

Thorstenson Gelbvieh & Angus

30th Annual Production Sale

Saturday, March 5, 2011

Mobridge, SD

17 Yearling Gelbvieh	\$3691
17 Fall Bulls	\$3338
112 Balancers	\$3242
34 Angus	\$3368
180 Bulls	\$3317

With their second set of feed efficiency tested bulls offered for sale, Thorstenson Gelbvieh and Angus of Selby, S.D., had active bidding from cattlemen interested in cutting their hay costs. The sale was held Saturday, March 5, 2011, at Mobridge Livestock and hosted by owners Vaughn and Wendy Thorstenson and Brian and DeDee Begeman.

Leading off the sale was Lot 46 who commanded a price of \$18,000 from Jon Beastron, Pierre, S.D. Featuring a yearling weight of 1359 lbs., he is a homozygous black Balancer sired by SAV Final Answer. Boasting EPDS of -3.0 for BW, +49 for WW, +104 for YW, +22 for milk, +.14 for REA, and +.11 for MB, he also ranked in the top 30% of his test group for feed efficiency.

Headlining the Angus sale was Lot 174, purchased by Leon Voegele, Trail City, S.D., for \$6,250. A yearling son of SAV Bismarck 5682 and out of a Pathfinder Dam, he scanned 6.77 for IMF to ratio 135 and also scanned above average REA. Performance ratios included 113 for WW, 116 for ADG, and 113 for YW and he ranked in the top 30% of his test group for feed efficiency.

Next in line in the Angus offering was Lot 181, a son of Bluegrass Danny Boy 814 who ranked in the top 30% of his feed efficiency test group. Wes Moser, Glenham, S.D., took home the bull with a bid of \$5250. Lot 181 posted a weaning weight of over 800 lbs. to ratio 133.

With a limited number of purebred bulls in the offering, several commanded top dollars led by Lot 8 who brought a bid of \$6000 from Dennis Gustin, Mandan, N.D. Sired by Davidson Powerhouse 13U, the homozygous black yearling gained 4.17 lbs. per day while on test to ratio 131.

Joseph Schmidt, Roscoe, S.D., paid \$6,000 for Lot 18, a red yearling sired by JDPD Astro 407S. He ranked in the top 20% of his feed efficiency test group while gaining 4.17 pounds per day and featured a 104 ratio for WW and a 112 ratio for YW.

Allan Steward, Chelsea, S.D., took home a pair of red purebreds including Lot 16 at \$5,500 and Lot 17 at \$5,000. Both are sired by JDPD Astro 407S and out of Dams of Merit. Lot 16 boasted ratios of 111 for WW, 112 for ADG and 108 for YW while Lot 17 had ratios of 115 for WW, 106 for ADG and 108 for YW.