customers succeed. As such, you plow ahead by reinvigorating and reinventing your beef operation. The courage of self-accountability.

It's a great time to be Simmental. But our humble cooperation, our passion to be on the forefront of our quickly evolving industry, and our courage to dream suggests that there is much, much more to come. Stay tuned. It's a great show!



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### **BULLETINS**



#### **Fall Focus Taking Shape**

The American Simmental Association's third annual Fall Focus is scheduled for August 19-23 in Bozeman. The occasion will feature the Grand Opening of ASA's spanking new headquarters building. Previous such events have been held in Bozeman (2014) and Gettysburg, PA, in 2015. A power-packed lineup of distinguished speakers will address the event's theme "Teaming Technology with Tradition."

Speakers include Patrick Hatfield, Chair of the Montana State University Department of Animal Science; Dorian Garrick, who fills the Jay Lush endowed chair in Animal Science and Breeding at Iowa State University; Bruce Golden, CEO and President of Theta Solutions, LLC; Jared Decker, Assistant Professor, University of Missouri; Mahdi Saatchi, Lead Genomocist, International Genetic Solutions; Wade Shafer, ASA Executive Vice President; Lauren Hyde, Lead Geneticist, International Genetic Solutions; and Jackie Atkins, ASA Director of Science and Education.

Headquarters hotel for the event is the Holiday Inn, 5 E. Baxter Lane in Bozeman (406-587-4561). A block of rooms has been reserved under the Group Code ASA, and the cutoff date for room reservations is August 4.

There is no registration fee for attendance, but pre-registration is required in order to facilitate planning for meals and refreshments. For additional information, contact ASA's Nancy Chesterfield at 406-587-2778.

#### **AJSA Calendar Listed**

Key dates and a complete schedule for American Junior Simmental Association activities have been announced for 2016 as follows:

- May 12 Regional Classic late entry deadline
- May 16 National Classic entry/ ownership deadline
- May 23 National Classic late entry deadline
- June 1 Photography Contest, Video Contest, Trustee application, Silver and Gold Merit Award application deadline.
- June 15-18 South Central Regional Classic, Stillwater, OK
- June 15-18 Eastern Regional Classic, Cookeville, TN
- June 23-25 Western Regional Classic, Bozeman, MT
- July 9-15 National Classic, Des Moines, IA



#### 2016 Year-Letter is "D"

The year-letter animal identification letter for 2016 is "D," and will be followed by E in 2017 and F in 2018. The letter C was the year-letter designated for use during 2015.

Since ASA was founded in 1969, the International year-letter designation program is now it its third complete cycle.

#### **Office Holiday Schedule**

The ASA office will be closed for the following 2016 holidays.

Monday, May 30 Memorial Day

Friday & Monday, July 1 & 4 4th of July

Monday, September 5 Labor Day

Thursday – Friday, November 24-25 Thanksgiving

Friday & Monday, December 23 & 26 Christmas 🔶



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Cooperia oncophora	100 days
Cooperia punctata	100 days
Haemonchus placei	120 days
Oesophagostomum radiatum	120 days
Ostertagia lyrata	120 days
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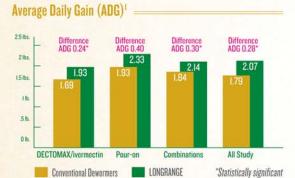
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# MEET THE TEAM

This is the latest installment in a series designed to "personalize" ASA's Representatives so that the membership can become more familiar with individual credentials and more easily recognize names, faces and responsibilities.



#### Susan Russell, Sugar City, Colorado

Born and raised on a Hereford Ranch in Kansas, Susan Russell was heavily involved in church, 4-H and national cattle events growing up. A 1981 graduate of Kansas State University (KSU), she worked as a newspaper and magazine editor for 15 years. Today, she still writes for special projects, such as contributing to the coffee table book *100 Years of Kansas Beef*.

Russell, along with her husband, Curtis, is a coowner/co-operator of Reflected R Ranch and WW Feed & Supply, LLC. Together, they run about 80– head of registered cows near Sugar City, located in the short-grass prairie of southeast Colorado. The feed mill and retail store is based in nearby La Junta, and primarily merchandises and markets livestock feed and supplies. They provide custom mixing, nutritional livestock consulting, artificial insemination services, as well as bulk feed and liquid nitrogen deliveries.

Heavily involved with Simmental organizations, Russell has served on the ASA Board of Trustees for six years and has been serving as secretary/treasurer for the Colorado Simmental Association (CSA) since 1998. In that time, She has been actively involved with membership events, ASA annual meetings, AJSA Classics, and much more. Russell and her husband were the recipients of the Colorado Simmental's 2010 Breeder of the Year, Colorado Cattlemen's 2015 Outstanding Seedstock Producer, and Colorado Simmental's Honorary Life Award during the 2016 National Western Stock Show.

Russell credits ASA for its focus on the importance of sound science. "Under Dr. Jerry Lipsey's leadership and the breed's emphasis on performance and genetics, Simmental has become the Continental breed of choice. With the continued guidance of Dr. Wade Shafer and a progressive board, we continue to believe in the Simmental breed," she stated.

Having recently accepted the position of ASA Representative, Russell says, "This position is an extension of the work that I have been doing with ASA for years, and I enjoy the opportunity to visit with cattlemen and serve the breed."  $\blacklozenge$ 

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#### By Trustee Garrett Stanfield, Manchester, OH



Hello everyone! I hope you are all doing well. While writing this article during class, I can't help but count down the days until my high school graduation. This chapter of my life is coming to a close, but I can't wait to open the next chapter just to see what it holds. Although the memories I have are great ones, the ones to come are even better. For many of you, graduation is just a memory or maybe it is something you

are looking forward to in the future. While you may not relate to the feelings I am experiencing at this time in my academic life, I am positive we are all experiencing the same feelings this calving and breeding season.

As warmer weather moves in across the country, many will finish spring calving and continue coming up with the most exciting matings for next spring. Everyday is a great day when you can go outside and look at brand new Simmental calves. I always wonder: can this one be my next champion or my next donor? While nothing is wrong with thinking about the future, it takes work and dedication to get there. As the school year winds down and the days get longer, I'm sure many of us will find ourselves in the show barn more and more often.

With only a couple of months until the summer show season is officially underway, its crunch time! Remember those calves you were dreaming about? Now they're in the show barn and will soon hit the tan bark if they haven't done so already. The season has come to make those dreams come true. From here on out your friends and family know where to find you. While our friends sleep in and spend their summers on vacation, we will be rising early in the morning to feed, rinse, brush, blow dry and repeat again later in the day. While countless hours will be spent in the barn over the next few months, we will all rest assured knowing the time put in and dedication to the stock show industry will pay dividends in the end.

With high school graduation, scholarship applications, and class scheduling on my mind, it may be difficult to spend the entire summer in the barn, as I prefer. Some of you may plan on going on vacation with your family or even attending camps with your friends this summer. While you certainly should enjoy your summer, don't forget to spend a little extra time in the barn this summer to make that next chapter the best one yet! Good luck this show season and I hope to see you all in Des Moines!

	2016 Classic Schedule	
Event	Dates	Location
South Central Regional	June 15-18, 2016	Stillwater, OK
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### **STATE SCENE**



#### **States Ranked for Most Farms**

The US had 2.067 million farms in 2015, and Texas led the way with 242,000, more than second-ranked Missouri (at 97,100) and third-ranked Iowa (at 87,500) farms combined. In all, 39 states have more than 11,000 farms.

The top 10 farm states including Texas, Missouri, and Iowa, are Oklahoma (78,000), California (77,500), Kentucky (76,400), Ohio (74,400), Illinois (73,600), Minnesota (73,600), and Wisconsin (68,900).

#### Horse Slaughter Terminated

A district Court Judge has granted an order that will permanently prohibit plans for developing a horse processing plant in New Mexico. The sale of horsemeat for human consumption is banned in the US and processing hasn't occurred in the US since 2007.

However, there is no federal law prohibiting transport of horses across the border for slaughter in Canada and Mexico. Some American companies have attempted to start horse slaughter plants in recent years, but none have succeeded.

#### **Another Million Acres Gone**

The USDA has released the "Farms and Land in Farms 2015 Summary", which indicates fewer (but larger) farms across fewer overall acres. In 2015, USDA counted 18,000 fewer farms compared to the previous year, and a million fewer acres of farmland. USDA total number of US farms at 2.07 million and total number of farm acres at 912 million acres. The average farm size is 3 acres bigger than the year prior, at 441 acres.

Here are the states that reported at least 100,000 acres lost: Alabama (down more than 100,000 acres), Colorado, Georgia, Mississippi, North Caroliina, North Dakota, Oklahoma, Virginia, and Wisconsin.

#### **Grasshoppers Affected by Climate**

Extension entomologists at the University of Wyoming say that a wetter, warmer climate could contribute to future grasshopper/locust outbreaks in the Western US.

Grasshoppers could get a climate-change boost, developing faster and producing more offspring. Some Western Hemisphere subtropical grasshoppers have already expanded their ranges, including the "gray bird" species whose northern-most boundary had been South Texas, but as recently been seen as far north as Wyoming.

#### **Elk Positive for Brucellosis**

Wildlife biologists in Montana, during a study designed to better understand how elk and brucellosis are involved in the spread of the dreaded disease, have reported their findings. The study is a joint effort between the Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks Department and the Montana Department of Agriculture.

In an area near the Wyoming line east of Yellowstone Park, biologists found that six of 16 captured elk had been exposed to brucellosis. However, less than 100 miles to the west, elk captured along the Beartooth Mountain Front, showed zero cases of exposure to the disease. ◆

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#### **COOL** Now Dead

USDA has released its final rule to repeal the controversial mandatory country-of-origin labeling (COOL) requirements for beef and pork. The battle over COOL between the US and its North American neighbors came to a head after the World Trade Organization (WTO) ruled that Canada and Mexico could impose up to \$1 billion in tariffs on US-traded products as retaliation over COOL.

Congress repealed COOL before the retaliation could take place, and the USDA stopped enforcing COOL requirements for beef and pork at the same time.

#### **CFI Addresses Consumer Concerns**

The most recent consumer trust research from the Center for Food Integrity (CFI) has found that consumers have growing concerns over the treatment of animals raised for food.

CFI research found that 60% of respondents agreed with the statement: "If animals are treated decently and humanely, I have no problem eating meat, milk and eggs." However, only 25% believe that US meat comes from humanely treated animals, with the remainder (75%) expressing "some concern" that humane treatment is practiced.

#### **Restaurants Benefit from Low Prices**

Reversing years of steadily increasing prices, the cost of beef is expected to decrease between 10% and 17% across all primal cuts during 2016 in what amounts to a windfall for chain restaurant operations.

Restaurants are projected to be in a good spot for the current year. Higher cattle weights and a 4% rise in production led to the forecasted decline in beef prices.

#### Hamburger Prices Drop

The price of hamburger at the retail level has dropped below \$4 for the first time in almost a year-and-half. Prices decreased eight cents to \$3.98 per pound in January.

Retail ground-beef prices averaged \$4.17 per pound during 2015. Ground beef had reached \$4 per pound for the first time in history in August, 2014.

#### **Cold Storage Beef Highest Ever**

In January, total meat supplies in freezers were up 9% from the previous month and up 7% from last year. Total pounds in freezers were up 1% from the previous month of January, since the data was first recorded in 1915.

Frozen pork supplies were up 17% from the previous month and up 7% from last year. Total pork is a record high for January, 2016, since data was first recorded in 1915. Stocks for pork bellies were up 14% from the last month and up 13% from last year.

#### **USDA Awards Food Grants**

USDA has awarded \$30.1 million in competitive grants to fund 80 research projects to improve food safety, reduce antibiotic resistance in food, and increase resilience of plants in the face of the climate change.





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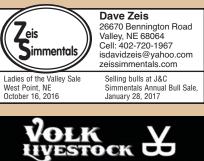
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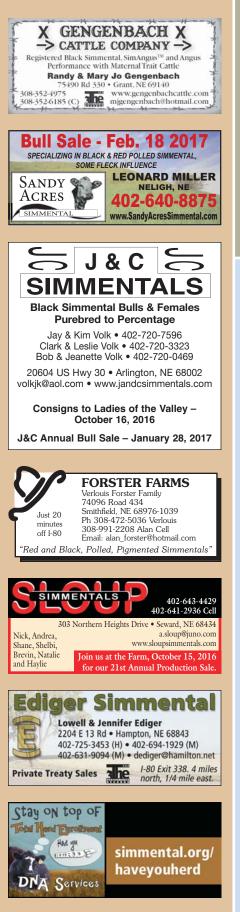
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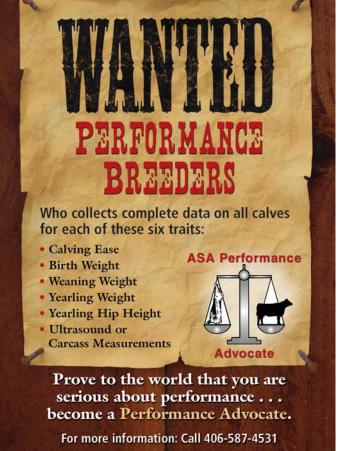
The projects will focus on enhancing food safety through improved processing technologies, effective mitigation strategies for antimicrobial resistance, improving food quality and safety. Some \$3.4 million of this funding will be used to address antimicrobial resistance throughout the food chain.

#### **Finances Sought by Coalition**

A board coalition of meat industry leaders, veterinarians and critics of the use of antibiotics in meat animals are requesting Congress to support the Obama Administration's 2017 budget request for an additional \$35 million for research, monitoring and surveillance under the "Combating Antibiotic Resistant Bacteria strategy.

The coalition, led by John Johnson, chief operating officer of the National Pork Board, is concerned about overuse of antibiotics in meat and agree that more funding is needed to properly monitor its use.





#### Largest Market Drop Since 1981

The cattle market dropped 16% at the end of 2015, rivaling numbers seen in 1981. A strong dollar limited trade and had the export markets down 12%. Imports increased 20% bringing domestic inventories of red meat to a record high.

R-CALF USA has sent a formal request to the US Senate Committee on the Judiciary to investigate the collapse in the cattle market. Concerns for the group are that antitrust and anticompetitive conduct may have occurred in the US beef and cattle markets.

#### **Pasture Rates Rise**

Cash rent for US pasture rose 16.7% in 2015 from an average of \$12 to \$14 per acre, according to the USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS). Since then, various data suggest it will continue to rise again this year, though cropland rates are running the opposite direction.

Lease rates jumped in most states last year, led by Missouri (up \$5 to \$34 per acre), Nebraska (up \$8 to \$28.50 per acre), and South Dakota (up \$5 to \$27 per acre). Illinois was the only state in USDA's evaluation with a decline in cash rent rates for pasture.

#### **BLM Beefing Up Security**

After the armed standoff at the Oregon Bird Refuge and increasing threats from anit-government "Patriots," Bureau of Land Management (BLM) offices across much of the West are increasing security.

Guards will have to make more stringent checks on all people who enter BLM offices, including inspecting any brief cases or bags they may be carrying. Offices and local facilities are being inspected to assure that they are equipped with up-to-date technology and security features.

#### **By-Products Values Drop**

In January, by-product values averaged \$10.40 per hundredweight live, down \$4.20 from a year ago, and the lowest value seen since April, 2010. In terms of value of a live fed steer, a 1,300-pound steer would have by-product value of \$135.33 per head, down \$54.60 per head from a year ago.

By-products are less important than cattle price, but the large decline in value is an important contributor to cattle value. Numerous US by-products are exported — whether it is hides to Asian countries or livers to Egypt. An economic slowdown in Asia and other countries, and a rapid increase of value of the dollar contributes to the decline.

#### **Cattle Lost to Predators**

Approximately 220,000 head of cattle were lost to predation in 2010, according to a study by the USDA National Agricultural Statistics Service, resulting in a loss of \$98.5 million. Wolves, mountain lions, coyotes, bears, and domestic dogs are predators to which some of the livestock losses seen across the nation can be attributed, with dogs and coyotes the most widespread.

It is recommended that calving near buildings and refraining from housing livestock in rough terrain helps to reduce such losses. Guardian animals are another non-lethal alternative to control predators. ◆



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## NEWSMAKERS



#### Frazier to Lead NCBA

The National Cattlemen's Beef Association (NCBA) has named Kendall Frazier to serve as the organization's Chief Executive Officer. Frazier had been serving as interim CEO since the resignation of Forest Roberts in June of 2015.

Frazier was raised on a diversified cattle and grain operation in south-central Kansas. He is a graduate of Kansas State University and began his career as a farm



Kendall Frazier

broadcaster for WIBW Radio/Television before joining the Kansas Livestock Association as director of communications. He joined the staff of the National Cattlemen's Association (which later became NCBA) in 1985 and has held several staff leadership positions during his career.

#### **Deadly Calving Accident**

A rancher in northeast Oklahoma was dragged to death by a cow he was trying to help calve. He became trapped in the obstetrical chains and dragged to death when the cow bolted.

Authorities say the rancher was still entangled in the chains when emergency responders arrived. The cow was euthanized in hopes of saving the man's life, but the rancher was pronounced dead at the scene. The incident happened in a rural area about 35 miles north of Tulsa.

#### Alleged Alligator Assault

A Florida man has been arrested for aggravated assault after he allegedly threw an alligator through the drive-thru window of a Wendy's fast-food restaurant. The man apparently picked up the three-and-a-half foot alligator from the side of the road and drove to a nearby Wendy's. When the fast food worker taking his order turned her back, the man tossed the gator through the window.

Florida Fish and Wildlife tracked the man down, through his credit card receipt, but he wasn't arrested until he turned himself in to the police.

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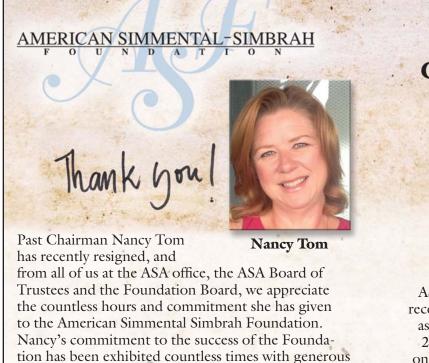
Former ASA Trustee and long-time Simbrah breeder



Sally Buxkemper, Ballinger, TX, has been featured in the March issue of *Drover's Journal*. A story, entitled "Diversity at Its Finest," was written by Laura Mushrush, and focuses on Buxkemper's cattle breeding success. A self-proclaimed "heterosis nut" — Buxkemper reported that she became an early proponent of breeding composite cattle to capitalize on hybrid vigor.

In 2009, she was named as a recipient of

Sally Buxkemper ASA's prestigious Golden Book Award in recognition of her contributions to promoting and improving Simmental-influenced cattle.

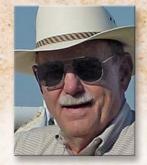


personal contributions, donations, and willingness to

further the fundraising efforts and overall mission of

the Foundation. Thank you Nancy!!

Foundation Update New Foundation Chairman Appointed



Fred Schuetze

ASA Board Chairman, Dale Miller, has recently appointed Fred Schuetze to serve as Foundation Board Chairman for the 2016-2017 year. Schuetze has served on the Foundation Board for many years and has spearheaded the financial support for Feed Intake Research Project.

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## THE CUTTING EDGE



#### **Biotech Comments Sought**

The US Department of Agriculture published a Notice of Intent indication plans to prepare an environmental impact statement on the introduction of biotechnology products.

This is the first step in beginning USDA's overhaul of its biotechnology regulations since its current processes were developed over 30 years ago. The USDA hopes to accelerate the development of new crop traits and determine regulatory requirements for specific new breeding techniques.

#### **Test Tube Foals Produced**

Recently, two test tube foals were produced as part of a United Kingdom three-year, collaborative effort conducted by leading fertility experts. The procedure is projected as a means of benefiting rare breed conservation, including species on the verge of extinction.

The project was led by the University of Liverpool, the University Surrey and Tremlows Stud Farm in the UK. Aim of the project was to establish and offer advanced breeding methods that are not routinely available.

#### **Freezing Improves Tenderness**

Many people find it appealing to take a fresh steak from the store right home to their grill, but research continues to show that freezing the steak and cooking it later improves the tenderness of certain cuts. Kansas State University (KSU) meat scientists report that they have confirmed previous findings about the impact of freezing strip loin and inside round steaks. In a recent study, KSU tested six major muscles from the hind quarter and found that those cuts were as much as 10% more tender after freezing.

#### High-Protein Diet Helps Sleep

Overweight and obese adults who are using a high-protein diet to lose weight, are more likely to sleep better, according to a research report from Purdue University, which was funded by the Beef Checkoff.

While consuming a lower calorie diet with a higher amount of protein, sleep quality improved for middle-age adults. The researchers concluded that "this sleep quality is better, compared to those who lost the same amount of weight while consuming a normal amount of protein."

#### **Feral Pigs Costly**

A new study by the University of Florida estimates that feral pigs cost Florida's beef industry more than \$2 million a year in lost cattle production. The study, which accounts only for lost forage, doesn't include costs related to restoring land when feral swine spread invasive plants.

According to estimates by USDA, the cost of wild hog damage and control nationally reaches \$1.5 billion a year. Ranchers can raise money for restoring land and control of feral hog populations by hosting guided hunts.





#### **Cargill Expands**

Cargill recently acquired FPL Food, a ground beef processing plant located in Columbia, SC. The purchase of the 100,000 square foot plant, which employs 200 workers, is projected to complement the company's processing facilities in Georgia and Pennsylvania, serving the eastern US.

According to a company press release "customers served by this plant will benefit from closer proximity to supplies and improved transit time for their orders." A Cargill spokesman stated that "encouraging trends toward premium gourmet burgers" have been recently noted.

#### Duke Energy Taking Waste to New Level

Duke Energy is expanding its renewable energy from livestock waste, adding more power to investments the country's largest electric company has made in wind turbines and acres of solar arrays.

The Charlotte-based utility has contracted with Carbon Cycle Energy, which will build and own a North Carolina plant that collects methane from pig and chicken waste, refines the gas and delivers enough for Duke Energy to generate electricity to power about 10,000 homes a year. The project is one of the largest in a growing number of waste-to-fuel efforts and likely will draw mostly from swine operations.

#### **Restaurants Pay Premiums for Small Cattle**

As cattle increase in size in the US, consumers are finding more and more brisket on the menu. With cattle heading to the processing plant heavier than ever last year, the packers have pushed the marketing of brisket.

Restaurants are now paying feedlots to buy heifers because they have smaller carcasses than steers. The premiums that restaurants are paying average more than \$50 per head.

#### Fertilizer Supports Jobs

Fertilizers are known for their contributions to the world's food supply, but the economic value and jobs created by the industry have not been publicized. The Fertilizer Institute has released an economic impact study that quantifies the industry's contribution to the US economy.

The study found that the fertilizer industry contributed more than \$162 billion and 515,900 jobs to the US economy in 2014 alone. The scope of the study includes the direct and supplier contributions and impact on the entire industry value chain from manufacturers to wholesalers, retailers and service suppliers.



#### Half of Imports from Canada, Mexico

Canada and Mexico are the two largest sources of US agricultural imports and account for about one-third of the total import value. The combined value of imports from the European countries roughly equals that of imports from Canada alone.

Together the imports from Canada, Mexico, and European countries account for over half of the value of the US imports, and have been relatively consistent over the past decade. Agricultural imports from China in 2015 still accounts for less than 4% of the US total.

#### US to Export to South Africa

The USDA, in collaboration with the Office of the US Trade Representatives (USTR), has reached an agreement with South African officials to allow most US exports of poultry, pork and beef and their products to regain access to the South African market.

Only a limited number of US poultry and meat products have been exported to South Africa in recent years, due to unwarranted sanitary requirements by South African authorities, with mostly poultry exports blocked for the last 15 years. With this renewed access for US red meat and poultry products, US meat exports could generate \$75 million of shipments annually.

#### Cuba, US Build Trade Relationship

A year after President Obama announced plans to normalize relations with Cuba, the island nation just 90 miles from Florida, the US Treasury has approved the construction of the first USowned Cuban factory in more than 50 years.

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The factory will manufacture small farm machinery for Cuba's family farmers, run by two retired software engineers from Alabama. The factory, which represents the first of what could be numerous economic opportunities for US companies, could open as early as 2017.

#### Imports from Chile up 298%

US beef imports from Chile have seen the greatest increase in 2015, followed by Brazil, Japan, Uruguay and Mexico. US beef imports from Chile in 2014 were 406,649 pounds and jumped to 1,619,755 pounds, nearly a 300% increase.

In total, The US has purchased 20% more beef from nine countries: Chile, Brazil, Japan, Uraguay, Mexico, Australia, New Zealand, Canada, and Costa Rica. ◆



#### Stavick Simmental's Annual Bull Sale

February 4, 2016 • Aberdeen, SD

- No. Category
- 60 Yearling SM and SimAngus™ Bulls

Average

\$5,646

Auctioneer: Tracy Harl, NE

Marketing Representatives: Jeff Thomas, MT and Luke Keller, ND

#### High-Selling Lots:

- \$10,500 "STAV Substance 23C," s. by GW Substance 820Y, sold to Mike Aesoph, SD.
- **\$9,750** "STAV King of Clubs 60C," s. by STAV King of Clubs 106Y, sold to Paul Friske, SD.
- **\$9,000** "STAV Premium Luck 52C," s. by GW Premium Luck, sold to Paul Friske, SD.
- \$8,500 "STAV Tanker 28C," s. by TNT Tanker, sold to Lewis Opp, SD.
- \$8,500 "STAV King of Spades 17C," s. by GW Substance 820Y, sold to Scott Rau, SD.
- \$8,000 "STAV Premium Luck 12C," s. by GW Premium Luck, sold to David Gienger, SD.
- \$7,500 "STAV Premium Luck 7C," s. by GW Premium Luck, sold to Mike Aesoph, SD.
- \$7,250 "STAV Substance 29C," s. by GW Substance 820Y, sold to Scott Rau, SD.
- \$7,250 "STAV Tanker 16C," s. by TNT Tanker, sold to Nate Aesoph, SD.
- **\$7,250** "STAV Substance 27C" s. by BW Substance, sold to Curt and Brock Penfield, SD.

#### Loonan Stock Farm's 41st Annual Production Sale

February 6, 2016 • Corning, IA

No.	Category	Average
17	Red SM Bulls	\$4,063
9	Red SimAngus™ Bulls	5,775
7	Unregistered SM Heifers	2,069
14	Unregistered SimAngus™ Heifer	s 1,886
44	Total SimInfluenced Lots	\$3,445

#### **High-Selling SimInfluenced Bull:**

\$12,000 - SimAngus, s. by Heardsman, sold to Paul Jones, Clarinda.

Volume Bull Buyer: Ken Wilson, Canton, NC.

Volume Heifer Buyers: Craig Hupfeld, IA; and Steven Neilson, MO.

**Comments:** Also selling were 75 Red Angus Bulls at an average of \$4,772; seven Show Heifers at an average of \$2,175; and 56 Registered Red Angus Heifers at an average of \$1,854.

#### Springer Simmental Sale of Value Based Genetics

February 6, 2016 • Decorah, IA

No.	Category	Average
47	Bulls	\$4,573
7	Embryo Lots	2,943
24	Semen Lots	136
78	Total Lots	\$3,061

Auctioneer: Phil Schooley, Bloomfield

Sale Manager: Conover Auction Service Inc., Baxter

Marketing Representatives: Tom Rooney, Austin Brandt, and Dalton Lundy

Representing ASA: Bert Moore

#### **High-Selling Lots:**

- \$11,500 Bull, "SAS King B142," s. by R Plus King of the Yukon, sold to Amana Farms, Amana.
- \$7,100 Bull, "KFA Mr Manning C449," s. by Mr NLC Upgrade U8676, sold to Kapinus Farms, Prairie duChien, WI.
- **\$6,800** Bull, "GB/SAS S Meat C120," s. by SAS T101 Sweet Meat, sold to John Wilson, Lancaster, MN.
- **\$6,400** Bull, "GB/SAS King B115," s. by R Plus King of the Yukon, sold to John Wilson, Lancaster, MN.
- **\$6,000** Bull, "GB/SAS Renowned C934," s. by SAS Renowned A733, sold to Ron & Vernon Cooper, Lansing.
- \$3,800 Eight Frozen Embryos out of SAS Sugar X207, s. by CCR Cowboy Cut 5048Z, sold to Amana Farms, Amana.
- \$1,800 Four Frozen Embryos out of SAS Sugar X207, s. by R Plus Reload 2006Z, sold to Bob Stevens, Vernon Center, MN.
- \$1,600 Four Straws of HC Power Drive 88H Semen, sold to Herman Schwantz, Lincoln, IL.





Jeff Springer addresses pre-sale crowd.



Jodee Nohner, DV Auctions had an active online bidding crowd.

Tom Robinson, Iowa Board member. Jon Haman, Amana Farms manager, bought some top bulls & embryos.

#### lowa Beef Expo 46th Mark of Genetic Excellence Sale

February 15, 2016 • Des Moines, IA

No.	Category	Average
76	Bulls	\$4,405
14	Bred Heifers	4,389
43	Open Heifers	2,802
8	Genetic Lots	1,915
141	Total Lots	\$3,773

Sale Manager: Larry Martin Cattle Sales

Auctioneer: Jon Schaben

Marketing Agents: Greg Miller, Marshall Ruble, Jereme Ruble, Frank Kaehler, Bob Dwyer

**Ringmen:** Mike Sorenson, Grant Conover, Austin Brandt, Tom Rooney, Shane Ryan, and Joel Edge.

ASA Representative: Bert Moore

#### **High-Selling Lots**

\$12,500 – PB SM Bull, "RBS Current Affair C202," s. by RBS Raining Diamonds, cons. by Reck Bros., Albia. Some of Uprising's tremendous progeny!

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- \$10,000 SimAngus<sup>™</sup> Bull, "SLG Mr. Broker 471B," s. by Mr HOC Broker cons. by Scottland, Kenny & Tammy Scott, Oskaloosa.
- **\$9,500** PB SM Bull, "BS Black Static 104B," s. by VSF Static 810U, cons. by Beitz Simmentals, Hopkinton.
- \$8,600 SimAngus Bull, "Sir GlenLevit," s. by Mr HOC Broker, cons. by Irish Acres, Maxwell.
- \$8,250 PB SM Bull, "Fitz Poll Apex B1293," s. by Fitz Escalade, cons. by Fitzsimmons Simmentals, Vail.
- \$8,000 SimAngus Bred Female, "RBS B430," s. by RBS Xman X677, bred to W/C United 956Y, cons. by Reck Bros., Albia.
- **\$6,600** SimAngus Open Female, "TK Heart's Desire," s. by Sandeen Upper Class 2368, cons. by Kitzerow Cattle Company, St. Charles.
- \$6,500 SimAngus™ Open Female, "JS Sissy 28C," s. by S D S Graduate 006X, cons. by JS Simmental, Maxwell.

**Comments:** The Simmental sale had the largest number of consignments of any of the breed offerings and also posted among the highest averages.

#### 7P Ranch 22nd Annual Spring Bull Sale

February 20, 2016 • Tyler, TX

No. Category

CategoryAverageSM and SimAngus™ Bulls\$3,085

Auctioneer: Mark Tillman, Junction Sale Consultants: Warren Garrett, Canton; and Allied Genetics, Normal, IL.

#### High-Selling Lots:

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- **\$6,900** SimAngus, "Mr. 7P B198," s. by Shipwheel Chinook, sold to Bohnefeld Ranch, Mounds, OK.
- \$5,000 SimAngus, "Mr. 7P B264," s. by RRJS Steel Force 061U, sold to Bohnefeld Ranch, Mounds, OK.
- **\$5,000** PB SM, "Mr. 7P B49," s. by Gibbs 0689X Crimson Tide, sold to Bohnefeld Ranch, Mounds, OK.
- \$5,000 PB SM, "Mr. 7P B259," s. by CCR Sure Fire 5028Y, sold to Allen Martinez, Zwolle, LA.
- **\$5,000** SimAngus, "Mr. 7P B276," s. by RRJS Steel Force 061U, sold to Jon White, Greenville.
- \$5,000 PB SM, "Mr. TAG 33B," s. by TAG Black Beefmaker 11U, sold to Mark Kent, Kirbyville.
- Volume Buyer: Bohnefeld Ranch, Mounds, OK.

#### Minnesota State Simmental Association Sale

February 27, 2016 • Cannon Falls, MN

No.	Category	Average
11	SM and SimInfluenced Bulls	\$2,754
18	SM and SimInfluenced Breds	4,728
21	SM and SimInfluenced Opens	2,486
50	Total Live Lots	\$3,352

Auctioneer: Jon Schaben, IA

 Sale Manager: Eberspacher Enterprises (EE), Inc., MN
 Marketing Representatives: Val Eberspacher (EE); Kelly Schmidt (EE); and Mike Sorenson, Livestock Plus, IA.
 Representing ASA: Bill Zimmerman

#### **High-Selling Lots:**

- \$16,000 Bred Female, "RCC Delight B4121," s. by W/C United 956Y, bred to ASR Augustus Z2165, cons. by Redalen Cattle Company, sold to Rincker Brothers, Strasburg, IL.
- **\$6,500** Bred Female, "HS Blazing Star B6125," s. by Heads Up 20X ET, bred to CCR Wide Range 9005A, cons. by Hilbrands Simmentals, sold to Paul Pasche Family, Harris.
- \$6,250 Bred Female, "Volz's Bell Air B 305," s. by Flying B Cut Above, bred to W/C No Remorse 763Y, cons. by Volz Farms, sold to Dohlman Cattle, Chester, IA.
- \$6,000 Cow/Calf Pair, "OMF/KB N4 W102," s. by O C C Eureka 865E, Heifer calf s. by WS All-Around Z35, cons. by Diamond K Simmentals, sold to Wishing Well Simmentals, Winneconne, WI.
- \$5,250 Open Female, "K-LER Eye Catcher 532C," s. by K-LER Young Money, cons. by K-LER Cattle Company, sold to Amy and Emma Glilles, Owatonna.
- **\$5,000** Cow/Calf Pair, "Brant Beyonce B2104," s. by Elm-Mound Upgrade Z4, Bull calf s. by W/C Lock Down 206Z, cons. by Brant Farms and Jessica Kramer, sold to Rydeen Farms, Clearbook.
- \$4,750 Cow/Calf Pair, "PKS Blanche B4," s. by Dikeman's Sure Bet, Heifer calf s. by W/C Lock Down 206Z, cons. by Krueger Simmentals, sold to Hermel Family Medford.
- \$4,500 Bred Female, "JSMF Finess B19," s. by Mr. HOC Broker, bred to W/C United 956Y, cons. by Mueller Farms, sold to Candace Lein, Almond, WI.

**Comments:** Also selling were 10 genetic lots at an average of \$2,033. The MSA annual meeting and banquet was held Friday night. The banquet was highlighted by awarding the Commercial Producer of the Year, Junior Supporter of the Year, the Traveling Bell Promoter of the Year, crowning the new MSA Queen and the MSA/MJSA fundraiser auction.



MSA members Kelly Schmidt, Paul Krueger, Seth Kaehler and Matt Aggen



enjoy the weather before the sale.

Sale consignors Matt Pearson, Pearson Cattle, Grove City; and Dr. Kory Bigalk, Diamond K Simmentals, Plainview.

State Sale.



Nick Bernhard made the trip from Lawler, IA, and did some phone work.

#### Hill's Ranch Simmentals Bull Sale

arch	1,2016	٠	Stanford, MT	
	No.		Category	
	61		Bulls	

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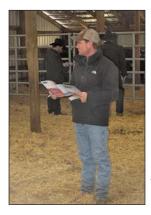
Auctioneer: Bill Begger, Wibaux Representing ASA: John Grande **Average** \$3,336



#### **High-Selling Lots:**

- \$7,500 ½ SM ½ AN, s. by Hills Maverick A74, sold to Dave Strouf, Lewistown.
- \$5,000 PB SM, s. by Mr Ishee Superthick, sold to Jackie Stallcup, Havre.
- \$5,000 PB SM, s. by Mr Ishee Blackbrother, sold to Chuck Stephens, Choteau.
- \$5,000 PB SM, s. by Dikemans Sure Bet, sold to Bessette Ranch Co., Loma.
- 5,000  $\frac{1}{2}$  SM  $\frac{1}{2}$  AN, s. by Connealy Black Granite sold to Mike Huber, Great Falls.
- Volume Buyers: Pollock Ranch, Bynum.

**Comments:** The Hill Family moved the sale into the shop and showed them on video rather than running them through the ring.





Tom Hill and Bill Begger welcome the crowd to the first sale held in the new facility.

Mike Huber of Great Falls is a long-time repeat buyer who bought one of the top bulls again this year.

#### Eichacker Simmentals-Red Angus and JK Angus Bull Sale

March 4, 2016 • Salem, SD

No.	Category
83	SM Bulls

**Average** \$5,632

Auctioneer: Tracy Harl, NE

#### **High-Selling Lots:**

\$28,000 - 3/4 SM, "ES CA46," sold to Wilkinson Farms, Montpelier, ND.
\$13,000 - PB SM, "ES CA11-2," sold to Mark Smith, Picayune, MS.
\$11,500 - 5/8 SM, "ES CY66," sold to Troy Thomas, Harrold.
\$10,000 - 1/2 SM, "ES CZ104," sold to Jay Lee, Madrid, NE.
\$9,500 - PB SM, "ES CA117," sold to Chris Allen, Lexington, KY.

**Volume Buyers:** Whetstone Ag Supply, Kelly O'Farrel, Wilmot; Ed and Robert Wobig, Canova; and Graceville Colony, Winfred. **Comments:** Also selling were 10 Red Angus Bulls at an average of

\$3,950; and 26 Angus Bulls at an average of \$3,815.



Buyers, David, Jerry, Matt & Joe Eichacker, Salem.



Buyer, Kurt Stiefvater, Salem.

#### Cason's Pride and Joy Simmentals' Performance Bull Sale

March 5, 2016 • Russell, IA

No. Category 43 SM and SimInfluenced Bulls

**Average** \$4,369

Auctioneer: Phil Schooley, IA

Sale Manager: Eberspacher Enterprises (EE), Inc., MN

Marketing Representatives: Val Eberspacher (EE); Kelly Schmidt (EE); Tom Rooney, *Midwest Marketer*, IA; Dustin Carter, SD; Mike McGruder, *Midwest Marketer*, MO; Roman Schooley, IA; Curt Peterson, IA; Tony Ballenger, IA; Seth Houston, IA; and Dr. Dewy Nibe, Sale Vet, IA.

#### **High-Selling Lots:**

- **\$8,500** "Cason's Mr. Triple Crown C95A," s. by Hook's Zero Gravity 103Z, sold to PL Johnson Land and Cattle, Grand Island, NE.
- **\$6,600** "Cason's Mr. Austin C13AN," s. by Hook's Zero Gravity 103Z, sold to Dana Mathes, Unionville, MO.
- \$6,300 "Cason's Mr. Wheel Man B8X," s. by FBFS Wheel Man 649W, sold to Nick Baldwin, Mystic.
- \$6,250 "Cason's Mr. Bismark C29TR," s. by S A V Bismarck 5682, sold to PL Johnson Land and Cattle, Grand Island, NE.
- \$6,000 "Cason's Mr. Rhett Butler B50X," s. by Cason's Mr. Cartwright, sold to Nick Baldwin, Mystic.
- \$5,750 "Cason's Mr. Sherman C90T," s. by SVF/NJC Built Right N48, sold to Steve Cason, Sigourney, IA.
- \$5,500 "Cason's Mr. Mercedes C296," s. by Cason's Mr. Sir Charles, sold to Milton Wilson, Moravia.
- \$5,200 "Cason's Mr. Sante Fe C97T," s. by SVS King Pin YU09, sold to Brad Daniels, Unionville, MO.





It was a fantastic spring day and there was a huge crowd for the 1st Annual Cason's Pride & Joy Simmentals' Bull Sale.

Sale host Denny Cason welcomes the crowd as sale manager Kelly Schmidt looks on.

#### Walsh Simmental Pursuit of Excellence Bull and Female Sale

March 5, 2016 • Hubbard, NE

No.	Category	Average
26	SM and SimInfluenced Herd Bulls	\$5,006
20	SM and SimInfluenced Open Heifers	\$2,808
46	Total SM and SimInfluenced Live Lots	\$4,324

Auctioneer: Jon Schaben, IA

Sale Manager: Eberspacher Enterprises (EE), Inc., MN

Marketing Representatives: Val Eberspacher (EE); Kelly Schmidt (EE); Chris Beutler, Lee AgriMedia, NE; Bruce Winter, IA; and Scott Forman, NE and Jason Hanson, NE.

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#### Walsh Sale (Continued)

#### High-Selling Lots:

- **\$20,000** Herd Bull, "WS Overload C12," s. by Remington Lock N Load 54U, sold to 4B Cattle Company, Sioux City, IA.
- \$13,500 Herd Bull, "WS Immortal C17," s. by W/C BF Innocent Man, sold to Mass Farms, Malvern, IA.
- \$8,500 Herd Bull, "WS Not Guilty C13," s. by W/C BF Innocent Man, sold to Current Creek Angus, Roundup, MT.
- **\$8,250** Herd Bull, "WS Bandwagon C38," s. by CSCX Bandwagon 513A, sold to Current Creek Angus, Roundup, MT.
- \$6,750 Herd Bull, "WS Download C63," s. by W/C Lockdown 206Z, sold to Welling Livestock Fieldling, UT.
- **\$6,250** Herd Bull, "WS Stimulus C5," s. by Remington Lock N Load 54U, sold to Lyon Farms, Newman Grove, NE.
- \$6,250 Herd Bull, "WS Ultimate C14," s. by LLSF Uprising Z925, sold to Lehrman Family Simmentals, Spencer, SD.
- \$6,250 Herd Bull, "WS Upgrade C36," s. by Mr. NLC Upgrade U8676, sold to Tyler Uthof, Ponca.

**Comments:** Also selling were two Embryo lots at an average of \$3,375.





Jerry Walsh gives opening comments as Jon Schaben prepares for the sale.

Dan Lehrman, Lehrman Family Simmentals, Spencer, SD took home two top bulls.

An incomplete report was run in the April 2016 *Register,* a more detailed report has been submitted and can be found below.

#### The Gold Bullion 14th Annual Production Sale

March 6, 2016 • Wamego, KS

No.	Category	Average
23	SM Bulls	\$4,672
34	SimAngus™ Bulls	5,109
57	Total SimInfluenced Bulls	\$4,933

Auctioneer: Garren Walrod, KS

Sale Manager: Ralph Brooke, KS

Marketing Representatives: Andrew Sylvester, Kansas Stockman; Guy Peverly, The Stock Exchange; and Ron Hinrichsen. Representing ASA: Nathan Smith

#### **High-Selling Lots:**

- **\$9,500** SimAngus, "SFI Mastermind C5Y," s. by Connealy Final Product, sold to Jim Neis, Eudora.
- \$7,750 SimAngus, "SFI Pioneer CX13," s. by WS Pilgrim, sold to Dalton Nix, Tolar, TX; and Aaron Kiser, Eastland, TX.
- \$7,750 SimAngus, "SFI Acclaim 35Z," s. by WS Pilgrim, sold to Wheatland Cattle Co., Bienfiat, SK.
- \$7,500 SimAngus, "Brooks Look Out," s. by BC Lookout, sold to Don, Justin and Zack Krug, Russell.
- \$7,500 SimAngus, "SFI Demension C2," s. by BC Lookout, sold to Wray Cattle Co., Wray, CO.
- \$7,250 SimAngus, "Brooks Capitalist C76," s. by Connealy Capitalist, sold to Steve Irlbeck, Happy, TX.

**\$7,250** – SimAngus, "SFI Magnitude C4," s. by BC Lookout, sold to Wray Cattle Co., Wray, CO.

**Comments:** Cattle sold into six states including: AR, CO, KS, MO, NE and TX.

**Volume Buyers:** Jarod Walrod, Bronaugh, MO; Wray Cattle, Wray, CO; Steve Irlbeck, Happy, TX; and Mike Albracht, Thurston, NE.

#### Open 8 Genetics Inaugural Bull Sale

March 8, 2016 • Charlo, MT

No.	Category
16	SimAngus™ Bulls

SimAngus™ Bulls

Auctioneer: Blake Nuffer, Ramsey

Sale Manager: Allied Genetic Resources, Marty Ropp

Marketing Representatives: Jared Murnin, Special Assignment; and Greg Goggins, Western Ag Reporter

Representing ASA: John Grande

#### **High-Selling SimAngus Lots:**

- **\$5,900** Half-blood, s. by Olie M229, sold to Haugestuen Ranches, Barron, WI.
- \$5,500 Half- blood, s. by Olie M229, sold to Randy Tunby, Baker.
- \$5,100 Half-blood Olie M229 son sold for \$5,100 to La Cense Montana, Dillon, MT.

Volume SimAngus Buyers: La Cense Montana, Dillon, MT.

**Comments:** Also selling were four Red Angus Bulls at an average of \$2,750 and 46 Angus Bulls at an average of \$4,265.

One unique element was a drawing after the sale for a credit equal to the average price of the bulls sold. Tim McAvoy, Ronan, was the lucky winner. He purchased Lot 19 for \$4,500, which after the credit only cost him a few hundred dollars.





Average

\$4,069

Jared Murnin previews sale bulls.

#### Lechleiter 28th Annual Bull Sale

March 9, 2016, • Loma, CO

No.	Category	Average
57	SM Bulls	\$3,802
54	SimAngusTM Bulls	3,884
111	Total Bulls	\$3,842

Auctioneer: Ty Tingey, CO

Representing ASA: Susan S. Russell

#### High-Selling Lots:

- \$6,500 PB SM, "Kim's C493," s. by Upgrade, sold to Tracy Hildreth, Gunnison.
- **\$6,500** 1/2 SM, "Kim's C363," s. by Final Answer, sold to Tracy Hildreth, Gunnison.
- \$6,500 5/8 SM, "Kim's 646," s. by United, sold to Beef It Up Ranch, Mack.

Volume Buyers: Escalante Ranch, Delta; and Homewood Ranch, Montrose.





Prospective buyers examined Lechleiter's bulls at Western Slope Cattlemen's Livestock auction barn.







Kim Lechleiter visits with Bill & Sherry Redden, Gunnison

Escalante Ranch was ton volume-buyer.

#### 74-51 Cattle Co. Annual Bull Sale

March 11, 2016 • Marshall, OK

No.	Category	Average
140	SM & AN Bulls	\$4,491
45	Commercial Bred Heifers	2,156
30	Commercial Open Heifers	1,467
215	Total Lots	\$3,120

Auctioneer: Matt Sims & Eddie Sims, OK

Sale Manager: Matt C. Sims Auction Service, OK

Marketing epresentatives: David Gazda, Angus Journal; Mark Sims, High Plains Journal; Delvin Heldermon, Special Assignment; DeRon Heldermon, Special Assignment; Juston Stelzer,

Special Assignment; and Chisolm Kinder, Oklahoma Cowman. Representing ASA: Nathan Smith



Pre-sale comments from the auction block.



Waiting for the sale to begin.

#### **Gonsior Simmentals'** 16th Annual "In the Heartland" **Production Sale**

March 12, 2016 • Fullerton, NE

No.	Category	Average
46	SM and SimInfluenced Herd Bulls	\$4,391
<b>27</b> ½	SM and SimInfluenced Bred Heifers	3,923
26	SM and SimInfluenced Open Heifers	3,212
<b>96</b> ½	Total Registered SM and SimInfluenced Lots	\$3,962

Auctioneer: Tracy Harl, NE

Sale Manager: Eberspacher Enterprises (EE) Inc., MN

Marketing Representatives: Val Eberspacher (EE); Kelly Schmidt (EE); Derek Vogt (EE) NE; Chris Beutler, Lee AgriMedia, NE; Rick Frenzen, NE, Ronald Miller, NE, Randy Rasby, Livestock Plus, NE; Rick Buehler, NE, Tom Sonderup, NE; Buddy Robertson, OK; Dallas Woltemath, NE; Dalton Lundy, KY; and Quentin Smola, NE.

#### **High-Selling Lots:**

- \$10,500 Herd Bull, "Elm-Mound/GS Upgrade C56," s. by Mr. NLC Upgrade U8676, cons. by Elm Mound Farms, sold to Brandes Brothers LLC, Central City.
- \$8,000 1/2 interest in Open Heifer, "Gonsior Blackbird SAV C1082," s. by S A V Resource 1441, sold to Scott Beck Angus, Genoa.
- \$7,750 Herd Bull, "Gonsior Grand As Steel BX50," s. by SS Ebony's Grandmaster, sold to Phil Perryman, Apache, OK.
- \$7,000 Open Heifer, "Gonsior Shez Dreamy C309," s. by WAGR Dream Catcher 03R, sold to Vandewalle Cattle Company, Cedar Rapids.
- \$6,750 Bred Female, "Gonsior Right Answer B12," s. by S A V Final Answer 0035, bred to W/C Lock Down 206Z, sold to Chris Vanderholm, Villisca.
- \$6,500 Herd Bull, "Gonsior Limit Up C798," s. by LLSF Uprising Z925, sold to Brandes Brothers LLC, Central City.
- \$6,500 Herd Bull, "CHEK C86," s. by Mushrush Lock N Load U213, cons. by Horacek Red Angus, sold to Randy Knowles, Arnett, OK.
- \$6,500 Open Female, "Gonsior Charging Cool C1," s. by HPF N-Charge A025, sold to Shane Strickler, Orland, CA.

Comments: Also selling were seven special genetic and semen lots at an average of \$2,193. Guest consignors included: Buehler Show Cattle, Elm Mound Farms, Ediger Simmentals, Mike Benes, Two River Livestock, Sonderup Angus, T&B Livestock, Thompson Breeding Stock, Schafer Cattle Co., Square D Simmentals, Gulbrandson Cattle and Windy Ridge Simmentals.



Gary Ames of Ames Simmentals, Wymore, NE and Mike Benes, Valparaiso, NE talk over the cattle.



Kade Brandes, Brandes Brothers LLC, Central City; took home some top-selling cattle.



A large crowd filled the pens of cattle on the pleasant spring day.



Leonard Miller, Sandy Acres Simmentals. Neligh.

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#### **Tennessee Beef Agribition**

March 12, 2016 • Lebanon, TN

No.	Category
50	Total Lots

Average \$3,644

Auctioneer: Tommy Barnes, AL

Sale Manager: DP Sales Management, LLC, KY Sale Staff: Jack Hedrick, Marshal Tingle, and Chand Stansberry Sale Chairman: Chris Ivie

#### High-Selling Lots:

- \$21,000 Open Female, "HPF/AF/B&K Miss Alley 357C," s. by RGRS SRG Two Step, cons. by B&K Farms, sold to JS Simmentals, IA.
- **\$7,650** Embryos out of, "WHF/PRS/HFP Alley," s. by SAV Brillance and Two Step, cons. by B&K Farms, sold to Ferguson Show Cattle, OH; and Double J Simmental, TN.
- \$7,000 Open Female, "TSSC Dream Girl 46C," s. by BFD/TSSC Burn Notice, cons. by Tinin Show Cattle, sold to Tony Ritter, AL.
- **\$5,700** Bred Female, "Miss WEF Hot and Bothered," s. by GIBBS 1084Y Tuxs and Tails, bred to Hook's Beacon, cons. by 48 Creek Livestock, sold to Matt Van Slyke, TN.
- \$5,000 Flush out of, "3Aces Mignonne B214," s. by Remington Secret Weapon, cons. by 3Aces Show Cattle, sold to Trennepohl Farms, IN.
- **\$5,000** Open Female, "TSSC Dream Come True 75C," s. by BFD/TSSC Burn Notice, cons. by Tinin Show Cattle, Volunteer Simmental, TN.
- **\$5,000** Open Female, "IVS Apostle 113C," s. by HTP/SVF Duracell, cons. by Ivie and Sons Simmentals, sold to John Dies, TN.
- \$4,500 Open Female, "B&K Flecka 18C," s. by KenCo Club King, cons. by B&K Farms, sold to W6 Farms, TN.



Longtime TN Breeders JW & Carolyn Parker always support the Agribition.



Judge Andy Higgins selected Ben Brown, B&K Farms' consignment was the Supreme Simmental female, she went on to be the sale topper.



Blake & Koty Beth Darnell, TN, consigned to the sale.



A strong crowd of breeders from across the south attended the sale.

#### Keller Broken Heart Ranch Annual Production Sale

March 14, 2016 • Mandan, ND

No.	Category	Average
71	Yearling Bulls	\$4,752
67	Yearling Heifers	1,656
138	Total Lots	\$4,053

Auctioneer: Tracy Harl, Loup City, NE

Marketing Representatives: Kirby Goettsch, Farm and Ranch Guide; Chris Peterson, Cattle Business Weekly; Chris Effling, Tri-State Livestock News; Jared Wareham, Allied Genetic Resources; and Todd Finke, Special Assignment. Representing ASA: Russ Danielson

#### **High-Selling Lots:**

- **\$20,000** SimAngus<sup>™</sup> Bull, "C324," s. by CCR Gravity 9064A, sold to Rydeen Simmental, Clearbrook, MN.
- \$12,500 PB Bull, "C147," s. by CDI Journey 224Y, sold to Mike Bielenberg, Ames, IA.
- \$11,000 SimAngus Bull, "C114," s. by CCR Gravity 9064A, sold to Wilkinson Farms Simmental, Montpelier.
- \$10,750 SimAngus Bull, "C042," s. by KS Madagascar A889, to Geigle Simmental, McIntosh.
- \$10,000 SimAngus Bull, "C154," s. by BAR CK Luck B1206Y, sold to Mike Alley, Redmond, OR.
- **\$9,500** SimAngus Bull, "C193," s. by Schuler Rebel 0029X, sold to Roger Hasse, Tappen.
- \$2,600 Purebred Heifer, "C281," s. by Hook's Zebulon 59Z, sold to Wollmuth Ranch, Moffit.

**Volume Buyers:** Hilbrands Cattle Company, Clara City, MN; and Paul Krueger, Hastings, MN.





introductions from the auction block.

Mark Hilbrands volume heifer purchaser.



Paul Rydeen purchased the high-selling bull.

#### Rockin H Simmental Annual Production Sale

March 14, 2016 • Watertown, SD

No.	Category	Average
25	SM and SimInfluenced Herd Bulls	\$4,376
19	SM and SimInfluenced Bred Heifers	2,916
12	SM and SimInfluenced Open Heifers	2,296
56	Total SM and SimInfluenced Lots	\$3,761

Auctioneer: Dustin Carter, SD

Sale Manager: Eberspacher Enterprises (EE) Inc., MN

Marketing Representatives: Val Eberspacher (EE); Kelly Schmidt (EE); Kent Jaecke, OK; Mike Sorenson, Livestock Plus, IA; and Mark Streich, MN.

#### High-Selling Lots:

\$7,750 – Herd Bull, "Rockin H Mr. Clinton C549," s. by LRS Turning Point 3117A, sold to DLB Farms, Ashley, IL.

**\$6,200** – Herd Bull, "Rockin H Mr. Chester C21R," s. by 3C Pasque X0572, sold to Will Farms, Windom, MN.



- \$5,750 Herd Bull, "Rockin H Mr. Cash C186T," s. by CCR Cowboy Cut 5048Z, sold to Rueb Farms Inc., Herried.
- \$5,000 Herd Bull, "Rockin H Mr. Charged Up C710," s. by JBS Big Casino 336Y, sold to Laramie Zimprich, Hazel.
- **\$4,800** Herd Bull, "Rockin H Mr. Confidence C391A," s. by S A V Brilliance 8077, sold to Randy Gronke, Waubay.
- \$4,800 Herd Bull, "Rockin H Mr. Camander C64W," s. by Mr. NLC Upgrade U8676, sold to Ronald Gaikowski, Waubay.
- **\$4,300** Herd Bull, "Rockin H Mr. Cyrus C16X," s. by CDI Authority 77X, sold to Jamie Broksieck, Goodwin.
- \$4,300 Open Female, "Rockin H Ms. Casey C55U," s. by CCR Cowboy Cut 5048Z, sodl to DLB Farms, Ashely, IL.





Matt Hoffman, Rockin H Simmentals, discusses the cattle with customers before the sale.

Charlie Tesch, Tesch Bros Cattle, Estelline; and Amanda Eberspacher Hilbrands, Hilbrands Cattle Co, Clara City, MN; talk over the offering.

#### **Open Gate Ranch**

March 15, 2016 • Simms, MT

No.	Category	Average
80	Bulls	\$4,956

Auctioneer: Roger Jacobs, Billings

Sale Manager: Allied Genetic Resources, Normal, IL

Marketing Representatives: Jeff Thomas, Lee Agri Media; Lynn Perry, Western Ag Reporter; Devin Murnin, Western Livestock Journal; Russ Pepper, Tri-State Livestock News

Representing ASA: John Grande

#### **High-Selling Lots:**

- **\$9,000** 1/2 Blood, "CT 699," s. by Baldridge Waylon, sold to Lazy D Ranch, MT.
- \$8,000 1/2 Blood, "CX007," s. by of Baldridge Waylon, sold to Bignell Ranch, MT.
- **\$7,500** 1/2 Blood, "CZ524," s. by GW Premium Beef 021TS, sold to Bignell Ranch, MT.
- **\$7,250** 11/16 SM "CZ34," s. by OLF Otis Y43, sold to Kimmel Ranch, MT.
- **\$6,750** 9/16 SM, "CA568," s. by GW Premium Beef 021TS, sold to Bignell Ranch, MT.
- \$6,750 PB SM, "CY348," s. by WS Beef Maker R13, sold to Prairie Sun Farms, MT.



Mike Richert, Garrett Thomas, Marty Ropp, and Roger Jacobs get ready to kick off the sale.



Brandon Richert visits with buyers before the sale.



The Open Gate Ranch and Allied Genetic Resources crews register buyers at the Broken O Sale Facility.

#### Parker Cattle Company's Bull Sale

March 17, 2016 • Burlington, CO

No.Category42SM & SimAngus™ Bulls

Average \$3,737

Auctioneer: Tracy Harl, NE

Sale Manager: Allied Genetic Resources, IL Marketing Representatives: Garrett Thomas, Allied Genetic Resources Representing ASA: Susan S. Russell

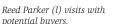
#### High-Selling Lots:

**\$10,000** – PB SM, "Parkers Augustus C515," s. by ASR Augustus Z2165, sold to Don MacLennan, Byers.

\$8,000 – PB SM, "Parkers Augustus C513," s. by ASR Augustus Z2165, sold to Brian DeBrie, Windsor.

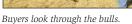
Volume Buyer: Brian DeBrie, Windsor.







Ringman Jay Elfeldt (foreground) & Jim Williams capture bids.





A representative texts Don MacLennan after she successfully purchases the high-selling bull for him.

#### Gengenbach Cattle Company's 8th Annual Production Sale

March 18, 2016 • Imperial, NE

No.	Category	Average
58	Yearling Bulls	\$3,460
14	Registered Open Heifers	1,735
72	Total Lots	\$3,125

Auctioneer: Kyle Schow, NE

Representing ASA: Nathan Smith

Marketing Representatives: Jim Gies, Western Livestock Journal; and Randy Rasby, Livestock Plus.

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#### Gengenbach Sale (Continued)





Inside the sale facility.

#### Altenburg 24th Annual Super Baldy Bull and Heifer Sale

March 19, 2016 • Fort Collins, CO

No.	Category	Average
67	SM Bulls	\$3,648
49	SimAngus™ Bulls	3,370
116	SimInfluenced Bulls	\$3,531
7	SM Open Females	\$1,621
31	SimAngus Open Females	2,016
38	SimInfluenced Females	\$1,943

Auctioneer: Wayne Kruse, CO

Marketing Representatives: Marty Ropp, Allied Genetic Resources, IL Representing ASA: Susan S. Russell

#### **High-Selling Lots:**

- \$8,500 PB SM Bull, "ASR Broadmoor C511," s. by Hooks Shear Force 38K, sold to D&K Woodman, Kenesaw, NE.
- \$8,000 PB SM Bull, "ASR Shear Pleasure C550," s. by Hooks Shear Force 38K, sold to Randy Rusk, Westcliffe.
- **\$7,600** PB SM Bull, "ASR Firestone C5167," s. by ASR Longevity x HSF Better Than Ever sold to Duke Duzik, Craig.
- \$7,600 SimAngus™ Bull, "ASR Super Baldy C563," s. by PVF Insight, sold to Jolinda Olson, Ravenna, NE.

**Volume Buyers:** Romios Ranch, WY; Toby Kimzey, WY; and Lazy E Double Bar, CO.

**Comments:** Also selling were two Angus Bulls at an average of \$2,000; and seven Open Angus Females at an average of \$2,343. Guest consignors included: Ahlberg Cattle Co., Andy Azcarraga, Jacobsen Ranch, and Dr. Jack Whittier.



Willie Altenburg visits with potential buyers.



The Roy Gillmore family helped neighbor Randy Rusk bid by phone.





Ryan Altenburg takes bids ring-side.

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eight head.

#### Drake Simmental and SimAngus™ Bull Sale

March 19, 2016 • Centerville, IA

	Average
Bulls	\$3,901

 No.
 Category
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 SM and SimInfluenced Bulls
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Auctioneer: Tracy Harl, NE

Sale Manager: Eberspacher Enterprises (EE), Inc., MN

Marketing Representatives: Val Eberspacher (EE); Kelly Schmidt (EE); Joel Edge, AgriMedia, IA; and Jeremie Ruble, IA.

#### **High-Selling Lots:**

- \$7,000 "Drake Trump Card A33C," s. by W/C Lock Down 206, sold to Sandeen Simmentals, Blakesburg.
- \$5,500 "Drake Lock Up 6C," s. by W/C Lock Down 206Z, sold to Windy Valley Simmental, Wester City.
- \$5,200 "DFC Bull 47C," s. by W/C United 956Y, sold to Triple M Farms, Bloomfield.
- \$5,200 "Drake Bull 9C," s. by TJ Diesel 350Z, sold to Mark O'Rourke, Sigourney.
- **\$5,000** "Drake Combustible C3," s. by FBF1 Combustible, sold to Randal Lupton, Unionville, MO.
- **\$4,750** "Drake Bull 11C," s. by Hooks Shear Force 38K, sold to Van Meter Farms, Checotah, OK.
- **\$4,750** "Drake Bull 34C," s. by TJ Diesel 350Z, sold to Morrison and Morrison Inc., South English.
- \$4,750 "Drake Bull 54C," s. by TJ Diesel 350Z, sold to Chris Gritsch, Brooklyn.

Comments: Bulls sold into five states including: IA, IL, IN, MO and OK.





Landon Cason, Albia; and Nate Greiner, Sale Keota; were on hand. Sefe

Sale host Larry Drake visits with folks before the sale.

#### Eastern Spring Simmental Classic at the Ohio Beef Expo

March 19, 2016 • Columbus, OH

No.Category88Total Lots

Average \$3,494



Auctioneer: Ron Kreis, OH. Sale Manager: DP Sales Management, LLC, KY Sale Staff: Shane Ryan, Tyler Humphrey, Marshal Tingle Sale Consultant: Dalton Lundy Sale Chair: Pam Haley

#### **High-Selling Lots:**

- **\$9,500** Open Female, "DSC Dandy's Legacy 52C," s. by SS/PRS Tail Gater 621Z, cons. by Rachel Dickson, sold to Robert Dyer, OH.
- \$8,500 Bull, "WSS Dynamite B04," s. by FBF1 Combustible, cons. by Wise's Show Stock, sold to Terry Oliver, OK.
- \$7,500 Flush out of, "STF Brianna BN53," cons. by Missing Rail Simmentals, sold to Elmore Cattle Co., OK.
- **\$6,500** Open Female, "GREE HF WF Keepsake 194," s. by HPF Quantum Leap, cons. by Greenhorn & Hamilton, sold to Ashorn Simmentals, TX.
- \$6,250 Bred Female, "HEIL Ms. Jade Star B950," s. by Mr. NLC Upgrade, bred to One Eyed Jack, cons. by Heil Farms, sold to Madison Young, OH.
- **\$6,100** Bull, "DAG Bottom's Up," s. by FBF1 Combustible, cons. by Dale Gard, sold to Augustus Simmentals, OH.
- **\$6,000** Bull, "PRFW Diva's Duracell 404B," s. by HTP SVF Duracell, cons. by Wise Pine Ridge Farm, sold to Mark Teramana, OH.
- \$6,000 Bred Female, "FSC1 Shelby Right," s. by SVF/NJC Built Right, bred to One Eyed Jack, cons. by Ferguson Show Cattle, sold to Sarah Imhoff, OH.

Comments: Cattle sold into 13 states.



The Ohio Juniors auctioned off a beautiful hand made cowhide window at the beginning of the sale.



Shane Ryan and Marshal Tingle working their sections.



A large crowd was on hand for one of the top beef events in the Midwest.



The Dickson Family sold the top open female.

#### Utah Beef Improvement Association's 44th Annual Performance Bull Test Sale

March 19, 2016 • Salina, UT

#### **High-Selling Simmental Bull:**

**\$4,000** – cons. by Top Hat Simmentals, Deweyville, sold to Key Hole Ranch, Fillmore.

**Comments:** Thirty-seven Intermountain breeders sold 97 bulls representing eight different breeds/divisions for an average price of \$4,731.

#### Bridle Bit Simmentals' All Terrain Bull Sale

March 21, 2016 • Walsh, CO

No.CategoryAverage48SM and SimAngus™ Yearling Bulls\$3,358

Auctioneer: Andrew Conley, GA

Sale Manager: Allied Genetic Resources (AGR), IL

Marketing Representatives: Marty Ropp (AGR) and Garrett Thomas (AGR) Ringmen: Kyle Layman and Rod Swafford Representing ASA: Susan S. Russell

#### High-Selling Lots:

- **\$9,750** "SRS Red Lion 22C," s. by LSF Conqueror 0026X, sold to Lane Gooden, Eads.
- \$8,750 "Bridle Bit Mr C521," s. by ASR Augustus Z2165, sold to Darryl McNair, Santa Rosa, MN.

**Comments:** Also selling were 20 Red Angus Yearling Bulls at an average of \$4,725; and 20 Commercial Red Angus Heifers at an average of \$1,440. Guest consignors included: SRS Red Angus, Far Out Cattle Ranch and T-Heart Ranch.





Kenan Gooden, foreground, and dad Lane Gooden each bought bulls.

Kyle Christensen, center, gives a smile after his purchase.

#### Hudson Pines Hayes Ranch Genetic Legacy Bull Sale

March 21, 2016 • Billings, MT

No.	Category	Average
110	Bulls	\$5,098
20	Open Heifers	1,927
130	Total Lots	\$4,610

Auctioneer: Ty Thompson, Billings

Sale Manager: Larry Cotton, Cotton and Associates, MI

Marketing Representatives: Jeff Thomas, The Prairie Star;

John Goggins, *Western Ag Reporter*; Devin Murnin, *Western Livestock Journal*; and Matt Macfarlane, *California Cattleman*. **Representing ASA:** John Grande

#### High-Selling Lots:

- \$32,000 3/4 SM Bull, s. by CARD Uproar 49Y, sold to Bill Willers, Norfolk, NE.
- \$14,000 3/4 SM Bull, s. by DKSR Mr. Olie X4, sold to Beau Cruise, Mitchell, OR.
- \$13,000 3/4 SM Bull, s. by W/C United 956Y, sold to Nick Richards, Fielding, UT.
- \$11,000 3/4 SM Bull, s. by HPF N-Charge A025, sold to Heath Dodge, Terril, IA.
- \$9,250 3/4 SM Bull, s. by W/C United 956Y, sold to Ron Gilliland, Dixon, CA.

Volume Buyer: Ron Gilliland, Dixon, CA.

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#### Genetic Legacy Sale (Continued)





Jordan and Jericho Chappa from the Hayes Ranch go through the offering with Nick Richards, Fielding, UT.

Ty Thompson and Larry Cotton man the auction block while John Goggins and Matt Macfarlane gather bids.

#### Pelton Simmental's 23rd Annual Production Sale

March 23, 2016 • LaCrosse, KS

No.	Category	Average
37	Fall SimAngus™ Bulls	\$7,351
50	Spring SimAngus Bulls	5,155
1	Spring PB SM Bull	4,500
88	SimInfluenced Bulls	\$6,071
19	Fall Bred SimAngus Heifers	\$4,329
33	Spring Open Red SimAngus Heifers	2,414
52	Total SimInfluenced Heifers	\$3,114

Auctioneer: Bruce Brooks, OK

Marketing Representatives: Stephen Russell, The Kansas Stockman; Doug Paul, The Stock Exchange; Guy Peverly, The Stock Exchange; J.W. Brune, Midwest Marketer

#### Representing ASA: Nathan Smith

**Comments:** Also selling were 28 Fall Red Angus Bulls at an average of \$7,950; 35 Spring Red Angus Bulls at an average of \$6,136; 13 Fall Bred Red Angus Heifers at an average of \$5,750; 23 Spring Open Red Angus Heifers at an average of \$3,104; four Fall Bred Commercial Heifers at an average of \$2,625; and 14 Spring Open Commercial Heifers at an average of \$1,950.



Looking over the offering.



The auction block.



Taking bids.

#### Premium Sourced Cattle's 4th Annual Bull and Female Sale

March 23, 2016 • Eckley, CO

No.	Category	Average
39	SimAngus™ 18-month-old Bulls	\$5,240
16	Yearling SimAngus Bulls	3,753
55	SimAngus Bulls	\$4,807

Auctioneer: Matt Sims, OK

Marketing Representatives: Jim Geis, Alan Sears, Chris Beutler and Chad Gordan.

Representing ASA: Susan Russell

#### **High-Selling SimAngus Lots:**

- \$12,750 "Tuel Mr. Emblazon B402," s. by EXAR Emblazon 1779B, sold to Jim Carlson, Julesburg.
- **\$9,250** "Tuel Mr. Factor B4093," s. by Vin-Mar O'Reilly Factor, sold to Morriando Ranch, Mt. Vernon, MO.
- **\$9,000** "Tuel Mr. Effective B4049," s. by Schiefelbein Effective 61, sold to Flying K Ranch Angus, Findlay, OH.
- **\$9,000** "Tuel Mr. Factor B4090," s. by Vin-Mar O'Reilly Factor, sold to Bryan Hauxwell, McCook, NE.
- **\$7,500** "Tuel Gamechanger B4106," s. by GW Game Changer 823Y, sold to Pat Hickey, McCook, NE.

**Comments:** Also selling were nine 18-month-old Angus bulls at an average of \$4,694. Cattle sold into 11 states including: CO, KS, MO, MT, NE, ND, NM, OH, OK, TN and WY.



Ringmen Jim Geis and Alan Sears take bids, with buyers Bob and Sara Stewart, Strasburg, and the Pat Hickey Family, Moore, MT, in the stands.



The blizzard cut down on attendance but bids were lively online and via the phone.

Roger Tuell, sale host, visits after the auction. The Tuell family generously hosted many stranded buyers following the sale.



Cindy and Kerry Alexander, Norwood, bought bulls.

#### Rust Mountain View Ranch's "Ace In the Hole" Bull Sale

March 25, 2016 • Turtle Lake, ND

No. Category
35 SM and SimAngus™ Bulls

**Average** \$5,643



Auctioneer: Ryan Dorran, Olds, AB

Sale Manager: Bohrson Marketing Services, Olds, AB

Marketing Representatives: Kris Peterson, Cattle Business Weekly; Jason Frey, Western Ag Reporter; Scott Resller, ND Stockman; Alex Acheson, Farm and Ranch Guide; Logan Hoffmann, DV Auction; Luke Keller, Progressive Genetic Solutions; and Tony Heins, Rocking H Livestock.

Representing ASA: Russ Danielson

#### High-Selling SimInfluenced Lots:

- \$14,000 Black PB SM, "Rust Bull 311C," s. by SVF Captain Morgan 11Z, sold to Beitelspacher Ranch, Bowdle, SD.
- \$13,500 Red PB SM, "Rust Bull 18C," s. by Come As U R Red Rocket, sold to McMilled Ranch, Carievale, SK.
- \$12,500 Red PB SM, "Rust Bull 23C," s. by Come As U R Red Rocket, sold to Janzen Ranches, Rosemary, AB.
- \$10,000 Black SimAngus™, "Rust Bull 306C," s. by Mohnen South Dakota 402, sold to R&R Cattle Company, Chamberlain, SD.

**Comments:** Also selling were 10 Red Angus Bulls at an average of \$5,000; and one Black Angus Bull for \$8,750.





Gary Ulmer purchased a bull.

Sale featured NWSS Champion SimAngus pen of Bulls.



Auctioneer Ryan Dorran from the sale block.



Josh Rust making pre-sale introductions.

#### Back to the Basics Simmental Bull and Female Sale

March 26, 2016 • Fountain Run, KY

No.	Category A	verage	
8	SM and SimInfluenced Breds	\$3,162	
15	SM and SimInfluenced Fall Opens	3,333	
20	SM and SimInfluenced Spring Opens	3,103	
43	Total SM and SimInfluenced Females	\$3,194	

Auctioneer: Jered Shipman, TX

Sale Manager: Eberspacher Enterprises (EE), Inc., MN

Marketing Representatives: Val Eberspacher (EE); Kelly Schmidt (EE); Jerad Metzger, KY; Jered Shipman, TX; Tommy Carper, IN; and Amanda Eberspacher-Hilbrands, LiveAuctions.TV, (EE).

#### **High-Selling Lots:**

\$14,000 – Open Female, "HPF/AK/B&K Ms. Alley 294C," s. by Yardley High Regard W242, cons. by B&K Farms, sold to Barrett Billingsley, Glasgow.

- **\$6,500** Open Donor, "HPF Queens Supreme X321," s. by SVF Star Power S802, cons. by B&K Farms, sold to Rockin P Cattle Company, Maysville.
- **\$6,000** Open Female, "HILCO Fancy Lady Y107C," s. by Mr. NLC Upgrade U8676, cons. by Hill Country Cattle Company, sold to Sills Brothers, Cleveland, GA.
- **\$4,800** Open Female, "HPF/B&K/AF Alley 356C," s. by RGRS SRG Two Step 20Z ET, cons. by B&K Farms, sold to Nick Belcher, Abingdon, VA.
- \$4,300 Bred Female, "AKRG Byanna 480B," s. by CAJS Soul Patch X18D, bred to W/C Fuzion 283B, cons. by Hoffman Farms, sold to Tim Spivey, Rosiclare, IL.
- \$4,250 Open Female, "HLVW Juanada J 1576C," s. by TLLC One Eyed Jack, cons. by Hillview Farms, sold to Thunder Valley Ranch, Commerce, GA.

**Comments:** Also selling six Commercial Oriented Bulls at an average of \$2,100.





It was a beautiful spring day in Kentucky.

Sale host Johnnie Moore, Hill Country Cattle, welcomes the crowd as the sale staff looks on.

#### Dickinson Ranch's 44th Annual Production Sale

March 26, 2016 • Gorham, KS

No.	Category	Average
83	Yearling Bulls	\$3,542
22	Open Heifers	2,205
105	Total Lots	\$3,262

Auctioneer: J.C. Barr, OK

Marketing Representatives: Stephen Russell, *The Kansas Stockman*; Justin Stout, *The Stock Exchange*; and Guy Peverly, *The Stock Exchange*.

Representing ASA: Nathan Smith



Viewing the offering prior to the sale.



Taking bids.

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#### Pennsylvania Simmental Association's Spring Into Excellence Sale

March 26, 2016 • PA Furnace, PA

No.	Category	Average
5	Bred Females	\$3,250
18	Open Females	2,408
1	Embryo Lot	1,500
24	Total Lots	\$2,546

Auctioneer: John Spiker, WV Sale Manager: Classic Sales, PA

#### **High-Selling Lots:**

- \$4,400 PB SM Open Female, "SSC Chanel No. 5," cons. by Greg Stewart, Halifax; sold to Ste-Wan Farms, Middleburg.
- **\$3,750** PB SM Bred Female, "Hillcrest Bethany," cons. by Hillcrest Farm, Auburn, MA; sold to Jonas Lapp, McVeytown.
- \$3,500 PB SM Bred Female, "Hillcrest Black Onyx," cons. by Hillcrest Farm, Auburn, MA; sold to Tim Spivey, Rosiclara, IL.
- \$3,200 PB SM Open Female, "WESF Pickles," cons. by W&E Farms, Holbrook; sold to William Shick, Clairon.

#### T-Heart Ranch High Altitude Bull Sale

March 26, 2016 • La Garita, CO

No.	Category	Average
26	SM Bulls	\$6,405
110	SimAngus Bulls™	5,895
4	Commercial Bulls	3,740
149	Total Bulls	\$5,925

Auctioneer: Andrew Conley, GA

Sale Manager: Allied Genetic Resources (AGR), Normal, IL Marketing Representatives: Marty Ropp, (AGR); Garrett Thomas (AGR); and Josh Staudt, Superior Livestock.

Representing ASA: Susan Russell

#### High-Selling Lots:

- \$15,000 "THR 5451C," s. by Hook's Xavier 14X, sold to Dan Leo, Dannebrog, NE.
- \$14,500 "Camp Cowboy Cut C515," s. by CCR Cowboy Cut 5048Z, sold to Timothy Seedorf, Circle S, Cygnet, OH.
- **\$10,500** "THR 5441C," s. by CCR Spartan 9124A, sold to Lee Ridgely, Villa Grove, CO.

**Volume Buyers:** Reeves and Betsy Brown, Beulah; and Ladner's Red Rock Ranch, Saucier, MS.

**Comments:** Guest consignors included Campbell Simmentals and Reflected R Ranch.



Buyers look at bulls despite the snowfall, which accumulated to almost a foot throughout the auction.



Reeves and Betsy Brown, Beulah, were volume buyers.





Sarah and Gabe Fogarty, Spainhower Anchor Ranch, Lone Pine, CA, purchased hulls.

Greg and Jason Excell, Excell Livestock, Panguitch, UT, purchased bulls

#### **Bulls of the Bluegrass Sale**

April 2, 2016 • Mount Sterling, KY

Category

Total Lots

Average
\$4,040

Auctioneer: Jered Shipman, TX

Sale Manager: DP Sales Management, LLC, KY

Sale Staff: Tommy Carper, Marshall Tingle and Matt Jackson

#### High-Selling Bulls:

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- \$18,000 "WHF Milestone B011," s. by JF Milestone, cons. by Wayward Hill Farm, sold to Bohrson Marketing Services, Canada.
- \$7,100 "Rocking P Mr. B074," s. by HPF Quantum Leap, cons. by Rocking P Livestock, sold to John Crouch, KY.
- **\$6,000** "WHF Revenue B015," s. by LMF Revenue, cons. by Wayward Hill Farm, sold to Sheltowee Farm, KY.
- **\$6,000** "WHF Revenue B015," s. by LMF Revenue, cons. by Wayward Hill Farm, sold to Sheltowee Farm, KY.
- \$5,250 "WHF Blackrock B29," s. by WHF/TK Blackrock, cons. by Wayward Hill Farm, sold to Hilltop Simmentals, SD.
- \$5,250 "WHF Dynasty B245," s. by TNT Dynasty, cons. by Wayward Hill Farm, sold to RJ Corman, KY.
- **\$5,000** "WHF Dynasty C752," s. by TNT Dynasty, cons. by Wayward Hill Farm, sold to Marie Pittman, KY.
- \$5,000 "RFRJ United 4269B," s. by W/C United, cons. by Reality Farms, sold to Terry Oliver, OK.
- **\$5,000** "WHF Game B753," s. by WHF/PRS Game On, cons. by Wayward Hill Farm, sold to John Dillon, OH.



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Cattlemen from across the southeast were on hand to inspect an outstanding group of bulls.



Bulls of the Bluegrass spokesman Fred Swain welcomes the crowd.





A large crowd filled the Chenault Ag Center for the group's 18th Annual Bull Sale.



#### The Gathering at Shoal Creek Land and Cattle

April 2, 2016 • Excelsior Springs, MO

No.	Category	Average
2	SM and SimInfluenced Bulls	\$11,250
19	SM and SimInfluenced Spring and Fall Pairs	3,590
17	SM and SimInfluenced Spring and Fall Breds	3,312
10	SM and SimInfluenced Fall Opens	4,875
8	SM and SimInfluenced Spring Opens	9,625
56	Total Lots	\$4,871

Auctioneer: Chisum Peterson, SD

Sale Manager: Eberspacher Enterprises (EE), Inc., MN

Marketing Representatives: Val Eberspacher (EE); Kelly Schmidt (EE); Derek Vogt (EE) NE; Ken Jaecke, OK; Buddy Robertson, OK; Jeremie Ruble, IA; and Tom Rooney, AgriMedia, IA.

Representing ASA: Dr. Michael Dikeman

#### **High-Selling Lots:**

- \$41,000 Open Female, "SC Beyond Belief C21," s. by CNS Pays to Dream T759, cons. by Shoal Creek Land and Cattle, sold to Megan Brown, Roanoke, AL.
- \$10,500 Open Female, "SC Flashy C125," s. by WLE Uno Mas X549, cons. by Shoal Creek Land and Cattle, sold to Lana Smith, Boulder, CO.
- \$8,750 Open Female, "SC Glamour C48," s. by LLSF/VLF Reactor A40, cons. by Shoal Creek Land and Cattle, sold to John Emmerson, Fort Scott, KS.
- \$8,500 Open Female, "SC Precious Cotton C22," s. by CNS Pays To Dream T759, cons. by Shoal Land and Cattle, sold to Weldon Brady, Warrensburg.
- \$7,250 Open Female, "SC Ruby C111," s. by LLSF Pays To Believe ZU194, cons. by Shoal Creek Land and Cattle, sold to RS&T Simmentals, Savannah.
- \$7,000 Bull, "SC Pay the Price C11," s. by CNS Pays to Dream T759, cons. by Shoal Creek Land and Cattle, sold to Volk Cattle Company, Battle Creek, NE.
- **\$6,750** Bull, "SC Pay Back C19," s. by CNS Pays To Dream T759, cons. by Shoal Creek Land and Cattle, sold to Christopher Cloud, Carthage.
- **\$6,250** Bull, "SC Pay In Cash C15," s. by CNS Pays To Dream T759, cons. by Shoal Creek Land and Cattle, sold to BF Black Simmental, Auburn, NE.

**Comments:** Guest consignors included: RS&T Simmentals, Double R Cattle Co., Dikeman Simmentals, HBE Simmentals and Vestlane Farms.



Bill Fulton, BF Black Simmentals, Auburn, NE; took home a top-selling bull.



Amanda and Harold Brown, Roanoke, AL; purchased the top-selling lot.



Ken Steenhoek, JS Simmentals, Prairie City, IA; and his grandson Grady attended the sale.



Matt Owen, Owen Bros Cattle Co, Bois d'Arc; and Dean Volk, Volk Cattle, Battle Creek, NE; catch up before the sale.

#### Apex Cattle Co. Annual Bull and Heifer Sale

No.	Category	Average
89	Yearling Bulls	\$3,000
76	Open Heifers	1,874
165	Total Lots	\$2,481

Auctioneer: Jered Shipman, TX

Marketing Representatives: Kent Jaecke, Chris Buetler, and Levi Landers, all on Special Assignment.

Representing ASA: Nathan Smith

Inside the sale facility.







## **MENU MORSELS**

Spicing up your dinner table with tasty, beef-based dishes

#### Sagebrush Meatloaf

#### **Ingredients**:

- 1 egg, beaten
- <sup>2</sup>/3 cup milk
- 1 TBS Worcestershire sauce
- $\frac{1}{4}$  cup minced onion
- 1 sp. salt
- 1/2 tsp. rubbed sage
- <sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub> tsp. pepper
- $1\frac{1}{2}$  cup pound ground beef
- <sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub> cup ketchup
- 3 TBS brown sugar
- 1 TBS ground mustard
- <sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub> TBS ground nutmeg
  - TBS ground nutmeg

Directions:

- 1. Combine the first eight ingredients
- 2. Crumble beef over mixture and mix well
- 3. Pat meat mixture into 9x5x3 loaf pan
- 4. Bake uncovered at 350 degrees for 50 minutes
- 5. Combine Ketchup, brown sugar, mustard, and nutmeg
- 6. Spread over top of meat
- 7. Bake 15 minutes longer, or until meat is no longer pink
- 8. Let stand 10 minutes before serving

**Editor's Note:** Each month a favorite beef recipe is presented in this space. the Register encourages and welcomes contributions to this column from the ASA membership.

## THE CIRCUIT

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#### Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo

Dates: March 2, 2016 Location: Houston, TX Judge: Ashley Judge, Stillwater, OK

#### Open Show Simmental Females

Calf Champion

"CMFM Time To Shine 403C," s. by SVF Steel Force S701, exh. by Circle M Farms, Rockwall.

#### **Reserve Calf Champion**

"CNS-GVC Blackstar 503C," s. by Mr. HOC Broker, exh. by Outback Ranch, College Station.



Grand Champion and Intermediate Champion "CMFM Dura Sara 040B," s. by HTP/SVF Duracell T52,

exh. by Circle M Farms, Rockwall. Reserve Intermediate Champion "MM Red Jewel," s. by MM Winsor, exh. by



Reserve Grand Champion and Junior Champion "Vermeers Britany 408B," s. by LLSF Uprising Z925, exh. by Outback Ranch, College Station.



**Reserve Junior Champion** "BWL Image 8B," s. by Mr. HOC Broker, exh. by Peach Creek Ranch, Granger.

Senior Champion "MM Ace in the Hole," s. by MM AtoZ Brinkley, exh. by Keller Morse, Rowlett.

Reserve Senior Champion "LSFR EX Abby," s. by Exodus, exh. by Sonya Sloan, Lake Charles, LA.

Bulls



Grand Champion and Calf Champion "TNGL OBR Fortune 500C," s. by TNGL Grand Fortune Z467, exh. by Outback Ranch, College Station.



**Reserve Grand Champion and Reserve Calf Champion** "WKF Cash 14C," s. by KOP Gladiator 106Y, exh. by Rafter M Cattle, Franklin.

Intermediate Champion "OBCC Blacklist 915B," s. by LLFS Pays to Believe ZU194, exh. by Circle M Farms, Rockwall.

Junior Champion "SJCC The Force B001," s. by SVF Steel Force S701, exh. by Southern Jewel Cattle Company, Victoria.

**Reserve Junior Champion** "LLSF Wheelman B906," s. by FBFS Wheel Man 649W, exh. by WR Cattle Company, Wortham.

Senior Champion "Jette's Wyatt," s. by Ruby's Wide Open 909W, exh. by Tamye Surgener, Rosharon.

#### Groups

**Get-of-Sire** Sired by MSC Pork Chop A330 SJW, exh. by Patricia Moore, Howe, OK.

**Best Three Head** Exh. by Patricia Moore, Howe, OK.

#### Simbrah Females



Reserve Grand Champion and Calf Champion "Hagan Ariel 50C," s. by Hagan Shamoo 32X, exh. by Hagan Cattle Co., Yoakum.

Reserve Calf Champion "Hagan Jasmine 51C," s. by Hagan Shamoo 32X, exh. by Hagan Cattle Co., Yoakum.



Grand Champion and Intermediate Champion "TK/FCC Rosie," s. by LMC KPBR Evolution, exh. by Fields Cattle, Mt. Pleasant.

**Reserve Intermediate Champion** "Smith RFI SWFS First Lady," s by Smith Nu Waye IL exb

s. by Smith Nu Wave II, exh. by Smith Genetics, Giddings. Junior Champion

"Smight RFI Sweet Deb," s. by Smith Nu Approach, exh. by Smith Genetics, Giddings.

**Reserve Junior Champion** "RFI Miss Right On," s. by NF Smith Sargeant, exh. by Smith Genetics, Giddings.

Senior Champion

"Ms. Star Struck JVCC A370," s. by Mr. STrack W125, exh. by JV Cattle Co., Winnie.

**Reserve Senior Champion** "LMC BBS Andrea 5A/127," s. by 6G LMC Pappadeaux Y111, exh. by La Reina Ranch, Poolville.



#### Bulls



Reserve Grand Champion and Calf Champion "BCC Power Driver," s. by BCC/CHCC Powerman, exh. by Baring Cattle Company, Elmendorf.

**Reserve Calf Champion** "TK/FCC The Muffin Man," s. by LMC KPBR Evolution, exh. by Fields Cattle, Mt. Pleasant.

Intermediate Champion "LMC MM Dr. Red Duke 106B," s. by 6G/LMC Ragin Cajun W908, exh. by La Muneca Cattle Company, Linn.

**Reserve Intermediate Champion** "KSSR Cowboy Crush," s. by RSUN Cowboy Casanova, exh. by Diamond E Cattle, Brenham.



Grand Champion and Junior Champion "Smith CRC Lubbock 36B," s. by Smith Satisfies, exh. by Smith Genetics, Giddings.

Senior Champion "Smith SWFS Divas Nu Mark," s. by Smith Satisfies, exh. by Smith Genectics, Giddings.

#### Groups

**Get-of-Sire** S. by LMC KPBR Evolution, exh. by Fields Cattle, Mt. Pleasant.

**Best Three Head** Exh. by Smith Genetics, Giddings.

**Produce of Dam** "RFI Miss Debutante," exh. by Smith Genetics, Giddings.

#### Junior Breeding Heifer Show

Dates: March 11-12, 2016 Judge: Shane Bedwell, Fort Collins, CO

#### Simmental

**Calf Champion** "JSSC Carolina 004C," s. by JSSC Wide Body 090W, exh. by Makenzie Sheffield, Weatherford.

**Reserve Calf Champion** "FBFS Candy 004c," s. by JSSC Wide Body 090W, exh. by Kirby Nixon, Floydada.



Reserve Champion Simmental Heifer of Show and Junior Champion "CMF Mary Kate," s. by FBFS Wheel Man 649W, exh. by Jayci Phillips, Teague.

**Reserve Junior Champion** "EZS Minnie Me 002B," s. by FBFS Wheel Man 649W, exh. by Ethan Wood, Joaquin.



Champion Simmental Heifer of Show and Senior Champion "Vermeer's Britany 408B," s. by LLSF Uprising Z925, exh. by Brionna Warren, College Station.

**Reserve Senior Champion** "HOC Betti B15," s. by JM OL Steel Y50, exh. by Kaitlin Rothbauer, Rockwall.

#### Simbrah



Champion Simbrah Heifer of Show and Calf Champion "Hagan Arial 50C," s. by Hagan Shamoo 32X, exh. by Miranda Skaggs, Bryan.

**Reserve Calf Champion** "Hagan Alley Cat 01C," s. by Hagan Arapahoe 550A, exh. by Brinley Beicker, Seguin.



Reserve Champion Simbrah Heifer of Show and Junior Champion "B79 COCH Nae Nae," s. by HMO PRR Waylon Z4, exh. by Josh Evans, Teague.

**Reserve Junior Champion** "Smith RFI SWFS First Lady," s. by Smith Nu Wave II, exh. by Sophia Palmore, Kirbyville.

Senior Champion "Smith SWFS Juliet 315A," s. by Smith Satisfies, exh. by Zachary Mills, De Kalb.

Reserve Senior Champion "BETM Sweet Emotion 5A/29," s. by LMC HS Rocco 5T/201, exh. by Claire Goodwin, Round Rock.

#### Junior Market Steer Show

Dates: March 16 & 18, 2016 Judge: Dr. Scott Greiner, Blacksburg, VA



**Champion Simbrah Steer of Show** Exh. by Kate Mullins, Willow Park.



**Reserve Champion Simbrah Steer of Show** Exh. by Phillip Garvin, Spur.



**Champion Simmental Steer of Show** Exh. by Kalli Ellis, La Ward.



**Reserve Champion Simmental Steer of Show** Exh. by Jake Nelson, Dimmitt.

#### Ohio Beef Expo

Date: March 20, 2016 Location: Columbus, OH Judges: Lydell Meier, Clinton, TN (Breeding Heifers); Brant Poe, Bryan, TX (Market Animals).

#### Junior Show Breeding Heifers

**Overall Reserve Champion and Grand Champion Purebred Simmental** Exh. by Ali Muir, Auglaize County.

Reserve Grand Champion Purebred Simmental Exh. by Meghan Reed, Sandusky County.

**Grand Champion Percentage Simmental** Exh. by Tyson Woodard, Guernsey County.

Reserve Grand Champion Percentage Simmental Kiersten Wilcox, Darke County.

#### **Market Animals**

**Grand Champion Simmental** Exh. by Delaney Jones, Allen County.

Reserve Grand Champion Simmental Exh. by Delaney Jones, Allen County.

## **NEW MEMBERS**

#### ALABAMA

**C2M Farms** 5465 A Collins Rd Wilmer, AL 36587

#### ARKANSAS

Brannon Collier 5150 Columbia 1 Taylor, AR 71861

#### CONNETICUT

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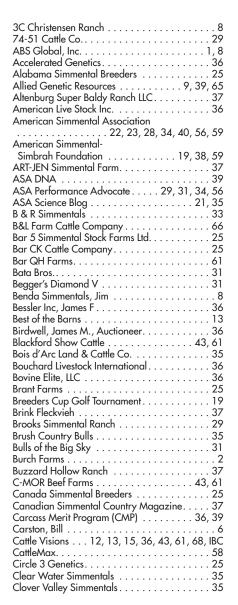
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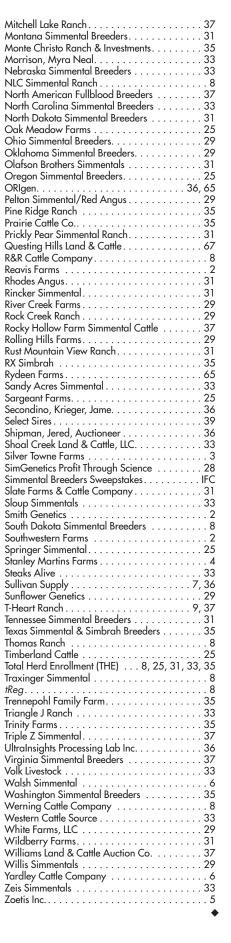


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 7.4
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