

Thorstenson Gelbvieh & Angus

27th Annual Production Sale

March 1, 2008 -- 1 pm CST

Mobridge Livestock -- Mobridge, South Dakota

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SALE LOCATION

Mobridge Livestock Auction -- Go south at the intersection of Hwy 12 and 4th Ave. East until you cross the RR tracks.

TRANSPORTATION

Commercial air service is available into Bismarck, ND and from Aberdeen and Pierre, SD. Each are approximately 100 miles from Mobridge. Rental cars are available at these locations. Private planes may land on a 4,400-foot, hard surface runway at Mobridge. Call Mobridge Livestock at 845-3622 for a ride to the sale site.

ACCOMMODATIONS

Mobridge Wrangler Motor Inn - 605-845-3641
Mobridge MoRest Motel - 605-845-3688
Selby Motel - 605-649-7979
Mobridge Kountry Inn - 605-845-7215

BREEDER'S GUARANTEE

Bulls are guaranteed for everything (death, injury, dissatisfaction) for the first breeding season. If not satisfied, half of the purchase price (less salvage value) will go towards credit in a future sale. Bulls will be 100% fertility guaranteed the first year. In no event shall the seller be responsible for more than the purchase price of the bull.

TERMS & CONDITIONS

Sale terms and conditions will be the same as those that are recommended by the American Gelbvieh Association. Every precaution will be exercised for the safety and welfare of those attending the sale. However, all persons attending the sale do so at their own risk. Neither the sale management nor the consignors assume any liability, legal or otherwise, for any accidents which may occur.

HEALTH

Cattle will be eligible for the interstate shipment with all the necessary health papers furnished. Bulls selling outside the country may need to have further testing coordinated after the sale.

YARDAGE

Bulls will be kept free of charge, in lieu of free shipping, at the buyer's risk for 45 days.

190 BULLS SELL

20 Aged Bulls

(2 GV, 6 Balancers, 12 Angus)

21 Gelbvieh Bulls

(All Polled, 14 Black, 6 HBlk)

113 Balancer Bulls

(84 Black, 41 HBlk)

56 Angus Bulls

SEMEN TESTING

The fall bulls will have a breeding soundness evaluation (including semen test) prior to the sale. Yearlings will need testing.

SALE ORDER

The sale will begin at 1 pm with Balancer and Gelbvieh bulls. The Angus bulls will start at approximately 2:30 pm.

SEMEN INTERESTS

We are retaining one-third revenue sharing semen interest in every bull selling in this sale. Full possession and full salvage value sells on all bulls unless otherwise noted.

VOLUME DISCOUNT

Volume discounts are available on purchases of 5 or more bulls to a single party: 5% on 5 bulls, 6% on 6 bulls, 7% on 7 bulls, etc. up to 10% on 10 or more bulls.

REGISTRATION PAPERS

Buyers wanting registration papers on Angus bulls must request them at settlement time. Registration papers on Gelbvieh and Balancer bulls will be automatically transferred.

TRUCKING

Cattle are trucked free anywhere in the continental U.S. or the nearest Canadian Port of Entry when five or more bulls are purchased or a total of \$15,000 is spent by one buyer. If you purchase less than five head or spend less than \$15,000, we guarantee the trucking cost will not exceed \$250/head anywhere in the continental U.S. The bulls are trucked at no charge for the first 250 miles. If you haul your own bull home sale day, deduct \$50 per bull.

NOON LUNCH

A complimentary lunch will be served at 12 Noon.

STORM DATE

March 3, 2008

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Greetings Cattle Enthusiasts:

What a year we have had in farming and ranching. We had one of our best summers as far as rainfall and crops with what seemed like great harvest prices. (That changes quickly these days.) Now I'm excited about some new genetics and technology we have in our 2008 sale offering. Our Second Class and Kahuna sire groups are exceptional as well as a number of the AI-sired calves and the calves are all DNA tested this year.

We have embraced new DNA technology and included that in our catalog. We used Igenity which uses a numbering system based 1-10. With basically a 10 being the most desirable and a 1 being the least desirable – of course nothing is quite that easy because when you get to the number for yield grade, early indications are that you want a number somewhere in the middle (between 4 and 8). This is because the real high yielding cattle are very lean and can actually not be as desirable. These numbers are just another tool for you to use in your selection decisions along with actual performance numbers, EPDs, and ultrasound data. The ultrasound data will be available sale day or 1 week prior to the sale by request or we will post it on our web site as soon as it is available. For more explanations on the data included in the catalog, check out the key on p. 28. We may err on giving you too much information, but when I buy herd bulls, I want to have ratios, ultrasound data and Igenity information and I'm sure many of you do also.



Brian, Ken & Vaughn

We went back to a more traditional format for our sale catalog this year primarily because we will have the sale broadcast on DVAuction.com. Of course being at the sale is always the best way to buy your next herd bull but for those that cannot attend this is a great way for you to watch and bid on our production sale. Please visit the DVAuction web site and register for our sale prior to sale day. I have used DVAuction for other sales across the country and if you have high speed internet I think you will find this a great tool.



**Capable and dependable herdsmen
Dustin Burggraff & Jeff Lesch**

We again will offer our first breeding season guarantee that fully covers the bull for fertility and insures he is a good breeder. We also insure you that should something unforeseen happen to your bull (injury, sickness, etc.) we will stand half the loss. If you wish to fully insure your bull, there will be insurance representatives present at the sale. If you have any problems, please contact us.

The bulls will be at the ranch until February 28th when we will begin to haul them to Mobridge. We would love to show you the cattle so please stop by. If not, we look forward to seeing you March 1st in Mobridge.