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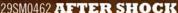
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TI: 93

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YW:	120
Milk:	15
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VIEWPOINT



By Trustee Jim Butcher, Lewistown, Montana



I have enjoyed the challenge of being the ASA board chairman this past year. It has been exciting for me to help make important decisions that will impact the future of the American Simmental Association. Business has been very good over the past year at ASA with increasing demand for the services we provide. We, as cattlemen have also gone through one of the most profitable years in history.

As long as you had inventory, 2014 will go down as one to remember. Let's hope that 2015 will even be better.

As we start the New Year, there are many concerns in the world today, but there are also many things to be thankful for. There are many opportunities today in animal agriculture and specifically the Simmental business. Look at where our breed is today versus where we were just a few short years ago. I have been associated with the Simmental breed my entire life, and can say I have never seen more respect and interest in our breed.

The ASA board and staff have been busy this past year working on three specific areas of interest, in particular.

- 1. Improving the capacity and methodology of the software of the multi-breed genetic evaluation. (Operation Quantum Leap)
- Improving the scope and impact of the ASA foundation. When it was formed in 1996, it was designed to support the funding of projects relating to youth, research and education.
- 3. Updating the headquarters building.

Twenty years have passed since the software being used for our genetic evaluation has been improved in a big way. Twenty years is a long time when you consider the improvement in technology that has taken place over that period of time. Today we compute more data, evaluate more traits and do evaluation work for more breeds than our system was built to support. On top of that, genomics is contributing an exponential amount of information to be evaluated. A little over a year ago the ASA board was presented an opportunity to be involved with and help fund a revolutionary new software project using the latest technology

available. We dubbed this project as "Operation Quantum Leap." I applaud the foresight and talents of Drs. Wade Shafer, Bruce Golden and Dorian Garrick for making this commitment for this improvement in genetic evaluation. When this update is completed at the end of 2015, our genetic evaluation will work faster with improved methodology on many of the traits. We will have multi-breed stayability, more accurate maternal calving ease to name a couple. As a membership, I hope we will embrace the improvement and results that will come with a profound change of this kind. I believe we will see some re-ranking of the animals in the database, especially in the hybrids when stayability is a part of the API calculation.

The Foundation board and the staff has taken the initiative to expand the scope of the ASA foundation and focus on providing funds to all three areas of emphasis, research, education and Junior programs. Over the past several years, the foundation dollars have gone almost exclusively to support our ASA Junior programs. Since there are members who are interested in funding research and education as well, it is now possible to earmark your donations for specific projects where ever you choose. Take a look at the new Foundation and consider supporting this great cause.

The current headquarters building was constructed in the early 70's and was not built to last over 40 years without major remodeling. If we brought the building up to code through a large remodel project, the cost would be very significant. The real estate the current headquarters is sitting on is valuable for commercial development. Rather than remodeling our current headquarters on this valuable commercial property, the board voted to purchase a tract of land across the Interstate from our current location as a site for a new headquarters. This made a lot of sense because we could then have a new and improved facility that would accommodate the needs of our staff and Association, while at the same time, making the land where the headquarters currently sits available for sale if the right bid came along. We believe this new facility will be something our membership will be proud of while improving the staff efficiency and morale.

I wish everyone a great year and look forward to visiting with you in the future. ◆

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A Denver to Remember — Simmentals on The Hill — By Gabrielle Glenister. Many people dream of judging at the National Western Stock Show. Even fewer get the chance, let alone more than once. Marshall Ruble is doing just that. Having previously evaluated the Texas Longhorns on Humboldt Street, Ruble will be welcomed back as Simmentals . . .

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.65	.74	.64	.63	.54	.53	.56	.40	.31	.40	.31		



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KBHR B178
PB SM - reg.#: 2935787
sire: CDI JOURNEY 224Y



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says Rodney Hofmann, who ranches with his wife, Kim, eight miles outside of Clay Center, Kansas, on the extreme western edge of the grass-rich Flint Hills. "I am the fourth generation to live on and work this farm."

The original 160-acre homestead has long served as the farming nucleus, but has been expanded to 700 acres through a series of adjacent land acquisitions over time.

Kim, also a Kansas native, met Rodney through a mutual acquaintance. Raised in a rural setting, her family had maintained a small herd of commercial Polled Herefords. After high school, she attended Washburn University in Topeka for two years before marrying Rodney and moving to the Hofmann Farm. Rodney's dad, Warren, also was partial to Polled Herefords in a commercial setting, so they shared a common cattle background.

"When I got involved in the farm in the 1970s, we had grain and hogs, in addition to those Polled Herefords," Rodney recalled. "In the late 70s, I started dabbling in Simmentals, mostly as a hobby. Eventually, we phased out the hogs and crops, putting our energy and focus on the cattle. We enjoyed working with the cattle a lot more than we did with the hogs."

He had become aware of Simmental, when neighbors began using bulls on their commercial herds. Then, a high school buddy needed some money to go to college and offered Rodney a good deal on a handful of registered Simmental heifers. "That's when I joined the Association and started registering cattle. What started as a hobby has now grown into a full-time business," he exclaimed.

"We've added some outside cattle along the way, but mostly we expanded through artificial insemination and embryo transfer. I handle all of our AI work and also implant our own embryos into some of our own cows," he continued. "We put another 40 to 50 embryos into a couple of local cooperator herds. We compensate those cooperators by buying all those

calves, both bulls and heifers, back at weaning for top market price plus a premium."

Hofmann females are bred 100% by A.I. "We use no natural service . . . if a good cow doesn't settle, we might hold her over to the next season since we have both a spring and a fall calving herd. We may also put an embryo in an open cow, but otherwise we'll cull her," he states.

All embryo flushing, freezing and implanting of embryos in the cooperator herds is performed by Cross Country Genetics, which is headquartered in nearby Westmoreland.

Currently, the Hofmann Simmental herd fluctuates between 150 and 175 head of registered cows, a figure that includes several donors and recipients. "We started out with the spotted animals like everyone else and we fought change for quite a while. However, it just got to the point where we weren't going to make a living and stay in business if we didn't raise what our customers wanted. We went to solid colors and then to black, while continuing to place breeding emphasis on calving ease, maternal traits and carcass merit," Kim chimed in.

"When we first got into Simmental, it was the up-and-coming breed. Then times got tough for several years, and now it is amazing to see how the breed has bounced back and is so popular," Rodney says. "We have been pretty heavy in both red and black SimAngus™, but we think we may have gone a little too far, so we're swinging back a little to the purebred level. I think there may be something of an oversupply of halfbloods and not enough purebreds at this point."

Unique Innovation

"We'd pretty much gone the full gamut when it comes to selling our genetics," Rodney said. "We've sold at bull tests, through state association sales, as guest consignors and by private treaty. We thought that there just had to be a better way, so we did a lot of brain-storming and went through some trial-and-error to get where we are today."

Their bull-marketing plan is both unique and cost-effective. With a few minor exceptions, Rodney and Kim, along with their hired man, Garrett Bulk, perform all the needed steps, from photography to advertising to catalogs to sale management. "Garrett started working for us part-time when he was 14, and has been full-time for the last year-and-a-half. He's a big help, loves the cows and does an outstanding job," she says. "About the only thing we don't do ourselves is clipping the sale bulls — we do hire someone to do that."

Kim, an accomplished professional photographer, has had several photos utilized as *Register* covers. In addition, she teams with another photographer to shoot weddings and occasionally hires out to other cattlemen. In addition to production of all photos used in



conjunction with their catalogs and ads, she designs and places the ads, and assembles the catalogs. Self-taught for the most part, she credits the late Ancel Armstrong of Manhattan for getting her off to the right start with livestock photography.

She also designed and maintains their website: www.Honestbulls.com "We chose that instead of our last name, because ours is not the normal spelling," she explained. "We wanted something memorable and easy to find."

For the past half-dozen years, they've sold 40 to 50 bulls through a winter sale that begins the last Saturday in February and runs for a full week, terminating on the first Saturday in March (February 28 through March 7 in 2015). "Boiled down, it's a full week spread over two weekends. We hold the sale right here on the farm — in a large machine shed that we convert for that week," he explained.

"On the first day, we offer about one-third of the bulls private treaty. We list a price on those bulls and the first buyer who says he wants them, gets them," he says. "We sell the remaining two-thirds by silent auction where interested customers can bid against each other for the entire week. Usually, we sell about equal numbers of purebred Simmentals and SimAngus."

During the week, live bidding is accepted on the Internet, by phone or in person. For the first half of the week, a 5% discount is offered, a move that generates increased bidding. "On the final day, we close them out, starting with the bull that has drawn the highest bid," he continued.

"At 1:00 pm, we pull the bid sheets and give one last opportunity to raise the bid before declaring the lot 'sold'. If no one raises the high bid, we declare the bull sold. We know that it is an unusual system, but it

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Efficiency in Marketing

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works. Since we do almost all the work ourselves, we have no commissions or costs associated with sale management, auctioneer or sale barn."

A majority of their bulls go to local commercial breeders. "These guys have come to the realization that they have too much Angus influence and they need some hybrid vigor. Once they see the benefits of Simmental genetics, they get really excited," he reported.

Females are sold through more conventional means on Columbus Day. "The female sale is held in conjunction with a couple of other breeders on an every-other-year basis," Kim said.

"We're not saying that our methods are for everyone, but it is an efficient, low-cost way that is affordable for us," Rodney concludes. "It is buyer-friendly and easy for us to do." ◆

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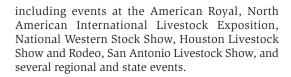
Dr. Dan Shike

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How do well-respected livestock judges strike a balance between using EPDs and Index values and visual assessment? Where do these judges see SimGenetics fitting in the beef industry? We asked experienced PTP judges their views on the current status of SimGenetics and how they combine genetic evaluation and visual assessment in the showring.

Cody Sankey, current sales manager for Biozyme and former manager of the Michigan State University Beef Cattle Center and livestock judging team coach. Cody is a fifth generation cattleman, from the Sankey's 6N Ranch in Council Grove, Kansas. This purebred cattle operation is owned and operated by the Sankey family, the second oldest Angus herd in the United States, with over 110 years in the registered Angus business. He has judged in 25 states and Canada including shows like the National Western Stock Show, North American International Livestock Show, Shorthorn, Chianina and Maine Anjou Jr. National Show, Dixie National Stock Show and the Arizona National along with many state fairs.

Dr. Blake Bloomberg, Assistant Professor at Oklahoma State University, co-coach of their Meat Animal Evaluation Team, and Livestock Judging Team Coach. Before accepting his current position at OSU, Blake served as the Livestock Judging Team Coach at Texas A&M. He was named the 2008 and 2009 National Collegiate Coaches Association Coach of the Year. Bloomberg attended Black Hawk East Jr. College and was a member of the 2004-2005 judging team that was defeated only once. He was the High Point Individual at the 2006 National Intercollegiate Livestock Judging Contest and was also a member of the 2006 National Champion Livestock Judging Team for Texas A&M that was undefeated. His background in the cattle business includes several champions in the Simmental, Hereford, Angus and Shorthorn breeds. Bloomberg has judged cattle shows in 40 states



Featuring Cody Sankey, MS, Blake Bloomberg, PhD, and Dan Shike, PhD

Dr. Dan Shike, Assistant Professor in Animal Sciences at the University of Illinois and coordinator for the Livestock and Meats judging teams. Shike's family owns and operates Shike Cattle Company in western Illinois. He is actively involved with his father and brother in the management and marketing of the cattle. Shike has judged shows in over 30 states, including shows at the American Royal, Fort Worth Stock Show, Georgia National, Houston Livestock Show, National Junior Angus Show, National Junior Limousin Show, National Junior Shorthorn Show, National Western Stock Show, North American International Livestock Exposition, Oklahoma Youth Expo, San Antonio Stock Show, and Tulsa State Fair as well as internationally at the Sydney Royal in Australia.

Many of our readers have heard your bio read over the loud speaker from ringside. Delve a little deeper into your background in the cattle industry and how you began judging.

Shike: Both of my grandfathers and my father raised cattle so I have been around cattle for as long as I can remember. I showed cattle locally through 4-H and FFA. When my older brother got his drivers license, we started going to more shows and competed in the Chi Junior Nationals the last few years we were showing. I also became interested in livestock judging through 4-H and FFA. I was fortunate enough to be on the Illinois State 4-H livestock judging team when I was a freshman at Black Hawk College — East Campus (BHE). I was also on very competitive teams at BHE and at Kansas State University, where I completed my bachelor's degree in Animal Science. I then came to

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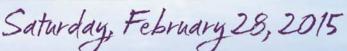




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the University of Illinois to work on my master's and PhD degrees. I coached the Illinois State 4-H team and the University of Illinois Livestock Judging team during those years. My coaches (Dr. Alan Miller - Illinois State 4-H, Dan Hoge and Lee Denzer — BHE, and Dr. Scott Schaake — Kansas State University) all helped me find opportunities to judge shows when I finished my collegiate judging experience. The judging opportunities evolved from there.

Bloomberg: I was raised on a diversified livestock operation in west central Illinois. I grew up as a product of the AJSA program, exhibiting Simmentals as well as several other breeds. I began judging livestock in 4-H and continued at both the Junior College and Collegiate level. Judging shows is a privilege and honor for me. The experience I gained in livestock judging competitions gave me the confidence to share my opinions in shows of any size. I owe much of my passion and ability to evaluate cattle to my Dad. Starting at a young age, he taught me the basics of what quality looks like and how visual selection is important to any breeder.

Sankey: As a fifth generation cattleman, I grew up on the Sankey's 6N Ranch in Council Grove, Kansas. We are a purebred cattle operation that is owned and operated by the Sankey family. Our family has the second oldest Angus herd in the United States, with over 110 years in the registered Angus business. Growing up I was an active member of the National Junior Angus Association. I attended Butler County Community College and was on the livestock judging team there and then I transferred to Oklahoma State University where I was a member of the 2001 National Champion Livestock Judging team. After those experiences I was asked to judge a few small shows around the area and it just took off from there. Following graduation from grad school I was hired as the beef cow herd manager at Michigan State University. When I was at MSU I was able to learn the beef industry from industry legends Dr. David Hawkins and Dr. Harlan Ritchie and that is when the door really opened for me to judge many more shows on a larger scale.

When you're evaluating cattle how do you balance EPDs and index values with phenotypic appraisal?

Shike: There is no magical formula for how to balance EPDs with phenotypic appraisal. I am hesitant to put "minimums" or "maximums" on EPDs. Everything is relative. You never know what might be in a class. I have judged classes where every calf had incredible numbers and I

didn't care for any of them visually. I have also judged classes where all of the cattle were impressive to look at, but did not have very good numbers. However, I will say that I believe the industry has made tremendous progress and now more times than not there are cattle with good numbers that look good also.

There are some traits that we don't have EPDs for such as structural correctness. I believe the phenotypic appraisal of structural correctness is essential regardless of the goals of the operation and which EPDs they want to focus on. It doesn't matter how impressive their numbers are if they can't function and won't have any longevity.

Bloomberg: Balance is the key word. With both visual and genetic merit holding value, a proper balance of the two is extremely important to me. When presented with a set of numbers on a class, I scan the data and look for outliers both positive and negative. My attention then turns to physical attributes that don't have EPDs like structural correctness and body volume. A balanced statistical profile in tandem with visual quality is a must for me.

Sankey: I think it is very important to balance visual appraisal with the data while evaluating cattle. As a judge I have to utilize all information given along with what I can see with my eye to make a sound decision. I believe there are traits that you cannot measure with a number and it's important to be able to look at the animals and evaluate traits such as structural soundness and foot size, body volume and fleshing ability. But with today's technology and information the data has more predictability in non-parent animals than it ever has before and it's important to take those EPDs and index values in to account. When I am judging I tend to look at the data and make sure there are no outliers in a negative way then I will judge the cattle visually and balance in the EPDs and Indexs as I work through the class.

There are some gorgeous but bad numbered show cattle out there and some that are hard to look at but great on paper — what's your strategy to handle those outliers when they're in your ring?

Shike: See answer above. To steal a quote from my coach, Dr. Scott Schaake, "Livestock judging is an art, not a science." I try to make the best decision for each situation. Unfortunately, this approach is often labeled as "inconsistent" from the crowd. I believe all judges try to be consistent. Unfortunately, the classes presented to them aren't always very consistent. (Continued on page 18)

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Bloomberg: When this type of situation arises, as a judge I feel it's important to evaluate the cattle for what they are visually and what they truly offer the breed. I don't necessarily want to dictate a producer's breeding operation solely based on EPDs. But I do feel a significantly high genetic predictor can aid in herd changes when needed. When I get outliers in the ring, it's still important to emphasize traits like soundness and quality. It is these visual measures that numbers cannot predict.

Sankey: Dealing with outliers is always a challenge. I feel each one of those types of animals have a place depending on how the producer makes a living raising cattle. I feel it's my job as a judge in the show ring when given the data is to find the animal that best fits the type of animal that would fit into the way my family and I make a living raising cattle.

In your time in the cattle industry how have you seen SimGenetics change in the show ring?

Shike: There is no question that the demand for SimGenetics has grown significantly. This trend has carried through into the show ring. You see SimGenetics in many of the composite breeds and commercial cattle that are being shown. I believe the cattle are more moderate, easier fleshing, and sounder in general than the Simmental genetics I saw when I was growing up.

Bloomberg: SimGenetics have changed immensely over the past couple decades. I have seen this breed change from large red and white traditional cattle to the softer, easier maintaining Simmentals of today. Our breed has been one of the leaders in both visual appraisal and genetic tabulations. This proven standard of excellence is what has enhanced the quality of our seedstock as well as commercial acceptability.

Sankey: SimGenetics have improved greatly over the past five to ten years. I think they have placed strong focus on improving structure and fleshing ability along with their EPDs and Indexes. They have moved SimGenetics in to a strong position in both the seedstock and commercial cattle business.

What role do you think SimGenetics plays in today's beef industry?

Shike: SimGenetics do and will continue to play a vital role in today's beef industry. The combination of maternal and terminal traits is unmatched by most breeds. I believe there is tremendous versatility in the SimGenetics which allows producers from different regions to utilize the genetics.

Bloomberg: SimGenetics are a valuable part of the industry. That proof is in our breed's bull and female sales. Demand for Simmental cattle is at an all-time high because of our commitment to making cattle sounder and more commercially acceptable for a multitude of traits. Commercial cattleman demand SimGenetics, which is vital to the continued growth of the breed.

Sankey: I think they play a very important role in today's beef industry. They have positioned themselves as terminal sire breed that can do multiple things for a producer. As we go forward I think you will see SimGenetics being more prevalent in both the seedstock and commercial cattle industry because of the value they bring.

What would you recommend SimGenetic breeders do in order to successfully ensure that their show cattle retain a level of commercial acceptability?

Shike: My recommendation would be to simply not lose sight of the traits that made SimGenetics popular to start with. My observation is that SimGenetic breeders have done a remarkable job of improving their cattle and marketing them to a wide cross-section of clientele.

Bloomberg: Traits like soundness, fleshing ability and performance never go out of style regardless of production intention. Show cattle offer a tremendous marketing tool for our breed. Not every animal needs to be in the top 1% for every EPD. Environment dictates how much or how little of certain traits we need. It is extremely important to keep a balance of traits and not chase extremes as it relates to visual and genetic selection.

Sankey: I think it is important not to lose sight of the life after the show ring. The heifers have to be cows and bulls have to be breeding bulls and sometimes we can focus too much on things in the show ring that really don't matter when the halters come off. To be acceptable to the commercial cattleman they have to be sound functional cattle that are cost effective to maintain. Those cattle have to calve easy, grow fast and have carcass merit in the end. I think if the Simmental breeders keep in mind functional cattle that are balanced in their data they will be more than acceptable in the years to come. ◆



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Two incumbents, a former board member, and three newcomers have been elected to the ASA Board of Trustees. Fred Schuetze, Granbury, Texas, who served from 2000 to 2006 including a term as board chairman, has been returned to the board after an interim period of eight years, while the two incumbents are Jon Willis, Marietta, Oklahoma; and Brian DeFreese, West Point, Indiana.

Newly seated board members are: Barry Wesner, Chalmers, Indiana; Claye Kaelberer, New Salem, North Dakota; and Mike Forman, Ellensburg, Washington.

All six individuals were sworn in and formally seated during ASA's Annual Meeting, January 18, in Denver.

West Point, Indiana rian DeFre

DeFreese is the owner of Shawnee Cattle Company at West Point, Indiana. In addition to his own herd of Simmental, he serves as manager of the Purdue University Beef Unit, which produces commercial females and feedlot steers from a cowherd of 300 SimAngus™ cows and 100 replacement heifers. After attending the University of Indiana for three years, he graduated in 1974 from Purdue, then spent nine years traveling the US and Canada, working for several purebred cattle operations. He farmed and raised cattle for more than 30 years before accepting his present position at Purdue in 2007. Now completing a three-year term on the ASA Board of Trustees, he has been active in the Hoosier Beef Congress, the Indiana State Fair and the Indiana Performance Tested Bull Sale. He's also a member of the Indiana Beef Cattle Association and served as president of the Tippecanoe County Cattleman's Association. DeFreese and his wife, Marla, are the parents of three grown children: J.D., Rob, and Katelyn.

Forman, Ellensburg, Washington

Mike Forman, his wife, Paulette, and his son, Robb, own and operate Trinity Farms near Ellensburg in Central Washington. Their cowherd consists of 500 cows a majority of which are SimAngus™, along with purebred Simmental and Angus. Since 1986, A.I. and embryo transfer have been used extensively, utilizing top sires from both the Simmental and Angus breeds. Forman is a past president of the Washington Simmental Association and previously served as president of the Washington Angus Association. An average of 135 bulls, plus some females are sold through their own production sale, held annually on the first Saturday in March. At one time, the Formans owned three agricultural tractor dealerships, selling Kubota, Hesston and other farm equipment. After divesting the dealerships, they formed a construction company, specializing in public works projects. That business was sold two years ago when Mike retired, allowing him to spend more time on the cattle ranch. Mike and Paulette also have one other son, Randy.

rer, New Salem, North Dakota

Kaelberer Simmentals, which has been in existence for 38 years, is owned by Claye Kaelberer and his family, and is located near New Salem, North Dakota. The fifth generation to live on the original homesteaded family farm, he purchased his first 200 acres while he was a junior in high school. Their current herd of 170 cows is managed with a focus on the needs of their neighbors' and customers' commercial operations. Making extensive use of AI and embryo transfer, bulls are sold through the Edge of the West Sale in collaboration with other members of the sale group. A former recipient of the prestigious Promoter of the Year Award by the North Dakota Simmental Association (NDSA), Kaelberer is deeply involved in numerous community and state organizations. A former president of the NDSA, Kaelberer has also served as chairman of the North Dakota Bull Test and serves on the North Dakota Showcase Sale Committee. Claye and his wife, Michelle, are the parents of three children: Lindsay John, Brittany Rau and Conner.

Granbury, Texas

Schuetze was a member of the ASA Board from 2000 to 2006, including one year as Chairman. He has been Director of Livestock Operations for Buzzard Hollow Ranch since 1992, a 6,000-acre enterprise featuring an 800-head cowherd, comprised of Fleckvieh (90%), plus Simbrah (4%), SimAngus™ (4%), and Red Angus (2%). Fleckvieh genetics all trace back to original German and Austrian cattle, although a high percentage of females can be traced back to South African sources. Embryo transfer is used extensively to accelerate BHR's breeding program. Schuetze, who holds a B.S. degree from Southwest Texas State and an M.S. from Texas A&M, worked as a County Agent from 1968 until 1979 when he transitioned to ranch management. He has been an industry leader, serving as president of the Texas Simmental-Simbrah Association, chairman of the Fullblood Fleckvieh Federation, and second vice president of the World Simmental Fleckvieh Federation among many organizations. Schuetze and his wife, Judy, are parents of two adult children, and two grandchildren, Hailee Schuetze and Carter Mason Keel.







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Barry D. Wesner, Chalmers, Indiana

Wesner is the owner of Wesner Livestock Enterprises, maintaining a herd of 50 mature cows, including registered Simmental, SimAngus™ and Angus. Heavy use is made of embryo transfer and artificial insemination, utilizing only superior cow families which have proven production records. Over the past 20 years, he has served multiple terms as President of the Indiana Simmental Association, served as co-coordinator for the AJSA Eastern Regional Classic in Indianapolis, and has served as the Simmental breed representative at the Indiana State Fair for the past eight years. A graduate of Purdue University with a degree in Agriculture Education, he worked for the Farm Bureau Cooperative System as a Feed Sales Specialist for 12 years, then became Multi-line Agent for Farm Bureau Insurance, and currently works as the Business Development Manager for Crop-Pro Insurance. He is the father of three adult daughters: Courtney, Carly and Bailey, all of whom have been involved in livestock-related activities.

onathan L. Willis, Marietta, Oklahoma



Jon Willis manages Willis Simmentals, a family-owned operation located at Marietta in South Central Oklahoma. The Willis cowherd consists of 330 registered Simmental and SimAngus™ females plus 50 Angus cows, maintained through a breeding program heavily based on embryo transfer and artificial insemination. Willis genetics are merchandised primarily through private treaty sales and bull test consignments. A 1994 graduate of Oklahoma State University with a B.S. in Animal Science and a minor in Business, Willis served as 2009-10 President of the Oklahoma Simmental Association. An ASA incumbent Trustee, he is beef superintendent of the Love County Livestock Show, and a member of his local Volunteer Fire Department. Deeply involved in American and Oklahoma Junior Simmental Associations, he acted as co-coordinator of he 2009 South Central Regional Classic. Willis and his wife, Wilma, are the parents of four children: Chase, Alli, Maddi and Maizi. ◆



DIRECTORS' DIALOGUE



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By Will Townsend, Director, Commercial and Industry Operations

I've only begun my career in the field of "International Beef Genetics". Nonetheless, I've worked hard to investigate the opportunities for US seedstock producers. To this point I've seen opportunities, but none as promising as the opportunities "Down Under." The Australian beef industry is progressive and moving fast. They have the animal breeding wherewithal to recognize and select quality genetics. Before I go on, let me define "quality genetics" as it can vary based on opinions. Quality genetics are those genetics focused solely on maximizing profitability for the commercial industry and achieve genetic improvement through utilization of the most effective, current and accurate selection tools such as the International Cattle Evaluation, EPDs and economic indexes. With Australian breeders being so progressive, the US is offered multiple business opportunities involving import, export and cooperation with Australian beef producers.

Some readers may have read my last report stemming from my trip to Colombia. Not surprisingly, the basic steps to successful international business are not much different. However, in this report, I will cover each step specifically in regards to application to the Australian beef industry and tweak some of them as they apply to the industry.

Step 1: Offer a High-Quality Product and Seek a High Quality Product.

I stress the importance of this step. Without naming specific regions of the world, it is safe to say that most U.S. genetics would be an "improvement" to some parts of the world. However, Australia is so on the ball that only the very best U.S. genetics would contribute to genetic improvement in Australia. Therefore, it would largely be a waste of time to invest marketing dollars there without including the very best genetics.

Often times, breeders who consider international business are looking first and foremost to export and not import to improve their own genetic program. Australia, however, offers an opportunity for U.S. breeders to utilize some of the very best genetics down under to improve their own program. This sort of mutual cooperation should be seriously considered by U.S. breeders due to the progressive animal breeding practices of many of the Australian breeders and the potential for outcrosses.

Step 2: Do Your Homework

The Australian beef industry has much more in common with the U.S. than many other countries do. However, there are still some differences that breeders will have to navigate in order to conduct successful business with Australia.

An example of a difference in beef production is that Australian beef producers are not paid premiums for quality grade. Therefore, the incentive to produce cattle with sufficient marbling is not as strong as it is in the US. However, many progressive Australian beef producers consider it their responsibility to produce a quality product so they will still place selection pressure on quality grade when making breeding decisions. It is also assumed that the day will come when Australian producers are paid for quality grade due to ongoing efforts to create premiums. With this in mind, it is wise for producers to breed the type of cattle that will position them to achieve the premiums associated with quality grade when those premium are put in place.

It is important to consider all of the "trade hurdles" that exist when doing business with Australia. None of the hurdles are overwhelming but there are other requirements in regards to shipping semen, for example.

Australia's political stability is very inviting for U.S. businesses but it is still important to keep an eye on other factors that may affect business such as the exchange rate.

Step 3: Establish a Networking Plan

There are two approaches to networking in Australia. I call them the "shotgun approach" and the "rifle approach".

A shotgun approach would revolve around positioning yourself in a high traffic area in which you will be around a large number of potential clients. An example of this would be Beef Australia, Australia's National Beef Exposition. This event is one of the largest events in the world and you would be around many people that may be interested in doing business with you. The downside of this sort of approach is you may meet a lot of people and only a small portion may be ideal clients.

The approach I would suggest in Australia is a rifle approach in which you target specific clients that have a high chance of being a successful partner. This sort of approach can be done by utilizing the internet and conducting your own research on potential clients if you have no initial leads. The best way, however, to conduct this approach would be to have someone help you get your foot in the door. For example, through my recent trip to Australia, I made a number of contacts with individuals that could help progressive US breeders (with a quality product) make the potential contacts necessary to begin a successful business relationship. These contacts are available upon request.

No matter where you are, the early stage of a networking plan is all about getting your foot in the door. Joining an international society, attending an international event, traveling with or partnering up with someone who already has international contacts, or utilizing an established contact list are all ways that successful international businesses have initiated their international program.



Step 4: Calculate Your Initial Investment and Your Estimated Return on Investment

Now that you have identified the value of your product, done your homework on the potential, the costs, and the risks (although minimal) of doing business in Australia and you've established a solid networking plan, you should have a good idea of the cost or investment you will have to make to get your program off the ground. After interviewing a number of seedstock producers that have established a successful international program, it seems very common that an international program will not recover its initial investment for three to five years. Some are a little longer and some experience success the first time they enter a foreign industry. However, three to five years would be an adequate amount of time to use when calculating your initial investment and when you begin to see adequate returns on that investment.

Most international marketers that have achieved a certain level of success visiting their region or country of interest anywhere from one to five times a year. Therefore, it is easy to see why it can take so much money to get started and why the risk can be very high. Once you've determined the risk, the investment, and the potential you will be able to see if the program is one you can implement on your own or if you will need investors. If you need investors, you will have already established your business plan, you just need to go out and find them. They will likely be other seedstock producers that have an interest in the international beef business.

Step 5: Build Solid Relationships

Once the money has been rounded up, the networking plan has been established, and the plane tickets have been bought, it is time to go to work. Building relationships with your potential clients is extremely important and your success may depend on it. Often times you may have to know somebody with the desired contacts to gain access to clients or be part of a group or event. Go out and meet the people with whom have access. Don't give a sales pitch but don't be afraid to tell them who you are, what you do, and what you have to offer. More importantly, listen. Ask questions about the potential client's operation so you know where and how you may be able to help them. Become friends with the clients so they know you are trustworthy and enjoyable to do business with. If you're not trustworthy or enjoyable to do business with, get out of the business. At many events and meetings there will be social events that offer ample opportunities to build these friendships. Since you will be in a country that offers many opportunities for fun and recreation, make sure to not get side-tracked by self-pleasing distractions. These social events are for you to socialize and build friendships, but they are not there for you to go crazy. Part of building trust is letting people know that you are enjoyable to be around but you have self-control and are responsible.

The exciting part about conducting this step in Australia is that all of the Australian producers I had an opportunity to meet and get to know were extremely pleasant and fun to be around. It should not be difficult to enjoy spending time with them but remember, they are very good and dedicated at what they do and won't be interested in your product if you don't deliver the same sort of quality in product and service and the same sort of dedication.

Step 6: Conduct Business that will Cause the Client to Come Back

These steps should be repeated until the opportunity finally comes to make a transaction. This is still the "getting the foot in the door" stage. You do not need to give your product away because that could create poor buyers habits and establish unrealistic expectations of future transactions. One U.S. producer that has had a large degree of success in Australia told me you don't want the reputation of selling a "cheap product". However, you want to make sure you offer an amazing value in the initial transaction that will cause the client to come back for more. Offer them an amazing, high-quality product. Follow-up with the client regularly to make sure he or she received the product and that he or she is satisfied with the product. Customer service is as important or more important than the product itself so make sure you follow through.

Step 7: Review Your Program

Review the entire process. Once you've actually invested money, undergone networking efforts, made sales, etc., adjust your calculations and critique your program to make it more efficient and more effective. You may be able to improve your product, cut costs somewhere, partake in more efficient networking efforts, stream-line sales, etc.

Step 8: Improve Your Program

Improve your weakest areas or the areas with the greatest potential for improvement. Make the efforts to improve your program to sustain or grow your success. Focus on the most important areas with the most potential for return and then move to other areas of improvement as time, money and other resources are available.

Summary

One common theme I discovered in all of my visits in Australia is that progressive Australian breeders are willing to use high-quality, profitable genetics no matter where they're from. Not only are they willing to use those genetics but they are in high demand. The problem is availability. Those sort of high-quality options are limited in Australia. This presents a huge challenge but an even greater opportunity to those willing to step up to the plate.

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DIRECTORS' DIALOGUE

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By Hannah Wine, Director, Media, Youth and PTP Programs

AJSA

The members of the Board of Trustees of the American Junior Simmental Association (AJSA) are pleased and proud to announce that well-known artist CJ Brown of Illinois has created a painting for them, Sires of the Simmental Breed. The painting features 25 legendary bulls of the Simmental breed that were selected by voting from more than 800 Simmental enthusiasts. A limited number of \$75 prints are available, to order yours email ajsa@simmgene.com. It's the perfect Valentine's Day present for the Simmental lover in your life!





Speaking of Valentine's Day, if you're still on the hunt for the perfect present be sure to check out the AJSA Board of Trustees Lots of Love online sale February 8 & 9 on DVauctions.com. Check out these photos of the featured lots!

Proceeds from the sale of the prints and the online sale will go to support the AJSA's 2015 Summit Conference, focused on leadership development and agvocacy. Junior members, parents and advisors from all over the country participate in the event in Bozeman, Montana, August 3-6. During the four-day event, they will hear nationally known speakers, visit farms and ranches, and attend workshops designed to enhance the individual's leadership talents, communication skills, and beef industry knowledge.

Media

I'm excited to announce that Gabby Glenister will be doing some guest writing for us on



Gabby Glenister

the TREG blog. Glenister, from Good Hope, Illinois, is a lifelong livestock breeder who grew up on her family's Angus farm in upstate New York. In addition to writing for the American Simmental Association, Gabrielle works for Torrance Herefords of Media, Illinois. Glenister graduated from the State University of New York at Cobleskill in May of 2012 with an Associate of Science Degree in Animal Science: Dairy

Production & Management. In the fall of 2012, she began her educational career at Iowa State University, pursuing a Bachelor of Science Degree in Agriculture & Life Sciences Education: Agricultural Communications, which she completed in August of 2014. Glenister was actively involved with the National Junior Angus Association for eleven years. In 2012, she accomplished one of her goals by working as the Junior Activities Summer Intern at the American Angus Association. Joining the ASA as a contributing writer for TREG, Gabrielle will continue her passion for the agriculture industry by telling the Simmental story. Look for Gabrielle's most recent stories about Dr. Fred Swain and Marshall Ruble on the TREG blog at www.simmental.org/TREG.

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PTP

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Recent additions to the list:

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The full list is available at www.simmental.org



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By Jackie Atkins, Ph.D., Director, Science and Education

BEEF magazine recently featured the top 100 seedstock operations in the U.S. (based on selling at least 200 bulls per year). I was pleased to see several SimGenetic Seedstock operations were represented, including: Powerline Genetics (Holbrook, NE), R A Brown Ranch (Throckmorton, TX), Diamond Peak Cattle Co. (Craig, CO), Flying H Genetics (Arapahoe, NE), Krebs Ranch (Gordon, NE), Yon Family Farms (Ridge Spring, SC), Griswold Cattle (Stillwater, OK), Cow Camp Ranch (Lost Springs, KS), Gateway Simmental and Lucky Cross (Lewistown, MT), 3C Christensen Ranch (Wessington, SD), Yardley Cattle Company (Beaver, Utah), Schiefelbein Farms (Kimball, MN), Nichols Farms (Bridgewater, IA), Leachman of Colorado (Fort Collins, CO), Lorenzen Ranch (Pendelton, OR), Tanner Farms (Shuqualak, MS), and Hoffman Ranch (Thedford, NE).

The article provides perspectives from several of the listed seedstock breeders on their successes and emphasizes the importance of collecting data, vertical integration or at least communication between the packer, the feedyard, and the breeder, and maintaining integrity with

commercial customers. Reading this article as we gear up for another season of the CMP brings home the importance of the data collected in this program. The value of knowing offspring performance all the way through and including harvest is vital to the success of your genetics. In 2015, we will add feed intake to a subset of the calves in collaboration with Dr. John Hall at the University of Idaho. We have also kicked off fundraising efforts to purchase a GrowSafe System in order to collect intake data on the majority of the CMP calves. This fundraising is a specific mission called the "Feed Intake Project" through the American Simmental Simbrah Foundation. For more information on this or other fundraising missions, check out the website at www.simmental.org/foundation.

Wes Ishmael finished his column with the following nugget, "... useful, relevant genetics are the price of admission to successful, sustained seedstock production". This may be overly simplified but keep the terms useful and relevant genetics in the forefront when choosing your next bulls and replacement females. It might land you on the next BEEF 100 list.

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MEET THE TEAM

This is the second installment in a series designed to "personalize" ASA's team of Field Service Representatives so that the membership can become more familiar with individual credentials, and more easily recognize names, faces

and responsibilities. Two individuals, proceeding in alphabetical order, are being featured in future issues of *the Register*. John Grande and Stuart Jensen will be spotlighted in the March issue.



Russ Danielson, Harwood, North Dakota

Danielson retired in 2010 after completing a 44-year career on the staff of North Dakota State University (NDSU). Raised on a diversified livestock and grain farm near Valley Center, he earned a B.S. degree in animal husbandry and a subsequent graduate degree as well from NDSU.

During his tenure at NDSU, he began as manager of the university's beef unit; taught numerous classes within the Animal Science Department; coached livestock judging teams; served as advisor for thousands of undergraduate students and on numerous graduate committees; and as faculty advisor for campus agricultural clubs and organizations. He was instrumental and deeply involved in the introduction of Simmental genetics to the NDSU breeding herd in cooperation with the North Dakota Simmental Association, a program that continues today.

In demand as a highly respected cattle judge, he was worked shows on State, Regional and National levels in the US and Canada. He has judged at the National Western in Denver, at Houston, Fort Worth and the Canadian Agribition.

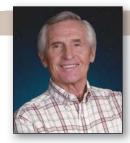
He also worked with North Dakota rancher Russ Bueling to develop the BueLingo breed of beef cattle and served as the first secretary/treasurer of the BueLingo Beef Cattle Society. (The BueLingo has a distinct white band around its middle, is often confused with the Dutch Belted breed and has been nicknamed the "Oreo" breed.)



Danielson (right) talking to Simmental breeder Steve Ulmer, Oakes, ND.

Since his retirement, Danielson has spent considerable time renovating the farmstead on his family farm that was originally homesteaded by his grandfather in 1884. Among other pastimes, he is a dedicated fan of his Alma Mater's three-time national championship football team. Russ and his wife, Helen, who were married in 1966, are the parents of two married daughters and grandparents of four.

Since joining the ASA Field Representative team, he has renewed contact with numerous area Simmental breeders and has done the necessary homework to become current with Association programs and activities. "I am enjoying meeting and working with progressive Simmental breeders and commercial producers," he says.



Michael Dikeman, Manhattan, Kansas

A native son of Kansas, Michael Dikeman was born in Fort Scott, graduated from Fort Scott High School, attended Fort Scott Community College, earned his B.S. in Animal Husbandry and his Ph.D. in Meat Science from Kansas State University, and spent 42 years on the KSU Animal Science faculty. His Master's Degree was from Michigan State University.

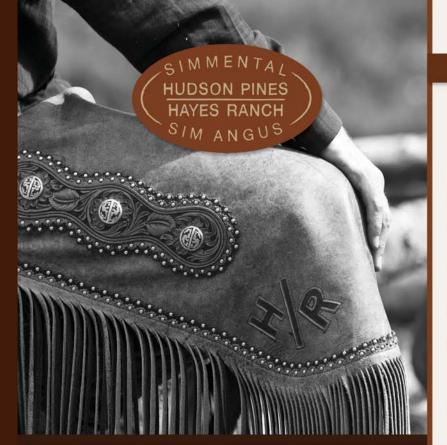
While on the KSU faculty, he coached the Meats Judging Team for eight years, taught 13 difference courses, and authored more than 450 scientific journal articles, abstracts, conference proceeding papers and technical bulletin articles.

On a national level, Dikeman served as president of the American Meat Science Association, was on the Executive Committee of the American Society of Animal Science and was president of the Federation of Animal Science. In cooperation with Dr. John Pollak, then of Cornell University, he coordinated the national Carcass Merit Research project that led to EPDs for tenderness.

He served six years on the ASA Board of Trustees between 2002 and 2008 and was instrumental in development of ASA's ground-breaking Performance Advocate and Total Herd Enrollment programs. He has been deeply involved in the Kansas Simmental Association, serving in numerous positions of leadership. A long time Simmental breeder, he currently maintains a herd of 60 all-black Simmental and SimAngus™ cows. Bulls are marketed primarily through the Gold Bullion group annual bull sale.

"Simmental genetics are making a great contribution to the beef industry," he says. "The multibreed genetic evaluation has allowed Simmental x Angus 'composites' to be successful and popular, excelling over all other 'composites.' But, ASA members must continue to make breeding progress that contributes to SimAngus excellence."

Dikeman and his wife, Earline, who served nearly 40 years on the faculty of the KSU Chemistry Department, are the parents of two children, Mark, a former president of the American Junior Simmental Association, and Becca, who was the high individual at the 1995 AJSA Classic. Both majored in Animal Science and have careers in agriculture.



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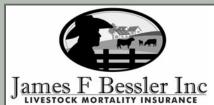
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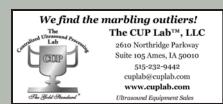
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BULLETINS

2015 Classic Schedule Listed

The 2015 AJSA schedule of activities has been finalized. Regional events plus the 35th National Classic will be held at five widely located sites. Coordinator Jennifer Kincaid, and members of the Texas Simmental/Simbrah Association, will serve as hosts for the National Classic. The complete schedule:

South Central Regional	June 7-11	Springfield, MO
North Central Regional	June 16-19	Austin, MN
Eastern Regional	June 24-27	West Springfield, MA
Western Regional	June 26-28	Bozeman, MT
National Classic XXXV	July 5-12	College Station, TX
Summit Leadership Conf.	August 3-6	Bozeman, MT

AJSA Deadlines Listed

The following deadlines must be adhered to for AJSA activities scheduled over the next few months. Entries and other paperwork that arrive after the listed deadlines will be declared ineligible — no exceptions! Please mark your calendars accordingly.

Event	Date
National Classic hotel scholarship	. April 15
Regional Classic entries and ownership	May 5
Late Regional Classic entries	. May 12
National Classic entries & ownership	. May 15
Late National Classic entries	. May 22
AJSA Trustee applications	June 1
Merit Award applications	June 1
Photography contest entries	June 1
Video contest entries	June 1
Summit registration	June 1

"C" is Year-Letter for 2015

The letter "C" is the year-letter cattle identification designation for 2015, with **D** to follow in 2016. B was designated for use in 2014, while the letter A was the year-letter designated for use during 2013.

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

ASA Staff Steps Up

The generosity of American Simmental Association employees was on display once again during the recent holiday season, rallying support for two extremely worthwhile charities.

During the week of Thanksgiving, ASA employees collectively donated 150 pounds of food and \$145 in cash for the Bozeman Food Bank. Then, at the staff Christmas party in December, a spirited auction of donated items resulted in \$3,400 for the Bozeman Cancer Support Community in memory of the late Peggy Lipsey.

Office Holiday Schedule

The ASA office will be closed for the following 2015 holidays. In addition to those dates listed below, the office traditionally closes for New Year's Day.

Friday, April 3 **Good Friday**

Monday, May 25 **Memorial Day** Fri – Mon., July 3-6 Independence Day

Monday, September 7 Labor Day

Thurs. - Fri, November 26-27 **Thanksgiving**

Thurs - Fri., December 24-25 Christmas •



By AJSA Trustee Jericho Chappa, Wilsall, MT

This marked a very exciting year for me. I was able to attend and participate at the National Classic in Louisville and run for the AJSA Board of Trustees. During that week in Louisville, I was able to see the behind the scenes work that goes on at a cattle show and just what the AJSA Board does. I was surprised by the long hours of work doing

things that you don't really realize happen at cattle shows, like folding the exhibitor shirts, organizing the mentor program materials, and setting out the show programs.

As fall rolled around I attended the American Royal and the North American International Exposition. It was great to meet Simmental breeders from around the United States and see the shows. As the string of PTP shows has come to a close, much like many of you, I'm now focused on getting the new calves on the ground and making sure they're healthy and growing. For my family the National Western Stock Show can be very stressful on us since it is in the thick of early calving season.

Calving season is one of my favorite times of year. The skills and life lessons learned calving cows are integral to the AJSA experience. Many of our AJSA members take part in calving on their family farm or ranch. AJSA members Jaden (14), Dawson (13), Jamison (10), and Addison (5) Neshem help their mom and dad, Heather and Kent Neshem with calving on their family ranch, KNH Simmentals in Berthold, North Dakota. At their ranch each of the siblings is able to tell which calves are theirs by their unique tagging system. "We have different colored tags for each of us. I'm blue, Addison is purple, Jaden is green and Dawson's calves have pink tags," explained Jamison.

What is your favorite part of checking cows during calving season? Addison — "I like helping with tagging and weighing the calves." Dawson — "Turning out the newborns and seeing them run as fast as they can." Jaden — "When it's all over!"

If you're not part of the calving process with your cattle, I challenge you to brave the elements, help out with calving season and see what it's all about! ◆

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Setting Sights High

MacKenzie Forman with the first heifer donated to the Relay for Life. The buyer was Bob Matthiesen, Mansfield, WA.



Auctioneer Butch Booker, selling the last relay heifer, that's MacKenzie looking over his shoulder.

A Simmental family rolls up its sleeves on behalf of worthy causes.

Mackenzie Forman, daughter of Robb and Debbie Forman, and grand-daughter of Mike and Paulette Forman of Trinity Farms, Ellensburg, Washington, participated in her first Relay for Life event in June, 2007 when she was 13-years-old. She was greatly impacted through participation in a luminary ceremony and survivor walk and wanted to participate in a more direct way. The following year at the age of 14, she became a Relay for Life team leader. When Mackenzie started this project, she put together a team of 15 family members and friends. It was her goal to attempt to raise \$1,500 that first year (\$100 per team member). She called her team Friends for a Cure.

"Members of our family have had their lives impacted in all too many ways due to cancer's effects, and Mackenzie wanted to help make a difference," says her proud mother.

"While brainstorming for fund raising project ideas, we wondered what we could do as a family that could make an impact while providing an avenue where a multitude of people could participate," Debbie continued. "In late 2007, the idea was thrown out to offer one of our kids' heifers in the following year's bull sale with all proceeds to be donated to Relay for Life. Since then, through the generous support of so many of our customers, this project has really taken off!"

With the amazing success of that first year of fund raising, Mackenzie raised her sights to a much higher goal — to raise \$50,000 in five years for the American Cancer Society's Relay for Life. Once again, thanks to so many of Trinity Farms' friends and customers, she met that very ambitious milestone as well. "As parents and grandparents, it has been a humbling experience to see what the dreams of a then 14-year-old girl could grow into and we are all very proud of her accomplishments," Debbie said.

Once Mackenzie graduated from high school, she left home to go to

college in California and it was time for Trinity Farms to pick a new project.

"As a family, we picked the Wounded Warrior Project (WWP) and have donated a heifer in each of the past two Generations of Excellence sales in support of this cause and to date, along with the generosity of our customers, we have raised more than \$26,000.00 for this worthy cause. For our 2015 sale, our donation is another MCM Top Grade 018X open heifer," Debbie reported.



Trinity Farms owners Paulette and Mike Forman with members of the 2013 Wounded Warrior team. Team leader Michael porter is holding the plaque.







Russ Stingley, Ellensburg, WA, with Jay Sample (left) and Michael Porter of the Wounded Warriors Team, purchased the 2014 donated heifer in support of the organization.

The following letter, from WWP Manager Michael Porter, was received by Trinity Farms following their 2014 sale.

"Dear Forman Family:

I just wanted to take the time to again say thank you and let you know how humbled and honored we were to be a part of your sale again this year! It is so incredible to see the level of generosity shown by those involved in the cattle industry, especially here locally. We can attribute about 65%, of all the funds we bring in, to your event. I can't thoroughly express my gratitude for your commitment to serving wounded Veterans! I have had friends who I served with who have been helped so much by the WWP. They have told me how much trouble it is to go through government channels to receive assistance, but the WWP has always been an organization that seeks out wounded veterans, rather than waiting for them to come in. In each of my friend's cases, the WWP was there to meet them when they arrived at the military hospital in Germany. They made the initial contact and gave them comfort by lettings them know that when they return stateside, the WWP would be there waiting, willing to help. So for me, these are very personal issues and to know that you all and others like you are dedicated to supporting these veterans, is very comforting. So again, thank you so much for allowing us to be a part of the sale and for your continued support of our nation's wounded veterans."

Paulette giving Michael Porter the check for proceeds from the first year of Trinity Farm's relationship with the WWP.



SPOTLIGHT ON SIMGENETICS



Connors State Releases 84-Day Report

Connors State College, Warner, OK, has released its 84-day report for those bulls in the fall test. The bulls were sold on December 4 at the bull test station. ASA Trustee Blake Nelson serves as bull test director and Roger Morton is the farm manager. Forty-one Simmental bulls were among the total of 87 animals from seven breed categories in the test.

Breed	No.	ADG	WDA
Simmental	41	4.1	3.3
Angus	21	4.1	3.4
Charolais	7	4.0	3.4
Hereford	7	3.5	3.0
Maine	7	3.0	3.3
Composite	3	3.5	3.2
Red Angus	1	4.2	2.8
Totals	87	3.94	3.30

2013 and 2014 Sale Averages

Listed below are Simmental cattle sale price averages (US sales only), comparing the entire year of 2013 to 2014, year-to-date. These figures represent only those sales reported by category and published in *the Register*.

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	No.	Ave.	No.	Ave.
Bulls	4,908	\$4,355	6,004	\$4,720
Bred Cows	807	3,525	650	2,933
Cow/Calf	368	3,248	222	3,900
Bred Heifers	1,587	3,042	980	3,234
Open Females	1,636	3,102	872	3,019
Totals	9,306	\$3,796	8,728	\$4,219



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Georgia, Delaware Joint Research

Personnel from Georgia State University and the University of Delaware will head the newly created Center for Behavioral and Experimental Agri-Environmental Policy Research, supported with a \$750,000 award from USDA.

Affiliated faculty will use behavioral and experimental economics research to improve the design and implementation of USDA programs that support farmers in their efforts to feed the world and provide valuable environmental stewardship of the nation's agricultural lands. The new center is funded by a three-year USDA "seed grant."

Maine Closes Beef Industry Council

The Maine Beef Industry Council (MBIC) has closed and the Cattlemen's Beef Board (CBB) will take over collection and communications with producers in that state in the future

The MBIC Board of Directors made the decision to close the state beef council due to two reasons: retirement of Executive Director Judy Powell and an increasingly limited checkoff budget. With Maine's decision, the National Beef Checkoff Program has a total of 44 qualified State Beef Councils.

Kentucky Approves Checkoff Increase

During a statewide referendum in November, Kentucky beef cattle producers have voted to assess themselves an additional \$1 per head on cattle marketed in the state. The final tally was 1,816 in favor of the increase and 1,423 against the proposal, which will take effect on April 1 of this year.

The Kentucky State Board of Agriculture had called for the referendum at the request of the Kentucky Cattlemen's Association. State law requires the Kentucky Department of Agriculture oversee and conduct referendums at the direction of the board.

Federal Lands Targeted by Utah

The State of Utah is leading the charge among some Western states that are determined to own and manage the federal lands that lie within their borders. The Beehive state has recently released a report, which states that the state can handle costs and management of those lands. Furthermore the report indicates that the state would receive great benefits in school and road funding, increased access, and healthier forests and rangelands.

In 2012, Utah became the first to pass legislation demanding that the federal government hand over the bulk of the land, which is under federal ownership. Opponents of the plan argue that the costs of managing the increased land mass would bankrupt the state or be sold off to private interests, thus leading to locking out of the public. ◆





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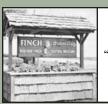
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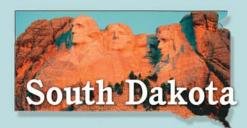


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COW SENSE

Listed below are ten questions designed to test your knowledge of the beef industry.

Elite: 9-10 correct; Superior: 7-8; **Excellent:** 5-6; **Fair:** 3-4; **Poor:** 1-2.

- 1. The nitrogen compounds that make up proteins are known by what name?
- 2. What is the composite breed that is comprised of ½ Brahman, ¼ Shorthorn, and 1/4 Hereford?
- 3. What is the term utilized to describe the taking of measurements of economically important traits in a live animal?
- 4. What term is used to describe an animal that has too much set to the hock joint as viewed from the side?
- 5. What is the venereal disease in cattle, which lowers fertility, causes abortion, and is transmitted by the bull during natural service?
- 6. What is the typical rate of gain for a feedlot steer?
- 7. Which of the following has the highest cholesterol content: beef, chicken, pork or shrimp?
- 8. What live condition might cause "dark cutter" carcasses?
- 9. If a calf receives a ration over and above its maintenance requirements, what would be the expected result?
- 10. Substances produced from glands with no ducts that act as chemical messengers in the body are known by what term?

Answers:

.гэлоттоН .01 of muscle glycogen; 9. Added growth. 7. Shrimp; 8. Stress, causing depletion 5. Vibrosis; 6. 2.9 to 3.8 pounds/day; 3. Performance Testing; 4. Sickle-hocked; 1. Amino Acids; 2. Beefmaster;



NEWSMAKERS

Nevada Congressman Targets BLM

US Congressman Mark Amodei (R-Nevada) is asking cattle ranchers in his state who are affected by the Bureau of Land Management's grazing restrictions to share their experiences with his office. BLM has cut some grazing allotments in Nevada due to prolonged drought. In some cases, ranchers' grazing permits were cut from six months to two months.

Amodei says that BLM's methods could merit a congressional oversight hearing. He indicated that he wants a fact-based approach to grazing decisions "rather than knee-jerk reactions to drought conditions."

In Memoriam . . .

• Voris Carson Blomquist, Dillon, MT,



widow of pioneer Simmental breeder Emmett Blomquist, died December 15 at the age of 91. The second of five children, she was born in Shelley, ID, and

Voris Blomquist graduated from high school in Hamer. She married Emmett in 1940 and they ranched and raised Herefords and then Simmental cattle in the Dillon area for the rest of their lives. She is survived by her five children: Keith (Kathy), Rock Springs, WY; Helen (Wayne) Norman, Logan, UT; Bonnie (David) Beck, Kuna, ID; Don (Linda), Dillon; and Kevin (Cheri), Twin Falls, ID. ◆

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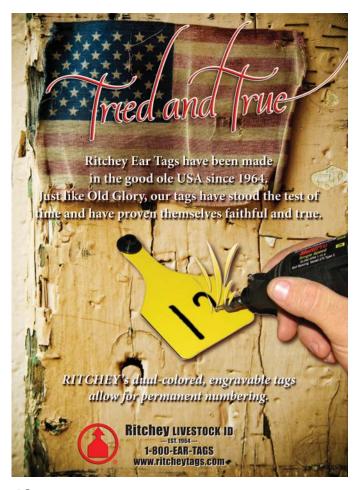
USDA has indicated that it is moving ahead with a plan to create a separate beef Checkoff, in the absence of consensus from the industry as it pertains to how to overhaul the existing program. USDA Secretary Tom Vilsack has indicated that he will continue with this plan until the industry reaches consensus.

Cattlemen's groups are split on the idea, with NCBA the leading opponent, urging the secretary to back off, arguing that USDA's alternate program would give the government too much control. Other beef-related organizations claim that NCBA, the primary contractor for promoting beef through the Checkoff, already has too much control.

Work Progressing on NBAF Facility

Planning and preliminary work continues on the National Bio and Agro-Defense Facility (NBAF) in Manhattan, KS, but it may be another decade before animal-disease research can be conducted at the 580,000 square foot, \$1.25 billion site.

Initial planning began in 2006 when Manhattan was selected as the site, to replace the aging and outdated Plum Island, NY, facility, which had opened in 1954. Through the current year, federal appropriations have been committed in the amount of \$638 million, while the state of Kansas has contributed \$307 million and the city of Manhattan has allocated \$5 million. Another \$300 million in federal funding is pending.



Feedlot Heifers Declining

All indications are that heifer sales directly off the ranch are declining, although the decline is slow and careful. In November's feedlot inventory comparison report, heifers made up about 35%, down about 1% from one year ago.

Many observers believe that increasingly, producers are experiencing a high level of confidence and may be on the verge of beginning retention of more females in their herds, thus initiating an uptick toward rebuilding the nation's cowherd.

Beef Stocks Projected to Decline

As 2015 arrives, beef stocks are projected at 595 million pounds, down 89 million from 2014, according to USDA forecasters. In addition, beef production for the year is projected at 23.736 billion pounds, a decline of 794 million. Beef imports are projected at 2.7 billion pounds, down by 123 million.

Total US beef supplies (production + imports) is projected at 26,931 billion pounds, which is 1 billion less than in 2014. Also, beef exports will be down by 74 million pounds to 2,525 billion in 2015. Beef consumption is also forecast to fall, down 922 million pounds to 52.2 pounds per capita. Last year, per capita consumption was 54.6 pounds per person.

Coalition Advocates Balanced Nutrition

As the US Departments of Health and Human Services and Agriculture finalize developing nutritional policies to be released this year, a coalition of 18 food organizations is calling for a more balanced, practical and achievable dietary guidance.

The coalition, named Back to Balance, was formed in response to public policy efforts that were occurring at the local, state and federal levels to malign and restrict certain foods when both scientific and the nutrition community have stated that such efforts are unlikely to work. A majority (93%) of healthcare professionals say that healthy eating is all about balance and that favorite foods can be enjoyed in moderation with a lifestyle that includes physical activity.

Americans Eating More at Home

American consumers are putting together more and more meals at home, though not necessarily cooked meals, and are eating fewer meals out, according to a new study by the research firm National Purchase Diary (NPD) Group.

The average American ate just 191 (17.4% of all meals) restaurant meals during the most recent year, compared to 215 (19.6% of all meals) meals in the year 2000, when eating out was at its peak. The study found that people are eating more at home, but not cooking more meals, instead relying on snacks as meals.



Vegetarians Return to Meat

A recent Harris poll of 12,000 adults has found that 84% of vegetarians and Vegans eventually go back to eating meat. The findings directly contradict rumored reports that a 'vegetarian movement' is underway in the US and around the world.

Furthermore, the poll found that only 2% of American adults currently classify themselves as vegetarians or vegans, while 10% acknowledge that they formerly practiced some form of that anti-meat status. In addition, more than half of those who returned to meat did so within one year.

Scientists, Farmers Disagree on Climate

A study jointly conducted by Iowa State and Purdue Universities has found that crop producers and scientists hold deeply different views on climate change and its possible causes. A total of 6,795 people from the agricultural sector were surveyed to determine their beliefs.

The study found that 90% of scientists and climatologists said they believed climate change was occurring and more than half attribute the changes primarily to human activity. In contrast, 66% of corn producers said they believe climate change is occurring, but only 8% say than humans are responsible. Agricultural activity accounts for a calculated 10-12% of human-caused greenhouse gas emissions

Rural Employment Weak

While most of the US economy continues to recover from the recession of 2007-09, rural areas of the country have struggled to recover jobs lost during the downturn. Urban employment now has surpassed pre-recession levels, but rural employment remains well below its 2007 peak and continues to fall is many areas.

By contrast, urban employment grew by 5% between 2010 and 2014. At the end of 2014, rural employment was more than 3% below pre-recession levels despite a recent uptick. Most notable areas of rural unemployment can be found in the Deep South, Appalachia and the Mountain West.

"Sustainable" Definition Debated

Several consumer organizations have signed a letter which harshly criticizes the Global Roundtable on Sustainable Beef's (GRSB) recently approved principals and criteria for beef production.

The criticism included a "lack of measurable performance standards, guidelines and verification methods and failure to address non-therapeutic use of antibiotics in livestock." The groups said that GRSB did not address "key, inherent environmental problems associated with confinement beef production.

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Farm Technology Use Increasing

A survey by the American Farm Bureau Federation has found that more farmers are reaping the benefits of the latest agricultural technologies, but may remain somewhat wary of risks involved with big data collection. An overwhelming 77.5% surveyed said they feared that regulators and other government officials would gain access to their private information without their knowledge.

However, farmers say that they are receiving positive results from using precision technologies such as collection of weather data, tracking seed varieties, analyze nutrient applications and map crop yields. As a result, they have been able to reduce costs by 15% and increase crop yields by an average of 13%.

Biotech Food Safety Confirmed

Genetically engineered foods are as safe as their conventional counterparts, according to testimony received during a US House Energy and Commerce Committee hearing in December.

Debate on the subject has typically been fueled by deep emotion and rhetoric, but a key witness, Alison Van Eenennaam, an animal genomics and biotechnology specialist from UC-Davis testified that the consensus of the scientific community is that "there are no unique risks posed by this genetic engineering."

Antibiotic Task Force Assembled

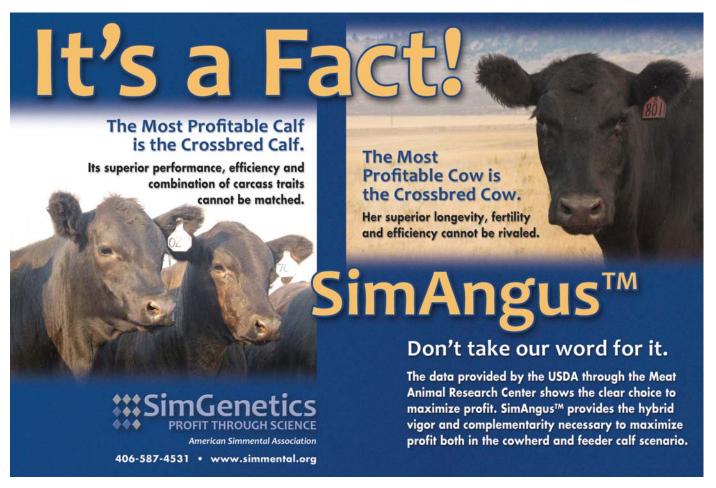
The Association of Public and Land Grant (APLU) and the Association of American Veterinary Medical Colleges (AAVMC) have formed a Task Force on Antibiotic Resistance in Production Agriculture. Goal of the task force is to help advise the federal government on a research agenda and to help disseminate information on antibiotic use.

Scientists and public have grown increasingly concerned about the evolution of antibiotic resistant bacteria in veterinary and human medicine. Studies have shown than some bacteria have developed defenses against different classes of antibiotic compounds.

EPA Proposes Chemical Bans

The US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is seeking public comment on the potential removal of 72 chemicals from a lengthy list of substances approved for use as inert ingredients in pesticide products. The action was prompted by petitions filed by the Center for Enrironmental Health, Beyond Pesticides, Physicians for Social Responsibility and other groups.

Many of the 72 inert ingredients identified for removal are on a list of 371 inert ingredients identified by the petitioners as "hazardous." Chemicals such as turpentine oil and nitrous oxide are named as potential candidates for removal.





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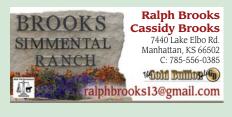
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CORPORATE REPORT

Tyson Expects Chicken Sales Explosion

Tyson Foods, Inc. is projecting strong consumer demand for chicken in 2015 and beyond, as demand for beef and pork declines, due primarily to elevated prices. The company believes that chicken is well positioned as the most economical of the major protein sources.

A Tyson spokesperson said: "Over the next few years, high beef and pork prices, relatively speaking, are going to continue drive demand toward chicken. The shift bodes well for the chicken business, which is Tyson's biggest source of profits and its highest margin segment. During the fourth quarter of 2014, Tyson's chicken sales rose by $2.3\,\%$, while beef sales dropped by $2.6\,\%$ and pork by $0.3\,\%$.

JBS Acquires Tyson's Brazilian Holdings

Brazil's Administrative Council for Economic Defense (CADE) has approved the acquisition by JBS of 100% of the shares representing Brazil Tyson Foods. The Tyson holdings operates in the slaughter of chicken and cattle.

In actual practice, the operation results in the transfer of Brazil Tyson plants located in Campo Mourao and Itaiopolis. In June, JBS and Pilgrim's Pride had announced a definitive agreement to acquire all of the poultry operations of Tyson Foods in Mexico and Brazil for \$575 million. Of that total, \$400 million was in relation to the Mexican acquisition and \$176 million is the value of the Brazilian property.

Merck Announces New Program

Merck Animal Health has established "Creating Connections," a program designed to help producers better understand cattle behavior and use that knowledge to employ strategies that can reduce stress, improve reproduction and foster stronger immune responses.

Because calmer cattle are easier to examine, diagnose, treat and move, the techniques recommended through Creating Connections should help make it more convenient for producers to upgrade and improve their overall herd health. Additional information about the program can be obtained at www.creatingconnections.info.

Bayer Providing 200,000 Meals

Bayer and the Feeding American organization joined forces to make the 2014 holiday season a big brighter for Americans struggling with hunger. Together, they creased "#Thankful4Ag" a social initiative that helped to provide 200,000 meals in November and December.

The US, as the world's largest exporter of agricultural products, shipped \$140 billion in goods during 2013. Yet, that same year, one in six people still faced hunger. Feeding America is the nation's largest hunger-relief organization and its network of local food banks serves 46 million people annually.





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One in Nine Malnourished

According to the UN World Food Program, more than 805 million people are malnourished in the world today, meaning that one in every nine individuals do not get enough food to be healthy and active.

According to the UN, hunger and malnutrition are the number one risk to health worldwide - much greater than AIDS, malaria and tuberculosis combined. Overcoming malnutrition in all its forms - caloric undernourishment, micronutrient deficiencies and obesity will require a cooperative combination of interventions that can guarantee availability and access to healthy diets, the report said.

French Plant Closed by Scandal

Food giant Nestle has shuttered a frozen meals plant at its site north of Paris after sales dropped Europe-wide after horse meat was discovered into processed products such as ready-made meals.

The wide-spread scandal was uncovered in January of 2014 when traces of horse meat were found in frozen burger patties sold in a number of Irish and British supermarkets. That discovery sparked concern among many French consumers, who then shied away from purchasing Nestle's frozen food products.

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US, Canada Reach Embryo Agreement

Canadian Agriculture Minister Gerry Ritz has announced that Canadian cattle producers will now have better access to high quality bovine genetics, following an agreement with the US. The agreement allows in-vitro fertilized bovine (IVF) embryos to enter Canada from US, opening up new herd development opportunities. Previously, only IVF embryos produced within Canada were accessible to producers.

It is the first time that Canada has worked with another country to permit sales of IVF bovine embryos across its borders. The science-based agreement maintains Canada's strict animal health requirements, according to Ritz.

Global Subsidies Drop

The 21 biggest food-producing countries in the world were supported by an estimated \$486 billion in agricultural subsidies during 2012, but that is a proportionate figure lower than in previous years. Governments spent 19% of the total worldwide value of agriculture products on subsidies, down from 32% in 2001.

Of that total, North American countries provided \$45 billion with the US, which has now done away with direct payments and criticized for an overlyprotectionist farm policy, paid out \$30 billion in 2012, compared to Canada and Mexico, which spent about \$7 billion each.

International Demand for US Hay

Over the course of the last decade, annual US hay and forage export value has increased by \$785 million and during 2013, reached an all-time high of \$1.25 billion. Those sales are roughly equally divided between alfalfa (50%) and "other hay" (50%).

Four Asian countries together comprise the overwhelming majority of hay and forage exports. They are China, the United Arab Emirates (UAE), Japan and South Korea. The largest component of growth during the past 10 years has been in sales of alfalfa to China and the UAE. However, sales of other types of hay to Japan have also been a significant contributor to the continued export growth.



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Reserve Division I Champion

"Womack Precious Miss," s. by Mr. Hoc Broker, exh. by Claire Trennepohl, Middletown, IN.

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"Harrell Barb Rose 313A," s. by Mr. Hoc Broker, exh. by Maddy Udell, Sioux City, IA.

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"ORF Ciara 345," s. by WLE Uno Mas X549, exh. by Parker Reed, Galveston, IN.

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"Womack Precious Miss," s. by Mr. Hoc Broker, exh. by Claire Trennepohl, Middletown, IN. 8.6/59/99/11.2/52/-.18/.04/101/58



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"SFPC Diana's Image 923A," s. by TJ Sharper Image 809U, exh. by Wyatt Scheiderer, Irwin, OH. 7.4/76/121/10.4/56/.02/.28/115/73



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"Katie 114A," s. by WAGR Driver 706T, exh. by Margaret Spencer, Gibbon, NE. 8.7/62/94/7.9/49/-.23/.47/122/71

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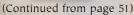
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"CLRWTR KenCo Supervision," s. by W/C United 956Y, exh. by Clear Water and KenCo Cattle Co., Milan, IN. 12.5/71/112/10/55/-.21/.19/130/72

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Division II Champion "HILB Olympus B27U," s. by B C Lookout 7024, exh. by Hilbrands Cattle Co, Clara City, MN. 13.7/60/86/7.8/49/-.27/.48/138/71



Reserve Division II Champion "SWEN Distinction B41," s. by W/C United 956Y, exh. by Heartland Simmentals/Swenson Simmentals/Wishing Well, Nashua, IA. 12.8/76/117/7.2/59/-.22/.35/136/79



Grand Champion and Division III Champion "FHEN Mr. Halftime A127," s. by S A V Brilliance 8077, exh. by Bloomberg Cattle Co, Berwick, IL. 14.8/59/95/12.5/57/-.14/.48/149/74



Reserve Division III Champion "TSSC Curtain Call," s. by FBF1 Combustible, exh. by Tinin Show Cattle, Lawrenceburg, TN. 7.4/51/83/4.9/48/-.08/.47/108/63



Division IV Champion "STCC Jimmy John 028A," s. by STCC Long Haul 033X, exh. by Trennepohl Farms/Top Hat/Prospect/Wishing Well, Middletown, IN. 10/68/99/4.8/55/-.18/.30/114/70



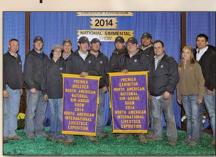
Reserve Division IV Champion "GCC Bugati 195A," s. by ZKCC Chopper 844U, exh. by Elmore Cattle Services, Waukomis, OK. 3.9/52/64/4.6/38/-.16/.11/83/53



Reserve Grand Champion and Division V Champion "TWCC Proud Soul Z119," s. by Flying B Cut Above, exh. by TW Cattle Company, Paris, KY. 6.7/58/93/6.3/49/-.10/.42/108/65

Reserve Division V Champion "White Star Granite," s. by SS/PRS High Voltage 244X, exh. by Krieger Farms, Universal, IN. 7.5/69/111/7.4/57/-.06/.33/113/71

Groups



Premier Breeder and Exhibitor Hudson Pines Farm, Sleepy Hollow, NY.

Purebred Show Females



Division I Champion

"SVJ She's the Dream B796," s. by SVF Steel Force S701, exh. by SVJ Farm, Amity, PA. 10.1/60/89/11.8/49/-.31/.09/132/63

Reserve Division I Champion

"TNGL Elsa B790," s. by W/C Wide Track 694Y, exh. by Tingle Farms, New Castle, KY. 10.9/71/102/10.7/57/-.30/.14/126/70



Divison II Champion

"OBCC Legend 119B," s. by FBFS Wheel Man 649W, exh. by Circle M Farms, KenCo Cattle Co., Rockwall, TX. 8.7/61/91/8.4/53/-.24/.15/116/65



Reserve Division II Champion

"TJSC Kansa 823B," s. by Mr. Hoc Broker, exh. by Jones Show Cattle, Harrod, OH. 8.3/63/91/12.4/52/-.30/.04/122/64



Division III Champion

"SVJ Stylish One Too A14," s. by SVF/NJC Built Right N48, exh. by SVJ Farm, Amity, PA. 11.9/58/87/5.7/51/-.26/.04/115/62



Reserve Division III Champion

"OBCC Firefly 139A," s. by JF American Pride 0987X, exh. by Circle M Farms, Rockwall, TX. 10.5/67/98/11.4/57/-.34/.14/122/70



Division IV Champion

"TNGL Hope's Design A589," s. by W/C Wide Track 694Y, exh. by Hudson Pines Farms, Sleepy Hollow, NY. 8/69/101/8.1/60/-.27/.19/123/71



Reserve Division IV Champion

"Hearthstone Natoma A400," s. by STF Elan XE79, exh. by Brooke Hayhurst, Shreve, OH. 10.7/64/93/10.3/47/-.31/.13/118/67



Grand Champion and Division V Champion

"HILB Crazy N Love A475S," s. by Mr. Hoc Broker, exh. by Trey Jass, Garner, IA. 7.1/60/89/11.2/55/-.35/-.03/116/61



Reserve Grand Champion and Reserve Division V Champion

"TJSC Diamond 11A," s. by TJSC Optimus Prime 12W, exh. by Meghan Reed, Lindsey, OH. 7.6/65/91/8.1/51/-.14/.11/105/63

Division VI Champion

"TNGL Hopes Influence," s. by Harker's JS Domination, exh. by Tingle Farms, New Castle, KY. 5.8/56/77/5.1/49/-.24/.01/94/55



Reserve Division VI Champion

"Aubrey's White Chocolate," s. by Remington Secret Weapon 18, exh. by Shelby Ison, Atlanta, IN. 5.6/58/81/5.1/47/-.39/.00/105/59

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Bulls



Reserve Grand Champion and Division I Champion "STCC Jacked Up 4070,"

s. by TLLC One Eyed Jack, exh. by Trennepohl Farms, Middletown, IN. 8.3/71/101/8.9/61/-.38/.24/119/71



Reserve Division I Champion

"STCC Jack Around 4031," s. by TLLC One Eyed Jack, exh. by Trennepohl Farms, Middletown, IN. 8.3/71/101/8.9/61/-.38/.24/119/71



Division II Champion

"GLS Baracuda B20,"
s. by GLS New Direction X184,
exh. by Grass-Lunning Simmentals, LeRoy, MN.
9.8/71/106//6.3/59/-.25/.01/111/69

Reserve Division II Champion

"TNGL Track On B748," s. by W/C Wide Track 694Y, exh. by Tingle Farms, New Castle, KY. 10.9/71/102/10.7/57/-.30/.14/126/70



Division III Champion

"ECSS Aboration A351," s. by Houston X01, exh. by Elmore Cattle Services, Waukomis, OK. 4.4/70/97/6.1/51/-.22/.12/92/63

Reserve Division III Champion

"TNGL High Life A711," s. by SVF Steel Force X701, exh. by Tingle Farms, New Castle, KY. 9.5/61/91/10.4/52/-.27/.15/129/66



Division IV Champion

"RBS Raining Diamonds," s. by K-Ler Make It Rain, exh. by Reck Brothers and Sons, Albia, IA. 3.7/77/109/8.7/61/-.17/.13/97/67



Grand Champion and Division V Champion

"HPF Quantum Leap Z952," s. by HTP/SVF Duracell T52, exh. by Circle M Farms and Rocking P Livestock, Rockwall, TX. 12.5/66/98/11.3/57/-.22/.17/123/71

Reserve Division V Champion

"SVF Sledge Hammer Z40," s. by Flying B Cut Above, exh. by Sunset View Farms/ Pleasant Hill Farm, Rockfield, KY. 8.5/57/85/11.2/48/-.25/.17/122/63

Groups



Premier Breeder and Exhibitor Tingle Farms, New Castle, KY.

FSFF Fullblood Simmental Show

Date: November 20, 2014

Judges: Chi Swain, Louisville, KY
(Challenge Cup-Junior Show)

Cliff Orley, Lebanon, PA (Pinnacle and Fleck Effect)

The Challenge Cup (Junior Show) Females



Grand Champion and Junior Calf Champion "FGAF Shanti 132B," s. by FGAF Epic Meal 948Z, exh. by Ferme Gagnon, Cheneville, QB. 4.2/75.3/106.8/6.9/75.7/-/-.1/-/-



Reserve Grand Champion and Reserve Junior Calf Champion "FCAF Petra 164R" s. by SII Painter 50

"FGAF Petra 164B," s. by SU Painter 59P, exh. by Ferme Gagnon, Cheneville, QB. .9/74.9/102.8/1.4/63.7/-/-.14/-/-

Intermediate Champion and Best Bred and Owned

"MJ Abigail," s. by MJ Block, exh. by Emily Jones, Attica, IN. 5/66/90/11.2/66/-.18/-.08/73/60

Senior Champion

"MVF P SA Daniella A9D," s. by Eldandi 907H, exh. by Maxey Valley Farm, Morning View, KY. 1/62/83/3.5/55/-.17/-.3/46/48

Reserve Senior Champion

"MJ Gwen,"

s. by Dora Lee's Enclave FF45W, exh. by M&J Farms, Attica, IN. 3.7/71/94/7.2/69/-.16/-.1/78/59

The Fleck Effect Females



Grand Champion and Junior Calf Champion "FGAF Ms. Walker 176B," s. by Twin Chief Walker 21W, exh. by Ferme Gagnon, Cheneville, QB. .1/60/83/7.7/-/-.1/-/-



Reserve Grand Champion and Reserve Junior Calf Champion "Corn Star 013B," s. by Godfrey Corn 62Z, exh. by Cornelius Farms, LLC, Mattawan, MI.

8.3/61/85/7.6/55/-.16/.12/94/65

Bulls



Grand Champion and Junior Calf Champion "VPFS Briggs 14B," s. by Crossroad Radium 789U, exh. by Vantage Point Farm, Boonsboro, MD. 16/59/70/14/57/-.36/-.13/96/59



Reserve Grand Champion and Reserve Junior Calf Champion

"Bring It CO4B," s. by Godfrey Corn 62Z, exh. by Cornelius Farms, LLC, Mattawan, MI. 6.9/67/95/8.7/60/-.21/.05/88/66

Intermediate Champion

"Patrick Corn C32A," s. by Yukon Cornelius C84X, exh. by Cornelius Farms, LLC, Mattawan, MI. 8.6/59/83/9/56/-.26/-.03/104/59

Groups

Premier Breeder

Cornelius Farms, LLC, Mattawan, MI.

Premier Exhibitor

Cornelius Farms, LLC, Mattawan, MI.

The Pinnacle Females



Grand Champion and Junior Calf Champion "FGAF Shanti 132B," s. by FGAF Epic Meal 948Z, exh. by Ferme Gagnon, Cheneville, QB. 4.2/75.3/106.8/6.9/75.7/-/-.1/-/

Reserve Junior Calf Champion

"FGAF Petra 164B," s. by SÛ Painter 59P, exh. by Ferme Gagnon, Cheneville, QB. .9/74.9/102.8/1.4/63.7/-/-.14/-/-

Intermediate Champion

"MJ Abigail," s. by MJ Block, exh. by Emily Jones, Attica, IN. 5/66/90/11.2/7/-.18/-.08/73/60



Reserve Grand Champion and Senior Champion

"FGAF Upola 046Å," s. by FGAF Barbossa 707X, exh. by Ferme Gagnon, Cheneville, QB. 8/82.2/123/10.2/72.8/-/-.02/-/-

Reserve Senior Champion

"MJ Gwen," s. by Dora Lee's Enclave FF45W, exh. by M&J Farms, Attica, IN. 3.7/71/94/7.2/69/-.16/-.1/78/59

Bulls



Grand Champion and Junior Calf Champion "MVF P SA Peoria 849P," s. by Bar 5 SA Piona 04 817N, exh. by Maxey Valley Farm,

Morning View, KY. 3.3/66/85/4.6/63/-.06/-.02/53/54

Reserve Junior Calf Champion

"VPFS Brantz 12B," s. by Crossroad Radium 789U, exh. by Vantage Point Farm, Boonsboro, MD. 7.3/64/77/10.4/59/-.31/-.23/68/54

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Reserve Grand Champion and Intermediate Champion

"LCF VPF Arden 506A," s. by ICC Game Changer, exh. by Vantage Point Farm, Boonsboro, MD.
2.5/68/88/6/64/-.14/-.21/57/55



Supreme Champion Cow/Calf Pair and Grand Champion Cow/Calf Pair

"MVF P SA Exzanna 449X," s. by Bar 4 P SA Expert 826M, exh. by Maxey Valley Farm, Morning View, KY.
1.2/62/80/-2.1/55/-.12/-.21/49/47

Reserve Grand Champion Cow/Calf Pair "Freedom First Note," s. by Freedom's Buster, exh. by Maxey Valley Farm, Morning View, KY. .4/72/105/-.23/69/-.06/-.13/51/57

Groups

Breeder's Herd

Exh. by Maxey Valley Farm, Morning View, KY.

Produce of Dam

Exh. by Ferme Gagnon, Cheneville, QB.

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Maxey Valley, Morning View, KY.

Premier Exhbitor

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North American Select Simmental Sale

November 19, 2014 • Louisville, KY

No. Category
61 Total Lots

Average \$7,399

Auctioneer: Bruce Miller, Bedford, TX Sale Manager: DP Sales, KY Sale Staff: Tommy Carper, Shane Ryan, Jack Hedrick, Kent Jaecke

High-Selling Lots:

- \$42,000 Donor out of, "WLE Missy U409," s. by CNS Dream On, cons. by Shawnee Cattle and Horstman Cattle Co., sold to Brandon Bird, TX.
- \$25,500 Open Female, "B3C JLO's Reba B2," s. by TLLC One Eyed Jack, cons. by Blue Chip Cattle Co., sold to Janssen Farms. IA.
- \$21,000 Open Female, "DLS/TSF Baby Breath B408," s. by Yardley High Regard, cons. by Travis Simmentals and Sunny View, sold to Dillon Simmental, MS.

- \$20,000 Bred Female, "TNGL A Gemstone A527," s. by JF Milestone, bred to SVF NJC Built Right, cons. by Tingle Farms, sold to Ferguson Show Cattle, OH.
- \$16,000 1/2 interest in Bred Female, "Zeis SF Lucky Gal 861A," s. by SS Mr. Callaway, bred to WLE Uno Mas, cons. by Zeis Simmentals, sold to Hadden Simmentals, IA.
- \$15,200 Bred Female, "Ryan Queen Lucy A190," s. by CNS Pays To Dream, bred to WS A Step Up, cons. by Ryan Cattle Co., sold to Dr. Brad Boswell, IA.
- \$13,000 1/2 interest in Open Female, "HS Burning Secret B120X," s. by Remington Lock N Load, cons. by Hilbrands Simmentals, sold to Felt Farms, NE.
- \$10,200 Open Female, "HSF Mariah B403," s. by LLSF Uprising, cons. by Hecksel Simmentals, sold to Harmony Hill, IN.

Comments: Pre-sale hospitality was sponsored by MultiGen Reproduction Solutions, Cattle Visions, McBurney Livestock and Jame Krieger (American Livestock).

Cattle sold into 17 states and one Canadian Province including: AR, IA, IL, IN, KS, KY, MI, MO, MS, ND, NE, OH, OK, SD, TN, VA and SK.



Chad Joines, VA Tech prepares for the sale.





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SALE RESULTS

Gibbs Farms 9th Annual Bull and Replacement Female Sale

November 8, 2014 • Ranburne, AL

No.	Category	Average
105	SimAngus™ Fall Yearling Bulls	\$5,969
12	3/4 SM Fall Yearling Bulls	5,083
36	PB SM Fall Yearling Bulls	5,361
153	SM and SimAngus Fall Yearling Bulls	\$5,757
1	Pick of the Cow Herd	14,000
5	SimAngus Cow/Calf Pairs with fall calf	5,800
1 <i>7</i>	SimAngus Bred Cows	4,941
39	SimAngus Bred Heifers	4,749
73	SimAngus Open Yearling Heifers	3,401
2	3/4 SM Bred Cows	3,625
7	3/4 SM Bred Heifers	4,500
9	3/4 SM Open Yearling Heifers	3,722
4	PB SM Cow/Calf Pairs with fall calf	5,063
6	PB SM Bred Heifers	4,250
15	PB SM Open Yearling Heifers	3,387
178	SM and SimAngus	
	Replacement Females	\$4,097
331	Total SM and SimAngus Lots	\$4,864

Auctioneers: Mike Jones, GA, and Ron Kreis, OH

Representing ASA: Bill Zimmerman

High-Selling SM and SimAngus Lots:

\$26,000 – PB SM Bull, "GIBBS 3009A Element," s. by GW-WBF Substance 820Y, sold to ABS Global, Deforest, WI; and Cow Camp Ranch, Lost Springs, KS.

\$16,000 - SimAngus Bull, "GIBBS 3393A Statement," s. by S D S Graduate 006X, sold to Baxley Farms, Georgetown, SC.

\$14,000 – Pick of the Cow Herd, "GIBBS 9128W Mabelle N341," sold to Rust Mountain View Ranch, Mercer, ND.

\$13,500 – SimAngus Bull, "GIBBS 3150A Corner Post," s. by S D S Alumni 115X, sodl to Brook Haven Farm, Calhoun, GA.

\$11,500 – SimAngus Bull, "GIBBS 3133A Mountaineer," s. by S D S Alumni 115X, sold to Fred Smith Company, Clayton, NC.

\$11,000 – SimAngus Bull, "GIBBS 3439A HY Bet 5R03," s. by Dikeman's Sure Bet, sold to Ted Shope, Longville, LA.

\$10,500 – SimAngus Bull, "GIBBS 3152A HY TDE S426," s. by GIBBS 0689X Crimson Tide, sold to Lovvorn Family Farms, Graham.

\$10,000 – SimAngus Bull, "GIBBS 3093A HY TDE 3880," s. by GIBBS 0689X Crimson Tide, sold to Shady Hill Farm, Ridge Spring SC.

\$10,000 - SimAngus Bull, "GIBBS 3407A DAK," s. by GW Premier 734Y, sodl to D. R. Bozeman, Flora, MS.

Volume Buyers: TW Farms, Pleasant Plain, AR; Valhalla Ranch, Byers, CO; Barrett Farms, Mt. Airy, GA; Triple D Farms, Wallace, NC; and Fred Smith Company, Clayton, NC.

Comments: Also selling were two Angus Cow/Calf Pairs with fall calf at an average of \$5,500 and one Angus Bred Cow for \$5,500.

Friday night after viewing the cattle and touring the farm, approximately 75 customers stayed for the "Producer Co-op Marketing Program" featuring panelists Bill Lipscomb of Autaugaville, representing Producers Feeder Calf Sale; Donny Stephens of Marion Junction, representing Alabama Feeder Cattle Marketing Association; and Jamie Dail of Wallace, North Carolina, representing Coastal Carolina Cattle Alliance. Each panelist told how their marketing co-op group formed, how it had grown over time, and where they were today. At the end, moderator Marty Ropp from Allied Genetic Resources reviewed, summed up the presentation, and began the question and answer part of the program with a question to each panelist.

Sale day was brisk but sunny and record highs were set in almost every individual group of females offered, showing the strong demand for SimAngus and Simmental genetics as our national cattle industry begins to rebuild numbers.

Cattle sold to 113 buyers from 25 states including: AL, AR, CA, CO, FL, GA, IA, IL, KS, KY, LA, MI, MO, MS, NC, ND, NE, OH, OK, SC, TN, TX, VA, WI and WV.

Mark your calendars for the 10th Annual Sale, November 14, 2015.



Inside the sale facility.



Don MacClennan, Valhalla Ranch, CO, purchased 15 bulls and two females.



Lloyd & Connie Baxley, Baxley Farms, buyer of Lot 1, high-selling SimAngus bull & 2nd high-overall.



Auction block (l-r): Wendy Young (Gibbs' daughter), Gordon Hodges, Mike Jones and Chad Gordon (DVAuction.)

JRW Fall Bull and Female Sale

November 15, 2014 • Seminary, MS

No.	Category	Average
42	Bulls	\$4,332
2	Bred Cows	\$3,625
29	Cow/Calf Pairs	\$4,597
19	Embryo Lots	\$447
92	Total Ĺots	\$3,598

Auctioneer: Jered Shipman, TX Representing ASA: Dennis Courtright



Kim Berry along with Ember and Chloe wait to load.



Brent and Kendall Long enjoying a nice day for the sale.



Mark Smith and Cody Cuevas look over a pen of young pairs.

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SALE RESULTS

continued

Timberland Cattle's Best of the Black Angus and SimAngus™ Fall Bull Sale

November 15, 2014 • Vernon, AL

No.	Category	Average
14	SimAngus Bulls	\$3,914

High-Selling Lots:

\$4,800 – "TLCI Premium Beef A325," sold to I.D. McClurkin and Sons, Pike Road.

\$4,600 - "TLCI Catalyst A316," sold to I.D. McClurkin and Sons, Pike Road

\$4,200 – "TLCI Premium Beef A313," sold to I.D. McClurkin and Sons, Pike Road.

\$4,000 – "TLCI Tuition A302," sold to I.D. McClurkin and Sons, Pike Road.

\$4,000 – "TLCI Premium Beef A304," sold to I.D. McClurkin and Sons, Pike Road.

\$4,000 - "TLCI Catalyst A328," sold to Doug Nunley, Tishomingo, MS.

Volume Buyers: I.D. McClurkin and Sons, Pike Road; Borders Ranch, Emelle; Billy Joe Ferguson, Vaiden, MS; and Sumter Farm, Emelle.

Comments: Also selling were 41 Angus Bulls at an average of \$3,876.





Gearing up for the start of the sale.

Taking bids.



Viewing the offering.

Hudson Pines Farm — The Living Legacy X

November 16, 2014 • Campbellsburg, KY

 No.
 Category
 Average

 76
 Lots
 \$10,132

Auctioneer: Jim Birdwell, OK Sale Manager: Cotton & Associates, MI

High-Selling Lots:

\$50,000 – Open Female, "HPF Sazerac A086," sold to Campbell Show Calves, PA.

\$40,000 – 1/2 interest in Open Female, "HPF Crocus A083," sold to Clear Water Simmentals, IN.

\$40,000 – Donor, "Right To Love 015U," sold to Bonnell Show Cattle, Rasmussen and Stonewall Cattle, IN.

\$33,000 – Donor, "HPF Crocus U326," sold to White Cattle Co., OK.

\$26,000 – Open Female, "HPF/Lazy H Sheza Dandy 206B," sold to Shoal Creek and RS&T, MO.

\$20,500 – Open Female, "HPF Sazerac 215B," sold to Ferguson Show Cattle, OH.

\$20,000 – Open Female, "HPF Caliente A378," sold to Hilltop Simmentals, SD.

\$19,000 - Donor, "HPF Caliente U335," sold to Hillstown Farms, IL.

\$19,000 - Open Female, "HPF/Borne Delightful B001," sold to Dodge Stock Farm, IA.

\$19,000 – Open Female, "HPF Celeste B050," sold to Windy Hill Farm, Canada.



Waiting for the sale to begin.



Full house on sale day.



Members of Ferguson Show Cattle, Chadron, OH.



Jeff and Leah Meinders, Clear Water Simmentals, IN.

Southern Excellence Bull Development Sale

November 21, 2014 • Wadley, AL

N	lo.	Category	Average
	22	PB SM Bulls	\$3,305
	48	SimAngus™ Bulls	3,469
	70	Bulls	\$3,418
	38	Females	\$2,385

Auctioneer: Jeff Stansberry, TN **Sale Manager:** Ruble Cattle Services, IA

Sale Consultants: Jason Johns, John Mosley, Cody Rasco,

Billy Proffitt and Luke Mobley.

Ringmen: Billy Proffitt, Luke Mobley and Jimmy Fetner

High-Selling Lots:

\$9,000 – PB SM Bull, "CVLS New Standard 337A," s. by CNS Pays To Dream T759, cons. by Clover Valley Simmentals, Corydon, IN; sold to Powerline Cattle Co., Columbia.

\$7,500 – SimAngus Bull, "DFF Big Eye A20," s. by ALC Big Eye cons. by Dearmon Forks Farm, Millry; sold to Nelson Livestock Co. Wibaux, MT & Whelan Farms, Wadley.

\$5,500 – PB SM Bull, "CVLS Over The Top 027A," s. by MCM Top Grade 018X cons. by Clover Valley Simmentals, Corydon, IN; sold to Charlie Gerloff, Bland, MO.

\$5,000 – SimAngus Bull, "RLWF Top Focus A85, s. by MCM Top Grade 018X cons. by Whelan Farms, Wadley; sold to Jeff Oliver, Daviston.

\$5,000 – SimAngus Bull, "WF Promise Land, s. by TRAX Velocity Y7, cons. by Wells Farms, Selma; sold to Matt Bryan, Blakely, GA.

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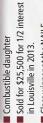
Spring 2015 ASA Sire Summary, as of 1.16.15

Forest Brook Farms LLC

Jay and Denise, Travis, Ashley, Karissa and Peyton Juckem 920-378-3698 (Jay) • jdjuckem@frontier.com N4987 HWY 57 • Chilton, WI 53014

Homozygous Black **Homozygous Polled**

ASA#: 2588018



Class winner at the NAILE in both 2013 and 2014.

59.0

Grand Champion Purebred the 2014 Dixie National. Simmental Female at Reserve Champion



Combustible x JF Blackbird Lady 8008U. 3/4 sister to the dam of Ignition. Sold for \$9,250 in the 2014 Sandeen Sale.

Grass Lunning Simmentals that sold

Combustible x Josie daughter from for \$10,000 in the 2014 NAILE sale.



Simmental Female at the 2014 WI State Fair. **Griswold Cattle Co**

Combustible x STCC Sheriff Taylor

daughter from Ruby Cattle Co. Combustible x In Dew Time

5922 S. Brush Creek • Stillwater, OK 74074

info@griswoldcattle.com 405-372-3300



SALE RESULTS

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Southern Excellence Sale (Continued)

- \$5,000 SimAngus Bull, "RLWF Graduate Force A135," s. by S D S Graduate 006X cons. by Whelan Farms, Wadley; sold to Mabel-Ed Farms, Clanton.
- \$5,000 SimAngus Bull, "RLWF Paramount Upshot A102," by GW Paramount 718Y, cons. by Whelan Farms, Wadley; sold to Dan Niewoehner, Dixie, GA.
- \$5,000 SimAngus Bull, "RLWF Top Ultra Dice A325, by MCM Top Grade 018X cons. by Whelan Farms, Wadley; sold to Chris Langley Farms. Camp Hill.

Comments: Cattle sold into nine states including: AL, FL, GA, IA, MO, MT, OK, TN, & VA.

The Buckeye Best of Both Worlds Sale

November 22, 2014 • Newark, OH

No.	Category	Average
23	Bred Cows	\$2,765
3	Cow/Calf Pairs	4,517
18	Bred Heifers	3,618
9	Open Heifers	3,394
53	Total Lots	\$3,192

Auctioneer: Dave Mullins, IN **Representing ASA:** Danny Ulmanis

Shenandoah's Shining Stars Sale

November 22, 2014 • Quicksburg, VA

No.	Category	Average
74	Total Lots	\$3,844

Auctioneer: Tommy Carper, IN

Sale Manager: DP Sales Management, KY Sale Staff: Jeff Marsh and Andy Marston Representing ASA: Bill Zimmerman

High-Selling Lots:

- \$6,500 Bull, "SVS Seneca AWP7," s. by SVS Ram Rod, sold to James Rumsey, VA.
- \$6,500 Bull, "SVS Groovin' AXMC," s. by Kappes Trailblazer, sold to Kenneth Anderson, VA.
- \$6,200 Bull, "SVS Pistol ANFZ," s. by SRS Right On, sold to Hilltop Simmentals, SD.
- \$6,000 Bull, "SVS Rock Star AY52," s. by SAV Final Answer, sold to Dennis Brown, VA
- \$6,000 Bull, "SVS Cast Iron ASP2," s. by SVS Ram Rod, sold to Hilltop Simmentals, SD.
- \$5,800 Bull, "SVS Democracy AYNC," s. by SAV Pioneer, sold to Charlie Campbell, VA.
- \$5,750 Bull, "SVS Lil Giant YPM3," s. by SVS Gold Finger, sold to Hilltop Simmentals, SD.
- \$5,500 Cow/Calf Pair, "SVS Blue Skies ZR8B," s. by SVS Reload, heifer calf s. by Added Value, sold to Circle H Simmental, SD.

Comments: Cattle sold into 11 states including: AL, IL, MD, MO, NC, NE, PA, SD, TN, VA and WV.



New this year, buyers were treated to lunch served from a gourmet food truck.



Buyers from across the East were ready to view the SimGenetics.



Another standing-room-only crowd packed the historic bank barn in the heart of SVS.



Lisa Zirkle, owner of SVS thanks John Sisk, VA, for his purchase.

2nd Annual Red Dirt Divas Joint Production Sale

November 23, 2014 • Marshall, OK

No.	Category	Average
34	Bulls	\$6,630
31	Bred Cows	\$5,319
26	Bred Heifers	\$3,861
33	Open Heifers	\$4078
124	Total Lots	\$5,042

Auctioneers: Matt Sims, Eddie Sims

Sale Manager: Matt Sims

Marketing Representatives: Jeff Mafi, Angus Journal; Chisolm Kinder,
Oklahoma Cowman; Doug Paul, The Stock Exchange;
Mark Sims, High Plains Journal; Juston Stelzer,

 ${\it Stelzer Services; Delvin Heldermon, Special Assignment;}$

and DeRon Heldermon, Special Assignment. **Representing ASA:** Nathan Smith

High-Selling Lots:

- \$18,750 Open Female, "74-51 Lucy 4013," cons. by 74-51 Cattle Co., sold to Holder Land and Cattle, Pembrook and Bret Pannell, Olustee.
- \$11,250 Bred Female, "CJ Lutton's Rose 409," cons. by Standridge, sold to Mike Holcomb, Woodlands, TX.
- \$10,500 Bred Female, "PRTY PCC Marigold P14W," cons. by Standridge, sold to Mike Holcomb, Woodlands, TX.
- \$10,000 Bull, "New Edition 3300," cons. by 74-51 Cattle Co., sold to Chuck Roye, McCurtain.
- \$10,000 Bull, "Lot 108 No Problems 3301," cons. by 74-51 Cattle Co., sold to Gene Dewitt, Cherokee.
- \$9,500 Bull, "Steel Force A317," cons. by 74-51 Cattle Co., sold to Campbell Brothers, Jet.
- \$7,500 Bred Female, "SSST American Dream 432Z," cons. by Standridge, sold to Campbell Brothers, Jet.
- \$7,100 Open Female, "74-51 Lucy B023," cons. by 74-51 Cattle Co., sold to Dudley Barger, Stigler.

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FBF1/SF | gnition A811

Simmental



■ Ignition's grandam, JF Blackbird Lady 8008U,

has long been the cornerstone donor of

the Forest Brook breeding program.

Producing many high-quality and

high-selling bulls and females.

pedigree. Combustible's best son to date.

Ignition is packed with eye appeal and

■ Ignition is one of the most exciting

up-and-coming young bulls in the

Simmental breed today.

■ His full sister, FBF1 Glorious Lady, sold in

Louisville for \$25,500 for 1/2 interest

progeny have sold for a combined valuation

of over \$100,000.

■ Ignition himself was Supreme Champion

of the World Beef Expo as a calf. Get in

early on these exciting new genetics.

Ignition's dam, Gorgeous Lady's, first three

Lazy H Burn Baby Burn R34 SVF Steel Force S701 Sire: FBF1 Combustible

JF Blackbird Lady 8008U HTP SVF In Dew Time Dam: FBF1 Gorgeous Lady

Tested Homozygous Black Tested Homozygous Polled

ASA#: 2749323

■ She is the cornerstone of the Forest Brook Farms breeding

Ignition's Granddam

Forest Brook

6.6 16.6 46.6 20.6 7.5 27.1 -.24 .10 -.038 .67 -.47 112.5 61.1

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EPD 6.6 3.2 60.0 88.2 .36 .30 Spring 2015 ASA Sire Summary, as of 1.16.15

Semen: \$40/unit

CE BW WWW YWW MCE Milk MWWW Stay DOC CW YG Marb Fat REA Shr API TI

Maternal

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Toddy and Holly Alford 706-207-9454

Randy and Dan Daniel **Partisover Ranch** 706-788-2533

Dwight Cooper 706-215-1251 Stacy and Melanie Britt **Britt Angus** 770-318-9809



Full sibling to Ignition

3/4 sister to the dam of Ignition.

■ Sold for \$9,250 in the 2014

Sandeen Sale.

JF Blackbird Lady 8008U.

■ Combustible x

- Sold for \$25,500 for 1/2 interest in Louisville in 2013.
- Class winner at the NAILE in both 2013 and 2014.
 - the 2014 Dixie National. Simmental Female at Reserve Champion
- Grand Champion Purebred Simmental Female at the 2014 WI State Fair.

See Farms LLC

Farms LLC Jay Juckem

920-378-3698

920-418-4742

Robert Taylor 706-215-0038 Chandler Akins 229-237-2449

Semen available through owners and Female sexed semen also available.



SALE RESULTS

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Red Dirt Divas Sale (Continued)



Customers come from near and far on a cloudy day in Oklahoma for a chance at a Red Dirt Diva Female or Bull.

North Central Simmental Fall Classic Sale

November 23, 2014 • Hubbard, IA

No.	Category	Average
41	Bred SM and SimInfluenced Females	\$4,252
36	Open SM and SimInfluenced Females	3,970
77	Total Lots	\$4,120

Auctioneer: Jered Shipman, TX

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

Marketing Representatives: Val Eberspacher (EE); Kelly Schmidt (EE);

Jered Shipman, TX; Tom Rooney, *AgriMedia*, IA; Dustin Carter, *Livestock Plus*, SD; Greg Miller, NE; Amanda Eberspacher-Hilbrands, LiveAuctions.TV, MN.

High-Selling Lots:

- \$15,000 Open Female, "Jass Bling 01B," s. by Remington Secret Weapon 185, cons. by Jass Simmental, sold to Diamond M Cattle Company, Hiawatha, KS.
- \$7,400 Bred Female, "Jass Adrian 79A," s. by SVF Steel Force S701, bred to WS A Step Up 27X, cons. by Jass Simmentals, sold to Harris Farms. Northwood.
- \$7,250 Open Female, "OMF Donna B41," s. by GW Predestined 701T, cons. by Oak Meadow Farms, sold to Gonsavles Ranch, Modesto, CA.
- \$7,250 Bred Female, "Miss HS Girl On Fire A14," s. by Hooks Shear Force 38K, bred to Sand Ranch Hand, cons. by Handsaker Simmentals, sold to Snowflake Creek Simmentals, Snowflake, MB.
- \$7,000 Open Female, "OMF United Lady B31," s. by W/C United 956Y, cons. by Oak Meadow Farms, sold to Werning Cattle Company, Emery, SD.
- \$6,500 Open Female, "VPF Joy's Reflection B1," s. by Sandeen's SOS, ons. By Ver Ploeg Farm, sold to Klopfenstein Simmentals, Winfield.
- \$6,300 Open Female, "FLE Miss Lexie B3," s. by Head's Up 20X ET, cons. by Finesse Livestock Enterprises, sold to Brandon Severson, Northwood.
- \$6,100 Bred Female, "OMF Patience A70," s. by Welsh's Dew It Right 067T, bred to ASR Augustus Z2165, cons. by Oak Meadow Farms, sold to Mike Sweeney, Mitchellville.

Comments: The sale was held at Summit Farms Purebred Cattle Facility near Hubbard. The North Central consignors included: Jass Simmentals, Oak Meadow Farms, LaMar Farms, Ver Ploeg Farms, Van Aernam Simmentals, Sterling Cattle Co., Double E Cattle Co., CNN Cattle Co., Finesse Livestock Ent., Muhlenbruch Family Farms, Handsaker Simmental, Diamond K Genetics, RB Genetics and Harris Farms.

Ruby Cattle Co. 'Livin' The Dream Production Sale

November 28, 2014 • Murray, IA

No.	Category	Average
37	Bred SM and SimInfluenced Females	\$3,872
36	Open SM and SimInfluenced Females	5,901
73	Total Lots	\$4,873

Auctioneer: Jered Shipman, TX

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

Marketing Representatives: Val Eberspacher (EE); Kelly Schmidt (EE); Jered Shipman, TX; Kent Jaecke, OK; Mike Sorenson, *Livestock Plus*, IA;

Shane Ryan, Lee *AgriMedia*, IL; Jared Gillespie, IA; Jeremie Ruble, IA; Troy Goretska, IA; Jon Webster, IA; Amanda Eberspacher-Hilbrands, LiveAuctions.TV, MN.

Representing ASA: Dr. Bert Moore

High-Selling Lots:

- \$15,500 Open Female, "Ruby NFF Rhythm B064," s. by SS Ebonys Grandmaster, cons. by Ruby Cattle Co. & Nelson Family Farms, sold to Jackson Lashmett, IL; Weiss Cattle, IA; & Reck Cattle, IA.
- \$15,000 Open Female, "Ruby NFF Rhythm 482B," s. by Monopoly, cons. by Ruby Cattle Co. & Nelson Family Farms, sold to Ferguson Farms, Laurens.
- \$15,000 Open Female, "Ruby NFF Charm B074," s. by SS Ebonys Grandmaster, cons. by Ruby Cattle Co. & Nelson Family Farms, sold to Moore Land & Cattle Co., Alton, IL.
- \$13,500 Open Female, "Ruby HILB Firefly 464B," s. by LLSF Uprising Z925, cons. by Ruby Cattle Co. & Hilbrands Cattle Co., sold to Cameron Eggersman, Seymour, IN.
- **\$8,500** Open Female, "Ruby WFF Wicked B417," s. by FBF1 Combustible, cons. by Ruby Cattle Co., sold to Sarah Loomis, Council Grove, KS.
- \$7,250 Open Female, "Ruby HILB Firefly 466B," s. by LLSF Uprising Z925, cons. by Ruby Cattle Co. & Hilbrands Cattle Co., sold to Josh Brown, Peterson, MN.
- \$7,100 Open Female, "Rubys Rhythm 472B," s. by FBF1 Combustible, cons. by Ruby Cattle Co., sold to Logan Sigmon, Berryville, AR.
- \$6,250 Open Female, "Ruby NFF Rhythm B434," s. by AJE/PB Montecito 63W, cons. by Ruby Cattle Co. & Nelson Family Farms, sold to Sara Sweat, McCaskill, AR.
- \$6,000 Open Female, "Paige B11," s. by Ruby NFF Excalibur 002X, cons. by Ruppert Cattle Co., sold to Alex Wahley, McCaskill, AR.

Comments: An bright sunny day in southwest Iowa greeted a large crowd. Guest consignors were Nelson Family Farm, RS&T Simmentals, Lukavsky Cattle Co, 102 River Ridge Cattle Co., Hilbrands Cattle Co., Westfork Farms and Ruppert Cattle Co.. The seats were full and online and phone bidding were active throughout the sale.



Chance Ferguson, Ferguson Show Cattle, Laurens, took home a top open heifer for his operation.



Jason Ver Ploeg and boys, Ver Ploeg Farms, Pella, took home a nice open heifer to show.

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2015 Annual Bull Sale

ertens

March 4, 2015 6:00 PM

Codington Co Extension Building, Watertown, SD

Selling: 41 Registered Yearling Angus Bulls

5 Registered Yearling Simmental Bulls

19 Open Angus Yearling Heifers

6 Open Yearling Simmental Heifers



PB Angus SAV Populist



PB Angus SAV Angus Valley



PB Simmental Lazy H Upgrade



PB Simmental Lock N Load



1/2 Blood Simmental DLN Upgrades Legend



3/4 Blood Simmental NLC Upgrades Legend



PB Angus TC Vance



PB Angus SAV Populist 0470



PB Angus MCC Slamdown

Reference Sires: SAV Populist 0470, SAV Angus Valley, VinMar O'Reilly Factor, Koupal's Identity, Barstow Cash, Stiz Upward, Styles Brilliance, Frontman, MCC Slamdown, TC Vance,

DLN Upgrades Legend, Mr NLC Upgrade, Lazy H Upgrade, Lock-n-Load





Jay, Tara, Tanner & Garrett Jim & Darlene Dan & Mark Mikkelson 47705 152nd Street Milbank, South Dakota Jay's cell 605-949-4516 jay@mertenscattleco.com



SALE RESULTS

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Ruby Cattle Co. Production Sale (Continued)



Roger & Betty Brummett, 102 River Ridge Cattle Co. (consignors to the sale) John Walston, Hudson Pines.



Sale consultant Jon Webster, Runnells, works hard to market cattle.

The Chosen Few At Janssen Farms

November 30, 2014 • Gilmore City, IA

No.	Category	Average
72	Lots	\$5,896

Auctioneer: Jim Birdwell, OK **Sale Manager:** DP Sales, KY

Sale Staff: Tom Rooney, Midwest Marketer; Delvin Helderman, Dick Carmichael, Don Guthridge, Jon Janssen, Drew Hatmaker and Shawn McIntosh

High-Selling Lots:

\$60,000 – Bull, "JF Back in Black," s. by STF Royal Affair, sold to The Back in Black Group, Gonsior Simmentals, Dr. Al Van Engen, Pendl Simmentals, H&H Simmentals, New Trend Cattle Co. and Black River Simmentals.

\$50,000 – Bred Female, "SAV Blackcap May 8194," s. by SAV 8180 Traveler 004, bred to SAV Cinch, sold to Voss Cattle Company, IA.

\$20,000 – Open Female, "JF Perfection 418B," s. by STF Royal Affair, sold to Guthridge Farms, IA; and Pendl Simmentals, IA.

\$11,000 – Open Female, "JF Ebony's Joy 427B," s. by Mr. Hoc Broker, sold to Hudson Pines Farm, Sleepy Hollow, NY.

\$10,500 - Open Female, "JF Ebony's Joy 402B," s. by Mr. Hoc Broker, sold to Baring Cattle Company, TX.

\$10,000 – Bred Female, "JF Lady 3162," s. by JF New Trend, bred to RB/HPF Expedition, sold to Brent Hall, IA.

\$10,000 – Open Female, "JF Ebony's Joy 4204B," s. by LLSF Uprising, sold to Triple Rose and Arkacy, ON.

\$9,500 – Bred Female, "JF Lady 865U," s. by WSJ Encore, bred to OSU Cowboy Up, sold to Richard Jenkins, VA.



Shawn McIntosh & Don Guthridge work the phones during the 12th Annual JF Sale.



Greg Morrisey and Paul Tharp, OK. with Chris Janssen, the Duo were active buyers at the sale.



Heath Dodge, Ryan Haefner and Duane Dodge visit post sale.



Sale hosts Dave & Anita Janssen.

Cowtime Simmental Influenced Sale

November 30, 2014 • Wahoo, NE

No.	Category	Average
45	Bred SM& SimInfluenced Females	\$4,473
20	Open SM & SimInfluenced Females	\$4,248
44	Bred Blend Females averaged	\$3,894
109	Total SM and SimInfluenced Lots	\$4 198

Auctioneer: CK "Sonny" Booth, OK

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

Marketing Representatives: Val Eberspacher (EE); Kelly Schmidt, (EE); Randy Rasby, NE; Jeff Kapperman, SD; Alan Sears, CO; JW Brune, NE; Matt Denui, SD; Ron Miller, NE; Kelvin Jorgensen, NE; Amanda Eberspacher-Hilbrands, LiveAuctions.TV, MN

High-Selling Lots:

\$14, 500 – Bred Female, "WS Ms. Joy's Upgrade A67," s. by Mr. NLC Upgrade U8676, bred to TNGL Grand Fortune Z467, cons. by Walsh Simmentals, sold to Elm Mound Farms, Bangor, WI.

\$13,000 – Bred Female, "EC Thomas Erica 140," s. by S A V Final Answer 0035, bred to LRS Turning Point 3117A, cons. by BBB Genetics, LLC, sold to BF Black Simmental, Auburn.

\$12,000 – Bred Female, "BBB Ms. Wendi 3-67," s. by Who Made Who, bred to GCC Legacy, cons. by BBB Genetics, LLC, sold to Beau Byington, Leland, IL.

\$11,000 - Open Female, "KRTC Miss Meyer 430B," s. by Meyer Ranch 734, cons. by KRT Cattle Co, sold to Alan Bruhn, Mapleton, IA.

\$9,800 - Bred Female, "BBB Ms. Target A588," s. by WAGR Target 151Y, bred to Limestone Trifecta, cons. by BBB Genetics, LLC, sold to Brandon Bird, Lubbock, TX.

\$8,500 – Bred Female, "WS Ms. Chamberlain A68," s. by R&R Chamberlain X744, bred to WS A Step UP X27, cons. by Walsh Simmental, sold to Greg Morrissey, Cashion, OK.

\$7,500 – Bred Female, "KRT Miss Smoke 324A," s. by King Meyer, bred to Carpe Diem, cons. by KRT Cattle Company, sold to Dunk Cattle Company, Wayne.

\$7,250 - Open Female, "KRT Ms. Whiskey 436B," s. by Irish Whiskey, cons. by KRT Cattle Company, sold to Adam Goeken, Yankton, SD.

\$7,250 – Bred Female, "WS Ms. Milestone A59, s. by JF Milestone 999W, bred to W/C Lockdown 206Z, cons. by Walsh Simmentals, sold to Stan Askeland, St. James, MN.

Comments: Also selling were six bred Angus Females at an average of \$6,358. Host firm for Cowtime 2014 is BBB Genetics LLC, guest consignors included: Western Cattle Source, MW Farms, Farrar Cattle Co., TH Cattle, Hellbusch Cattle Co., JCB Cattle, Roberts Simmentals, KRT Cattle Co., Big J Cattle and Walsh Simmentals.

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Cowles? Pleasant Hill Farms Marchard DNESS Bull and Heifer Sale



Thursday, March 5, 2015 • 6:30 PM



535A – Sired by Promotion



370A — Sired by Dream Doctor



375A — Sired by Dream Doctor



408B —Sired by Promotion



415B — Sired by Dream Doctor

United Producers Inc. Livestock Center

(One mile off I-65 at exit 28 in Bowling Green, KY)

Selling:

70 Bulls

- 45 Eighteen-month-old Angus and SimAngus™ Bulls
- 25 Yearling Angus and SimAngus[™] Bulls All Bulls are Registered, Performance Tested, Ultrasound Tested, have passed Breeding Soundness Evaluation and tested free of Brucellosis, Johne's and PI BVD.

90 Commerical Heifers

90 Black and Black Baldy High-quality Replacement Yearling Heifers.

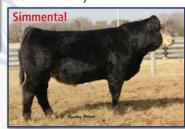
All heifers have been vaccinated, de-wormed and reproductive tract scored.



471B -Sired by Conan



110B — Sired by Broker



482B — Sired by Everready

Sale Bulls Sired by:

Angus Bulls:

SAV Bismark, Hoover Dam, SAV Pioneer, Mytty In Focus, Chisum, Connealy Right Answer, Connealy Final Product

Simmental Bulls:

Upgrade, LF Dream Doctor, Manifest, Driver, Hummer, M2C Alkaline



381 — Sired by SAV Resource



382 — Sired by SAV Resource



385 — Sired by SAV Resource



A922 — Sired by Final Product

The following Progressive Breeders are bringing you the sale offerings:

Bulls:

Cowles' Pleasant Hill Farms Gil Cowles, 270-843-9021

Metzger Cattle Company Jerod Metzger, 270-779-6260 Estes Cattle Co.

Joe Don Estes, 270-791-4084

Burks Cattle Company

Scott Burks, 270-670-3100

Heifers:

Cooper Cattle Paul Cooper, 931-624-8659 **Estes Brothers**

Joe Estes, 270-202-6653

Contact any of the breeders above for a sale book or any additional information. See you March 5, 2015. Sale starts at 6:30 PM. Complimentary dinner served starting at 5:00 PM.

SALE RESULTS

continued

Cowtime Sale (Continued)



Bill Fulton, BF Black Simmentals, Auburn, purchased a top-selling bred female for his herd.



Charles and Colton Buus, B2U Stock, Lennox, SD, were on hand to purchase some Cowtime females.



Ryan Dunklau, Dunk Cattle Co, NE, took home some great bred heifers.



Sale host Chris Beutler, BBB Genetics, Bancroft, welcomes the crowd to the sale.

\$19,000 – Open Female, "HILB/SHER At 1st Sight 428B," s. by Dameron First Impression, cons. by Hilbrands Cattle Company, sold to Storm Johnsen, Wessington, SD.

\$16,000 - Open Female, "HILB/BRKC Shooting Star B944," s. by JF Milestone 999W, cons. by Hilbrands Cattle Company, sold to B&L Cattle Company, Staplehurst, NE.

Comments: Also selling were 15 SM and SimInfluenced Embryo Lots at an average of \$2,230. The consignors of the Jewels sale include host firm Hilbrands Cattle Company, Hilbrands Simmental, Hecksel Simmental Farm with guest partners of Elm Mound Farms, Sherwood Cattle Co., Rocky Knoll Cattle Co., Learn Simmentals, Ruby Cattle Co. and Mel Boehland Cattle Co.



Dennis Hanzlik, Niobrara, NE, made the trip the Northland and took home some females.



Karen and Nick Imagliazzo, White Wing Simmentals, Huntington, AR, purchased a top open heifer.



Kirk Lynch, Heartland Simmentals, New Hampton, IA, enjoys the sale with friends, Mike and Riley Gonsalves, Modesto, CA.



The Jim and Stacie Mueller family of Arlington, MN looks over the sale offering.

Jewels of the Northland Sale

December 6, 2014 • Clara City, MN

No.	Category	Average	
3	SM & SimInfluenced Herd Bulls	\$3,250	
36	SM & SimInfluenced Bred Heifers	3,621	
46	SM & SimInfluenced Open Heifers	8,949	
2	SM & SimInfluenced Donors	8,000	
87	Total SM & Sim-Influenced Lots	\$6,940	

Auctioneer: Tracy Harl, NE

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

Marketing Representatives: Val Eberspacher (EE); Kelly Schmidt (EE);

Dalton Lundy, KY; Doug Parke, KY;

Tom Rooney, Lee AgriMedia, IA; Joel Edge, OH;

Randy Rasby, NE; Scott Forman, IA; Johnnie Moore, KY;

and Brad Fahrmeier, LiveAuctions.TV, MO.

Representing ASA: Colton Buus

High-Selling Lots:

\$45,000 – Open Female, "HILB Caught Lookin B929," s. by B C Lookout 7024, cons. by Hilbrands Cattle Company, sold to Circle M Simmentals, Rockwall, TX.

\$42,000 – Open Female, "HILB/Ruby Butterfly B555," s. by LLSF Uprising Z925, cons. by Hilbrands Cattle Company and Ruby Cattle Company, sold to Hudson Pines Farm, Sleepy Hollow, NY; and Pine Creek Cattle Company, Rockford, IL.

\$40,000 – Open Female, "HILB Miss Enchantress B527," s. by LLSF Uprising Z925, cons. by Hilbrands Cattle Company, sold to Hudson Pines Farm, Sleepy Hollow, NY; and Tingle Farms, New Castle, KY.

\$28,000 – Open Female, "HILB/SHER Caught Staring 463B," s. by PVF All Payday 729, cons. by Hilbrands Cattle Company, sold to White Wing Simmental, Huntington, AR.

\$24,000 – 1/2 interest in Open Female, "HILB Moonlight Crush B43," s. by GLS New Direction X184, cons. by Hilbrands Cattle Company, sold to Lee Cattle Company, Brush, CO.

\$20,000 – Open Female, "HS/DSS Blissful Kisses B18U," s. by R&R Chamberlain X744, cons. by Hilbrands Simmentals, sold to Thomas Willis, Alderson, WV.

Montana's Choice Simmental Sale

December 6, 2014 • Billings, MT

No.	Category	Average
20	Bred Heifers	\$4,075
118	Open Heifers	2,109
3	Embryo Lots	475
2	Pick-of-The-Herd Lots	512
143	Total Lots	\$2,327

Auctioneer: Ty Thompson, MT

Sale Manager: Allied Genetic Resources, IL

Marketing Representatives: Jeff Thomas, Andy Rest

and Dennis Jenkins
Representing ASA: John Grande

High-Selling Lots:

\$6,000 – Bred Female, s. by Beef King, bred to ER Big Sky 545B, cons. by Miller Simmental, sold to Bobby Dutch, NE.

\$6,000 – Open Female, Pick of the Nelson Livestock Company herd, sold to J/C Simmental, Clare, MI.

\$5,500 – Bred Female, s. by Mr. Beefmaker, bred to Hook's Xpectation, cons. by Miller Simmental, sold to Jeff and Shere Koch, Big Timber.

\$5,000 - Bred Female, s. by Hook's Xpectation, bred to TRAXS Rushmore X103, sold to Jeff and Shere Koch, Big Timber.

\$4,250 – Open Female, s. by Beef King, cons. by Miller Simmental, sold to Marc Daniels, Manti, UT.

\$3,000 – Open Female, s. by Upgrade, cons. by H&H Livestock, sold to Beau Bromenshenk, Billings.

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Pursuit of Excellence
Bull & Female Sale

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Montana's Choice Sale (Continued)

\$3,000 – Open Female, cons. by Rockin L4 Ranch, sold to Shannon Welsh, Blandinsville, IL.

Volume Buyers: T Heart Ranch, Center, CO; and Gene Mclain, Meadville, MO.

Comments: This top-offering from Montana Simmental breeders saw good interest on a day that was 60° warmer than sale day last year.



Top females on display on a warm winter day in Billings.

Next Step Cattle Co. 2nd Annual Bull Sale

December 6, 2014 • Auburn, AL

No.	Category	Averages
2	PB SM Bulls	\$6,125
43	SimAngus™ Bulls	4,883
45	SM & SimAngus Bulls	\$4,938

Auctioneer: Tommy Barnes, Montgomery **Representing ASA:** Gordon Hodges

High-Selling Lots:

\$9,000 – 1/2 SM-1/2 AN, "Dixon NS Rick A318," s. by Mr NLC Rick X0194, sold to Chris Booker Castleberry.

\$8,250 – 1/2 SM-1/2 AN, "Dixon NS Prem-Beef A322," s. by GW Premium Beef 021TS sold to Tony Hale, Hollywood.

\$8,000 – 1/2 SM-1/2 AN, "BFB NS Manifest A18," s. by Nichols Manifest T79, sold to Larry Upchurch Lineville.

\$8,000 – 1/2 SM-1/2 AN, "Dixon NS D-Gambler A302," s. by MF Dual Gambler 57X sold to Michael Cole, Livingston.

\$7,750 – PB SM, "CHCF Winning Abe 370A NS," s. by LMF Winning Edge, sold to Rocking W Cattle Co., Hollywood.

\$7,750 – 1/2 SM-1/2 AN, "WCO NS Prem-Beef A202," s. by GW Premium Beef 021TS, sold to Chris Booker, Castleberry.

\$7,500 – 1/2 SM-1/2 AN, "WCO NS Kevin A218," s. by TNT Kevin X266, sold to Rocking W Cattle Co., Hollywood.

\$7,500 – 3/4 SM-1/4 AN, "Real Nice," s. by SRS Right On 22R, sold to Jack Nichols, San Augustine, TX

Volume buyers: Tony Hale, Hollywood; Dudley Williams, Meridian, MS; and T E Moye Newton, GA.

Comments: Also selling were 18 Angus Bulls at an average of \$4,347. Bulls sold into four states including: AL, GA, MS, and TX.

Pleasant Hill Farms "December to Remember" Sale

December 6, 2015 • Rockfield, KY

No.	Category	Average
34	Bred Cows	\$2,975
29	Cow/Calf Pairs	4,393
10	Open Females	3,944
4	Donor Lots	7,625

3	Embryo Lots	250
1	Pregnancy Lot	4,000
1	Flush Lot	3,000
82	Total Lots	\$3,735

Auctioneer: Eddie Burks, KY **Representing ASA:** Danny Ulmanis

Dakota Made Production Sale

December 8, 2015 • Salem, SD

No.	Category	Average
82	SM Bred Heifers	\$4 595

Auctioneer: Tracy Harl, NE

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

Representing ASA: Colton Buus

High-Selling Lots:

\$22,000 – "ES A85," s. by Remington Lock N Load 54U, bred to Welsh's Dew It Right 067T, cons. by Eichacker Simmental, sold to 3C Christensen Ranch, Wessington.

\$11,500 – "ES A39," s. by GW Step Out 672X, bred to Hook's Yellowstone 97Y, cons. by Eichacker Simmental, sold to Tyrell Rousey, North Platte, NE.

\$10,500 - "KGH Miss Regards 365A," s. by Yardley High Regard W242, bred to MCM Top Grade 018X, cons. by Healy Simmental, sold to Drake Simmentals, Centerville, IA.

\$10,000 - "Ms. NLC Bismark 3012A," s. by S A V Bismarck 5682, bred to W/C Lock N Load 8454A, cons. by NLC Simmental Ranch, sold to Felt Farms, Wakefield, NE.

\$8,750 – "EIR A218," s. by HXC Conquest 4405P, bred to Bieber Make Mimi 7249, cons. by Eichacker Simmental, sold to Red Genetics, Wagner.

\$8,500 – "ES A116," s. by Remington Lock N Load 54U, bred to ES Ridgerider YW3, cons. by Eichacker Simmental, sold to Tyrell Rousey, North Platte, NE.

\$6,500 – "KGH Miss Epic 364A," s. by JF Epic 1206Y, bred to S D S Graduate 006X, cons. by Healy Simmental, sold to Mark Family Simmental, Viborg.

Comments: Also selling were six Red Angus bred heifers at an average of \$5,750. Consignors of the sale include: Eichacker Simmental, Healy Simmental and NLC Ranch.



Cam and Tyler Fagerhaug, Wessington Springs, take in the sale.



Connor and Claye Kaelberer, Kaelberer Simmentals, New Salem, ND, brought home some Dakota Made females.



Dan Lehrman, Lehrman Family Simmentals, Spencer, was an active buyer.



Myles Nielsen, Mission Hill, and Cody Sherwood, Sherwood Cattle Co., Magnolia, MN, share some laughs prior to the sale.



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Hartman Cattle Company Customer Appreciation Sale

December 13, 2014 • Tecumseh, NE

No. Category Average 87 Open Females \$14,600

Auctioneer: Steve Dorran, Tinmath, CO **Sale Manager:** Bud Sloan, Continental Livestock

Marketing Representatives: Doug Paul, The Stock Exchange;

Delvin Heldermon and Terry Cotton

Representing ASA: Nathan Smith



Customers enjoy lunch in the comfort of the HCC sale facility prior to the sale.

ND Simmental Association Classic Sale

December 13, 2014 • Mandan, ND

No.	Category	Average
46	Bred Heifers	\$5,483
34	Open Heifers	4,785
5	Embryo/Semen Lots	2,214
85	Total Lots	\$5,012

Auctioneer: Tracy Harl, Loup City, NE

Sale Manager: ND Simmental Assoc. & Thomas Livestock Services; Bozeman, MT

Sale Representatives: Jeff Thomas, Farm & Ranch Guide; Kris Peterson, Cattle Business Weekly; Scott Ressler, ND Stockman's Association; Steve Koester and Todd Finke, Special assignment.

Representing ASA: Russ Danielson

High-Selling Lots:

- \$13,000 Bred SimAngus™ Female, "YR Miss Cut Above 701A," s. by Flying B Cut Above, cons. by Branden Bailey, Towner; sold to Ford Farm, Bruce, SD.
- \$9,500 Open Purebred Female, "BTS Ms Iron 4105B," s. by RFS Red Iron T20, consigned by Rocky Knoll Cattle, Highmore, SD; sold to Western Cattle Source; Crawford, NE.
- \$9,000 Open SimAngus Female, "Rust Miss 446B," s. by Kuntz Super Duty 4Y, cons. by Rust Mountain View Ranch, Mercer; sold to Jeff Moe, Tioga.
- **\$8,500** Bred Purebred Female, "STAV Ms Club King 324A," s. by RS Club King 040R, cons. by M/S Stavick Simmental, Veblen SD; sold to Kunkel Simmentals, New Salem.
- \$8,500 Pick of 2014 born heifer calves cons. by Keller Broken Heart Ranch, Mandan; sold to Erika Kenner; Leeds.
- **\$8,250** Bred SimAngus Female, "KNH Chisum 758A," s. by S Chisum 6175, cons. by KNH Simmentals, Berthold; sold to VJT Ranch, Oakes.
- **\$8,000** Bred Purebred Female, "Traxs Miss A370," s. by THSF Freedom 300N, cons. by Traxinger Farm, Houghton, SD; sold to Mark Nesemeier; Leonard.

- \$7,500 Bred Purebred Female, "KS Annabelle A975," s. by LFE BS Lewis 322U, cons. by Kenner Simmental Ranch; Leeds; sold to Rockin R Cattle Company, Reedsburg, WI.
- \$7,500 Open SimAngus Female, "KNH Brooklyn 405B," s. by TJ Sharper Image 809U, cons. by KNH Simmental; Berthold; sold to Pearl Valley Simmentals, Ross.
- \$7,500 Open SimAngus Female, "Rust Miss 452B," s. by W/C United 956Y, cons. by Rust Mountain View, Mercer; sold to Quandt Brothers, Oakes

Comments: The North Dakota Simmental Association Classic Sale and the North Dakota Red Angus Association Red Select Sale shared the same sale date and sale venue. The Classic Simmental Sale held on Saturday provided the conclusion to the Association's annual meeting and Awards Banquet held on Friday. Thirty-eight consignors representing five States offered 85 lots of embryos, semen, bred and open heifers to prospective buyers. Unseasonably warm temps and sunny skies were in contrast to the severe cold and snow experienced during the 2013 Sale.



View of sale consignments.

Sale site.

Pride of the Prairie Sale

December 13, 2014 • Seymour, IL

No.	Category	Average
20	SM & SimInfluenced Bred Heifers	\$5,683
34	SM & SimInfluenced Open Heifers	4,147
54	Total SM and SimInfluenced Lots	\$4,716

Auctioneer: Dustin Carter, SD

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

Marketing Representatives: Val Eberpsacher (EE); Kelly Schmidt (EE);
Roger Holstrom, NE; Roger Allen, IL; Chris Smith, *AgriMedia*, IL;
Dalton Lundy, KY; Jeremie Ruble, IA, Jerry Cassady, AAA
Representative, MO; and Margo Paeltz, LIveAuction.TV, OH.

Representing ASA: Danny Ulmanis

High-Selling Lots:

- \$15,500 Open Female, "CMB Coalette B962," s. by LLSF Uprising Z925, cons. by C-Mor Beef Farms, sold to Matt Hamilton, LeRoy.
- \$12,500 Bred Female, "KA Shebang A81," s. by Triple C Ultimate Force, bred to TLLC One Eyed Jack, cons. by KA Cattle Company, sold to Gunn Simmentals, TX; Echard Farms, IA; and Beau Peine, MN.
- \$12,100 Bred Female, "Circle A Kelly 341A," s. by CWT Burn Notice Y12, bred to W/C United 956Y, cons. by Circle A Simmentals, sold to Will Rincker, Strasburg.
- \$7,750 Bred Female, "JWA Pearl 330A," s. by CWT Burn Notice Y12, bred to ALL/FHG First Ascent 117Y, cons. by Adcock Land and Livestock, sold to Ray Jackson, Macon.
- \$7,000 Bred Female, "FC Wonder Line A263," s. by FC JP\$ 004S Solution, bred to STF Shocking Dream SJ14, cons. by Fox Creek Cattle Farm, sold to Brock Ruthledge, Champaign.
- \$6,750 Bred Female, "KA Polkadot A475," s. by Hooks Shear Force 38K, bred to TLLC One Eyed Jack, cons. by KA Cattle Company, sold to Bill Graber, Livingston, WI.

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ES BY57 • BD: 3/14/14 W/C United x OCC Prototype

CE BW WW YW MCE Milk MWW \$API \$TI EPDs: 12 1.4 85 137 8 20 63 139 86



ES BX381-5 • BD: 2/19/14 R & R Chamberlain x BC Lookout

CE BW WW YW MCE Milk MWW \$API \$TI EPDs: 7 3.6 76 110 3 27 65 107 74



ES BT51-2 • BD: 2/10/14
Remington Lock N Load x DCC New Look

CE BW WW YW MCE Milk MWW \$API \$TI EPDs: 9 1.3 65 113 7 26 59 107 66



ES BY5 • BD: 3/14/14 ES Surelock x SS Ebonys Grandmaster

CE BW WW YW MCE Milk MWW \$API \$TI EPDs: 2 5.9 77 123 2 18 57 89 70



ES B234Z • BD: 1/23/14 GLS New Direction x ES Power Up

CE BW WW YW MCE Milk MWW \$API \$TI EPDs: 7 .3 65 90 6 21 54 102 63



ES BZ4 • BD: 3/5/14 ES Ridgerider x Connealy Final Product

CE BW WW YW MCE Milk MWW \$API \$TI EPDs: 13 2.2 83 132 11 24 65 131 78



ES BU56 • BD: 4/10/14 ES Surelock x OCC Paxton

CE BW WW YW MCE Milk MWW \$API \$TI EPDs: 3 6.6 87 140 3 18 61 88 74

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Pride of the Prairie Sale (Continued)

\$6,750 - Bred Female, "JZ Ms. Zoey 07A," s. by STF Shocking Dream SJ14, bred to B C Lookout 7024, cons. by Fox Creek Cattle Farm, sold to Adcock Land and Livestock, Moweaqua.

\$6,600 - Bred Female, "KA Red Angel A42B," s. by THSF Black Pearl, bred to TLLC Cattle Company, cons. by KA Cattle Company, sold to Elmore Cattle Company, Waukomis, OK.

Comments: Also selling were six Simmental embryo lots at an average of \$3,225. Consignors in the Pride group include: C-Mor Beef Farms, Circle A Simmentals, Adcock Land & Livestock, Allen's 5X Farms, Blackford Show Cattle, Fox Creek Cattle Farm, Charles Myerscough Show Cattle, Robb Simmental, Wright-Way Simmentals, Bauer Simmental, Horner Show Cattle, Cook Family Show Cattle, Travis Farms, Shields Simmentals & KA Cattle CO.



A standing-room-only crowd enjoys the video sale in the warm sale facility.



Sale staff Jerry Cassady, Dustin Carter and Roger Holscher prepare for the sale.



ISA President Tony Drach, Pontiac, addresses the crowd as sale host Art Farley, C-Mor Beef, Seymour, looks on.



Don Boldt, DLB Farms, Ashley, visits with Pride breeder Stan Tarr of Fox Creek Cattle, LeRoy. Boldt purchased a top open heifer.

Value By Design Female Sale

December 13, 2014 • Anita, IA

No.	Category	Average
7	PB Bred Heifers	\$4,593
1 <i>7</i>	3/4 SM Bred Heifers	4,759
20	5/8 SM Bred Heifers	3,853
28	1/2 SM Bred Heifers	4,454
1	3/8 SM Bred Heifer	4,000
73	Bred Heifers	\$4,367
3	PB SM Bred Cows	\$2,950
6	3/4 SM Bred Cows	3,200
5	1/2 SM Bred Cows	3,480
14	Bred Cows	\$3,357

Auctioneer: Jon Schaben, Dunlap

Sale Manager: Allied Genetic Resources, Normal, IL Marketing Representatives: Randy Rasby, Livestock Plus;

> Joel Edge, Midwest Marketer; and Chris Beutler, Agri Media Group.

Representing ASA: Dr. Michael Dikeman

High-Selling Lots:

\$11,000 - Bred ¾ SimAngus™ Female, s. by MR NLC Upgrade, bred to Hook's Yellowstone 97Y, cons. by J-C Simmentals, Clare, MI.

\$9,500 - Bred SimAngus Female, s. by GW Premium Beef 021TS, bred to CCR Spartan 9124A, cons. by J-C Simmentals, Clare, MI.

\$9,000 - Purebred Bred Female, s. by W/C Paleface 756X, bred to CCR Wide Range 9005A, cons. by HRM Simmental, Anita.

\$7,500 - Bred 3/4 SimAngus Female, s. by MR NLC Upgrade U8676, bred to CCR Spartan 9124A. cons. by J-C Simmentals, Clare, MI.

\$7,000 - Bred SimAngus Female, s. by GW Predestined 701T, bred to CCR Spartan 9124A consigned by J-C Simmentals, Clare, MI.

\$6,900 - Bred 5/8 SM 3/8 AN Female, s. by GW Premium Beef 019U, bred to CCR Spartan 9124A, cons. by J-C Simmentals, Clare, MI.

\$6,000 - Bred SimAngus Female, s. by Connealy Onward, bred to JC MR National 610Y, consigned by J Bar J Ranch, Clare, MI.

\$6,000 - Bred SimAngus Female, s. by STF Shocking Dream SJ14, bred to S D S Alumni 115X, cons. by Finesse Livestock Enterprises,

Comments: Consignors included: HRM Simmental, Wiota, IA; J/C Simmental, Clare, MI; J-J Ranch, Clare, MI; Salinas Farm, Marion, MI; Timber Ridge Cattle, Van Meter, IA; Jonyroc SimAngus, Linville, IA; Green Valley Farm, Bellevue, MI; and Finesse Livestock Enterprises, Geneva, IA.



(Below the auction block-left to right) Brian Harris, Kyle Porter, Stan Pearson, John Miller, Andy Salinas, Mike Henderson, James M, Marty Ropp, Jon Rockhold, Rex Hoppes. (On the block-left to right) Jim Zinser, Lynn Salinas (Andy Jr.'s wife), Doris Salinas, Andy Salinas Sr.

South Dakota Simmental Source Sale

December 20, 2014 • Worthing, SD

No.	Category	Average
23	Bred Females	\$5,152
26	Open Females	4,079
1	Pick of the Herd Lot	16,250
50	Total Reaistered Lots	\$4.816

Auctioneer: Chisum Peterson, SD

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

Marketing Representatives: Val Eberspacher (EE); Kelly Schmidt (EE); Dustin Carter, Livestock Plus, SD; and Jeff Kapperman,

TriState Neighbor, SD;

Representing ASA: Colton Buus and Luke Keller

High-Selling Lots:

\$16,250 - Pick of the R&R Cattle Co. Bred Heifers, cons. by R&R Cattle Company, sold to Windy Creek Cattle Company, Spencer.



- \$10,500 Open Female, "W/C Miss Joy 4203B," s. by W/C United 956Y, cons. by Werning Cattle Co., sold to High Bred Simmentals, Madison, KS.
- \$10,000 Bred Female, "TSN Miss Prem Beef A067," s. by GW Premium Beef 021TS, bred to CCR Frontier 0053Z, cons. by TSN Simmentals, sold to Woodlawn Simmentals, Clarksville, GA.
- \$8,250 Open Female, "BRKC Trinket B478," s. by SVF Steel Force S701, cons. by Rocky Knoll Cattle, sold to High Bred Simmentals, Madison, KS.
- **\$8,000** Bred Female, "TSN Miss Answer A158," s. by TSN Final Answer Y990, bred to CCR Frontier 0053Z, cons. by TSN Simmentals, sold to Rod Strand, Platte.
- \$7,500 Open Female, "Miss Dux Barbie 400B," s. by FBF1 Combustible, cons. by Duxbury Cattle Company, sold to John Derksen, Huron.
- \$7,000 Bred Female, "JBS Miss Pace 943A," s. by ASR/GLS Pacesetter U862, bred to Welshs Dew It Right 067T, cons. by Benda Ranch, sold to Rod Strand, Platte.
- \$6,500 Open Female, "HART Miss 004B," s. by Welsh's Warsaw 312Z, cons. by Hart Simmentals, sold to Triple H Simmental, Hannaford, ND.
- \$6,500 Bred Female, "KRJ A3108," s. by R&R Chamberlain X744, bred to GW Premium Beef 021TS, cons. by Double J Farms, sold to R&R Cattle Company, Chamberlain.

Comments: Also selling were eight Embryo Lots at an average of \$3,463, 13 Commercial Heifers at an average of \$3,336, one Steer for \$1,900 and one Donkey for \$950. The events started Friday with the SDSA Annual Banquet and meeting with the Steve and Elaine Reimer Family of R&R Cattle Co. receiving the Producer of the Year award. Guest consignors include: A/H Cattle Co., Benda Ranch, BNC Livestock, Bradley Will Cattle, Crazy Fate Ranch, Dikoff Cattle, Double J Farms, Duxbury Cattle Co., Eichacker Simmentals, Ekstrum Simmentals, Fagerhaug Cattle, Hart Simmental, Hill Top Farm, Home Stake Ranch, JB3 Cattle, Kappes Simmentals, K-Lee-S Simmentals, Lehrman Family Simmentals, LMJ Simmentals, Miller Cattle Co., Pleasant Grove Farms, R&R Cattle Co., Rocky Knoll Cattle, Schorg Simmentals, Stavick Simmental, Thyen SimAngus, TSN Simmental, Volz Farms, Werning Cattle Co., Wolters Family Simmentals, Zimmer Family Simmentals, and Zweep Farms.



Through the SD Simmental Association youth grant program, several youth received sale credit toward their purchase at a SD state sale



A big crowd was on had sale day to view some of SD finest Simmentals.



The sale arena was full and sale guests enjoyed a complimentary meal.



The purpose of the Have You Herd blog is to:

- Provide up-to-date information on Total Herd Enrollment (THE) and DNA services.
- Be able to communicate instantly with members on related topics.

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- Just in Time for 2015 Introducing Bundling Pricing in DNA
- GGP-LD: The New DNA Test Option by Dr. Jackie Atkins
- Introducing a Lower Cost DNA Testing Option (GGP-LD)
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THE CIRCUIT



Dixie Classic Fair

Date: October 10, 2014
Location: Winston-Salem, NC
Judge: Chad Joines,

Blacksburg, VA

Open Show Females



Grand Champion and Calf Champion

"STF Angel BX69," s. by STF Endgerment XY94, exh. by TX Enterprises, Winston-Salem.

Reserve Calf Champion

"Lonesome Roxanne B425," s. by Laxy H Built Right Y123, exh. by Anna English, Alexander.

Junior Champion

"Twin Oaks Kate," s. by SVF Star Player T801, exh. by Bandys High School, Catawba.

Reserve Junior Champion

"Twin Oaks Sweet Thing," s. by Triple C Invasion R47K, exh. by Bandys High School, Catawba.



Reserve Grand Champion and Senior Champion

"FGF Randa," s. by SVF/SS Y111," exh. by Brooke Harward, Richfield.

Reserve Senior Champion

"RFF Daisy Dewke Z10," s. by Welsh's Dew It Right 067T, exh. by Phil Rucker, Hamptonville.

Bulls



Grand Champion and Calf Champion

"TX Cool Hand Luke," s. by Mr. Hoc Broker, exh. by TX Enterprises, Winston-Salem.



Reserve Grand Champion and Reserve Calf Champion

"CNL Blizzard," s. by WS A Step Up X27," exh. by Clay Nicholson, East Bend.

Groups

Champion Pair of Tarheel Heifers

Exh. by Anna English, Alexander

Premier Exhibitor

Bandys High School, Catawba.

Junior Show

Date: October 12, 2014 Judge: Todd Alford, Bowman, GA



Grand Champion Female

"FGF Randa," s. by SVF/SS Y11, exh. by Brooke Harward, Richfield.



Reserve Grand Champion Female "CTF Ms. Ajeah Upgrade A15," s. by Upgrade, exh. by Carlee Taylor, Saltville, VA.

North Carolina State Fair

Date: October 18, 2014
Location: Raleigh
Judge: Kyle Gillooly,
Wadley, GA

Junior Show



Grand Champion and Supreme Overall Female

"RVF Miss Priss 11X 2A," s. by 3C Macho M450 BZ, exh. by Jordan Carter, Concord.

Reserve Grand Champion Female "Cox's Dixie Erica," s. by Flying B Cut Above, exh. by Travis Cox, Richlands.

Jimmy Smith Memorial Award Winner Taylor Goad, Mount Airy.

Open Show

Date: October 22, 2014 Judge: Doug Satree, Montag, TX

Females



Reserve Grand Champion and Calf Champion

"HPF Caliente," s. by JF Milestone 999W, exh. by Jordan Carter, Concord.

Reserve Calf Champion

"Lonesome Roxanne B425," s. by Lazy H Built Right Y123, exh. by Anna English, Alexander.

Junior Champion

"LLW Miss Lady," s. by CARD Uproar 49Y, exh. by Holly Price, Selma.

Reserve Junior Champion

"RBSS Chrome A530," s. by JM Real Steel Atom X22, exh. by Ridgewood Simmentals, Boone.



Grand Champion and Senior Champion

"HPF Phylli Z352," s. by JF Milestone 999W, exh. by Anna English, Alexander.

Reserve Senior Champion

"FGF Randa," s. by SVF/SS Y111, exh. by Brook Harward, Richfield.



Grand Champion Cow/Calf

"HS/HSF Time-Out U4955," s. by HTP SVF In Dew Time, exh. by Ridgewood Simmentals, Boone.

Bulls



Reserve Grand Champion and Calf Champion

"CNL Blizzard 41B 135," s. by WS A Step Up X27, exh. by Clay Nicholson, East Bend.

Reserve Calf Champion

"TX Cool Hand Luke," s. by Mr. Hoc Broker, exh. by TX Enterprises, Winston-Salem.



Grand Champion and Junior Champion

"RBSS Heartbreaker A422, s. by GASC/MVS Maximus Prime, exh. by Ridgewood Simmentals,

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Register-

THE CIRCUIT

NC State Fair (Continued)

Groups

Produce-of-Dam

Exh. by Chloe Lawson, Hiddenite.

Junior Get-of-Sire

Exh. by Ridgewood Simmentals, Boone.

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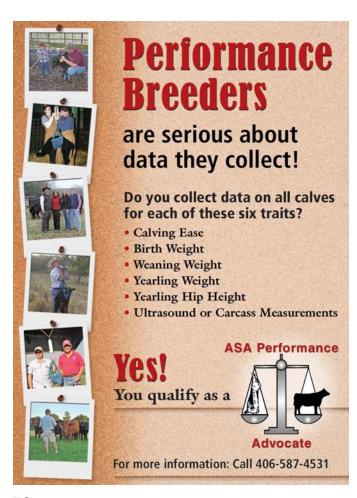


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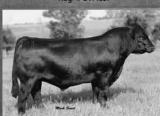
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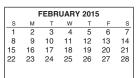
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Ostertagia lyrata – Adults	
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Trichostrongylus axei – Adults and L ₄	Mites
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Cooperia punctata	100 days				
Haemonchus placei	120 days				
Oesophagostomum radiatum	120 days				
Ostertagia lyrata	120 days				
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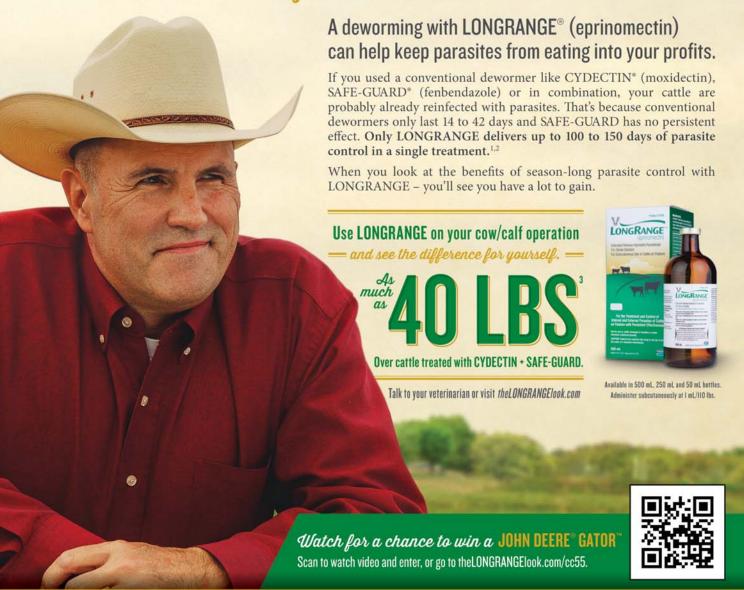
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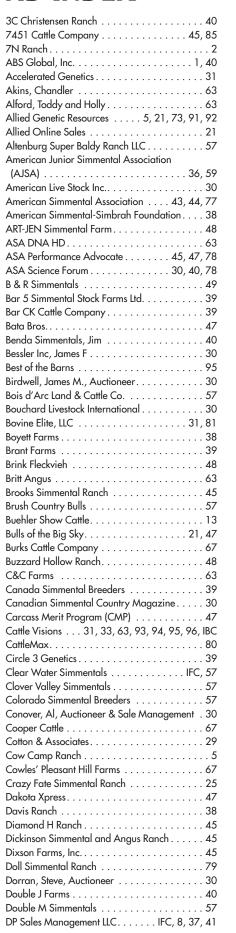
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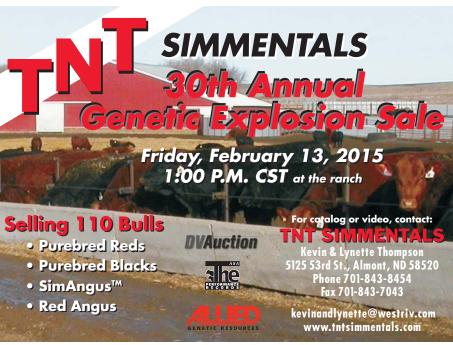
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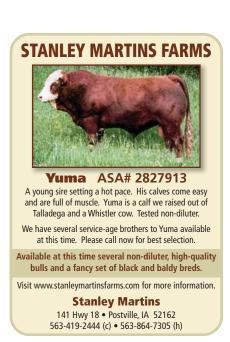
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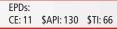
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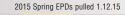
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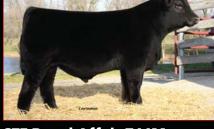
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EPDs: CE BW WW YW MCE Milk MWW \$API \$TI 10 2.2 68 111 10 27 61 128 75

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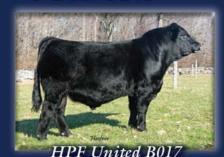




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