RED ANGUS | SIMM-ANGUS | CHAROLAIS



2-YEAR-OLD SALE | FEBRUARY 3





1:30 PM | FEBRUARY 3, 2021 | KISBEY, SASK



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Additional photos and videos of the offering will be on the website at www.moosecreekredangus.com.

CATALOGUE ORDER IS SALE ORDER

Development & Delivery

We will continue to develop your newly purchased herd sire(s) for you at no cost. All we ask is that you insure your purchase for the duration that he is being developed. The bulls staying until spring will be semen checked and delivered to you in April/May or as loads develop for your area. For anyone wanting to develop their own bulls, a rebate of \$250 per bull will be subtracted from the purchase price. This applies to any bulls taken sale day or delivered within seven days of the sale.

Semen Testing

Each bull in the sale has been palpated, scrotal measured and vet inspected twice prior to sale. Once in the spring prior to going to grass and once again just before cataloguing. None of the bulls have been semen tested. Before delivery in the spring, we will semen test and guarantee every bull to pass and be fit for breeding. We highly recommend that if your turn out date is mid-summer, to have your bulls semen checked within 30 days of turn out. Any bulls that are picked up or delivered within 7 days of the sale will need to be semen checked by the purchaser. A replacement bull or credit will be issued for bulls incapable of settling cows. The credit can be used at any sale, on any class of cattle or breed. At no point shall the compensation be greater than the purchase price.

Online Bidding

Watch and bid on-line at DLMS.ca, (Mark Shologan, 780-699-5082) If you're planning to bid on-line, please feel free to contact the sale staff or Darren as we are pleased to help select a bull(s) that will fit into your program. It is our utmost priority to ensure you secure the correct bull for the system and role you plan to use him in.

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RED ANGUS · RED SIMMANGUS · CHAROLAIS



2-YEAR-OLD BULL SALE

1:30PM · WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 2021

AT MOOSE CREEK RED ANGUS

3 MILES SOUTH & 1 MILE EAST of KISBEY, SASKATCHEWAN

Welcome to the 2021 Edition of the Moose Creek 2-Year-Old Bull Sale. Congratulations, 2020 is officially in the books! What a year it was!

As we flip the calendar into a new year, it's safe to say, everyone has a new respect for agriculture and what it means to a country to have a safe, reliable food source. The sense of community and small town pride was amazing during these trying times. It was inspirational to see people caring for each other and helping out the vulnerable while quietly dealing with their own struggles.

2020, despite the obvious, was an excellent year for our operation. We sold the highest volume of commercial bulls for the highest gross ever. This isn't a statement to rub other's noses in but an indication of what the industry thinks of our product, service and vision. We continue to ask the hard questions of ourselves; what can we do better, how can we improve our stock, your buying experience, how to make sure the value of your purchase doesn't end at our laneway.

We've moved into our 7th decade of raising registered Angus. We're finally getting the hang of it! All jokes aside, producers have marked our sale date and breeding program as one to be associated with. We've tried to quiet the white noise of EPD's, DNA and multi-trait, corporate, computer mumbo-jumbo and worked on the relevant traits you have asked for: Calving ease bulls that can confidently be used on heifers; power, maternal bulls that can go in big fields and leave marketable steers and quality replacements. All of this in a responsibly raised and developed bull with an unforgiving eye to structure and soundness.

As we grow our Charolais herd, it's more and more obvious that the industry wants white bulls that can calve unsupervised and produce payweight in the fall. With the purchase of a large group of Wood River pairs, our herd has gotten to the scale that we can offer a large, consistent group of half & three-quarter brothers. All of the bulls have been weaned and developed here throughout their entire lives. I've not been this excited about the Charolais program since the first female walked off the trailer some 15 years ago.

Our Red SimmAngus offering is awfully good, extremely consistent and traditionally the best value sale day. The mothers of these bulls aren't just numbers in a field, each one of them is a cow that I'd be proud to show you and can give you a proven, production record. The sires are household names, sourced from the top genetics we can find. Cowmen and women asked us to raise them Simmental based 2-year-olds with longevity and fed to last; this is our best effort to date.

With the uncertainty of Covid and government regulations, our sale will be broadcasted live on DLMS as well as bidding in person or phone bidding are available as always. We will be serving a noon meal, however I'm not sure what that will look like but with Jack & Dianne Wilson preparing it, it will be damn tasty. If you are uncomfortable with the sale or crowds or feel that you would like to come prior to sale day, you're more than welcome anytime up to February 3rd. We will do whatever you'd like to make your trip here safe and comfortable.

Thank you for your interest and for your time viewing our sale catalogue.

Take care of yourselves and your family.

Darren Ippolito
for Moose Creek Red Angus







Darren, Kylie, Kord, Henrietta & Ray-Lynn

Candace, Glenn & Donna

Check Those

Our thinking needs to move to the bulls in the herd because it is the time to start worrying. A bull that is not reproductively sound today more than likely will not be settling cows in June.

The reproductive process in a bull is not something that can be turned on and off. In reality, a bull's reproductive process never should turn off. If it does, to get it to turn on again is a major, time-consuming process. One could liken the problem to an engine that has the wrong fuel in it during the dead of winter and is stalled on a frozen highway 300 miles from the nearest service station.

As an optimist, one would think that one will get the engine going again, even if it takes until the spring thaw. Any immediacy in getting the engine started probably will cost a lot of money and still take time, so don't use the wrong fuel and save yourself a lot of stress and work.

Likewise, now is the time to check the bulls to avoid any crises management issues before the weather is nice and the bulls are loaded on the trailer to service a friendly pasture of cows. The cows often are the focus of attention because they have those nice-looking calves walking alongside and are the primary feeding group.

Only after all the cows and calves are fed do we wonder if the bulls have been fed. When one looks at how much bulls cost these days, they should get the same treatment as cows. How often does one drive by a producer's lot to look at the cows only to notice that the bulls are eating on an old bale of hay in the bull pen? There

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From the onset, the bull requires at least 54 days to produce a viable sperm cell and another seven to 10 days for the sperm cell to arrive at the launch pad. That's more than two months that is needed for a bull to initiate the ability to settle a cow.



Bulls NOW

aren't that many bulls, so they end up nibbling on the outside of the bale, which eventually turns old.

This is not a good plan; it may lead to procrastination and missing an opportunity for the early diagnosis of a problem. Why early diagnosis? A bull has a very complex process called spermatogenesis. This process occurs in the testis and starts when a cell decides to become a sperm cell. From the onset, the bull requires at least 54 days to produce a viable sperm cell and another seven to 10 days for the sperm cell to arrive at the launch pad. That's more than two months that is needed for a bull to initiate the ability to settle a cow.

To further complicate matters, we know one sperm cell is not nearly enough. In reality, the bull needs to produce billions of sperm cells in preparation for a day's breeding. Obviously, awareness and expectation of bull fertility needs to be placed at the top of the managerial list today.

Start by making sure the bulls have a complete nutritional program that is evident in good body conditioning. Do not hesitate to call your consulting nutritionist to ask for a re-evaluation.

Are the bulls getting what they need? Thin bulls, those with ribs showing and other bone structures very prominent, need a nutritional re-evaluation regardless of what is being fed.

Once the nutrition level is set, start asking questions. Has age taken a toll that has rendered some bulls

incapable of a vigorous breeding schedule? Are structural problems and injuries created by day-to-day jostling evident? Likewise, make sure one has not overcompensated and created bull couch potatoes. These bulls are overpampered and overfed, and lack the physical conditioning or desire to get the job done when turned out with a group of cycling cows. Both over and underfeeding are not good.

A lot of effort is wasted on good cow management when bull management is lacking or nonexistent. Bulls need to be in good physical condition to meet the rigors of an active reproductive life. Exercise doesn't hurt.

A thorough breeding exam is required, even for the healthiest-appearing male. The exam should include a physical evaluation of the body condition, feet and legs, eyes and any indication of illness. A rectal exam to evaluation the prostate and other internal reproductive organs, plus an external examination of the testes, scrotum, penis and prepuce is required. A semen evaluation based on volume, color, motility and morphology should conclude the breeding soundness exam.

All these evaluations need to be done now, one to two months prior to bull turnout to acquire the needed replacements and correct other deficiencies in the bull pen. The last evaluation is done at bull turnout, which is making sure the bull wants to breed cows.

Kris Ringwall, Beef Specialist, NDSU Extension Service



Red Angus

Our Red Angus program is one of the oldest and most respected in Canada. We've adapted to the needs of the industry; breeding, developing and marketing responsibly raised 2 year old bulls. We practice what the market preaches - calving ease, respectable performance, maternal bred bulls whose daughters won't eat you out of house and home. No resources have been spared when trying to advance our cowherd, the walking sires are household names across the industry. However, most importantly, 7 decades of strict Red Angus breeding reputation is on the line every time we offer a herd sire for sale.



RED | POLL

WATSON 64G

RED | POLLED | 2127987 | MAR 3, 2019

RED HOWE CLEARWATER 21C
RED MCRAE'S MYSTIC 22T

Jam RED TCR FIREFLY 49Y

 CE
 ACT. BW
 ACT. WW
 O.G.WT
 ADG
 SALEWEIGHT
 SC

 78 lbs
 702 lbs
 1464 lbs
 4.11 lbs
 1776 lbs
 38 cm





Moose Creek THUMPER 46G*

RED | POLLED | 2109228 | FEB 28, 2019

RED BLAIR'S NOTORIOUS 62B

RED T-K SAND HILL 80B

RED MOOSE CREEK LANA 97E

 CE
 ACT. BW
 ACT. WW
 O.G.WT
 ADG
 SALEWEIGHT
 SC

 74 lbs
 639 lbs
 1327 lbs
 4.87 lbs
 1849 lbs
 40 cm



TITANIC 206G*

RED | POLLED | 2127991 | APR 11, 2019

size RED BLAIR'S NOTORIOUS 62B

RED SVR GANGSTER 44X

Dam RED MOOSE CREEK MINOLA 12A

 CE
 ACT. BW
 ACT.WW
 O.G.WT
 ADG
 SALEWEIGHT
 SC

 98 lbs
 796 lbs
 1523 lbs
 4.66 lbs
 1877 lbs
 44 cm





CATALYST 99G*

RED | POLLED | 2127916 | MAR 10, 2019

sire RED HOWE CLEARWATER 21C

RED NORTHERN ICE MAN 8U

Dam RED MOOSE CREEK COLA 11B

CE	ACT. BW	ACT. WW	O.G.WT	ADG	SALE WEIGHT	SC
****	82 lbs	708 lbs	1305 lbs	3.97 lbs	1607 lbs	40 cm









RED | POLLED | APPLIED | APR 28, 2019

Size RED BLAIR'S NOTORIOUS 62B

RED RSL WATCHMEN 55W

Dam RED RSL MISSY 272Z

CE ACT. BW ACT. WW O.G.WT ADG SALEWEIGHT SC

*** 92 lbs 612 lbs 1352 lbs 1.58 lbs 1776 lbs 40 cm









reck TREVIS 79G

RED | POLLED | 2114894 | MAR 6, 2019

size RED BLAIR'S NOTORIOUS 62B

RED TOPHAM BUCKCHERRY 432B

Jam RED MOOSE CREEK LANA 100E

CE ACT. BW ACT. WW O.G.WT ADG SALE WEIGHT ***** 58 lbs 673 lbs 1467 lbs 2.74 lbs 1675 lbs 39 cm





RED | POLLED | 2118938 | MAR 24, 2019

size RED FLYING K GALAXY 57B

RED MOOSE CREEK XAVIER 71B Jam RED MOOSE CREEK ANNE 226E

CE ACT. BW ACT. WW O.G.WT ADG SALEWEIGHT SC **** 80 lbs 589 lbs 1355 lbs 3.74 lbs 1639 lbs 41 cm



Moose Creek WESLEY 1306

RED | POLLED | APPLIED | MAR 15, 2019

size RED KENRAY STAUNCH 52E

RED SVR GANGSTER 44X

Jam RED MOOSE CREEK THELMA 235D

CE	ACT. BW	ACT. WW	O.G.WT	ADG	SALE WEIGHT	SC
****	78 lbs	582 lbs	1192 lbs	3.55 lbs	1462 lbs	38 cm

NON-VIRGIN BULLS

Some bulls in the sale serviced females in 2020.

Any that did will be marked with an "*". All bulls that saw service in 2020 will have been Trich tested prior to the sale and sold as Trich free. A full description of each bull's group they serviced is available and/or will be noted in their footnotes.



RED | POLLED | N/R | FEB 27, 2019

size RED MOOSE CREEK CLOONEY 20D

RED HOWE CLEARWATER 21C

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CE	ACT. BW	ACT. WW	O.G.WT	ADG	SALE WEIGHT	SC
****	74 lbs	647 lbs	1279 lbs	4.32 lbs	1607 lbs	37 cm









RED | POLLED | 2126883 | MAR 14, 2019

size RED W SUNRISE AUTHENTIC 796E
RED HOWE DESIGNER 63X

Dam RED MOOSE CREEK LANA 119D

CE ACT. BW ACT. WW O.G.WT ADG SALEWEIGHT SC

** 88 lbs 654 lbs 1386 lbs 3.42 lbs 1646 lbs 41 cm









RED | POLLED | 2126908 | APR 11, 2019

size RED SVR GANGSTER 44X

RED HOWE DESIGNER 63X Jam RED MOOSE CREEK VIMEY 57C

CE	ACT. BW	ACT. WW	O.G.WT	ADG	SALE WEIGHT	SC
**	90 lbs	633 lbs	1249 lbs	4.66 lbs	1755 lbs	44 cm







DUANE 161G

RED | POLLED | 2126897 | MAR 23, 2019

size RED SVR GANGSTER 44X

RED HOWE DESIGNER 63X Jam RED MOOSE CREEK LANA 68B

CE	ACT. BW	ACT. WW	O.G.WT	ADG	SALE WEIGHT	SC
****	64 lbs	ANG Ihs	1193 lbs	3 63 lbs	1469 lbs	38 cm







size RED TER-RON BOULDER 75E

RED TOPHAM BUCKCHERRY 432B Jam RED MOOSE CREEK BLOCKANA 26D

CE ACT. BW ACT. WW O.G.WT ADG SALE WEIGHT 60 lbs 714 lbs 1373 lbs 4.29 lbs 1699 lbs 38 cm







RED | POLLED | APPLIED | MAY 8, 2019

size RED SVR GANGSTER 44X

RED SVR GANGSTER 44X Jam RED MOOSE CREEK LAUREL 79A

CE	ACT. BW	ACT. WW	O.G.WT	ADG	SALE WEIGHT	SC
****	80 lbs	676 lbs	1309 lbs	4.11 lbs	1621 lbs	42 cm







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Moose Creek

BROLIN 229G

RED | POLLED | 2127906 | APR 19, 2019

RED BLAIR'S NOTORIOUS 62B
RED U2 DYNAMO 7Z

CE ACT.BW ACT.WW O.G.WT ADG SALEWEIGHT

 CE
 ACT. BW
 ACT. WW
 O.G.WT
 ADG
 SALEWEIGHT
 SC

 82 lbs
 672 lbs
 1476 lbs
 4.87 lbs
 1846 lbs
 40 cm



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Moose Creek

ELVIS 56G

RED | POLLED | N/R | MAR 1, 2019

RED MOOSE CREEK CLOONEY 20D
RED FLYING K GALAXY 57B

dam LUO 171E

 CE
 ACT. BW
 ACT. WW
 O.G.WT
 ADG
 SALEWEIGHT
 SC

 60 lbs
 637 lbs
 1236 lbs
 2.03 lbs
 1390 lbs
 40 cm



Moose Creek

ZIP 177G*

RED | POLLED | APPLIED | MAR 29, 2019

size RED TER-RON BOULDER 75E

RED MOOSE CREEK SRIRACHA 98W

Dam RED MOOSE CREEK LANA 112B

CE	ACT. BW	ACI.WW	O.G.W I	ADG	SALE WEIGHT	SC
**	94 lbs	663 lbs	1402 lbs	3.39 lbs	1660 lbs	39 cm

THIS IS A VIDEO SALE

No bulls will physically enter the sale barn. A video of each bull will be playing at the time of the sale. Viewing of the bulls can take place anytime prior to sale day. Give yourself time sale morning to evaluate the offering prior to sale time. The experience of choosing your bull in the ring changes drastically at a video sale.



Moose Creek

ROOSTER 165G*

RED | POLLED | 2118939 | MAR 26, 2019

size RED FLYING K GALAXY 57B

RED MOOSE CREEK XAVIER 71B Jam RED MOOSE CREEK SUPERIOR 209E

CE ACT. BW ACT. WW O.G.WT ADG SALEWEIGHT SC

***** 74 lbs 645 lbs 1318 lbs 4.79 lbs 1682 lbs 38 cm







DARKOS 293G

size RED MOOSE CREEK XAVIER 71B

RED MOOSE CREEK COCHIN 67S

Jam RED MOOSE CREEK JAN 59X

CE	ACT. BW	ACT. WW	O.G.WT	ADG	SALE WEIGHT	SC
**	78 lbs	673 lbs	1404 lbs	5.82 lbs	1846 lbs	41 cm



RED | POLLED | APPLIED | MAY 17, 2019

size RED MOOSE CREEK MILLET 106E **RED SOO LINE CASH 9161** Jam RED MOOSE CREEK TAMARA 17D

CE	ACT. BW	ACT. WW	O.G.WT	ADG	SALE WEIGHT	SC
**	92 lbs	561 lbs	1205 lbs	3.21 lbs	1449 lbs	37 cm



CINCH 254G

RED | POLLED | APPLIED | APR 25, 2019

size RED HOWE CLEARWATER 21C RED HOWE DESIGNER 63X Jam RED MOOSE CREEK VELVET 123C

CE	ACT. BW	ACT. WW	O.G.WT	ADG	SALE WEIGHT	SC
***	86 lbs	697 lbs	1318 lbs	4.47 lbs	1810 lbs	43 cm





RED | POLLED | APPLIED | APR 26, 2019

size RED BLAIR'S NOTORIOUS 62B

RED LINES PINE CHIEF 15Z Jam RED MOOSE CREEK BRNDINA 92C

CE	ACT. BW	ACT. WW	O.G.WT	ADG	SALE WEIGHT	SC
***	86 lbs	600 lbs	1293 lbs	4.87 lbs	1663 lbs	38 cm

Moose Greek PERTH 1916

RED | POLLED | 2122233 | APR 5, 2019

sire RED SIX MILE DAGGER 279D

RED HOWE FINEST TRADITION 20W

Jam RED BLAKE'S DOLL 88B

CE	ACT. BW	ACT. WW	O.G.WT	ADG	SALE WEIGHT	SC
*	92 lbs	684 lbs	1289 lbs	3.03 lbs	1519 lbs	40 cm



RUSTIC 1846

RED | POLLED | 2126907 | APR 2, 2019

size RED TER-RON BOULDER 75E

RED LAZY MC DIVIDE 8J Jam RED MOOSE CREEK JAN 14R

** 94 lbs 694 lbs 1427 lbs 3.71 lbs 1709 lbs 39 cm



Maage Creek BRADY 220G

RED | POLLED | APPLIED | APR 17, 2019

size RED MOOSE CREEK XAVIER 71B RED BAKERS CENTURY

Jam RED BROX DYNA MINOLA 18T

CE	ACT. BW	ACT. WW	O.G.WT	ADG	SALE WEIGHT	SC
**	84 lhs	719 lhs	1359 lbs	A 16 lbs	1675 lbs	42 cm





RED | POLLED | 2126909 | APR 11, 2019

size RED SVR GANGSTER 44X

RED HOWE DESIGNER 63X

Jam RED MOOSE CREEK SHAWNA 184C

CE	ACT. BW	ACT. WW	O.G.WT	ADG	SALE WEIGHT	SC
***	92 lbs	674 lbs	1360 lbs	4.34 lbs	1690 lbs	44 cm









RED | POLLED | APPLIED | APR 22, 2019

Size RED MOOSE CREEK MILLET 106E

RED HOWE DESIGNER 63X

Dann RED MOOSE CREEK LANA 172C

CE ACT. BW ACT. WW O.G.WT ADG SALEWEIGHT SC

** 92 lbs 677 lbs 1360 lbs 4.66 lbs 1866 lbs 38 cm









ose Creek SUESS 248G

RED | POLLED | APPLIED | APR 23, 2019

size RED SVR GANGSTER 44X

RED HOWE DESIGNER 63X Jam RED MOOSE CREEK PRINCESS 33A

CE ACT. BW ACT. WW O.G.WT ADG SALE WEIGHT *** 86 lbs 623 lbs 1238 lbs 4.63 lbs 1590 lbs 38 cm







FRANCIS 270G

RED | POLLED | APPLIED | APR 28, 2019

size RED MOOSE CREEK XAVIER 71B RED SOO LINE CASH 9161 Jam RED MOOSE CREEK JAN 79D

CE ACT. BW ACT. WW O.G.WT ADG SALE WEIGHT ** 96 lbs 591 lbs 1260 lbs 4.95 lbs 1712 lbs 37 cm







RED | POLLED | 2127901 | APR 12, 2019

size RED BLAIR'S NOTORIOUS 62B

RED TOPHAM BUCKCHERRY 432B

Jam RED MOOSE CREEK SALLY 174D

** 86 lbs 787 lbs 1482 lbs 4.68 lbs 1914 lbs 39 cm







BANDIT 203G

RED | POLLED | 2132222 | APR 11, 2019

size RED KENRAY STAUNCH 52E

RED TOPHAM BUCKCHERRY 432B

Jam RED MOOSE CREEK FREYJA 166D

CE	ACT. BW	ACT.WW	O.G.WT	ADG	SALE WEIGHT	SC
****	68 lbs	654 lbs	1398 lbs	5.05 lbs	1782 lbs	44 cm









RED | POLLED | APPLIED | MAR 23, 2019

size RED TER-RON BOULDER 75E

RED MEX-KARGO 120M

Dam RED AL DI SENORITA JEWEL 104S

CE ACT.BW ACT.WW O.G.WT ADG SALEWEIGHT SC

** 96 lbs 736 lbs 1328 lbs 5.05 lbs 1802 lbs 39 cm









STATES OF THE RED | POLLED | APPLIED | MAR 10, 2019

size RED HOWE CLEARWATER 21C

RED SHODEREE STORM 25S

dam RED BWA SYRINGA 8U

CE ACT. BW ACT. WW O.G.WT ADG SALE WEIGHT SC ***** 78 lbs 698 lbs 1440 lbs 3.08 lbs 1674 lbs 39 cm



BRADY 105G

RED | POLLED | 2127917 | MAR 12, 2019

size RED HOWE CLEARWATER 21C

RED FLYING K NEPTUNE 28Z

Dam RED MAR MAC CLOUDBURST 2C

CE ACT. BW ACT. WW O.G.WT ADG SALEWEIGHT SC ** 88 lbs 651 lbs 1288 lbs 4.37 lbs 1620 lbs 38 cm



Moose Creek WOODSON 1426*

RED | POLLED | 2115617 | MAR 18, 2019

size RED FLYING K GALAXY 57B

RED BLAIR'S NOTORIOUS 62B

Jam RED MOOSE CREEK JAN 186E

CE ACT. BW ACT. WW O.G.WT ADG SALEWEIGHT SC **** 82 lbs 640 lbs 1291 lbs 3.50 lbs 1557 lbs 38 cm







BRUCE 239G*

RED | POLLED | APPLIED | APR 22, 2019

size RED HOWE CLEARWATER 21C

RED SVR GANGSTER 44X

Jam RED MOOSE CREEK COLA 208C

CE ACT. BW ACT. WW O.G.WT ADG SALEWEIGHT **** 86 lbs 626 lbs 1200 lbs 5.13 lbs 1590 lbs 39 cm











Temperament

It's important to you.... it's important to us!

This is a common question and justifiably so. These 2-year-olds aren't yearlings. They act differently; they react differently and have a different level of comfort with people. Twice daily the sale bulls are walked through on foot while they are on feed. This happens as yearlings and then again as 2 year old sale bulls. During the summer, they are handled on foot, quad, worked with dogs and exposed to barb and electric fence.

Many of the bulls are quiet enough to put your hands on them in the corral. Likely 85% of the sale bulls can be touched or are within arm's length in the corral. Each bull gets separated individually, placed in a confinement with 3 - 4 people and videoed. With all of the testing, weighing, handling, picturing and videoing rest assured that no "bad" bulls are in the offering.

However, that doesn't mean that any of these fellows can't give us grief at some point. We do our absolute best to mitigate this from happening but bulls react differently to every situation. Know that we will look after you if this does occur.

Charolais

For 15 years, we have been breeding and developing Charolais cattle. Our love affair with them started in the 80's as our customers would use Red Angus bulls on their white cows and heifers to produce the "Gold" standard in the feeder market, the buckskins. Throughout the years, we have expanded and ruthlessly culled our white herd to produce a Charolais cow that takes no more feed, management or care than our Angus herd. She must be trouble free, birth a healthy, vigorous calf that weans heavy with no creep. With the addition of the heart of Wood River's cow base, we've never been more confident in our direction.









WHITE | POLLED | 768067 | FEB 4, 2019

size SOS HARVESTOR PLD 61C

LT LEDGER 0332P

Dam WOOD RIVER DREAM LIFE 40D

CE ACT. BW ACT. WW O.G.WT ADG SALEWEIGHT SC

*** 92 lbs 827 lbs 1527 lbs 1.26 lbs 1623 lbs 41 cm



WHITE | POLLED | 768075 | FEB 8, 2019

Size TRI-N HAMMER TIME 5148E

MERIT ROUNDUP 9508W

Dam WOOD RIVER LINDSAY 50E

CE ACT. BW ACT. WW O.G.WT ADG SALEWEIGHT SC

12 lbs 721 lbs 1463 lbs 3.32 lbs 1715 lbs 40 cm



REMINGTON 636

WHITE | POLLED | 768057 | JAN 31, 2019

size TRI-N HAMMER TIME 5148E

SPARROWS LATIGO 436B

Dam WOOD RIVER DARLA 217E

CE ACT. BW ACT. WW O.G.WT ADG SALEWEIGHT SC

*** 70 lbs 773 lbs 1402 lbs 4.61 lbs 1752 lbs 38 cm

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Moose Creek

BLIZZARD 1336

WHITE | POLLED | 768087 | FEB 11, 2019

sire CEDARLEA HOMELAND 90E
VIKSE AIR TIME 166A
Dam WOOD RIVER SHIVER 73D

CE	ACT. BW	ACT. WW	O.G.WT	ADG	SALE WEIGHT	SC
**	68 lbs	805 lbs	1483 lbs	4.37 lbs	1815 lbs	41 cm







HEARTLAND 67G

WHITE | POLLED | 768058 | JAN 31, 2019

sire CEDARLEA HOMELAND 90E

WOOD RIVER COUNTRY BOY 54W

Dam WOOD RIVER HARMONY 125C

 CE
 ACT. BW
 ACT. WW
 O.G.WT
 ADG
 SALEWEIGHT
 SC

 **
 94 lbs
 787 lbs
 1650 lbs
 2.16 lbs
 1814 lbs
 39 cm







WHITE | POLLED | APPLIED | APR 20, 2019

sire SPARROWS BUCCANEER 742E

SPARROWS ARGO 316A

Dam MOOSE CREEK SHEILA 162D

CE	ACT. BW	ACT. WW	O.G.WT	ADG	SALE WEIGHT	SC
**	104 lbs	673 lbs	1386 lbs	4.79 lbs	1750 lbs	38 cm







PONCHO 88G

WHITE | POLLED | APPLIED | FEB 10, 2019

size SOS HARVESTOR PLD 61C

SPARROWS RICHMOND 905W

Jam WOOD RIVER BABY 172B

CE	ACT. BW	ACT. WW	O.G.WT	ADG	SALE WEIGHT	SC
**	98 lbs	895 lbs	1626 lbs	3.87 lbs	1920 lbs	41 cm









WHITE | POLLED | 768122 | FEB 26, 2019

Size SPARROWS LATIGO 436B

VIKSE AIR TIME 166A

Dam WOOD RIVER CARLA 210C

CE ACT. BW ACT. WW O.G.WT ADG SALEWEIGHT SC

** 94 lbs 756 lbs 1372 lbs 3.34 lbs 1626 lbs 40 cm



GOFORIT 185G

WHITE | POLLED | 768127 | FEB 28, 2019

size TRI-N HAMMER TIME 5148E

CIRCLE CEE LEGEND 307A

Dam WOOD RIVER PRIDE 60E

CE ACT. BW ACT. WW O.G.WT ADG SALEWEIGHT SC

**** 83 lbs 725 lbs 1391 lbs 3.84 lbs 1683 lbs 41 cm





Mage Creek GATOR 1516

WHITE | POLLED | 768108 | FEB 17, 2019

sire CEDARLEA HOMELAND 90E

SPARROWS RICHMOND 905W

Jam WOOD RIVER DREAMY 201D

CE	ACT. BW	ACT. WW	O.G.WT	ADG	SALE WEIGHT	SC
**	95 lbs	862 lbs	1661 lbs	2.76 lbs	1871 lbs	41 cm



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size SOS HARVESTOR PLD 61C

SPARROWS RICHMOND 905W

Jam WOOD RIVER BABY 199D

CE	ACT. BW	ACT. WW	O.G.WT	ADG	SALE WEIGHT	SC
**	100 lbs	864 lbs	1522 lbs	4.08 lbs	1832 lbs	40 cm

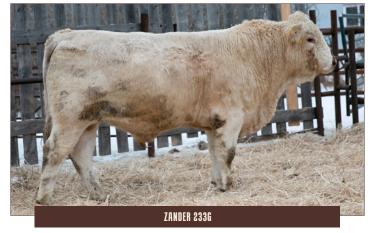


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sire PRO-CHAR RUGER 22D LT BLUEGRASS 4017P

Jam TMJF BONNIE 450B

CE	ACT. BW	ACT. WW	O.G.WT	ADG	SALE WEIGHT	SC
***	88 lhs	708 lbs	1484 lbs	1 39 lbs	1590 lbs	38 cm





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sire PRO-CHAR RUGER 22D

SPARROWS ARGO 316A

Jam MOOSE CREEK FIONA 166E

CE	ACT. BW	ACT. WW	O.G.WT	ADG	SALE WEIGHT	SC
***	90 lbs	729 lbs	1404 lbs	3.63 lbs	1680 lbs	39 cm









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size ANGLE H BEAR CLAW 139B

ANGLE H XCELL 946X

Dam ANGLE H AFFABLE 854A

CE ACT. BW ACT. WW O.G.WT ADG SALEWEIGHT SC

** 104 lbs 830 lbs 1360 lbs 4.05 lbs 1668 lbs 42 cm



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WHITE | POLLED | APPLIED | MAY 14, 2019

size SPARROWS BUCCANEER 742E

LT RIO BRAVO 3181P

Dam MOOSE CREEK SACHI 21Z

CE ACT. BW ACT. WW O.G.WT ADG SALEWEIGHT SC

104 lbs 748 lbs 1503 lbs 5.84 lbs 1947 lbs 40 cm

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WHITE | POLLED | APPLIED | APR 12, 2019

size SPARROWS BUCCANEER 742E SPARROWS ARGO 316A

Jam MOOSE CREEK ROBYN 139D CE ACT. BW ACT. WW O.G.WT ADG SALEWEIGHT SC ** 96 lbs 712 lbs 1444 lbs 5.00 lbs 1824 lbs 40 cm



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WHITE | POLLED | APPLIED | MAY 17, 2019

sire SPARROWS BUCCANEER 742E WINN MANS APACHE 492Y

Dam TMJF ARLENE 426A

 CE
 ACT. BW
 ACT. WW
 O.G.WT
 ADG
 SALE WEIGHT
 SC

 100 lbs
 680 lbs
 1367 lbs
 5.68 lbs
 1799 lbs
 40 cm



size SPARROWS LATIGO 436B

WINN MANS LANZA 610S Jam WOOD RIVER PRINCESS 116C

CE ACT. BW ACT. WW O.G.WT ADG SALE WEIGHT *** 80 lbs 855 lbs 1536 lbs 4.42 lbs 1872 lbs 40 cm







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WHITE | POLLED | APPLIED | APR 11, 2019

size SPARROWS BUCCANEER 742E SPARROWS ARGO 316A

Jam MOOSE CREEK AMBER 112D

CE ACT. BW ACT. WW O.G.WT ADG SALE WEIGHT SC ** 90 lbs 637 lbs 1402 lbs 2.63 lbs 1602 lbs 39 cm









WHITE | POLLED | 768121 | FEB 25, 2019

size TRI-N HAMMER TIME 5148E

VIKSE AIR TIME 166A

Dam WOOD RIVER BABY 272E

CE ACT. BW ACT. WW O.G.WT ADG SALEWEIGHT SC

*** 85 lbs 716 lbs 1354 lbs 3.37 lbs 1610 lbs 42 cm



WHITE | POLLED | APPLIED | APR 20, 2019

Size SPARROWS BUCCANEER 742E

SDC ALI 72A

Dam MOOSE CREEK ZABEL 6C

CE ACT. BW ACT. WW O.G.WT ADG SALEWEIGHT SC

1354 lbs 1354 lbs 2.66 lbs 1556 lbs 42 cm

Red SimmAngus

The growth of our Red SimmAngus offering is a product of demand and luck. The base of our Red SimmAngus program is from two elite Red Angus herds we were fortunate to purchase. To develop superior Red SimmAngus stock, we knew we needed to start with an elite base. The foundation for our Red SimmAngus offering is as strong as any in the nation. They have been the reason for our success marketing more than 400 home raised, F1 bred females the last couple years. Their breeding strength is undeniable.









RED | POLLED | N/R | APR 15, 2019

sire RENDEZVOUS 125Y

RED SHODEREE STORM 25S

Dam 115Y

CE ACT. BW ACT. WW O.G.WT ADG SALEWEIGHT SC

1740 lbs 656 lbs 1400 lbs 4.47 lbs 1740 lbs 39 cm







RED BLAZE | POLLED | N/R | APR 6, 2019

size RENDEZVOUS 125Y

RED SHODEREE STORM 25S

Dam 176Z

CE ACT. BW ACT. WW O.G.WT ADG SALE WEIGHT SC

** 92 lbs 703 lbs 1515 lbs 1.24 lbs 1609 lbs 40 cm

Moose Creek HYBRED 411G

RED | POLLED | N/R | APR 5, 2019

size MAF HORIZON

RED MOOSE CREEK MALCOLM 101X

Jam 83A

CE ACT. BW ACT. WW O.G.WT ADG SALEWEIGHT SC ** 96 lbs 603 lbs 1381 lbs 4.08 lbs 1691 lbs 39 cm



HYBRED 4111G

RED | POLLED | N/R | APR 5, 2019

size RENDEZVOUS 125Y

RED HOWE DESIGNER 63X

Jam 169A

CE ACT. BW ACT. WW O.G.WT ADG SALE WEIGHT ** 102 lbs 714 lbs 1521 lbs 2.24 lbs 1691 lbs 43 cm



HYBRED 462G

RED | POLLED | N/R | APR 19, 2019

size MAF HORIZON

RED T-K DUSTER 10K

Jam 93Y

CE ACT. BW ACT. WW O.G.WT ADG SALE WEIGHT ** 98 lbs 715 lbs 1372 lbs 2.95 lbs 1596 lbs 41 cm



RED | POLLED | N/R | APR 29, 2019

size MAF HORIZON

RED T-K DUSTER 10K

Jam 74T

CE ACT. BW ACT. WW O.G.WT ADG SALEWEIGHT SC ** 88 lbs 688 lbs 1398 lbs 3.11 lbs 1634 lbs 40 cm





HYBRED 430G

RED | POLLED | N/R | APR 8, 2019

size MAF HORIZON

RED SSS REACTOR 439K

Jam 747T

CE ACT. BW ACT. WW O.G.WT ADG SALEWEIGHT SC ** 100 lbs 613 lbs 1393 lbs 3.47 lbs 1657 lbs 37 cm







** 102 lbs 632 lbs 1367 lbs 4.61 lbs 1717 lbs 37 cm



RED | POLLED | N/R | APR 4, 2019

size MAF HORIZON

RED MOOSE CREEK OLYMPIAN 64P

Dan 885

CE ACT. BW ACT. WW O.G.WT ADG SALEWEIGHT SC

** 94 lbs 718 lbs 1398 lbs 3.66 lbs 1676 lbs 40 cm









96 Moose Creek HYBRED 456G

RWF | POLLED | N/R | APR 16, 2019

size R PLUS REDGE

RED LINES PINE CHIEF 15Z

Jam 19B

CE ACT. BW ACT. WW O.G.WT ADG SALE WEIGHT ** 82 lbs 628 lbs 1263 lbs 5.26 lbs 1663 lbs 40 cm

RED BLAZE | POLLED | N/R | APR 13, 2019

size RENDEZVOUS 125Y

RED SSS REACTOR 439K

Jam 89Y

CE ACT. BW ACT. WW O.G.WT ADG SALE WEIGHT ** 88 lbs 621 lbs 1339 lbs 2.39 lbs 1521 lbs 39 cm

RED | POLLED | N/R | APR 12, 2019

size R PLUS REDGE

RED GRAHAM CROWFOOT 736W

Jam 107Z

** 84 lbs 641 lbs 1169 lbs 5.42 lbs 1581 lbs 38 cm



Moose Creek HYBRED 436G

RED | POLLED | N/R | APR 9, 2019

size RPLUS REDGE

RED SSS REACTOR 439K

Jam 18Z

CE ACT. BW ACT. WW O.G.WT ADG SALE WEIGHT ** 86 lbs 645 lbs 1322 lbs 4.03 lbs 1628 lbs 39 cm





RED | POLLED | N/R | APR 8, 2019

sire RPLUS REDGE

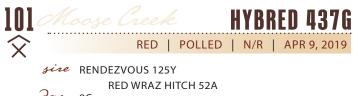
RED MOOSE CREEK OLYMPIAN 64P

Jam 10U

CE ACT. BW ACT. WW O.G.WT ADG SALE WEIGHT SC ** 88 lbs 638 lbs 1371 lbs 3.39 lbs 1629 lbs 39 cm







Jam 90

CE	ACT. BW	ACT. WW	O.G.WT	ADG	SALE WEIGHT	SC
**	102 lbs	657 lbs	1443 lbs	1.89 lbs	1587 lbs	38 cm



RED | POLLED | N/R | APR 9, 2019

size R PLUS REDGE

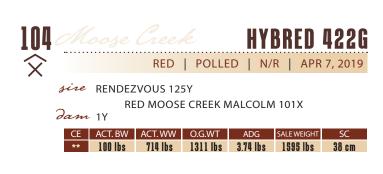
RED MOOSE CREEK OLYMPIAN 64P

Dam 4402

CE ACT. BW ACT. WW O.G.WT ADG SALEWEIGHT SC

** 86 lbs 612 lbs 1300 lbs 3.18 lbs 1542 lbs 42 cm







Commercial Bred Heifers

We will be selling a group of heifers, bred to some of the Red Angus bulls in the sale, due to calve March 10th to April 25th. The heifers will be sorted into groups of 2, 3 or 4 head. Each group will be weighed and the sale weight will be posted online as the lot sells. These females are our own ranch raised heifers or sourced from Morgan Farms, Sifton, MB. Each heifer is up to date on all shots as well as received Scour Boss 9, Safe Guard and Cylence this fall. You can pick up your heifers sale day or delivery is available too at a cost of \$35/heifer to a maximum of \$100 per ranch/family. The heifers will sell immediately following the bull portion of the sale. These girls were sorted out to keep but with grass and water looking short, it's your chance to pick up some elite bred females close to calving.

On January 2, 2021, the running average weight of the entire sale group was 1341 lbs.



The heifers are bred Red Angus and due to calve from March 10th to April 25th.



Bred Heifers

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Bred Heifers

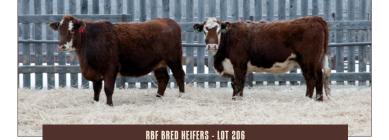
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07 Bred Heifer

NUMBER OF HEAD: 2

Videos of ALL the commercial bred heifers are available at www.moosecreekredangus.com





Bred Heifers

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NUMBER OF HEAD: 2



Bred Heifers

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NUMBER OF HEAD: 2



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Bred Heifers

BLACK

NUMBER OF HEAD: 2

Take your heifers home on sale day OR we can delivery at a cost of \$35/heifer to a maximum of \$100 per ranch/family.

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Bred Heifers

RED

NUMBER OF HEAD: 4





Bred Heifers

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NUMBER OF HEAD: 3



Bred Heifers

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NUMBER OF HEAD: 5





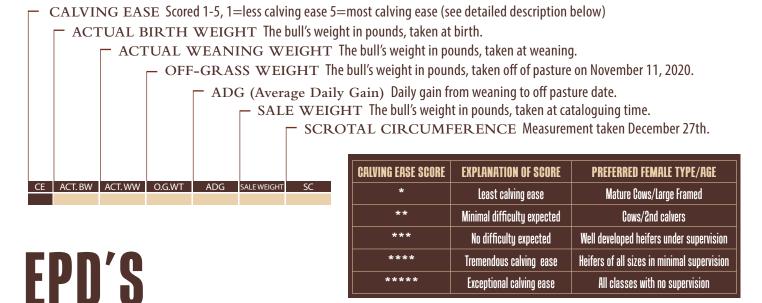
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GLOSSARY

DETAILING TERMS USED IN THE CATALOGUE

The data we supply in the catalogue is actual, relevant numbers to help you make important selection and breeding decisions. These numbers include actual performance data taken at the stages of development that are critical to commercial operations: birth, weaning, and coming off of summer pasture. Current weights offer additional comparison tools.



MESSAGE FROM DARREN ABOUT the decision to not publish our EPD's in the sale catalogue this year. It was a choice we struggled with as I believe that EPD's give one more set of information to use to choose your herdsire. The reason, mainly, is due to the inconsistency in the methodology that is being used by our Canadian Angus Association. Until the process is explained to us and we fully understand it, I do not have confidence that I can relay that data to our cutomers. Until then, we will not be publishing them. However, the bulls have them and if you are interested, please contact me prior to sale day and I can print off their numbers for you.

TERMS & CONDITIONS

CONDITIONS & GUARANTEES: All entries sell with a responsible breeder's guarantee of satisfaction. In the unlikely event of any dispute whatsoever, regular terms & conditions shall apply in accordance with the Canadian Angus Association Code of Ethics.

All GATTLE ARE SOLD subject to tests as required for export under Regulations of the Health of Animals Branch, Department of Agriculture for Canada. Export health chart and brokerage charges are the responsibility of the purchaser.

TERMS OF PAYMENT: Cash or cheque payable to the clerk of sale on sale day. U.S. Funds will be accepted at the current Rate of Exchange on sale day.

INSURANCE: Ownership risk to purchaser commences when auctioneer's hammer falls. Full mortality insurance is available sale day. Cattle returning to Moose Creek Red Angus after the sale must be insured.

HOLDING & SHIPPING: Approximately one week is required for export transfers and other documents to be processed. Export animals will be held at the Sale location at no charge and under excellent care. Joint export shipping arrangements to obtain minimal shipping cost will gladly be made if instructions to that effect are provided to Clerk of Sale at time of settlements.

TRUCKING: Free delivery will be available for any bulls selling for \$3,500 or more. Bulls selling for less will be delivered at cost, except if multiple lots are purchased, delivery is free. Delivery will begin mid April, anyone requiring their bull for May turnout will have them delivered in April. Most deliveries will be to your yard, however some may be to central locations due to size and time. If the truck is headed past your yard, expect your bull to be on it. Anyone taking advantage of the delivery option

must insure their bull, no exceptions.

HAUL YOUR OWN: Bring your trailer sale day and receive a \$250 discount per bull.

OWNERS: Reserve the right to withhold from export shipment animals for whom Buyer or Buyer's agent have not made arrangements for payment in full, or other satisfactory arrangements, prior to time of export departure.

ALL PERSONS who attend the sale do so at their own risk, and the owners and sale staff assume no liability, legal or otherwise, for property loss or for any accidents that may occur.

VOLUME PURCHASES Any buyer purchasing three or more bulls of any breed will receive 5% off of the purchase price total. This can be used with the "haul your own" discount.

Red Angus REFERENCE SIRES



RED HOWE CLEARWATER 21C 1862967 | MHZ 21C

High selling sire group last year and I fully expect them to take a run at it again in 2021. Calving ease with enough performance to use in both fields. OWNED JOINTLY WITH BEN & CAROL TAMS.



RED KENRAY STAUNCH 52E 1986488 | KER 52E

A little under-utilized the first couple seasons but he's had a big field this past summer and will be an important herd sire moving forward.



RED FLYING K GALAXY 57B 1810131 | FKR 57B

We lost old Galaxy one morning last winter. Just after his son topped our 2 Yr-Old sale and before another highlighted our yearling sale for \$13,500. Can you say f@ck?!



RED BLAIR'S NOTORIOUS 62B 1820399 | BBC 62B

Final calf crop off the proven heifer bull Notorious. Don't miss out, every year his sons have been a highlight.

OWNED WITH SCOTT & DIONNE GRIENER



RED SVR GANGSTER 44X 1579035 | SVR 44X

The last group of sons to sell off this 10 year old legend. With close to 100 daughters producing in our herd it was almost impossible to find him a pasture.



RED MOOSE CREEK CLOONEY 20D 1940709 | LUO 20D

Calving ease, maternal, style. The story is just being written about how good he'll be.

REFERENCE SIRES Red Angus



2016194 | TMP 796E RED W SUNRISE AUTHENTIC 796E

Power, performance from a no-bull-shit operation. He was raised ranchy and honest, my kind of program.

OWNED WITH SPRING CREEK COLONY



1996156 | LUO 106E RED MOOSE CREEK MILLET 106E

Son of Sam Steele (2014 High Seller) and a beautiful Ribeye daughter out of Olympian's sister. Royally bred



1976843 | HAL 75E RED TER-RON BOULDER 75E

Moderation, soundness with a beautiful mother.



1808439 | LUO 71B RED MOOSE CREEK XAVIER 71B

Xman was the brother/stable mated of Weston, the Reserve National Champion bull who sired the National Champion female. Many astute cowmen liked Xman better. I'd happen to agree.



Charolais REFERENCE SIRES



SOS HARVESTOR 61C MC364809 | SOS 61C

Big time pay weight. Heavy muscled, impressive profile



SPARROWS LATIGO 436B MC360325 | SB 436B

Typical Sparrow bull. Hairy, sound full of high maternal, extra growth genetics



TRI-N HAMMER TIME 5148E MC733363 | NYK 5148E



CEDARLEA HOMELAND 90E MC722527 | LEO 90E



REFERENCE SIRES Red Simmenngus



MAF HORIZON

Horizon leaves a stout, hairy look about his sons. An impressive bull in the flesh, he combines the best of Meadow Acres and Labatte genetics



RENDEZVOUS 125Y

We finally said goodbye to the old range boss last fall. At 9 years of age and 2850 lbs, he was as active and sound as the day we purchased him.

Can't imagine the number of daughters we've sold throughout the years, be in the hundreds.



The Right Fit

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One of the cow's greatest assets is her ability to go to work in varied environments — that is until you ask her to work in an environment where she's not well matched.

Dave Lalman, Oklahoma State University animal scientist, says that scenario is probably more common than many cattle producers know unless they're looking at the bigger picture.

"Our industry has been engaged in a never-ending arms race for growth for 50 years," he said, during the Intersection of Cattle and Beef webinar series this summer.

The genetic trend for yearling weight for the seven most common beef breeds in the U.S. has been steadily inclining from 1972 to today. Increased carcass weights lower the beef industry's carbon footprint by producing more beef per cow than 40 years ago, but there is a strong genetic correlation between growth and mature cow size. There is also a strong relationship between growth and feed intake.

"If we don't implement control measures for mature cow size or feed intake, input costs for the cow-calf enterprise will continue to increase," Lalman explained. "The industry has assumed that the increase in production outweighs the costs associated with an increase in appetite and cow size."

With relatively inexpensive land or feed, that's probably true, but it "is probably not true in a lot of situations," he said.

Ranchers typically adjust management and inputs to avoid open cows.

"When cows get thin, they change management — and that typically means increased annual feed cost — so that pregnancy rate does not suffer," Lalman added.

There are two ways to monitor a cow herd's match to the environment: 1) Cow body condition at weaning and calving; and 2) Annual purchased and harvested feed inputs.

"If feed costs are increasing over time relative to other variable costs, then we'd suggest selection for genetics that require fewer

resources," Lalman said.

Several studies show in commercial herds each additional 100 pounds of mature cow weight produces somewhere between about 6 to 30 additional pounds of calf weaning weight. The additional 100 pounds of cow weight costs about \$40 to \$50 to maintain annually.

"For example, the difference in annual forage requirement of a 1,400-lb. versus an 1,100-lb. cow is about 2,300 lb.," he explained.

Feed costs accounts for more than 50% of the variability in profit, while weaning weight drops toward the bottom of the list at 5%, according to Standardized Performance Analysis from Iowa and Illinois.

"There are a lot of producers I've worked with, they get really focused on outputs," said Travis Mulliniks, University of Nebraska animal scientist, during Beef Improvement Federation meetings this summer. "And a lot of times we disregard the production costs. What did it take to wean that 6- or 700-pound calf?"

"So, we're driving up feed cost for that 5%," he emphasized.

A study from Nebraska and South Dakota reinforces that. The top 35% most profitable herds in the dataset had a weaning weight 50 pounds less than those in the bottom 20%.

Growth isn't bad, but it is important to pair it with the right resources so breeding rates don't fall off or body condition suffers, Mulliniks explained.

The milk expected progeny difference is one place to look. Selection for milk has been on a steep increase for years, Mulliniks pointed out, suggesting producers in some regions put a cap on that.

"Our environment really plays a big role in being able to capture that genetic potential for growth or milk," Mulliniks said. "Are we selecting for something that our cows will never, ever perform to?"

Several data sets from Alabama Beef Herd Improvement to Superior Livestock Auction records suggest weaning weights in commercial herds have leveled off in some areas of the country.



"It was a surprise to learn that in some regions, the trend for weaning weight has been flat for about 10 years, while it is still increasing in others," Lalman said.

But looking at national trends just flags areas every producer should look into himself.

"Regional averages may be irrelevant," Lalman noted. "What matters is the trend over time for your place."

Track changes; many producers don't know exactly, but Ty Watkins, Vest Ranch near Childress, has made it a point to track, monitor and change cow size on his family's ranch. He and his wife, Samann Vest-Watkins, run their commercial cowcalf operation on everything from rolling hills with solid grass resources to rough, rocky country with poor water.

"We're a constant work in progress," he said.

For nearly a decade, they've captured mature cow weights at weaning, and records show they've brought a 1,400-lb. average down to 1,258 lbs. — just 8 lbs. shy of their ultimate goal.

"Our goal around here is to have about a 1,250-lb. mama cow with the ability to travel, with enough structure," Watkins said. "She's got to have the ability to maintain herself and then provide enough nutrition to wean a calf that's going to be at minimum 50% of her body weight."

A 1,400-lb. cow weaning a 650-lb. calf doesn't fit that equation.

"We were nervous about everything we were working toward," he admitted. But once they saw weaning weights improve while cow size decreased, they knew they were on the right track.

Range improvements followed.

In the beginning, they typically needed about 40 acres to carry one cow. In a normal, non-drought year, that's down to 20.

Watkins said they brought the size down both through both breed type — increasing the Angus makeup in their herd — and selecting sires within the breed. They also culled outlier females.

"If they're not performing to the level of their peers, then they cost the ranch money and we're making room for something that's not performing," he says.

DNA helped them sire-match calves, and carcass records from feeding their calf crop gives them a complete picture of what genetic combinations were the most successful. They cull outliers that don't make the grade.

"We're all susceptible to the markets, just like this year," Watkins added. "But if you have a product that has greater demand, you've got something in the market that will help weather these storms,"

It wasn't an overnight turnaround, but one they could watch because of the data they collect.

"We just kind of eased our way into it," he explained. "As we were implementing all these new things and we were seeing the benefits, the positive results, it just kept us eager and hungry to continually improve over the years."

"Curvebenders" redefined

Culling can help, but the fastest way to improvement is through sire selection.

"We used to say finding a low birthweight, higher calvingease direct bull with high growth was difficult," Lalman said. "You can find them everywhere now, right? The industry has basically resolved that issue today."

Ty Watkins and Samann Vest-Watkins of Vest Ranch are TSCRA members who decided to back down on cow size to better fit their resources.

He suggested that the industry needs to push to do the same with cow size.

"We ought to look at curvebender in terms of cow weight. There aren't a lot of bulls that are below breed average for mature cow weight and above breed average for growth, but there are some," he says, noting this would help offset the added cow costs that come with increased performance. "To me, that's where we ought to be headed in the future."

The good news is most major breed associations have tools to help.

"We have a lot more information available today to attack these concerns," he explained "We're a lot more prepared to deal with these issues today than we were years ago."

Having a roadmap of how and when to use those tools is what takes this from a good idea to an actionable item.

"You have to develop the plan, stay committed to the plan and execute the plan," Watkins said. "Whenever the team members here on the ranch see progress in the cattle, it just continues to motivate everyone to work to improve year over year."



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